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October Term of Court Will Open at 11 A.M.

Judge A. Pillston Godwin Jr., to Be Unavoidably Delayed for One Hour

Superior Court Judge A. Pillston Godwin Jr. is giving a one-hour breather Monday morning for defendants due to appear before him at the opening of the October term of Granville Superior Court.

Judge Godwin has advised Court Clerk Mrs. Mary Ruth C. Nelms that he will be unavoidably detained and that he will not open the court until 11 a.m., one hour later than the customary 10 a.m. hour.

Witnesses, counsel, prospective jurors and other members of the court are to be in court for the 11 a.m. opening.

Suspect Held in Theft of New Car

Warrant Forwarded to Bartow, Fla., for Charles R. Cox, Accused Thief

A suspect in the theft of a 1969 automobile from Granville Chrysler - Plymouth here the night of Sept. 4 is being held in Bartow, Fla.

Sheriff J. C. Cash said he has sent to the Sheriff's office in Folk County, Fla., a warrant charging Charles R. Cox, Negro, with theft of the vehicle.

Cash said he was notified Thursday by Lt. H. S. Goodson of the Folk County Sheriff's Department that Cox was in custody. He immediately forwarded a warrant.

Sheriff Cash said he does not know Cox and has no information on his age or his residence.

The car was stolen the night that television receivers were stolen from Fashion Craft and merchandise stolen from Delores' Boutique, both in the same building south of Oxford on U. S. 15.

The 1969 model Plymouth stolen here was also in custody of Florida officers, Cash was advised.

A NEW SERVICE, called "Ministry to Mothers," is being established at the Oxford Methodist Church with approval of the Council on Ministries. Details of the plan, a baby-sitting service to be offered without charge, were developed at a meeting at the church Sunday evening.

Deaths

Ewell R. Ellington

Ewell R. Ellington, 67, a retired farmer of Stem Community, died at 5:45 p.m. Thursday at Watts Hospital, Durham, following a lengthy illness.

He was a son of the late William R. and Ida Overton Ellington.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at Concord Baptist Church by the Rev. P. E. Chisholm, pastor, and the Rev. Julian Motley. Burial was in Creedmoor Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Hettie Yarborough Ellington, of the home; eight sons, Billy, Lawrence, Richard, Jimmy and Henry Ellington, all of Stem, Horace of Washington, Lex of Oxford and Floyd Ellington of Santa Ana, Calif.; four daughters, Mrs. Louise Dellonbach, Mrs. Christine Oliver and Mrs. Blanche Dellonbach, all of Durham, and Mrs. Ida Mae Hicks of Butner; two sisters, Mrs. Annie Blount of Rt. 1, Wake Forest, and Mrs. Estelle Montague of Creedmoor; two brothers, William Alton and Bettie Ellington, both of Rt. 2, Oxford, and 22 grandchildren.

Mrs. Ethel Lewis

Mrs. Ethel Lewis, 65, mother of Gale Lewis of this city, died Sept. 28 at Watts Hospital, Durham, where she had been a patient.

The funeral was conducted Friday at Nashville and burial was in Nashville Cemetery. She was a member of Grace Street Baptist Church, Nashville.

Surviving in addition to her son, Gale, are a daughter, Miss Juanita Lewis of the home; a brother, Haywood Suggs of Nashville, and two grandchildren.



AT WRECK SCENE—In top photo, a wrecker tugs on the L. W. Harris car to dislodge it from the front of a carnival truck, which struck it, setting off a fire which consumed four vehicles and a chain reaction which left several persons injured. Lower left, a French woman, unable to speak English, rests

on a blanket on the lawn of the Lyon Whitfield home as the carnival truck on which she had been riding is pulled from the scene. At right, traffic queued up for miles while the wreck scene was being cleared.—Ledger staff photos.

Eight Injured in Firey Crash at Creedmoor

Wills Hancock Among Hurt in Fiery Wreck

Injured in the Friday morning wreck on U.S. 15 at the northern limits of Creedmoor were the following:

Wills Hancock, 51, Oxford, legislator, real estate dealer and farm operator; patient at Watts Hospital where he had abdominal surgery Friday night and was thereafter placed in intensive care. His condition worsened Saturday night and Sunday he was reported as much improved. He had extensive bleeding internally and externally before surgery.

