

Carbon Monoxide Tied To Death Cause

Carbon monoxide has been found by an autopsy as the cause of death of Glenn Edward Ellington, 20, of Rt. 3, Raeford, who died late November 13 or early November 14, Hoke County Sheriff David Barrington said Friday.

Meanwhile, Ellington's brother, Benjamin James Ellington, Jr., was reported in "satisfactory condition" at Cape Fear Valley Hospital after being in intensive care and in "serious condition" nearly all of last week.

He was admitted for treatment of the same poisoning that killed his brother, Barrington said.

Glenn Ellington was found dead and his brother unconscious, but still breathing, about 11:40 a.m. November 14 in a rented house on West Prospect Avenue Extension just outside the Raeford city limits.

Glenn Ellington's body was found seated in front of a gas heater which was issuing white smoke when sheriff's deputies entered the house in response to a telephone call to the sheriff's department. Benjamin Ellington was found lying on a bed in another room, Barrington said.

The gas for the heater was supplied from a tank outside the house. It was reported that the heater was the type that could be adjusted to use natural gas or "bottled" gas.

The sheriff said Friday he had received a telephone report from the state medical examiner's office at Chapel Hill stating the finding of the autopsy. A written report with details is to be sent to the sheriff.

An examination made by Dr. P.M. Jordan, a Hoke County

medical examiner, shortly after the death was discovered indicated Glenn Ellington had been dead eight to 12 hours when his body was found.

A malfunction of the heating system was reported the cause of the escape of the fumes, but Barrington declined to comment on the specific cause of the malfunction.

The sheriff said, "I'm not going to get involved in that. It's a civil matter."

The previous week, Randall Ashburn, manager of Raeford Oil Co., said the company installed the heating system several weeks ago but that he hadn't seen the heater since the accident occurred; that the sheriff's department was investigating the circumstances surrounding the death and the house

had been locked up by the sheriff's department.

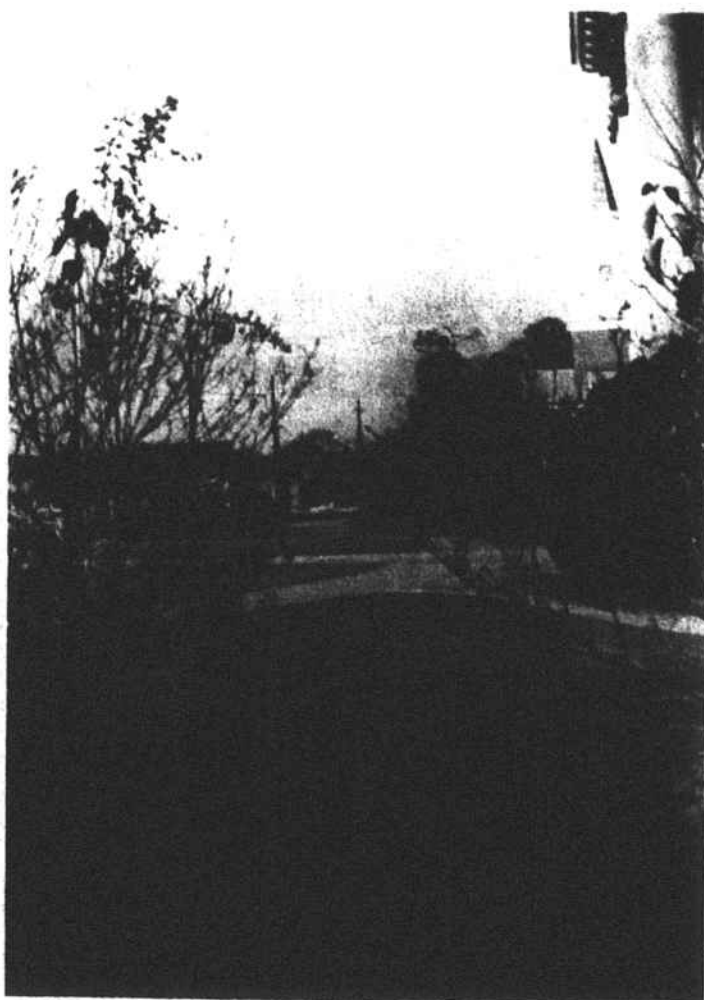
The sheriff said only the brothers were in the house when the incident occurred.

Deputies Alex Norton and C.E. Harris have been investigating the accident.

Clayton Bouyer, who owns the house, said Friday that it had been rented to Benjamin Ellington, Jr.'s wife, Sabrina.

The couple had been living there about a month, but Bouyer did not supply the heat for the house, he said.

The heater had been installed later, and the gas was supplied after that but Raeford Oil's man working on the job had cut off the gas, and told the occupants the heater was not to be turned on till it had been checked.



STORM CLOUDS -- The Hoke County weather is likely to turn away from the recent pleasant temperatures. Here storm clouds that brewed recently over the Courthouse lawn are perhaps a sign of colder days ahead this winter.

Upchurch Looks To Bright Future

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"That is one reason I accepted this appointment: it would be a way to help the people, in return."

Upchurch, 47 years old and president of the extensive Tar Heel Turkey Hatchery Farms, added that he was happy with what he already had, and was not looking for a place on a pedestal, that he only wanted to help.

Upchurch, a Democrat, is serving in public office for the first time, though he holds office in private organizations aside from his business. He is an elder in Raeford Presbyterian Church. He is chairman of the Raeford board of Heritage Federal Savings & Loan Association.

