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1 Victim Scalded Man Charged, Child Abuse

Ira Ricky Wheeler, 19, of 306 S. Cumberland St., Wallace, was in Duplin County jail Monday under \$3,000 bond on charges of child abuse.

He was charged by Sheriff's officers with slapping and scalding two children in a mobile home just outside the Warsaw city limits.

Officers found the children with severe bruises about their faces. One of the children had been scalded with hot water. Officers said the skin was peeling from portions of the child's body. The children were reported in satisfactory condition Monday.

Wheeler was reportedly babysitting for Sylvia and Thomas Edward Williams of Warsaw Friday night.

During the night the War-

saw police dispatcher received a call from a neighbor of the Williams family. Police relayed the call to the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Kenneth Savage responded to the call. The caller had told officers a man was throwing children out of the Williams' mobile home.

Wheeler came to the door when Savage knocked and told him there were no children in the home.

"Let me come in and see," Savage said, according to his report. Williams refused to let Savage enter.

Savage found out from a neighbor Mrs. Williams was at work at a restaurant in Wallace. The deputy got in his car and radioed the Wallace Police Department.

The Wallace dispatcher called the restaurant and told Mrs. Williams what had

occurred and asked permission to enter the mobile home.

Savage then entered the home and found two small children, one about 30 months old and the other about 18 months, according to officers. The children were reported in a battered condition. One child had been scalded with hot water and skin was peeling from its

legs, arms, head, and places on the body. Both children had been slapped about their heads, faces and buttocks, apparently only with hands, officers said.

Savage called Millie Brown, Social Services director, who came to the scene early Saturday. She called for an ambulance to carry the children to Duplin General Hospital. From

there they were taken to New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington. Duplin officials Monday reported the children were in satisfactory condition.

A charge of child abuse is classified as a misdemeanor, officers said Monday.

The Sheriff's and Social Services departments are continuing the investigation, officials reported Monday.

Whitley's Mobile Office Schedule

Congressman Charlie Whitley's Third District mobile office will be in Duplin County Wednesday, August 8. The mobile office will be at the Chinquapin Post Office from 9:30 - 10:30,

at the Rose Hill Post Office from 11 - 12 noon; and at the Warsaw Post Office from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Rodney Knowles of the Congressman's staff will be manning the office and will be available to anyone

having matters that they wish brought to the attention of the Congressman.

These schedules are subject to prevailing weather conditions affecting travel.



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - Alan Nethercutt and Calvin Turner observe tobacco test plots during the Agricultural Extension tour with the newly-formed advisory council last week.

Visits Jack Sauls Farm Extension Tour Of North Carolina

By Emily Killette

The 21st annual Agricultural Extension-Research on Wheels (E-Row) program toured the eastern part of the state July 23-26 to present current results from agricultural research and demonstration tests.

The E-Row tests were designed by research and extension specialists at N.C. State University. And, participating farmers were assisted by county extension agents who supervised and obtained information on crop response in demonstration fields. Furney Todd, prof-

fessor of plant pathology at NCSU and E-Row tour leader, stated.

The tour began in Greenville Monday afternoon with a visit to the Speight Seed Farm.

Tuesday morning, the E-Row tour visited the mechanization and general production demonstration at the Lynn Raymond farm in Pitt County.

Governor James Hunt addressed the group at the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse before the opening sale of the 1979 season.

"Tobacco is still King in North Carolina," Hunt pro-

claimed. Hunt said he had thanked many buyers all over the world for buying tobacco from North Carolina during his trips abroad as Governor.

The opening sale yielded prices as high as \$145 per hundred pounds of tobacco. U.S. Government tobacco grader R. J. Wiscraver, who has graded tobacco in Greenville for 24 years, said, "It's the cleanest floor of tobacco I've seen since I've been coming here."

The E-Row tour of about 75 cars left the warehouse and visited the Oliver Smith farm in Lenoir County. N.C. Senator Harold Hardison

welcomed the E-Row tour at the Smith farm, which was the site of an equipment display and nematode test for root-knot nematodes. Results of diseased tobacco treated with chemicals available to farmers were shown.

The Horace Phillips farm in Jones County was the next stop for a soil fungicide test. Granville wilt was the tobacco problem and tests made with various chemicals available to farmers were discussed.