Lee Washington Harris, 63, 731 Harriet St., Henderson, severe burns of hands, arms and shoulders. Mr. Harris was outside his car at the time of impact and had sought to wave the oncoming truck to a halt. His burns were sustained in the rescue of his daughter, Mrs. Annie May Belle Currin, 45, who sustained fracture of both legs, a fractured hip and third degree burns. A passenger in the car, and a family friend, Mrs. Mary Magdalene Chappell, 520 Hickory St., Henderson, sustained severe burns. Mrs. Currin and Mrs. Chappell are patients at Watts. Personal effects lost in the burned car included \$5,000 in checks which Mrs. Currin was taking to Durham to settle a hospital bill for care of her late husband.

Mr. and Mrs. James Garfield Wall, parents of Mrs. Troy E. Sanders, Holly Hill, Ramseur; Mr. Wall, 52, standing beside his car, slight injuries; Mrs. Wall, 48, neck injury, lacerations of hands and legs as she escaped the burning car by crawling through the damaged windshield after her door jammed. They were en route home after a visit in Oxford with Patrolman and Mrs. Saunders. Their car, bags and personal effects were destroyed in the fire which consumed their car. Treated and released at Granville Hospital and returned to home of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders.

Patrol Sgt. and Mrs. Raymond Evans: Mrs. Evans neck and back injury, legs and knees bruised; Mr. Evans, knees and legs; both treated and released at Granville Hospital.

Marvin Lucious Brown, 614 Parkwood Dr., Columbus, Ga., escaped with minor injuries, but his companion, unidentified, was reported by Tadlock as slightly hurt.

Leslie Eugene Smith, 49, white, 1255 Bushey Dr., Wheaton, Md., shaken up, car, 1965 Chrysler, slightly damaged.

Several From Oxford-Henderson Among Those Injured Friday Morning on U.S. 15 Just North of Creedmoor

The roar of a truck speeding through the mid-morning fog as it rounded a gentle curve just north of Creedmoor limits Friday was followed by the sound of crashing metal, exploding gasoline tanks, shouts of fire, the screams of men and women crying for rescue, the wall of fire engine sirens and then the distant sounds of ambulances as they hurried to the scene from Oxford, Butner and Durham.

When order was restored from the sudden chaos, three persons from Henderson, three from Oxford, including a legislator and a patrol officer and the latter's wife, two from Ramseur, one from South Carolina and another from Maryland had been counted among the injured, three of them seriously, according to Patrolman L. A. Tadlock, the investigating officer, who estimated property loss at \$15,000.

Four vehicles burned in the road at the scene of the crash and some who had escaped injury in the telescopic action of the standing vehicles sustained burns and/or cuts in rescue efforts.

All of the seven vehicles involved were headed south on U. S. 15, according to Tadlock, who stated the crash occurred at 10 a.m. when a tractor pulling a long, high bodied trailer loaded with carnival equipment ploughed into the rear of a 1963 Rambler driven by Lee Washington Harris, 63, 731 Harriet St., Henderson.

The Harris car, in turn, was knocked forward into the rear of the 1963 Ford pick-up truck driven by Wills Hancock, 51, of Oxford, and the Hancock car shot forward under the impact into the rear of a Rambler driven by James Garfield Wall, 52, of Ramseur.

The carnival truck, the Harris car, the Hancock truck, and the Wall Rambler burst into flames and were consumed on the spot.

But that was not the end. Patrol Sgt. Raymond Evans, 53, at the wheel of his personal car, a 1968 Pontiac, was struck from the rear by the Wall Rambler, and his car in turn, struck the

Rescue Squad In Need Equipment, Members Advised

Organization's Member Meeting Entertains with Supper and Meeting

Granville Rescue Squad is approaching the period that it must find ways and means of financing the cost of replacement equipment, members and guests were told Saturday night.

The statement was made by President Allen Seate during a chicken barbecue supper given for members and guests, including Granville Ambulance Service and County Commissioners.

The gathering was at Ambulance Service's new quarters adjacent to Granville Hospital. "Our task is to assist anyone in distress or whose life or property may be endangered," Seate said, "but to do our job well we must keep good equipment." He requested several calls serviced by the agency during the past several months, including drawings, fires and wreck victims pinned in vehicles.

The greatest need at this time is replacement or repair of boats, Seate stated.

Others recognized included Chairman Henry Currin of the board of county commissioners, who expressed appreciation of Granville Hospital personnel in assisting the Ambulance Service and Rescue Squads; Doug Dickerson, vice president of the squad, and others.

