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Victim of Gas Explosion Succumbs

McCoy Summerlin, 55-year-old native of the Summerlin's Crossroads, who was fatally burned in a propane gas explosion and fire Friday afternoon, died Wednesday in the Burn Center of N.C. Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, where he was rushed after the accident occurred.

Summerlin was filling his truck with gas from a bulk truck when the explosion and resulting fire occurred. So far no details of how or why the explosion occurred has been advanced.

He was a member of the Mt. Olive Volunteer Fire Department and had been instrumental in organizing the Oak Wolf department to serve his home community. He had been chief of that department since

it was formed. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Tyndall Funeral Chapel, The Revs. Leon Hill and Jack Barnett officiated, and burial was in the Summerlin family cemetery near his home.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Nannie Grady Summerlin; his mother, Mrs. Minnie Summerlin of Mt. Olive; four sons, Major Billy Summerlin of the U.S. Marines, stationed at Jacksonville, Jimmy of Kenansville, David and Henry Summerlin, both of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Lou Hudson of Mt. Olive and Miss Eva Nan Summerlin of the home, a member of the Southern Wayne High School faculty, one brother, Clayton Summerlin of Mt. Olive, and eight grandchildren.

Camporee First

The Croatan District 3 of the Tuscarora Council recorded a "first" among extraordinary occurrences at their District Camporee, Sept. 21, 22, and 23.

Whereas most camporees are highlighted by entertainment through pioneering (sawdust) or dressing campfire shows, the Tuscarora District 3 Camporee was a first in the history of the district. Behind the throats of a small, single engine plane, was the Camporee Chief, James Henry.

Located adjacent to the E.E. Smith School in Kenansville, the camporee became a grandstand where Scouts and Leaders turned their eyes skyward to view a series of graceful maneuvers by pilot-Chief Henry, Mr. Henry is the first Camporee Chief

was not the only event. The theme of the Camporee was Sport-o-Pop. Emphasis was placed on game fundamentals and skills. Scouts were taught the "How-To's" in football and basketball. In each case, the boys played a game to apply the skills they learned.

As afforded by all Camporees, the Scouts had a chance to sleep in tents. They cooked over an open fire, and slept in cots, two-Scout tents. Each night, the evening chill drove everybody to the glowing campfire, which became the source of the much cherished warmth.

Describing how he felt about the Camporee, one Scout said, "I learned how to do more for myself."

Sunday morning was held sacred, as usual, as the Rev. Ernest Frederick of Kenansville, spoke to the boys on the Christian aspect of "Be Prepared," the Scout Motto.

Others helping in the Camporee were Will Gillespie and Iva Erinson, also of Kenansville.

Mr. Henry hopes that as a result of his Camporee flight, more boys will become interested in flying as they grow older.



WARSAW RESIDENT KILLED—Billy Blackburn was killed Tuesday in a one car accident at 12:50 p.m., 3.8 miles west of Warsaw on rural paved road 1108. Blackburn was a passenger in a vehicle driven by

George S. Jackson also of Warsaw. Trooper Billy Ward said the vehicle loss control at a high rate of speed and hit a driveway ditch on the right.

Photo courtesy of Glen Jernigan.

High Speed Causes Accident

David Noel (Elly) Blackburn, 33, of Warsaw was killed Tuesday when the car in which he was a passenger, lost control at a high rate of speed. State Highway Trooper Billy Ward said the vehicle, a 1971 Buick registered to Ethel M. Blackburn, the victim's wife, loss control on the right at a high rate of speed and hit a tile driveway.

The accident happened on rural paved road 1108, 3.8 miles west of Warsaw.

Blackburn was thrown through the windshield, 15 feet from the ditch. George S. Jackson, 23, black male, of 604 West Bay St., Warsaw, was driving the car. Trooper Ward said the vehicle traveled 558 feet before impact and 136 feet after the auto hit the ditch. Blackburn was carried to Sampson Memorial Hospital. Blackburn was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

The Warsaw Rescue Unit answered the call.

