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Rose Hill Girl Is Killed When Truck Hits Bike

An 11-year-old Rose Hill girl was killed after she pedaled her bicycle into the path of an oncoming truck, the State Highway Patrol reported.

"The driver did everything humanly possible under the circumstances," said Trooper S.F. McCorquodale. "What little bit of time he had to react was not sufficient."

Dead is Eunison Lanier of Rose Hill. The accident occurred about 4 p.m. Friday on State Road 1827 near a community called Sloan, 3.7

miles south of Chinquapin. The girl was visiting her grandmother at Chinquapin, McCorquodale said.

Two children who were riding bicycles with the victim told the Highway Patrol they were riding west on the north shoulder of the road when two westbound cars approached and safely passed. The victim, the witnesses said, then checked behind her and saw no more westbound traffic and began to cross the road.

A pickup truck, however, was traveling east and could

not stop in time to avoid the child. No charges were lodged against the driver, Myron Jenkins of Route 2, Wallace.

Either the child had not checked oncoming traffic or the two cars that had just passed blocked her view of the truck, McCorquodale said.

The driver, who was coming at a "low rate of speed," locked his brakes in an attempt to avoid the child, the trooper said.

The victim was taken to Duplin General Hospital by the Chinquapin Volunteer Rescue Squad.



FIRE GUTTED THE TURKEY HOUSE in just a few minutes. Ernest Grady, owner, said. "As soon as I saw the fire getting out of hand, I got in my truck and went to the house to call the fire department. Those at the turkey house said it was half gone by the time I got to the highway."

Drinking Drivers Make Holiday Season Most Dangerous Of Year

North Carolinians are approaching the most dangerous time of the year for highway driving — the 10 days covering the Christmas-New Year's holiday season. The reason for this is no mystery: drinking drivers.

Unless something unusual happens, safety officials expect about 2,800 accidents during this period, from which there will be 1,650 injuries and 15 or 16 deaths. Alcohol will be the cause of at least 50 percent of these accidents.

These projections are based on what took place during the comparable period last year.

But with it all, there is a glimmer of hope, according to Edwin Guy, director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program and former commander of the State Highway Patrol.

"The figures for this past year showed a slight improvement over those for 1980-81, and if the public is vigilant and takes action against drinking drivers, we can reduce those terrible

figures further," he says. Guy spotlights two areas in particular where a responsible person can have definite influence on the problem of drinkers who drive.

"First of all, anyone hosting a holiday party should watch guests closely to see that no one drinks too much. When this does happen, the next thing is to make certain that he or she does not get behind the wheel of a car: take the keys, arrange for someone else to drive, or keep the person overnight.

"I know this can be a hard thing to do sometimes," says Guy, "but a true friend and a responsible host will do whatever is necessary to keep a drunk from driving. It might be the kindest thing you do for that person."

Earlier this year the GHSP announced a new program for citizens action against drinking drivers — RADD, Report All Drinking Drivers.

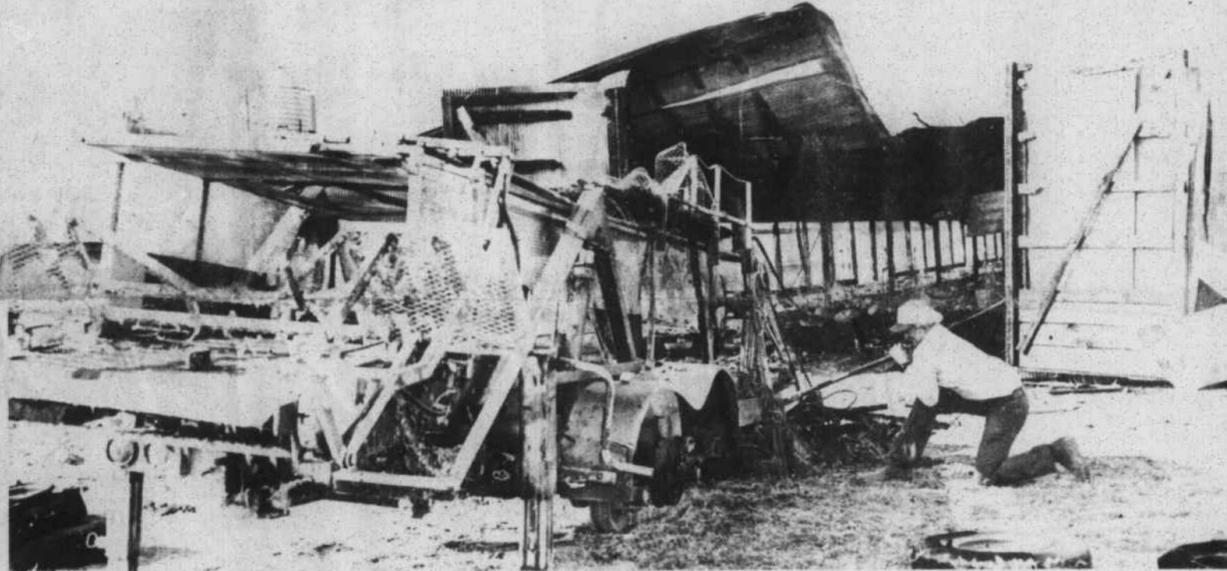
"The other thing a responsible person can do when he spots an impaired driver is to call the nearest law enforcement agency and give the officer all the in-

formation possible about the car — make, color, license number and direction it is heading. The police will take it from there. You don't have to give your name. Just start the report by saying, "This is a RADD call."

