

Final Score In "Car-Bump" Game: Three Arrested For Drunken Driving

Two Negro step-brothers—Pres-ton Reaves, Jr., 31, of Aberdeen, and Grant Thomas Vestal, 36, of Cameron, learned Sunday night that the public highway is no place to play a game of "bump-bump" with their automobiles. Before the game was finished, they found their cars wrecked and themselves in jail.

It was just after midnight, on NC Route 27, between Carthage and Cameron that the playful step-brothers, who were later arrested for drunken driving, began their game. Vestal, driving a 1937 Ford, was following Reaves in his 1950 Nash. Things began to happen when Vestal speeded up and began to bump the rear of Reaves' car, the investigating patrolman reported.

The play became progressively rougher till finally the two cars "hung up" in some manner. As they tore loose, the Ford was thrown off into the ditch and the Nash continued for some 250-300 feet, stopping out in the highway.

Then a third "player" entered the game—Silas Asbury Whitaker, 30-year-old Carthage white

man, who ran up on the melee in the highway and sideswiped the stalled Nash, damaging it to the extent of some \$500 and causing about \$150 worth of damage to his own 1948 Plymouth.

Whitaker was the third man "out." The patrolman arrested him too for drunken driving, adding a careless and reckless driving charge as well.

It all happened about five miles east of Carthage. Nobody was hurt.

MOTHER'S DAY BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Garner of Bill and Dot's Service station on U.S. 1 half-way between Southern Pines and Vass are the parents of a daughter, Sharon Lee, born May 10—Mother's Day—at St. Joseph's hospital. They have two other children, Deloris and Janet.

Cash receipts from farm marketing in the first quarter of 1953 in the U. S. totaled \$6.6 billion, down 2 per cent from last year.

Bronze Plaque Unveiled At Raleigh In Memory of Roadbuilder Frank Page

A bronze plaque commemorating a distinguished son of the Sandhills, one of North Carolina's outstanding pioneer roadbuilders, was unveiled in the lobby of the new highway building in Raleigh Thursday, April 30.

Highway Chairman Henry Jordan, presiding over ceremonies dedicating the Frank Page Memorial plaque, read a joint resolution of the 1935 legislature directing that it be placed "either in the corridor of the Capitol or a highway building when built."

An appropriation of \$500 had been made for this plaque.

Jordan then recognized former commissioners present for the ceremonies, listed below with their years on the Commission: T. F. Hickerson of Chapel Hill, 1915-19; J. C. McBee of Bakersville, 1921; W. A. McGirt of Wilmington, 1921-31; Luther Hodges of Leaksville-Spray, 1933-37; E. F. Allen of Lenoir, 1933-37; T. Boddie Ward of Wilson, 1937-41; Sam M. Bason of Yanceyville, 1937-41; D. C. Barnes of Murfreesboro, 1937-41; John N. Hackney of Wilson, 1941-49; George W. Kane of Roxboro, 1941-49; James A. Bridger of Bladenboro, 1945-49; D. Reeves Noland of Waynesville, 1945-49; Mark Goforth of Lenoir, 1949-52; and George D. Richardson of Raleigh, 1952.

Jordan also recognized Vance Baise of Raleigh, State Highway Engineer from 1933 to 1949. Frank Page's son and daughter—Frank Page of Falls Church, Va., and Mrs. E. T. Harrison of High Point, the former Clara Page of Aberdeen, were recognized. Frank Page's sister, Miss Mary Page of Aberdeen, was also present.

E. B. Jeffress of Chapel Hill, the only former highway chairman (1931-34) who could be present, cited Frank Page's "duty to public service." He said that Page "left a record in North Carolina for honesty in handling public money," and characterized him as a man who "always insisted on good maintenance and shop work."

Lt.-Gov. Luther Hodges then spoke in tribute, after which Dr. Edwin McNeil Poteat, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist church at Raleigh, read his funeral oration first delivered at Page's funeral in 1934 at Aberdeen. He listed Frank Page as a "superior person, with qualities of benevolence, integrity, courtesy, wisdom and action," who during his 10 years as chairman had been responsible for the spending of \$115 million "with no hint of scandal."

The party then adjourned to the lobby for the unveiling of the plaque, which reads:

"Frank Page, 1875-1934, Chairman, State Highway Commission, 1919-1929.

"His response to an unprecedented challenge made North Carolina one of the first American States to build an integrated system of highways drawing more closely together the people of one hundred counties.

"By his leadership, his wisdom, his integrity and fidelity, he set an example of distinguished service faithfully emulated but never surpassed.

"His organization of highway craftsmen endures as his living memorial."