Sheriff J. C. Cash also drew thanks for services of his department and pledged anew his cooperation. Thanks also were expressed for Police Department cooperation in assisting emergency vehicles through the city.

Seate said a new training program for members is to be undertaken at an early date.

CLARENCE E. GODWIN JR., son of the Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Godwin of 214 Main St., Oxford, was graduated recently from Wake Forest University. Godwin majored in history and received the bachelor of arts degree. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Order, social fraternity.

Land for Airport Being Acquired

Market Sales For Month Top 8.5 Million Lbs.

The Oxford tobacco market has sold 8.5 million pounds of tobacco during the past month, returning growers \$6.3 million for their product. Another big week began Monday, with auction houses full.

Through the past Thursday, the market average was \$72.11, just under the \$72.42 average for the past week when \$1,978,001 pounds brought \$1,426,518.

The best sale the past week was on Monday when 538,518 pounds brought \$394,449.62 for an average of \$73.25.

The average on Sept. 23 was \$72.84, Sept. 24, \$71.68 and Sept. 25, \$70.62.

Auto Taken Here Wrecked in Vance

White Man Who Drove Stolen Car Here from Winston-Salem Is Suspect

An automobile stolen Saturday in Winston-Salem was abandoned here later that same date and the white man who brought the vehicle here from Winston is suspected by police as being the same person who stole a vehicle here and wrecked it while being pursued by police eight miles east of Oxford.

A 1968 model Pontiac Tempest found here was identified as the car taken from a parking lot in Winston-Salem where it had been left momentarily by David Sapp of Phafftown about 9 a.m. It was abandoned here on Warren Avenue about 12:30 p.m. It was owned by Frozen Food Pack, Inc., of Winston-Salem.

A car owned by Willie A. Young, Rt. 4, Oxford, was stolen on Granville Street Saturday night. A man who saw the thief drive off went in pursuit and after a round about chase in an attempt to stop the fugitive, encountered police, who took over the pursuit, heading out 150 east. The Young car was wrecked when it went off the old Henderson road about two miles south of that town.

Lt. James Williams and Lt. O. L. Harrison, in the pursuit car, said the driver fled and had not been apprehended yesterday. Young wept as a baby when a wrecker brought his demolished car back to Oxford.

Attempt to Kill Charge Brought

Robert Taylor Jailed Here Sunday After Richard Peace is Stabbed

In jail here Sunday night was Robert Taylor, about 35, Negro, of Rt. 5, Oxford, charged with a knife assault in an attempt to kill Richard Peace, about 45, also Negro.

The stabbing occurred about 6 p.m. about five miles east of Oxford in Salem Township.

Authorities said a knife was plunged into the chest of Peace, below the heart.

Bond of \$500 is needed to get Taylor out of jail.

Brad Wilkerson, 18, Serves in Vietnam

Robert (Brad) Wilkerson, 18, has been in Vietnam since Aug. 19 and is assigned to a water supply unit of Army Engineers. He formerly attended Webb High School and entered the Army in January, had training at Fort Bragg and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., before his overseas assignment. He is the son of Mrs. Barbara Wilkerson of Church Street, Oxford, and of Charlie Wilkerson of Sunset Ave., Oxford. His address: Pfc. Robert B. Wilkerson, 239-35-2821, 1st Eng. Det., W.S., APO, San Francisco, Calif., 96308.

Jones is Chairman, E. J. Yancey Keeps County ASC Place

Election Held Thursday Night with Delegates Participating

Granville County community committeemen, meeting here Thursday night, re-elected E. J. Yancey for a new term of three years as a member of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee and thereafter re-elected Clarence L. Jones as chairman of the county committee for a 12-month tenure. Yancey was elected vice chairman of the committee.

The election occurred at the federal building where voting delegates from the nine townships gathered to choose their county committee. The three-man committee also includes T. W. Allen Jr.

Mr. Yancey has farming interests in Oak Hill Township and has been a member of the county committee since 1964. He is also an antique dealer.

C. Hesley Clark served as convention chairman and Garland L. Catlette, county office manager, served as secretary.

Other elections include E. T. Critcher of Walnut Grove Township as first alternate member of the county committee and R. D. Brooks of Oxford Township, second alternate.

In attendance at the convention were 21 of 27 community committeemen recently elected.

