

District Court Judge Voids Newton Case

But Grand Jury Gives A True Bill

District Judge D. B. Herring found "no probable cause" in a manslaughter charge against Charles Elmore Newton, 19, at a preliminary hearing here last Wednesday, and ordered a directed verdict of "not guilty" in a drunk driving charge against the youth.

Nonetheless, the Hoke County grand jury, meeting Monday at the beginning of a mixed term of Hoke Superior Court, returned a true bill of indictment against Newton on the manslaughter charge.

The case grew out of an accident November 5 four miles east of Raeford on Rockfish Road. Three persons were killed in the crash.

Newton was identified as driver of a car which left the road on a curve, officers said, skidded back onto the highway, and collided with a westbound car operated by Mrs. Juanita Blue Malloy of Raeford.

Her husband, Roosevelt Malloy, 33, died several hours later in a Fayetteville hospital. She sustained serious injuries and was on crutches when she appeared in court here last week.

Killed instantly were two passengers in the Newton vehicle. They were Jerry Allen West, 19, and Larry E. Pittman, 17, both of Raeford.

Defense attorney Carl Barrington pushed for the hearing here last week after most of the day wore on without the case being called. It had been postponed several times before by the state, Barrington said, and the defense had been ready all along for trial.

Principal witness for the state was Mrs. Malloy, whose recollections of the wreck were somewhat fuzzy. As for the drunk driving charge, testimony revealed young Newton was given a Breathalyzer test some three to four hours after the accident and the results were negative.

Indications are that the state will call several witnesses who did not appear at last Wednesday's hearing.

Another traffic case involving Johnny Scott, 20, of Shannon Rt. 1 was continued until the next term of District Court.

Scott is accused of trying to force State Highway Patrolman J. D. Robinson off the road when the officer attempted to pull alongside Scott's car following a lights-off chase through the streets of South Raeford on the night of January 2.

Scott is charged with careless and reckless driving, assault on an officer and resisting arrest.

Robinson related at the time of the incident that he chased the Scott car from Jiffyburger No. 2 on Harris Avenue through the south sections of Raeford to Jackson Street. There, he attempted to pull alongside the Scott car, he said, and Scott steered sharply to the left, forcing him off the pavement.

The two vehicles locked together -- the patrol car's right front bumper caught in the Scott car's left rear wheel, and "spun out" at the intersection of Jackson Street and Central Avenue.

Scott is accused of jumping from his car and fleeing on foot. When Robinson overtook him after he tripped over a hedge, Scott is accused of swinging at the officer, inflicting a black eye. The patrolman said he hit Scott several times with a blackjack until he ceased to resist arrest.

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FOR NEW OFFICE

Harris Avenue Lot Bought By Chamber

Directors Plan Move To Suburbs

Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce announced this week it will build an office building on Harris Avenue to house the chamber, Hoke County Planning and Development Commission, and the automobile license bureau.

Dr. Robert Townsend, chamber president, said the chamber has bought a lot 120 by 175 feet from Mrs. J. A. Baucom just east of the intersection of Harris Avenue and 401 Bypass. It is between the Pure Oil Station and Quality Motors.

Purchase price of the lot was \$2,400, Dr. Townsend said. The decision was made by the chamber's board of directors.

Tentative plans call for an office building with 900 to 1200 square feet of floor space.

Offices of the three organizations currently are on Main Street in rather cramped quarters. James Fout, chamber manager, also is executive director of the new planning and development organization.

The Chamber of Commerce office was combined with the new Hoke County Planning and Development Commission a few weeks ago when county commissioners established the latter organization and appropriated funds for its operation.



CUSHIONS ON SALE--Jaycettes will try to dispose of several dozen "Hoke High Bucks" cushions like the ones shown here to raise money for their \$300 scholarship award. Shown above are, left to right, Mrs. Sandra Wallace, co-chairman of the cushion sale; Mrs. Betty Russell, club treasurer; Mrs. Jo Ann Hartley, scholarship project coordinator, and Mrs. Lynda Waldrep, Jaycette president.

