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AT MURPHY, NORTH CAROLINA

YOUTH SUFFOCATES IN RAILROAD HOPPER CAR

Two Dead, Two Hurt in Wreck Near Topton

Two Cherokee County residents were injured and two main County women died in a car wreck Friday night on US 19 in Macon County. The wreck happened about a mile east of the Cherokee County line at Topton.

Miss Lenora Jane Martin, 40, and Miss Brenda Morgan, 31, both of Rt. 2, Almond, were pronounced dead on arrival at District Memorial Hospital in Andrews.

Robert Boze Hardin, 26, was the driver of the car. He was held at the hospital for overnight observation. Hardin is a former Cherokee County resident now living in Elmira, N.Y. He was reported to be in the area for a holiday visit.

Tommy Holloway, 17, of Topton, was treated for minor injuries and released.

Patrolman Z.V. Hawes said Hardin was driving east on wet pavement when his car failed to make a left-hand curve. It ran off the road and traveled 121 feet before hitting a tree. The vehicle then went another 35 feet and struck a second tree and traveled an additional 46 feet before hitting an embankment and coming to a stop.

Hawes said Hardin was driving too fast for existing conditions.



BRENDA HUBBARD is busy making a date for Monday night. See what this Georgia Peach is so excited about on The Scout's Sports Page.

Two Hour Rescue Effort Fails At Ranger Siding

Fifteen-year-old Jerry Stiles, Rt. 4 Murphy, suffocated to death Tuesday when he fell into a hopper car containing corn. The accident happened on a Louisville and Nashville Railroad siding just off U.S. 64 a short distance from Ranger.

Harvey Payne, an employee of Brown's Deluxe Hatching Eggs, Inc., had been unloading the car and returned to begin filling another truck with the corn. Each hopper car contains several truck loads of cargo. Payne heard someone shout for help just as he began unloading machinery. He turned off the auger which removes the grain from the car and climbed to the top of the car.

Payne said that when he looked into the opening on the top of the car, he saw hands sticking out. There was another unidentified boy in the corn who managed to stay above the corn by holding on to a ladder which is inside the hopper. Payne jumped into the corn and tried to get air to the boy by scooping corn but this effort failed.

When he saw that further assistance would be needed, Payne ran to the highway to flag down help. It is reported that the first car to stop was one driven by the boy's father Harvey Stiles, who ran to the scene to try to aid in the rescue. An unidentified motorist was stopped and he summoned aid from Murphy by telephone.

Payne drove the truck away to summon more aid and wrecked it at the intersection of US 64 and NC 294. He was not hurt.

More trucks arrived to help unloading corn from the car and the Cherokee County Rescue Squad came to give assistance.

Due to the manner in which the auger operates, it was impossible to remove the corn quickly. There was danger of drawing the boy's body into the auger.

The rescue operation continued for about two hours until the body could be brought to the top of the car.

Coroner J.C. Townson ruled the death accidental.



Jerry Stiles

Mailing Of License Renewal Largest In State's History

RALEIGH - The largest bulk mailing in the history of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles took place Wednesday, December 21, when 2 million 532 thousand registration renewal cards for 1967 were turned over to the Raleigh Post Office.

A miniature mountain of mail bags weighing more than 80-thousand pounds was loaded onto mail trucks for delivery to every registered motor vehicle owner in North Carolina. The registration cards must be presented when the owner purchases his 1967 license tags.

The postage bill for the huge mailing will total 73-thousand dollars, says W. D. Cox, Director of Supply and Service for the Motor Vehicles Department. A special bulk mailing rate results in the saving of 20-thousand dollars under the regular four-cents per letter rate. The registration renewal cards are sorted and bagged according to the city or town to which they are addressed.

Addressograph machines in the basement of the Motor Vehicles Building printed the more than 2 and one-half million cards. Miss Foy Ingram's Registration Division supervised preparation of the cards which are mailed a few days before the beginning of the new year. 1967 license tags go on sale the first working day after January 1.