In his professional organizations, he is a past president of the North Carolina Turkey Federation and is a director of both the national and state federations. The national federation, incidentally, gives the President of the United States a turkey for Thanksgiving every year. This year's turkey was born and reared on a Tar Heel Hatchery farm and was presented to President Ronald Reagan this week by Upchurch's partner, Bill Prestage

of Clinton. Prestage is the current president of the national federation.

Upchurch was born and reared on a farm, which produced tobacco, not turkeys, in Lemon Springs, Lee County. His parents were K.U. and Sulu Elizabeth Upchurch, and he was one of six children, five of them sons.

Upchurch graduated from Greenwood High School in Lee County and didn't go to college but took poultry courses at Central Carolina Technical College at Sanford and N.C. State College (now State University) and economics courses at State.

He first came to Hoke County as a poultry grader with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, on August 18, 1953. The next year, he and his Lemon Springs neighbor, Mary Garner, were married in Sanford. They have one child, daughter Jodi, 25, now Mrs. Wayne Willis of Raeford, and a 1-year-old granddaughter, Megan Willis.

Upchurch left the Department of Agriculture to join the staff of Priebe Poultry Co. of Chicago, working at Priebe's Raeford plant,

which is now the House of Raeford turkey processing plant. He left Priebe in 1962 to join Upchurch Milling Co. of Raeford in founding Upchurch Turkey Farm. He added he is not related to the Upchurches of Upchurch Milling.

Ten years later, Wyatt Upchurch bought out the turkey operation of Upchurch Milling and, with Carroll's Foods of Clinton, N.C., founded Tar Heel Turkey Hatchery Farm. Bill Prestage, his partner, is president of Carroll's. The farms now employ about 86 people and hatch about 110,000 poults (the turkey equivalent of baby chicks) a week.

In their next five-year plan, on which the hatchery management is working now, production will go to 200,000 a week, Upchurch said.

Carroll's Foods get all the poults, delivered 24 hours after they hatch here. Tar Heel Hatchery Farms are homes for large breeding flocks. The breeding birds aren't sold commercially till they've gone through a laying cycle of 21 weeks. The hen turkeys lay about 75 eggs in that period. Then they are sold to House of Raeford, though some are kept to go through another laying cycle.

One of Upchurch's brothers, Arliss, is in professional agricultural work. He's a tobacco grader

for the N.C. Department of Agriculture. Of his other brothers, Irland recently retired from the Lenoir County school system, Avron is dean of admissions of Central Carolina Technical College, Wayland is in Houston Tex., with El Paso Natural Gas and Melvin is on the staff of Carolina Trace, a private residential development near Sanford.

Their sister, Mrs. Jack Sawyers, is living in Fayetteville.

Local Burial Association To Meet Dec. 7

The Crumpler Mutual Burial Association will be having a meeting at Crumpler Funeral Home on December 7, 1982 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of letting investors heritage assume the Association.

WATCH THAT CHILD

Committee Seeks Meeting

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for the planes, Moses said.

If the airport is to expand, federal and state money will be needed to pave taxiways, construct a terminal, install runway lighting and eventually expand the present runways.

In other action during the regular meeting committee members voted unanimously to recommend to the Raeford City Council that the county be asked to take part in financially supporting the airport.

Presently the county receives all of the taxes from the facility, but does not put money into the operation of the airport.

"I don't think we have refused to put money in, but I don't think that we have ever been asked to put any in," County Manager James

Martin said.

Martin also serves on the "Blue Ribbon" Airport study committee.

With the additional funds from the county, committee members hope the airport can have a Fixed Base Operator on a regular schedule.

The operator would not only monitor the airport radio during regular hours, but would also be on the premises to pump fuel for planes and would be available to assist visiting pilots.

In addition to the radio being maintained on a regular basis, Committee Chairman Tom Cameron also pointed out that the airport needs a terminal building and hangers to house aircraft.

Lumbee Coop Chief Fired

At its regularly scheduled meeting held last Monday the Lumbee River EMC Board of Directors resolved not to re-employ Derl J. Hinson as general manager when his contract expires December 31. The Board gave no reasons for its action.

Hinson has been general manager of Lumbee River EMC since August of 1974. During this time, the cooperative has grown from 14,000 consumers to over 20,000 consumers.

According to Hinson, LREMC is known and acclaimed nationally as being an innovative organization. It was the first electric utility in North Carolina to have a load management program and is the only cooperative in the state to be commended for its efforts in energy conservation and load management by the Governor.

The cooperative has been recognized by the Rural Electric Administration (REA) and the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC), cooperative bankers, for outstanding financial achievements and was cited by the REA for leadership in cooperative education under its basic 5-Point Civil Rights Program.

International attention has been focused on Lumbee River EMC for its farsighted member information and assistance program, which was described in a book by Pulitzer prize winning author Dr. Marquis W. Childs.

Through its energy audit and home weatherization loan pro-

gram, the cooperative has assisted more than 1,100 members in making their homes more comfortable, as well as conserving energy.

In commenting about the action of the LREMC Board, Hinson said, "The accomplishments of Lumbee River EMC in the last eight years stand on their own merits, and I have no regrets or apologies for my service."

The LREMC Board also resolved to terminate the services of Crips, Davis, Schwentker and Page, a Raleigh based law firm which has provided legal counsel to the cooperative for many years.

They voted to retain the firm of Locklear, Brooks and Jacobs in Pembroke and utilize the services of the former firm to serve on an as-called or as-needed basis.

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