

Norlina Banker Is Named To Head Farm-City Week

Thomas Peele, assistant vice president of Peoples Bank & Trust Company in Norlina, has been named Warren County Farm-City Week chairman for the 1977 observance of Farm-City Week. The appointment was announced this week by Mrs. Ruth Cherry of Rocky Mount, state Farm-City Week chairman.

Mrs. Cherry stated that North Carolina is fortunate to have a fine relationship between urban and rural citizens. "Farm-City Week can help to maintain and strengthen this relationship," she said.

J. Wilbur Cabe of Statesville is serving with Phillips as state vice chairman.

This will be the 23rd annual observance of Farm-City Week. Last year's observance, according to final reports received at national headquarters, involved the active participation of more than 15,000 communities in the U. S. and Canada.

Farm-City Week is under the direction of a National Farm-City Council. Kiwanis International will serve as coordinating agency for Farm-City Week and act as headquarters for the National Farm-City Council for the 20th consecutive year.

The National Farm-City Council is composed of representatives from more than 150 major farm organizations, industries, businesses, associations, governmental agencies, educational institutions, and church groups. A Presidential proclamation and a joint Congressional resolution have called for Farm-City Week observances each year since the inception of the event.

Farm-City Week has won the Freedoms Foundation's Distinguished Service Award, which carries the same distinction in the community service field as does the famed "Oscar" in the motion picture industry, and the "Emmy" in the television field, and the Silver Anvil Award from the Public Relations Society of America for being an outstanding community relations program.

Serving with Peele as co-chairman for the county committee is L. B. Hardage, county extension chairman, G. W. Koonce, and Glenn Woolard, extension agents. Farm-City Week will be observed across the nation on Nov. 18-24, ending on Thanksgiving Day. The purpose of the event is to help create a better understanding between rural and urban people. The theme for 1977 is "Farm and City - Partners in Economic Progress."

In appointing the county Farm-City Week chairman,



A tractor-trailer loaded with seafood lies on its side following an accident Thursday about 2:40 a. m. on U. S. 158 bypass about 2.6 miles north of Warrenton. Trooper A. M. Bennett said two deer ran in the path of the vehicle, owned by Fast Brothers Food, Inc. The driver, Van Robert Floyd of Matthews, applied brakes on the rain-slicked highway, the trailer

jackknifed, crossed the center line, ran along the left shoulder and ditch bank until the load shifted in the trailer causing it to overturn. Damage was estimated at \$25,000. No charges were filed and the driver was slightly injured.

(Staff Photo By Howard Jones)

Three Badly Hurt In Grinding Smashup

Three people were seriously injured on Friday, October 14, about 6:55 p. m. in a grinding head-on collision on the Henderson-Warrenton road about 2.6 miles west of the Warrenton city limits.

According to Trooper A. M. Bennett, a car driven by Alvin Clinton Currin, 40, of Henderson was travelling west and swerved across the center line. The vehicle was about three feet left of center when it struck a vehicle going east and driven by Theaoseus Theab Clayton, Jr., of Rt. 2, Ebony, Va. The trooper reported that Clayton had attempted to go right to avoid the collision at the time of the accident.

After impact the Currin vehicle slid sideways into a ditch and the Clayton vehicle went down a slight embankment.

Currin was pinned inside the wreckage for about 25 minutes and Clayton was pinned for about 40 minutes, the high patrol reported. A tractor and a wrecker were required to enable Clayton to be removed from the wreckage.

Currin, Clayton and a passenger in the Clayton vehicle, Mrs. Eva Clayton, were injured, taken to Maria Parham Hospital and later transferred to Duke Hospital.

Currin received cuts on the head, fractured leg and internal injuries. He is listed in critical condition at the hospital.

Clayton, son of Attorney T. T. Clayton of Warrenton, was listed in satisfactory condition. He sustained broken bones, and internal injuries. His mother, Mrs. Eva Clayton, was treated for lacerations and a possible bone injury.

The highway patrol charged Currin with driving left of center. Damages were set at \$9,000 to the 1977 Mercedes driven by Clayton and \$900 to the Currin 1971 Ford.

