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CP&L LINEMAN BURNED

Close Brush with Death

A lineman with the Zebulon branch of Carolina Power & Light Company had a narrow brush with death early last Monday morning but miraculously lived to tell the tale.

Ernest T. Driver, 30, a first class lineman with the company, was rushed to Rex Hospital after coming in contact Monday morning about 5 o'clock with a 6900 volt power line, according to F. T. Scarborough, manager of the local branch office.

Scarborough said Driver suffered third degree burns on the left shoulder, arm, leg and foot. He was resting comfortably Tuesday in Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. He was transferred to the Chapel Hill hospital Monday afternoon.

Scarborough said Driver was with a crew of repairmen who had worked all Sunday night repairing storm damaged power lines in the Pine Ridge section 10 miles east of Zebulon when the accident occurred.

Driver, he said, had climbed a

pole to change a cross-arm which supports the power wires. Accidentally, Driver came into contact with the "hot" wire with his left shoulder.

The ground crew, composed of R. E. Kitchings, line foreman, Charles Hawkins, Johnnie Horton and Hardin Hinton, reportedly saw the flashes of light from the arcs. When the flashes were over they saw Driver slumped over.

Driver, whom the crew thought dead, finally answered Kitchings after he was called many times by his boss.

Driver murmured audibly: "Captain, I'm sorry I messed up your record. I'm sorry I messed up your record."

Kitchings has been with the company 35 years and this was the first major accident which has occurred under his management.

"They were the sweetest words I think I have ever heard," Kitchings is reported to have said when he heard Driver's voice coming from the top of the power pole.

Driver was cautioned not to move. Somebody was coming up to get him. Horton rescued him and he was rushed to Dr. Durwood Stallings who administered first aid.

Rex Hospital authorities advised transfer of Driver to Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Driver and his family reside on East Sycamore Street.

Two Auto Wrecks During Weekend

No charges were preferred against the drivers of two cars after they collided Saturday at an unmarked intersection in the town.

Calvin Richardson, 19, and James Edward Lee, 27, ran together at the intersection of North and Poplar Streets. Richardson was driving a 1962 Chevrolet; Lee was driving a 1957 Chevrolet.

Policemen Wilson Stallings and Wendell Perry, who investigated, estimated damages to Richardson's car were \$250 and damages to Lee's were \$400.

A wreck occurred last Sunday on the premises of Paul Brantley's No. 2 Service Station. The cars involved belonged to John Henry King and Stumpy Hicks.

No report of damage was made and no charges preferred.

Night Policeman Wendell Perry was the investigating officer.

School Board Still Undecided

No decision was reached by the Wakelon School Board Monday night in the selection of a principal.

Board Chairman Philip Olive said only two applicants were interviewed Monday night. They were principals of Middlesex and Pikeville schools.

Olive indicated that quite a few more persons would be screened before a selection is made.

Wendell-Zebulon Surgeon Does First Asthma Operation in N. C.

Wendell Barber Enjoys Relief Following Unusual Surgery

A "first" occurred at Wendell-Zebulon Hospital last week when the hospital's surgeon performed what is believed to be the first operation done in North Carolina for the relief of asthma.

Dr. Lee Sedwitz did the relatively simple operation on Otha Mullen for the relief of an asthmatic condition. Mullen, a Wendell native, had a chronic case of the antagonizing disease.

The surgeon said Mullen had undergone many treatments for the disease and had found no relief. In fact, he was getting worse and was being hospitalized with each attack.

Dr. Sedwitz told Mullen that an operation could be performed which had been successful in many instances. Mullen was agreeable. He said he would have agreed to anything to clear up the condition.

The surgeon said the operation was developed in Japan about 20 years ago by a Japanese professor, Komei Nakayama of the Chiba University.

Dr. Nakayama found that a minute organ buried in the fork of an artery in the neck and no bigger

than a grain of rice is important in breathing control. This organ is called the carotid body and there is one on each side of the neck.

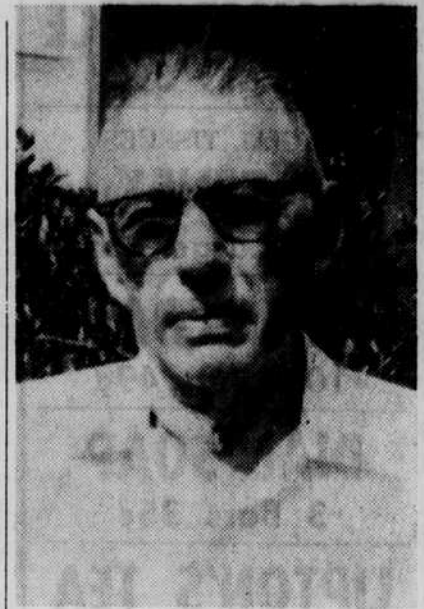
The Japanese doctor's research indicated that the carotid body is not only a junction point for many nerves but by its responses to minute changes in the composition of the blood, it does much to regulate breathing.