Another new record in vehicle registration will be set for 1966, says Miss Ingram. By December 31, the final figures are expected to total about 2 million, 600-thousand. Registration in 1965 totaled 2 million, 409-thousand.

Cox says the registration card mailing is timed each year not to interfere with the post office Christmas rush. By December 21, the post office has passed the peak of its Christmas mail handling, he said.

Although the more than 2 and one-half million registration cards comprise the largest single mailing by the Motor Vehicles Department, Cox's Supply and Service Division handles an additional 2 million, 600-thousand pieces of mail yearly. The Department's annual postage bill totals approximately 425 thousand dollars.

Cox reports that the mail sent out from the Motor Vehicles Department accounts for more than seven percent of the Raleigh Post Office's annual revenue.

Woman Bound In Assault Case

Mrs. Helen Hancock, Rt. 1, Copperhill, pleaded not guilty last Thursday to charges of assault with a pocketbook, profanity and causing a disturbance in a hearing before Magistrate Hugh Brittain. The charges grew out of an incident on December 19 when she allegedly assaulted faculty member Ray Sims.

Brittain bound the cases over to District Court on January 10. Mrs. Hancock is free on her own recognizance.

Mrs. Hancock had gone to the school to talk to Sims about charges that her daughter, Gwen, a 16-year-old junior, was indecently dressed when the alleged assault occurred.



D.B. Un-Nobel Prize Winners Announced

By Dave Bruce

The curtain will soon fall on 1966 and this year will then become the permanent property of history. Now is the time to look back and make the first annual presentation of the Dave Bruce Un-Nobel Prizes.

The winners for 1966 are: Hide'n'seek Champ--Adam Clayton Powell.

Top Skirt Tail Rider--George C. Wallace.

Best Hairdo--Phyllis Diller (Would you believe Ev-Dirksen was second?)

Opportunist of the Year--All the quick-buck artists who wrote books questioning the judgement of the Warren Commission.

Mr. Butterfingers--Willie Davis.

Fallen Dynasty of the Year--The once proud New York Yankees.

New Dynasty--Sen.-elect Howard Baker of Tennessee; his father-in-law, Sen. Everett Dirksen of Illinois and his brother-in-law Rep.-elect Bill Wampler of Virginia. Governors Nelson and Winthrop Rockefeller of New York and Arkansas can't be seriously considered until their nephew Jay, marries Sharon Percy and gets elected governor of West Virginia.

New Fan of the Supreme Court--Lester Maddox.

Hero of the Year--Max Smart.

-DB-

Things you're sure to hear in 1967:

George Romney, Ronald Reagan, Richard Nixon, Mark Hatfield, Charles Percy and Bobby Kennedy will hold press conferences at least once a week to deny that they have any intention of seeking the Presidency in 1968.

The television networks will assure us that the new 1967 shows will be the best ever. Somebody, in some large city will suffer some real or imagined insult by the police and will send hundreds of demonstrators into the streets to shout "Police Brutality".

Twenty major league managers will predict in April that their teams will all have a chance to win the pennants.

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The year 1966 is what I would call a non-year! It was one we lived through simply because,

Traffic Situation Reported Improved

Police Commissioner Wally Williams said today he is "pleased with the cooperation" displayed by the public as the Murphy Police Dept. began making a full-scale effort to enforce traffic regulations four weeks ago.

Over the past four weeks, Williams has issued instructions to issue citations for traffic violations that have generally been ignored in the past.

Center street parking, double parking in the square, parking in no-parking zones and u-turns have been the chief targets in efforts by the police to create a more orderly traffic flow in the downtown area.

The two-hour limit for use of parking meter spaces is also being enforced since off-street facilities have been made available for those who work in the business area and must leave their cars in town all day.

Williams said the traffic situation downtown has been improved in the four weeks since the directives were issued.

Scout Office To Close Monday

The Scout office will be closed Monday in observance of the New Year's holiday.

UHWDA To Elect Trustees At Annual Meeting Friday

The annual meeting of the Upper Hiwassee Watershed Development Association will be held Friday evening at 7:00 in the Fine Arts Center on the Young Harris College Campus.