Page was a positive dominating figure who stood by his principle that graft need not touch the highway program of the State. He so conducted himself that the wrong kind of politics could not affect it.

A roadbuilder of national prestige, he served as president of the American Association of State Highway Officials, president of the American Road Builders' association, chairman of President Herbert Hoover's Highway Safety Council, and, on appointment by President Calvin Coolidge, a member of a five-man delegation to the Pan-American Road Congress held in 1925 in South America.

Page was a president and director of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Raleigh Rotary club.

Following his retirement from highway work in 1929 until his death five years later, he was a vice-president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company.

He had four distinguished brothers—Walter Hines Page, writer, publisher and Ambassador to Great Britain during World War I; Robert Page, who represented North Carolina in Congress for many years, and later headed a banking chain; Henry Page, who became a leading banker, businessman and railroad president. He was State Food Administrator during World War I; and J. R. Page, also a well-known banker and business executive.

Frank Page was born in Cary in 1875, son of Allison F. and Catherine Robateau Page. He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1898. During World War I, he served as a Major in the AEF.

In 1919 when Page was ap-

Tom Avery Wins High Military, Engineer Award

The medal of the American Society of Military Engineers, for the outstanding senior engineer cadet (Corps of Engineers) will be awarded to Tom Avery of Southern Pines at the annual Awards Day exercises and dress review at N. C. State college today (Friday).

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Avery, will be present to see him receive the award, which recognizes all-round character and ability in military, scholastic and extra-curricular phases of the student program.

A senior in the civil engineering school of State college, Tom has been in ROTC during his four years as a student and is now cadet captain and company commander.

The awards ceremony will be held in Riddick stadium following the dress parade at high noon. Tom is a member of Chi Epsilon, national honorary engineering fraternity, and of S.A.E. social fraternity. He is on the Student Council, and during recent student elections served as chairman of the elections committee. He has been employed part time, during most of his college career, in engineering work at the Raleigh water plant.

He graduated from Southern Pines High school in June, 1949, at that time winning the Danforth award recognizing character and service.

VISIT IN VASS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harding and daughters, Donna, Cherie and Grace, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Theime, of Charlotte, visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Evans in Vass during last weekend.

Prices of eggs received by farmers in mid-March averaged 44.7 cents per dozen, the highest price on record for the month.

Pointed chairman of the highway commission, the State had 3,600 miles of inferior earth roads.

Ten years later in 1929, the State had 7,500 miles of roads connecting all county seats and principal cities.

With his parents and other members of his family, he is buried in Old Bethesda cemetery between Southern Pines and Aberdeen.

New Mayor Tells Rotary Club of Council Matters

Mayor L. T. Clark, a member and past president of the Southern Pines Rotary club, was its speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting at the Village Inn last Friday, the day after he was sworn into office.

The meeting was also held the day after the new town council's first business meeting, and what went on there formed the main subject of his talk.

Keeping the light touch, but with sincere eloquence, Mayor Clark outlined his hopes for the new administration and the benefits which should result for the community from its adoption of the council-manager plan.

He urged that the members, and all other citizens, attend meetings of the council and keep informed on what goes on there.

In a question period, when a member queried facetiously concerning the council's views on extension of the city limits (the member being a resident of an outside area), Mr. Clark stated that "Southern Pines would be made so attractive the folks outside would want to come in."

The speaker was introduced by C. S. Patch, Jr., program chairman and also a member of the council. Guests were Fred B. Howland, of Titusville, Pa.; Tom Hensen and E. L. Comer, Carthage, and Graves Lewis, Goldsboro. Russell Lorensen presided.

Local Tag Sale Tops \$150 For Mothers, Babies

The Maternal Welfare tag day in Southern Pines netted \$153.44, given last Saturday toward the program in aid of Moore county mothers and babies.

Assisting the local chairmen, Mrs. Claude Reams and Mrs. L. T. Avery, in the tag sale held annually the day before Mothers Day were the following helpers: at the post office, Mrs. Katherine McColl, Mrs. W. Lamont Brown, Mrs. E. C. Stevens, Mrs. Ray McMullen, Mrs. Voit Gilmore, Miss Laura Kelsey; and at the bank, Mrs. Nolley Jackson, Mrs. R. M. McMillan, Mrs. J. S. Hiatt and Mrs. W. F. Hollister.

Those wishing to contribute to this cause who did not have the opportunity Saturday may send their gifts to Mrs. Reams or Mrs. Avery. The funds will be added to those received by chairmen all over the county for the maternal welfare program, administered by

the county health department. Southern Pines are co-chairmen for the county. One quart of milk is equal to a pound of beefsteak in energy value.

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