Dr. Sedwitz said the Japanese doctor discovered that an increase in the blood's carbon dioxide content sets off a carotid body reaction that can bring on a choking attack of asthma by causing fast, shallow breathing in lungs unable to handle the added load.

After tests on animals, Dr. Nakayama began taking carotid bodies from his patients, and the results were favorable.

Dr. Sedwitz, who was a surgeon in the Navy following the second World War, observed the Japanese physician-professor perform the operation in 1958.

Dr. Richard H. Overholt, whose Overholt Thoracic Clinic is one of the world's most distinguished centers for treatment of chest diseases, has been practicing the treatment of the disease since May



OTHA MULLEN
... patient

of 1958 and has had outstanding results.

Dr. Sedwitz said Mullen felt relief the instant the carotid body was removed. Only one body was removed from Mullen; however, in some instances it may be necessary to remove both bodies.

Dr. Sedwitz is very pleased with the operation performed on Mullen. He said he is looking for other chronic asthmatic persons for whom he may do the same operation.

The fee for such an operation is smaller than that of an appendectomy, the surgeon said.

Alcohol Cause of Court Cases

Judge I. D. Gill pronounced judgment on the following cases in Zebulon Recorder's Court session Wednesday, July 11.

James P. Robinson, operating without license, \$25 fine and costs.

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George Laster, public drunkenness, \$10 fine and costs.

Henry Clyde Cromartie, public drunkenness, \$10 fine and costs.

Louis T. Farmer, driving on wrong side of road, \$15 fine and costs.

Rupert Franklin May, speeding, \$15 fine and costs.

Daniel Theodore Towns, disregarding stop sign, \$10 fine and costs.

Curtis Pulley, driving without operator's license, \$25 fine and costs.

John W. Harris, public drunkenness, \$10 fine and costs.

Charles Richardson, public drunkenness, \$20 fine and costs.

Oliver Wade Parks, speeding and failing to stop for stop sign, \$20 fine and costs.

Freddie Ellington, improper registration, costs of court.

Cleamon Richardson, public drunkenness, \$10 fine and costs.

Leroy Pretty, assaulting Lillie Mae Cotton, court found the prosecution witness is taxed with cost.

Kirt Tuck, failing to transfer title within 20 days after date of purchase, not guilty.

George Jones, assaulting Bessie Williams with hands and fists, eight months on roads suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs and remain on good behavior for two years.

George Sprite Barbee, careless and reckless driving with revoked license, 8 months on roads. Notice of appeal given. Bond set at \$500.

Eddrew Miles, public drunken-

ness, 60 days on roads. A second charge of public drunkenness brought a judgment of 30 days on roads to run consecutively with above judgment.

Dwight Moody Strickland, parking without lights, not guilty.

Issac Linwood Thomas, larceny by trick, taking \$6 from Bobby Baker by telling him he had a new pistol and would bring him one for \$2 and later telling him he would have to have \$4 and did not have any pistol and did not bring pistol to him, six months on roads.

A second charge of public drunkenness brought a judgment of six months on roads to run consecutively with above sentence.

Earnest Wiggins, assaulting Lassel Carpenter, 60 days on roads suspended on payment of \$25 fine and costs. A second charge of taking Carpenter's car brought a judgment of one year on roads suspended on payment of \$75 and costs.

Moses Lee Dunn, disorderly conduct and engaging in an affray, two years on roads. Notice of appeal given. Bond set at \$500.

Clarence Ferrell, disorderly conduct and engaging in an affray, two years on roads suspended on payment of \$200 fine and costs and remain on good behavior for six months.

John L. Fowler, disorderly and engaging in an affray, two years on roads.

Little League Is Organized

Little League baseball practice will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 5:30 to 7:30 for the next four weeks at Wakelon School. All boys between the ages of nine and 14 are urged to take part in this program.

The teams are sponsored by the civic organizations of the town. Thurston Debnam and Randy Creech are the coaches.

AFTER PRIMING 1 & 1-2 ROWS

Decides to Ride

Sheriff's Deputy S. J. Blackley jailed James Edgar Harris Monday after charging him with larceny of an automobile belonging to W. Raleigh Sherron of Route 4, Zebulon.

The Negro primed about one and a half rows of tobacco for Malcom Martin Monday morning, according to Sheriff Blackley. He was discharged by Martin and then walked across the field to

Sherron's and took the car.

Minor damage was done to the 1953 Chevrolet. Some extra ticking was noticed in the motor which was assumed that Harris had driven it at a high rate of speed.

Harris was driving with a revoked license and was also under the influence of an intoxicating beverage, according to Blackley.

He will be given trial in Zebulon Recorder's Court July 25.



QUEEN AND MAYOR . . . Jackie Mitchell, the reigning Miss Zebulon, and Mayor Ed Hales are shown dancing together at a ball given for the beauty queens throughout the state who vied in the Miss North Carolina Pageant held in Charlotte last week. Miss Mitchell did not come home with the state crown, but the town is happy all the same to have such a fine young lady to represent them. The Zebulon Jaycees sent Miss Mitchell to the pageant.