Rep. Phil Landrum (D-Ga.) will deliver the main address at the meeting.

The Nominating Committee of the Association has selected candidates to be elected to trustee positions at the meeting. The nominations were made at a meeting held December 7.

The candidates from the five counties are:

Cherokee County - Incumbent R. D. Bruce; Kenneth Godfrey, new two-year trustee; Dave Bruce and John Gill, alternates.

Clay County - Incumbent George Bowers; Carl Moore, new two-year trustee; Kenneth Woodard and Mrs. Elmer Greene, alternates.

Fannin County - Incumbent Wilson Cobb; Loys Cook, new two-year trustee; Emmett Jordan and Harold Hulsey, alternates.

Towns County - Incumbent Jimmy Taff; Steve Holmes, new two-year trustee; I. B. Nichols and Claude Presley, alternates.

Union County - Wayne Thompson, currently serving out the term of the late W.H. Dows, new two-year trustee; Meek M. Cone, new one-year trustee; Ben F. Carr and Raymond Scott, alternates.

Reports on the activities of



Rep. Phil Landrum

the Association's work groups will be presented at the meeting.

No Traffic Fatalities In Year

Cherokee County has gone a full year without a traffic death and can turn in a clean slate for the entire calendar year of 1966 if none occur between now and midnight Saturday.

The last fatality recorded in the county was Howard Enloe, 13, who died from injuries received when he was struck by a car on the Whitfield Road just outside of Murphy on December 26, 1965. The youth was riding a bicycle when he was hit.

Local Highway Patrolmen have expressed their thanks to area motorists for a year without traffic deaths in Cherokee County and said they hope the record will be as good in 1967.

Copperhill GI Killed In Crash

Capt. Wallace A. Kell of Copperhill, Tenn., was killed on Dec. 20 when the helicopter he was flying collided with a jet near Montgomery, Ala.

The 29-year-old Kell was flying an Army HUI helicopter when it collided with a National Guard reconnaissance jet flown by Capt. George W. Mobley, 32, of Elizabethtown, Ky.

Another flier in the helicopter CWO Carl J. Crow, 37, of Tuscon, Arizona, was also killed.

Kell was stationed at Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

The counties, amount of each grant and number of trainees, listed in that order, are:

Buncombe, \$14,682; thirty.

Cherokee, \$11,357; twenty-five.

Clay, \$11,357; twenty-five.

Graham, \$11,357; twenty-five.

Swain, \$11,060; twenty-five.

Commissioners To Meet Tuesday

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners will hold their regular January meeting Tuesday morning.

The Courthouse will be closed Monday due to the New Year's holiday falling on Sunday.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I want to thank you for the prompt services we the boys from Murphy and surrounding areas are getting upon receiving the Scout. In fact, last night the copy I received was only seven days old which is real fast service and Viet Nam is not so far from home, just a couple of days ago a replacement came into my supply room and during the course of the conversation I asked him where he was from and found out he was from our neighboring state of South Carolina. Then I was amazed to find out that he has a lot of relatives in Murphy and Brasstown. His name is JOSEPH RAMSEY and he is related to the Martins in Brasstown and to the Howells in Murphy. I just thought I would let you know this in case you might want to send him a complimentary issue of The Scout as I am sure he would appreciate it very much like I do. In case you do his address is the same as mine. Once again I want to thank you for all the boys in Viet Nam who may be receiving the Scout like I do and it makes the long days seem a lot shorter to read the news from home and to know that you all still are behind us in our fight to stamp out these communist aggressors who are trying to take over this small country of Viet Nam. Well I must close but let me say again that I really appreciate receiving The Cherokee Scout over here in this war torn country.

Respectfully yours
S/SGT Alfred F. Kincaid
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M.C. BRICKEY has been a member of the Murphy Police Force since May, 1965. Prior to joining the force, Brickey worked with the North Carolina Prison Department at Peachtree. He is retired from the U.S. Air Force. Brickey has been a resident of the area for four years and is married to the former Irene Pipes of Peachtree.