Damages were listed at \$2,000 to Blackburn's car. Blackburn is survived by his wife, Ethel M. Blackburn, three children, Billy David, 10, Emily, 8, and Angela, 3; his father, H.N. Blackburn, Warsaw; three sisters, Dorothy Miller of Wilmington, Evelyn Chestnut of Magnolia, Alice Marion, Mass.

two brothers, Jimmy and Donald Blackburn of Warsaw.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Thursday at Community Funeral Chapel by Rev. Eugene Hale and Rev. R.J. Hursey. Burial will be held at Devotional Gardens in Warsaw.

Duplin Native Chosen Teacher of the Year

EDITORS NOTE: The following is an article from the October 4 issue of the Whiteville News Reporter entitled Mrs. David is Teacher of Year, Mrs. David, a native of Duplin was born in 1929 and the daughter of the late Hiram James and Annie Lynn Cooper Phillips... the sister of Moseley Phillips, Mrs. Lena Scott, Mrs. Ozella McCullen, all of Warsaw, Frank Phillips of Seven Springs, Ralph Phillips of Lakeland, Fla., Randolph Phillips of Raleigh and Mrs. Irene Howell of Wilmington. Her husband is Redman David, currently principal of the Whiteville Elementary School. The Davids have 3 children: Freddie, age 22, now a graduate student at Wake Forest; Shirley, age 21, a senior at UNC-G and Phillip, age 14, a 9th Grade Student in the Central Jr. High School in Whiteville.

Mrs. David made the following comments in a letter address to me and concerning her memories in Duplin County: "I would like for you to please give special tribute to Miss Maggie Bowden and Miss Nell Bowden who were my first and second grade teachers there in Warsaw. Both of these fine ladies gave me my first love of school and a genuine desire to learn. Miss Maggie, my first grade teacher, once told me, "I had a mother at home." I attended the Warsaw Elementary and Warsaw High School my entire early school days. I graduated in 1946 while Mr. Johnny Pat Harmon was the principal. I attended East Carolina University and graduated there in 1950. I am now 44 and have taught school for 22 years. As I look back, Warsaw School gave me much and Duplin County was a wonderful place to grow up."

Whiteville System MRS. DAVID IS TEACHER OF YEAR

Last week Lovellyn David was selected "Teacher of the Year" in the Whiteville City Schools as part of the 1974 National Teacher of the Year award program.

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four other schools---Claire McGirt of Whiteville Senior High School, Peggie Lewis of Whiteville Elementary, Edna Harper of Whiteville Primary and Jo Ann Hannelson of Edgewood. Josephine Spaulding, supervisor and director of staff development in the Whiteville City Schools, said this is the first time Whiteville has participated in the national contest. The five teachers were selected by secret ballot vote of their fellow teachers in each of the schools. Edna Harper, on behalf of all the teachers chosen, said, "We are proud that our co-workers thought enough of us to select us."

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Town Meeting

Because of numerous complaints from Kenansville citizens concerning dogs running loose and penned in, the Kenansville Town Board is calling an Old Fashioned Town Meeting at the courthouse on Monday night, October 15, at 7:30 P.M., to discuss an ordinance regulating the control of dogs in Kenansville. If you do or do not have a complaint you are urged to attend this meeting at the courthouse on Monday night, October 15, at 7:30 P.M.

Three Killed As Result of Car Accidents In Duplin Last Week

Marcellus Cobbs, 66, black male of Rt. 2, Pink Hill was killed instantly Wed., Oct. 3rd, when he walked into the path of an oncoming vehicle driven by Bobby John Henderson of Rt. 1, Beaulville. The accident occurred at 8:15 p.m., 6.3 miles north of Beaulville on rural paved road 1709. According to Trooper Denny Faircloth, Henderson, 33, was traveling east toward Beaulville when Cobbs crossed the road in front of his car.

No charges have been made pending further investigation. Trooper Faircloth was assisted by officer L.A. Souza of the Beaulville Police Dept. The Beaulville Rescue unit answered the ambulance call.

Two Beaulville residents were killed and four injured Friday in a three car accident on N.C. 41, seven tenths miles from N.C. 50, West of Chinquapin.

Killed were Randall Everett Brown, 22, driver of one of the cars, and Mrs. Joann Cowan Brown, 29, wife of Donald Ray Brown, driver of one of the cars.

State Trooper Willard Mitchell investigated the accident. According to Mitchell, the Randall Brown vehicle crossed over the center of the road and

veered into the left hand striding the Donald Brown auto almost head-on. The third car, driven by Laura George Hart of Kinston, struck the R. Brown vehicle immediately after the collision. Mrs. Hart was not injured and damages were reported at \$300 to her car.

