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Jones Countian Killed Instantly Saturday in Wreck on Hiway NC 12

Major Lewis Small, 46 year-old farmer of the Pleasant Hill section of Jones County was instantly killed Saturday night, December 23rd, when his car rammed into the rear of a pickup truck driven by Will Graham about four miles from Kinston on the Trenton highway.

Investigating Officer J. A. Crumpler says that Small's car skidded over 60 feet before striking the rear of the Graham truck and then traveled another 60 feet after the impact. Small is the 9th highway fatality of 1956 in Lenoir County.

He died instantly from head injuries. Officer Crumpler said Small was apparently travelling at an extremely high rate of speed just south of the Southwest Creek Bridge when he was either blinded by on-coming traffic or simply failed to see the Graham truck in his path.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 Monday from the Pleasant Hill Christian Church and burial followed in the churchyard.

Fender Bendings



Lloyd Johnson of 2215 Briarfield Road was charged with drunken driving early Saturday when his car rammed a parked car of Jesse Jones at 902 Fairfield Avenue in Kinston. Damage was set at \$300 to Jones' car and \$500 to Johnson's. The accident took place at 3:30 a. m. Saturday.

Jack Donald Mercer of Kinston route six was charged with hit and run driving and carrying a concealed weapon Sunday after an accident at the corner of Minerva Street and Lenoir Avenue in Kinston when his car side-swiped that of James B. Foyle, also of Kinston route six. Both cars were traveling north on Minerva and Foyles started to make a left turn as Mercer began to pass him. Mercer failed to stop and was later apprehended and a concealed weapon was found in his car.



This is the newest member of the Kinston Police Department, R. E. Eubanks, who joined the force this month, replacing Officer Harold Potter who has resigned to operate a filling station on North Queen Street. Eubanks is a native of Jones County, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Lee Eubanks of Trenton route two.

He was discharged in November following a four-year hitch in the Navy.

He is 23 years old and lives at 513 East Gordon Street. He has been assigned to Captain Glasco Evans' shift, which currently is doing duty from midnight until 8 a. m.

Wine, Women, Dice Involved In Kinston Knife Killing

Deputy Sheriff Kirby Hardy Jr. says a mixture of wine, women and dice were part of the ingredients involved in the brawl which led to the death of Ozzie Patterson at about 9 Sunday night in a Happersville home.

The somewhat garbled testimony of nearly a dozen occupants of the house reveal that a "crap game", some extra-curricular female activities and a switch blade knife contributed their part to the stab-wound death of Patterson, an itinerant day laborer.

Sunday night there were claims and counter claims by the elbow-bending occupants of the house where Patterson lay in a huge pool of blood. One group said John D. Patterson stuck the knife in Patterson's heart and another group said Scott Davis was the knife user. Others said they didn't know who did what to whom, much less the why, how and when's.

On Monday, however, the smoke of this Sabbath day battle cleared away considerably when Roberson told officers that he did the killing.

Hubert Earl "Dick" Jones of 200 East Peyton Avenue, the only white person involved in this bloody encounter, and Davis were charged with gambling and were each fined \$50 and court costs by Magistrate W. J. Thomas. They as well as all the other occupants of this house were placed under \$200 bond as material witnesses to murder.

Officer Hardy with Deputy William Stroud were patrolling the Happersville area when the killing took place. They saw Jones speed away from the house and caught him a short distance away. He explained his sudden departure by telling the officer that somebody had been stabbed.

Deputies Hardy and Stroud re-

to be most accurate as Patterson lay, already dead, in what Hardy described as "the most blood I ever saw come out of one man." Hardy spoke most highly of the efficient and speedy cooperation of the Highway Patrol in the investigation. He says 50 to 75 folks were swarming around the place and about half of 'em were drunk or drinking. A radio call brought three patrolmen to the scene in what Hardy says "could not have been much more than three minutes".

eral ways. 1. It was a decrease over the past year. 2. Only two of the deaths came in two-car wrecks. 3. Only two persons were indicted. The driver whose car hit Gardner from the rear and he was cleared when the case came up for hearing in the county court. The driver of the truck in which Coleman was riding when he was killed, and he also was cleared when the case was presented to the Grand Jury.

As the year ends the life of Pink Hill Salesman Nathaniel Kennedy still hangs in the balance. He suffered an extremely critical head injury early in November in an accident near the Duplin County line at Jim Grady's store and remains, at this writing, in a coma at the University Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday with two deaths on each of those days proved the deadliest days of the year. Monday, Saturday and Friday with one each ranked next and Thursday was the safest day of the year with no fatality.

The twilight hours and the midnight hours were the most dangerous. Four of these nine deaths came between 10 p. m. and 2 a. m. Another four took place between 5 and 8 p. m. and the ninth came at 7:10 a. m. in January when dawn was just peeking through.