Teenagers who are relatively new drivers and drinkers are of special concern to law enforcement agencies, since many have not mastered either safe driving or intelligent drinking.

"Young people think that beer, which is very accessible, is less intoxicating than liquor," says Guy. "The truth is that a 12-oz. serving of 4% beer will cause a blood alcohol level of .02%, as will a 3-oz. serving of 12% wine, or a 1-oz. serving of hard liquor that is 45% alcohol.

"Whether you drink is an individual decision, but driving while drinking concerns the entire community. I urge all citizens of this state to make a special effort this holiday season to reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads and highways."



TRUCK BURNS - A diesel engine pick-up truck burned along with the conveyor it was pulling in the midnight turkey house fire near Sarecta.

Limestone Watershed Project Phase I Construction To Begin

Phelps and White Construction Co., Inc. of Windsor, was awarded Contract #LCW-1 for channel restoration work on the Limestone Creek Main within the Limestone Creek

Watershed (Phase I) on Nov. 9.

Following all of the necessary paperwork, a notice to proceed was issued to the contractor on Nov. 23. The contractor moved his equipment to the bridge at Halls-

ville and indicated he would be ready to begin construction this week, Monday, Nov. 29th, according to Calvin R. Mercer, chairman of the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District.

Fire Causes \$75,000 Damage To Grady Turkey House At Sarecta

Fire, fueled by wood chips used for litter, flashed through a turkey house near Sarecta late Monday night, killing 3,800 turkeys and causing an estimated \$75,000 damage.

The turkey house, one of four in a cluster on the Ernest Grady farm, was destroyed in less than 10 minutes. The farm is on State Road 1700 between Sarecta

and Kenansville. Hiram Brinson, county emergency services director, estimated the turkey house loss at \$40,000. Sonny Faison of Carrolls Foods of Warsaw, owner of the turkeys, estimated the lost birds at \$15,000 and a company-owned pick-up truck and equipment at \$20,000.

The fire began at 11:55 p.m. while Carrolls Foods

workers were starting to remove the turkeys from the house.

Brinson said Tuesday it appeared workers removed a sediment bowl from the gasoline line of a malfunctioning engine, and gasoline spilled onto shavings, where it caught fire.

Brinson said Grady told him he went to his home to call the Sarecta Fire De-

partment and when he got back to the turkey house, it was half burned.

The Sarecta, Beulaville and Kenansville volunteer fire departments kept the other three already-emptied turkey houses "soaked down" until danger of the fire's spreading was over.

In the usual poultry operations, farmers own the houses and equipment in

them, and the program companies supply the birds, feed and medical needs. The loss was partially insured.

Faison said: "It was weird, unusual, because there are just no fires inside those houses."

Grady said the frightened turkeys could not be driven out of the burning house.



THOMAS RECEIVES NSSAR CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - During an impressive Eagle Scout ceremony held Nov. 14 at Lanier's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Roy A. Sandlin, a national trustee of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR), on behalf of the Lower Cape Fear chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, presented Anthony Lee Thomas a Certificate of Recognition. The certificate was awarded "for outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout." Sandlin noted that to the best of his

knowledge, "this is the first such certificate presented in the State of North Carolina." The awarding of the certificate is part of a new scholarship program designed to honor Eagle Scouts established by the NSSAR. An Eagle Scout may compete at the chapter, state and national levels of the society with the national winner receiving a scholarship for his endeavors. The winner at the chapter level will receive a bronze Good Citizenship Medal and a special certificate. The state level winner will be awarded a special bronze Eagle trophy and the national winner will receive the scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to the 1983 SRA Congress to be held in Atlanta, Ga.

Friends Of The Library To Host Reception For New Librarian At Annual Meeting

The friends of the Dorothy Wightman Public Library will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 7 from 5-7 p.m. at the Library's main branch located on Seminary Street in Kenansville.

The main business of the annual meeting is the election of officers and board members of the Friends of the Library for the coming year. The slate of officers nominated includes Ms. Helen McGowan, president; John J. Beck, vice-president; Ms. Catherine Brinson, secretary; Ms. Carol Klemm, treasurer; and Mrs. N.B. Boney, historian. Fifteen board members have also been nominated. Voting will be at 5:30 p.m. and all members in good standing

are eligible to vote.

The Friends of the Library is a service organization which assists the library by providing funding for needed equipment and programs not covered by county funds, and by providing human resources to aid the library's functions when needed. Dues are \$1 per year for adults and 50 cents for students.

The annual meeting also provides the opportunity for the Friends of the Library and the community to officially welcome the new director, John Michaud, to Duplin County at a reception in his honor. Michaud recently assumed the post of library director, replacing Ms. Roberta Williams, who

resigned last August.

Originally from Grand Isle, Maine, Michaud comes to Duplin County from Chapel Hill, where he worked in the library at Durham Technical College. He holds a master's

degree in library science from the University of Michigan, and worked for 10 years with the public library in Detroit before moving to Chapel Hill. He is residing in Warsaw.

All current and prospective members of the Friends of the Library are invited to attend the reception for Michaud and the annual meeting on Dec. 7.

Clerk Hit During Robbery At Wallace

A store clerk in a convenience store in Wallace was hit over the head with a bottle during a robbery Tuesday night. She was taken to Duplin General Hospital for treatment. The Scotchman store on

U.S. 117 just north of Wallace was robbed around 7:25 p.m. by a man who hit the clerk with the bottle, then fled from the store, the Duplin County Sheriff's Department reported.

Other details of the robbery were sketchy. It was not certain whether the man got any money from the store, but he apparently cut his right hand on the way out.