Car Overturns
Bannel Bullock of Rt. 1, Manson, was injured and taken to Maria Parham Hospital Sunday about 10:15 p. m. following a mishap on RPR 1200 about 9.1 miles north of Manson.

According to the Highway Patrol, Bullock was heading north at a high rate of speed when he entered a sharp curve, ran off to the right shoulder and skidded sideways across the highway to the left shoulder, spun around and continued down the left shoulder into the woods, striking the ditch-bank and overturning several times.

Horse Killed
A horse, owned by B. Lewis Reavis of Rt. 2, Warrenton, was killed Sunday night about 7:30 p. m. after it ran into a car driven

Deer Caution Issued

The Warren County Highway Patrol has issued a warning to all motorists to watch for deer crossing the highway during this time of year. The Warren County troopers have responded to several accidents recently where deer ran in the path of vehicles.

The troopers said dogs chase the deer from the woods and onto the highways. Warren County citizens are urged to heed areas usually inhabited by deer.

by Janetta K. West, also of Rt. 2, Warrenton.

According to Trooper W. E. Palmer, Ms. West was headed east on RPR 1625 when the horse jumped in front of her. The impact threw the animal on the front hood and into the windshield.

School Bus Wreck
A school bus incident was

reported Friday morning about 7:40 a. m. According to Trooper V. R. Vaughan, a bus driven by Cynthia Faye Dortch of Rt. 2, Norlina, backed into a car driven by Jene Archie Suite of Ridgeway.

The accident occurred on Rural Unpaved Road 1143 which is a dead-end road off the Ridgeway-Warrenton road.

Vaughan said Suite was attempting to catch the bus to get his children on board when the bus stopped. He stopped behind the bus but

another bus was coming around a slight curve and Ms. Dortch backed up striking the Suite car.

No injuries to any passengers or the drivers were reported. Damage was set at \$150 to the Suite car and none to the bus. Ms. Dortch was charged with failure to see safe movement.

Lady In Distress
Trooper V. R. Vaughan was called to the State Line Gulf Station Sunday afternoon to assist a lady who was being followed.

According to the trooper, the lady reported being followed about 20 miles by a

male driver. She told him when she slowed down, he slowed and when she turned off to get gas, he followed her, bought a drink and waited for her to return.

When she waited for him to leave, he drove down the road and returned to the station twice.

The trooper reported that he followed the Alabama woman along I-85 for some distance until a vehicle bearing Alabama tags passed. He stopped both vehicles and requested the man to assist the woman should she be followed.



Planning activities for Farm-City Week to be observed in Warren County November 18-24 are, left to right, L. B. Hardage, G. W. Koonce, Mrs. Bertha Forte, Miss Emily Ballinger, L. C. Cooper and Tom Peele, Warren County chairman.

Norlina Commissioners Endorse Road Bond Issue

The Norlina Board of Commissioners passed a resolution at its meeting Oct. 3, endorsing the state's 1977 Highway Bond Issue.

The \$300,000,000 bond issue, which will be considered by the voters of North Carolina this fall, provides for the issuance of highway bonds to finance needed maintenance and improvement on the State's highway system.

Mayor Bill Perry said that in passing the resolu-

tion the Board was recognizing the pressing need for construction, improvements and relocation of roads, bridges and other highway facilities across North Carolina. He said the Board also approved the state position that opposes increased taxes as an answer to highway problems at this time.

The resolution urged local citizens to vote favorably on the issuance of the bonds in the referendum scheduled

for November 8.

A letter from Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr., Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, pointed out to the Norlina Board of Commissioners that "funds to support highway construction and improvements are being reduced, while construction costs are increasing."

The Secretary wrote, "The transportation problems facing the people of North Carolina are obvious. The proposed \$300,000,000 Bond Issue is one immediate answer to the problem. Bond financing could assure continuation of our Highway Improvement Program without any reductions."

"By using bond money, we can avoid inflationary costs and address our immediate problems."

Brochures explaining the \$300,000,000 Bond Issue can be obtained by contacting Secretary Bradshaw's office at the Department of Transportation in Raleigh.

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Thomas Bentley

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