The ages of those killed were 18 (two), 22, 23 (two), 33, 32 and 34.

Tar Heel Economy Given Quick Review In State Booklet

Jumping from eighth to sixth rank, electronics and electrical machinery manufacturing turned in the stand-out performance in North Carolina's industrial progress picture last year.

The new edition of "Facts About North Carolina", just published by the State Advertising Division of the Dept. of Conservation & Development and free on request, also reveals increases by all the State's major industries, and a climb from 12th to 10th rank in the nation in the State's agricultural income.

Total value of North Carolina manufacturing in 1955 was \$6,482,000,000, compared with \$6,121,000,000 in 1954. Manufacturing employment rose to 470,000, compared with 441,000.

Gains were scored in the five leading industrial categories. Tobacco totalled \$2,675,000,000; textiles \$1,623,000,000; food processing \$439,000,000; furniture \$326,000,000; and lumbering \$262,000,000. Ranking sixth, electrical machinery and electronics production was valued at \$192,000,000.

In climbing from 12th to 10th rank in the nation on the basis of cash income, the State's agricultural income totalled \$935,463,000 in 1955. This compared with \$931,477,000 in 1954. Tobacco led cash crops, with \$533,701,000, followed by poultry with \$99,484,000.

Du Pont Announces Promotion, Transfer

of Arthur H. Geil



The Du Pont Company announced today the promotion of Arthur H. Geil to Production Manager in the Nylon- "Cordura" Manufacturing Division of its Textile Fibers Department effective January 1, 1957. He will be located at the Company headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware.

Geil has been Assistant Plant Manager of the local Du Pont plant since July, 1954. In his new position, he will be responsible for production at the Company's nylon plants at Martinsville, Virginia, and Seaford, Delaware — the first plant in the world built to manufacture nylon.

A native of Rochester, New York, Geil attended Syracuse University and received his B. S. degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1940, just prior to joining Du Pont as an Area Maintenance Engineer at the Company's Mills, West Virginia plant.

He received his present supervisory and production positions in 1948.

Round-up of Years Traffic Figures Indicate '56 Worst Year on Lenoir Highways

As 1956 draws near its end the figures assert, with some strength that it was a safer year on Lenoir County highways than 1955. As this is written, December 25th, the death toll by auto in Lenoir County for '56 stands at nine, comparing happily and favorably with the 14 lives claimed in this manner in '55.

As '56 ended the death toll was 23 but a delayed death from an accident in October of '55 boosted the final '56 death tabulation to 14. This same unhappy specter hangs over the records of '56 as well, since a man injured early in November remains in a coma as this is written.

So far in '56 no single month

can claim the "worst record" since until now there has not been more than one highway fatality in any one month this year. Certainly nothing to compare with the bloody August of 1955 when four were killed.

The year got off to what appeared to be a very bad start with a death on January 4th. Marine Richard A. Musto lost control of his car at an apparent high rate of speed just north of Kinston on US 258 and was instantly killed in the following crash.

Another loss of control accident on February 25th claimed Shirley Speight of Kinston route five as Lenoir's No. 2 victim in '56. This came at the bridge just north of Neuse River on South Queen Street

extension.

The third auto victim of '56 was one of the most tragic of the year. On May 13th a car out of control rammed a parked truck, knocking the truck into the front yard of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Murph Jr. where their four year-old son, John III, was riding a tricycle. The tiny fellow died from injuries he suffered when struck down in his own front yard.

On May 13 George David Shaw was driving toward Kinston on US 70 near Westview Cemetery when his car crossed the center line and rammed another headon. Shaw was killed instantly and became the 4th '56 victim on Lenoir roadways.

On July 30th a pickup truck loaded with tobacco workers went out of control on a rural road north of La Grange and Clifton Coleman was killed in the crash that followed. He was No. 5.

On September 15th Cafe Worker Netwood Gardner was riding his bicycle south on NC 11 just beyond the King Street Bridge across Neuse River. Without lights on his bike, Gardner was struck from the rear and died almost instantly.

On October 15th high speed and loss of control instantly killed Joseph Carl Barrow of the Wheat Swamp Section as he drove north on Hull Road, making him the 7th auto victim for '56 in Lenoir.

On November 27th Walter Guy Baysden of the Moss Hill Section was killed instantly when his pickup truck went out of control on a rural road near his home.

The 9th fatality claimed Major Lewis Small, 46 year-old Jones Countian, who was instantly killed Saturday night, December 23rd, four miles southeast of Kinston on the Trenton highway when his car rammed a pickup truck from the rear as both were travelling toward Trenton. Will Graham driver of the pickup truck was not injured and was cleared of any fault.

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