Tax Proposal Is Explained Here

Commissioners from Three Counties On Hand for Friday Meeting

Kick-off information was given at a district meeting of county commissioners held here Friday afternoon and the body at that time recommended for reelection as district director of the State Association Chairman Henry Currin of the Granville Board.

The meeting was held at the county office building with commissioners from Vance and Durham counties joining those from Granville. On hand to present the information was John T. Morrissey Sr., secretary - treasurer and general counsel for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and his administrative assistant, Jerry Elliott, both of Raleigh.

North Carolinians will participate in a referendum in November on the question of increasing the state sales tax by one per cent, with revenue derived from the increase to be shared by counties and municipalities.

Lions Make Tour Of Bandag Plant

Truck Tire Tread Making Process Viewed by Members of Civic Club

A tour of the plant of Bandag, Inc., featured the Thursday night meeting of Oxford Lions Club, with Lion Bill Day in charge of the program.

Gay, manager of the Oxford plant of the rubber processor, said officials of his company are well pleased with the Oxford operation, which now employs 78 persons on two shifts.

The tour began with a visit to the power section and continued through the chemical division and then by the extruders and the hydraulic presses for curing and thence to the cleaning and packaging sections.

Mr. Gay explained that the Bandag process was introduced in the U. S. in 1967 and had grown rapidly since that time. He said the seven features of the Bandag tread process are assurance of longer casing life, better balance, less down time, safety, flexibility, tread design and a guarantee of twice the mileage wear.

Warrenton Firm Tenders Low Bid on Grading Work

Harris Construction Company Tenders Bid of \$111,936 — Site Property and Easements to Cost \$54,475

Acquisition of land is under way as a site for construction of an airport for the Oxford-Henderson area of the state.

The site is on the east side of Dabney road in Salem Township and with necessary easements, is being acquired at a cost of \$94,475 to be paid from a \$250,000 package of \$250,000 which has been put together by the Airport Authority over a period of several months of planning and work.

The Airport Authority, in a meeting the past week, approved more of the planning details and seated a new member, C. Hesley Clark, named by the Board of Granville County Commissioners as an Authority member, replacing W. W. Yeargin. Officers elected at that time are: J. E. Nelms, re-elected chairman; Jack Jenkins of Henderson, vice chairman; R. B. Hester of Henderson, treasurer; and Clark, secretary.

Nelms said the Authority is moving ahead with acquisition of the necessary land from W. W. Yeargin, Thomas Bentley, Waverly Barnes and Mrs. George H. Barnes. An access road is to be constructed by the State Highway Department at a location not yet determined, and at no cost to local governments, according to Chairman Nelms.

A Warrenton firm, Harris Construction Company, tendered a low bid of \$111,936.00 for site grading. The contract is being withheld pending transfer of title to the land being acquired to the state.

Four participating local governments, City of Oxford, County of Granville, City of Henderson and County of Vance, have committed a total of \$250,000. Federal Aviation Authority has approved a grant of \$150,000, and the Airport Division of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development has authorized use of \$50,000 of state funds to provide the \$250,000 total.

Wooten Bid Low On Road Project

Work Projected by State in Stovall Community and in Vance County

S. T. Wooten Construction Company, Inc., of Stantonburg, apparently has picked up another quarter million dollar construction job in this area.

The Wooten firm is presently engaged in a multi-million dollar contract on Interstate 85 just south of Oxford.

Wooten's bid of \$254,144, tendered the past week to the State Highway Department, was the lowest on work planned by the commission in Granville and Vance Counties.

Wooten's bid was for nearly nine-tenths of a mile of grading, coarse aggregate base course, bituminous concrete binder and surfacing on NC 35 in Henderson and on 1989, Little Mountain Creek Road, in Stovall.

The Highway Commission is to meet Thursday to review the bids on 30 projects in 37 counties involving 145 miles of road construction and bridges.

Stem Man Jailed On Assault Count

Jim Harris, 43, Accused in Assault of George Walker on Saturday

One resident of the Stem community was jailed here Saturday night on a charge of assault with deadly weapon after another of the same locality had been cut in the right arm.

Sheriff's authorities yesterday were holding Jim Harris, 43, on the assault charge. The warrant was obtained by George Walker, 50, who reported that Harris slashed his right arm.

The injury was treated at Granville Hospital and 25 stitches were used to close the opening.