Jaycettes To Give \$300 Scholarship At Hoke High

Raeford Jaycettes have established a \$300 scholarship to be awarded to a "deserving" Hoke High School senior girl in May.

At the same time, they began anew their drive to dispose of several cases of "Hoke High Buck" cushions to raise money for the award.

"We hope to make the scholarship award an annual event," said Mrs. Lynda Waldrep, Jaycette president. "It will depend upon how successful we are in raising the money."

The Jaycettes are in reality

the woman's auxiliary of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Members are wives of Jaycees. Girls who are interested in applying for the Jaycette scholarship are advised to contact the guidance counselor at the high school, Mrs. Waldrep said.

"The girl must be a deserving student with high character and good scholarship. Applications should be made between January 25 and March 20," Mrs. Waldrep said.

A special sale of the cushions -- designed for use

at sports events -- will be conducted during the remaining home basketball games. They will be on sale at one dollar apiece.

Membership in the organization currently is about a dozen, a spokesman said, but new members are being recruited almost every week.

Mrs. Sandra Wallace is co-chairman of the cushion sale and Mrs. Jo Ann Hartley is coordinator of the scholarship project.



SMASHED--The Cadillac car barely visible under several tobacco hogsheads was smashed Sunday afternoon when it collided with a heavily-loaded truck near Big Star Truck Stop on Highway 401. The truck left the road and overturned, its load breaking loose and dumping on top of the car.

Fayetteville Man Is Killed When Load Buries Vehicle

A Fayetteville man was killed Sunday when his car collided with a tractor-trailer heavily loaded with tobacco and the rig dumped a 15-ton load of hogsheads on top of the car.

James Phillip Horton, 37, of 707 Beale Street, Fayetteville, died about 6 p. m. in Cape Fear Valley Hospital about an hour after the wreck snarled traffic near Big Star Truck Stop on U. S. 401.

State Highway Patrolman J. D. Robinson said Horton was driver of a car which crossed the center line into the path of a truck. The tractor-trailer left the road -- pushing the car with it -- and when it overturned, some 30 hogsheads, weighing 1,000 to 1,200 pounds apiece, broke loose.

Several of the hogsheads bounced onto the pavement and struck a second car driven by Robert Howard Pierce of Fayetteville.

Robinson said Pierce told him he and Horton were traveling together in separate cars, with Horton trailing.

"He told me he looked into his rear view mirror and saw Horton driving up the right shoulder of the road, waving

his hand as if something was wrong," Robinson said.

"Pierce said Horton passed him on the right, then cut sharply to the left between Pierce and another car. The Horton car continued into the left lane directly into the path of the truck," Robinson said.

Driver of the truck -- owned by Wood and Tugwell of Farmville -- was listed as Noah Radford, 34, of Greenville, Radford and a passenger, Robert King, 33, of Greenville Rt. 1, were treated at Cape Fear Valley Hospital and released.

Pierce's car was struck by several bouncing hogsheads and damaged an estimated \$250, Robinson said.

Horton's car, a 1955 Cadillac, was demolished. Its top was mashed below the level of the windshield and the hood was squashed against the motor.

Traffic was snarled at the wreck scene for more than two hours as wreckers tried to clear the highway. Hoke Rescue Squad members remained at the scene to direct traffic and help clear the debris.

"The road wasn't fully cleared until 7:30 p. m.," Robinson said. "The truck couldn't

be moved until morning, so we had the State Highway Department put up some signs. People were still stopping to look at the wrecked truck at 11 p. m."

Horton reportedly was tried last Tuesday in District Court No. 2 in Fayetteville on a drunk driving charge. Judge Joe Dupree found him guilty, gave him six months on the roads, suspended upon payment of \$100 and costs and loss of driving privileges for one year.

Horton appealed the case to Cumberland Superior Court.

Earlier in the day, Robinson arrested Lewis Junior Halley, 21, Shannon Rt. 1, as he tried to pull a wrecked car from a field on Rural Paved Road 1455 near Shannon.