Injured in the accident were Donald Ray Brown and his 3 children, Lela Gall, age 11, Donald Ray Brown, Jr., 8, and

Jimmy age 5.

All four were rushed to Duplin General Hospital. Donald Ray Brown, Jr., was later transferred to New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, where he is reported in critical condition with head injuries.

Mitchell did not make any charges. Kenansville, Beaulville, Wallace, Chinquapin Rescue Squads assisted at the accident.

National 4-H Week

For more than 100 Duplin County residents, the key to staying young is involvement with youth. They are volunteer leaders assisting with the Duplin County 4-H program.

These volunteer leaders, according to Mrs. Lois G. Britt and Marion C. Griffin, Duplin County 4-H Agents, are revealing their faith in today's young people. They share a common interest - seeing boys and girls advance through the opportunities available in 4-H.

Lois Britt and Marion Griffin say boys and girls between 9 and 19 may be 4-H members, those young and not so young who are over 19 may join 4-H as volunteer leaders. Leaders are needed more than ever before, the agents point out, to serve as volunteer leaders, teach subject matter and skills, talk with youngsters about personal problems, accompany youngsters on trips, and provide transportation.

Anyone wanting to know more about the 4-H program here in Duplin County should contact 4-H Agents at 236-4961 or visit the Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service in the Agricultural Building in Kenansville.

Duplin County's more than 700 4-H members and their adult leaders are having a celebration this week. And they aren't the only ones, according to Mrs. Lois G. Britt and Marion C. Griffin, Duplin County 4-H Agents.

The local 4-H'ers and their leaders are joining more than 5.5 million young people and a half million volunteer leaders across N.C. and the nation in the observance of National 4-H Week, October 7-13.

What is the occasion all about here in Duplin County? The agents said the 4-H'ers and leaders will be participating in activities all week to tell the public and prospective 4-H members about the Head, Heart, Hands, and Health program; also

to recruit more volunteer leaders, recognize the support of parents, and to honor 4-H leaders and donors.

The county, state, and national observance has as its theme, "4-H Gets It All Together," and in countless ways, the 4-H program does just that. All boys and girls, ages 9 to 19 regardless of racial, economic, and social background and place of residence, may join 4-H through individual and group efforts. 4-H members learn about themselves, the world around them, other people, customs, and lifestyles.

The 4-H program is conducted through county extension agents who are employees of local governments, the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service at NCSU, and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Honeycutt Found Guilty

Billy Honeycutt was found guilty of first degree murder last week in Superior Court in Kenansville.

Honeycutt of Rt. 1, Albertson, was charged with the stabbing death of his wife, Brenda Honeycutt last June 6th. Honeycutt is alleged to have stabbed Mrs. Honeycutt in the chest following a heated argument in their home in Albertson.

Honeycutt was sentenced to die October 19th after the jury returned a conviction, after two and one half hours deliberation. He is the first to be sentenced to death in Duplin County since Roger Vernon Miller.

The case was appealed and will be sent to the Supreme Court.



ROTARY BOY OF THE MONTH (L to R) H. C. Allen, Project Chairman looks on as Warsaw Rotary President, Fred Shank

congratulates Willie Moore (center) as Boy of The Month for the month of October.

Rotary Club Selects Boy of Month

Willie L. Moore, a senior at JK High School, was honored as Boy of the Month by the Warsaw Rotary Club at their regular meeting last Thursday at the Country Club Restaurant.

According to H.C. Allen, chairman of the project, "The Boy of the Month is a plan to have better communication between local schools and businessmen. The program is chosen by the members of the club from the entire district."

Willie is presently President of the National Honor Society and is involved in many school and community activities.

national has made some outstanding contribution to having a better school and community. The Boy of the Month will be a guest of the Rotary Club for lunch.

Some of his awards include State 4-H Boy Award, County Honor, District Honor, etc.

Willie plans to study law at UNC after graduation.

NMSQT Semi-Finalist, Two County Seal from Duplin County Board of Commissioners for being Most Outstanding Boy in Duplin 4-H 1971-72 and Chief Marshall.

Willie spoke to the club about his experiences with at the Governor's School this past summer.

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