The E-Row tour visited Duplin County and the Jack Sauls farm near Bowden. The Sauls farm was the site of a soil fungicide test for black shank. Furney Todd

explained the effects and signs of black shank in a tobacco crop. Todd also discussed the tests made in the Sauls tobacco field using the different chemicals available to farmers. Assistant Agricultural Extension Agent J. Michael Moore and farmer Jack Sauls helped Todd with the presentation.

WRESTLING IN KENANSVILLE

The Kenan Memorial Auditorium will be the site for an exciting night of very popular Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling on Thursday, August 9 at 8:15 p.m. The matches are being sponsored by the Kenansville Jaycees.

Agricultural Extension Advisory Council Meets

By Emily Killette

The Duplin County Agricultural Extension Advisory Council met July 23rd with the Extension staff and the Duplin Board of Commissioners for a presentation of programs within the Extension department.

Members of the new advisory council are Jimmy Sauls, chairman, Gerald Quinn and R.E. Wilkins, all of Warsaw, Fred Albertson of Beulaville, Willard Westbrook of Albertson, Mrs. Winifred Wells of Wallace, and Violet Phillips of Kenansville.

The meeting began with a brief explanation of the programs under the direction of the Extension office. Mrs. Lois Britt, chairman of the Agricultural Extension Department, said the programs included agriculture, home economics, 4-H, and community resources development (CRD). She explained that the advisory council was created to assist the county extension staff in the CRD program.

"CRD is a program of individuals coming together to solve problems which otherwise might not be solved by one person alone," Mrs. Britt said. "It's a chance to find out what is going on in the county."

Mae Spicer, home economics extension agent, explained the importance of home economics in the lives of the people in Duplin County. Mrs. Spicer said the home economics program helps individuals with money management and home building or improvements.

Another part of the home economics program is the

special workshops and home services courses presented on subjects such as pressure canners and parenthood. Judy Wallace, home economics extension agent, said.

The meeting continued as a tour of agricultural test plots and damaged crops within Duplin County. Snodie B. Wilson, agricultural extension agent, and J. Michael Moore, assistant agent, were the tour guides.

Also, the tour visited a pilot picket pest control test

station and the Leland Herring and Sons hog farm. Robert Swain, agricultural extension agent, and Debra E. Joneck, assistant agent, were the guides at these locations.

Additional information about agricultural extension programs can be obtained at the extension office in Kenansville.

Fred Albertson and Willard Westbrook were not present at the meeting of the advisory council.

Victim Of Truck Wreck Dies Of Gunshot Wound

The victim of a one-vehicle accident in Warsaw Saturday died in Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville later Saturday from a gunshot wound which, officials said, probably caused the accident.

Cause of death was revealed in the autopsy report received Monday night by Chief R.P. Wood of the Warsaw Police Department from Onslow Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville.

Nathan Smith, 70, was driving a 1968 pick-up truck on Hill Street about 5:30 p.m. Saturday when the vehicle veered to the right and struck several trees before turning over.

The Warsaw Rescue squad found Smith unconscious but alive and took him to Duplin General. While he was being examined, the bullet wound was discovered. Smith died a short time later in the hospital. Chief Wood said the bullet appeared to be a

.22-caliber. He said the autopsy report showed the bullet entered the muscle of Smith's right arm and went into the right side of his chest and came to rest on the left side of his chest.

No arrests have been made.

Migrant Worker Drowns

The Sheriff's Department reported a drowning near Beulaville on Rural Unpaved Road 1707. Filemon Cajeron, a migrant worker, was reported to have been swimming alone at the time of the accident and was later pulled from the pond by friends who called the police.

The Sheriff's Department sent Cajeron's body to Jacksonville where an autopsy was performed and the cause of death was listed as drowning. Cajeron's body has been flown to his home in Mexico for the burial.



"TOBACCO IS STILL KING" - Governor James Hunt proclaimed as he addressed a group of farmers and E-Row tour members at the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse in Greenville on opening day of the Eastern Tobacco Belt.

N.C. SENATOR HAROLD HARDISON - Wheels tour at the Lenoir County farm of Oliver Smith last week.