Robinson said the vehicle was wrecked sometime Saturday night when it went out of control, apparently at excessive speed, on a curve and skidded some 150 yards before stalling in the field.

"Halley had a farm tractor hitched to the car when I encountered him," Robinson said. "He was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road and leaving the scene of an accident."



ROADBLOCK--Traffic was snarled for two and one-half hours Sunday afternoon following the fatal crash of a car and a tractor-trailer on Highway 401 near Big Star Truck Stop.

In fact, the road was not completely cleared until the following day when wreckers finally removed the tractor-trailer.

Four Taking CD Course

The Hoke County Civil Defense organization is still preparing for what it hopes will never be needed.

Alfred Cole, county CD director, announced this week that four local men are taking special training in Civil Defense management at Asheboro.

Sponsored by the Extension Department of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, the course offers training in the following subjects: shelter-

centered Civil Defense, weapons effect and protection against weapons effects, organizing and staffing for emergencies, community radiological defense system, warning and communications, emergency operations, and many others.

Participants travel to Asheboro one night each week until the eight-week course is complete.

Hoke County trainees are William Haire, of Lamont Furniture and Appliance Co.; V. J. Davis of Burlington Industries; Joe Jenkins of McCain School, and William McDonald, employe at the sanatorium at McCain.

4-H Clubbers Will Speak

Boys and girls in Hoke County 4-H Clubs will have their first lesson in public speaking today.

A demonstration and speech workshop will be conducted this afternoon at the county office building, beginning immediately after school.

Mrs. Elleg Willis, home agent, and Talmadge Baker, farm agent, will conduct the session and will use color slides in the demonstration.

News-Journal Wins Two More Awards

The News-Journal, winner of numerous state and national press awards, added two others to its collection last week when Gov. Dan K. Moore passed out plaques in the annual better newspaper contests of the N.C. Press Association.

The News-Journal awards included first place in the "Best Feature Photo" division and third place in excellence in typography for offset newspapers.

The photography award is the third first place state award for pictures won by the News-Journal in the past four years. During that same period, the newspaper won a third place for editorials and honorable mention for best feature story in the National Editorial Association contest of 1965.

Previously, the News-Journal won first place for "Best Feature Story" in state competition in 1961. The same story won the first place national award in 1962. The paper won third place in advertising in 1961 and third place in editorials in 1962.

This year's feature photography award was won with a full-page layout of snow scenes published in the February 3 issue following the worst blizzard in decades. The photographs were taken in 10-degree weather throughout Hoke County by News-Journal Editor Jim Taylor.

Commenting on the winning entry, the judges wrote: "Individuality, the photos are not nearly so effective as is the whole group. We miss the liveliness usually associated with snow scenes, but this also is a mood art work. The one place of motion in the group shows."

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Town Now Owns Cemetery

A development long awaited by the town of Raeford at last has materialized, it was announced this week.

Three persons who own the newer cemetery sections adjoining and on the south side of Raeford Cemetery have decided to turn the two pieces of property over to the town. The three burial grounds connect with the other and are thought by many to be one, known as Raeford Cemetery.

"It is now as it should be," Ed Williams town manager, said. "Now the town can set up a trust fund for perpetual

upkeep and maintain a respectable and attractive memorial park."

Williams said an account already has been started for the fund, but it will take some time to build it up to a point where it will earn enough to keep the cemetery in proper condition.

For this reason, persons who have been sending contributions to The News-Journal to be applied toward having their lots kept in neat condition, are asked to continue. The gifts will be accepted by The News-Journal or by the town office.

Owner of the south west sec-

tion of the areas being turned over to the town is Thomas McBryde. The south east side was owned by Mitchell Epstein and Crawford Wright.

Williams said a long range beautification project which will embrace both the new and old cemeteries will now begin. First steps will be to enclose all the property with boundary shrubs and to install masonry gateways at both main entrances. The entrance drive to the original Raeford Cemetery was paved for the first time a few weeks ago, indicating that improvement already has begun.