

## Lenoir's First '57 Highway Death Claims Infant Sunday



This is, or was the car of Lewis Roosevelt Anderson of Kinston route six in which eight month-old Levon Briggs, Anderson's grandson, was killed in a Sunday wreck south of Kinston. Thirteen

A two-car collision involving 17 persons — four in one car and 13 in the other — caused Lenoir County's first highway death of 1957. It came at 4 p. m. Sunday five miles south of Kinston on the Trenton road at Loftin's Crossroads.

Lewis Roosevelt Anderson, tenant on the H. C. Hyman farm in Sand Hill Township, driver of the car with 13 occupants, is under indictment on charges of manslaughter, reckless driving and failure to stop for a stop sign in the wreck which killed his nine-month old grandson, Levon Briggs, son of Mrs. Iris Anderson Briggs.

Elwood Eubanks of Mount Vernon Park west of Kinston, driver of the other car involved, says he was driving at around 45 to 50 miles per hour toward Kinston when the Anderson car came from a rural paved road without stopping into the path of his car. Mrs. Eubanks suffered a fractured knee cap, cuts about the head and face. Their two and a half year old

members of the Anderson family were riding in the car at the time of the fatal crash, seven of whom were hospitalized with injuries ranging from serious to superficial.

son suffered a broken hip and possible internal injuries and their three month old infant suffered a cerebral concussion. Eubanks had a cut on the upper lip, another on the hand, possible chest injuries and a severe blow on the knee. All are reported to be recuperating satisfactorily.

Others injured in the Anderson car included Mrs. Anderson with five broken ribs, two year-old Barbara Briggs with a fractured skull, Charlie Lewis Anderson with a bad scalp wound and four broken ribs (two years old) and Katrina Briggs with bruises, broken ribs and head cuts. Dr. Glen Tyndall reports their injuries as "serious but not critical" and in Monday he said they were all conscious and apparently recuperating rapidly but all were "mighty sore".

In 1956 Lenoir County's first highway death came on January 4th and this on the 20th of January was the first for '57 so the toll this year stands tied for the same date a year ago.

## Mislabelled Tobacco Seed Reportedly on the Market

Alarmed at the possibility of widespread mislabeling of tobacco seeds, the State Board of Agriculture has authorized a committee to study the North Carolina seed law with a view to asking legislation that will add some teeth to the labeling provisions of the statutes.

Named to the committee were W. H. Darst, head of the seed testing division of the N. C. Department of Agriculture; Dr. T. J. Mann, in charge of tobacco breeding work at the North Carolina Experiment Station; and John C. Rice, Director of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association, all of whom appeared before the Board at its January meeting to discuss what they termed a "dangerous threat" to the state's tobacco growing industry.

Darst told the Board that the three tobacco varieties now penalized by a 50 per cent reduction in price supports have been most popular with growers in recent years, resulting in large stocks of seed for which there is no demand, and a shortage of seeds of acceptable varieties.

Some individuals, he continued, are selling seed labeled with a name of their own choosing, claiming it to be a new variety which they have developed. Nothing is known of the characteristics of such varieties, he said, and they may even consist wholly or in part of varieties now under price-support penalties.

Darst said he is investigating such cases and will invoke the aid of the law against known violators of the present labeling

provisions. He explained that he can now act, however, only under a provision requiring seed to be labeled with the "commonly accepted name of kind and variety" of the crop, but in many cases it is necessary to grow the seed in variety tests to obtain legal evidence of violations.

"In the meantime," he said, "the entire tobacco program is being jeopardized. A farmer who buys 'off-brand' seeds or seeds of unknown origin may find himself with a crop of one of the penalized tobacco varieties, which will subject his entire production to the price support penalty. Or the so-called new variety may prove to be one yielding a high percentage of undesirable grades, which are also subject to some price support penalties. Most dangerous of all is the possibility of flooding the state with varieties having no disease-resistant characteristics."

Among the legislative changes discussed was a program of registration and testing such as the law requires for hybrid corn. This would involve registering a tobacco variety with the Commissioner of Agriculture, at the same time submitting a seed sample for variety testing, and possibly approval of the variety by a special committee, before it may be sold in the state.

The motion adopted by the Board of Agriculture also added a warning to farmers to exercise the utmost caution in buying tobacco seed. Claude T. Hall, of Roxboro, who made the motion, urged that farmers buy seed only from reputable dealers and obtain certified seed if possible.

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## Stallings Flight School Status Still Uncertain; All-out Effort to Keep It

Lenoir Countians this week began to fight back after being hit hard last week with the news that the primary pilot training school at Stallings Air Base might be closed on June 30th of this year.

The threatened loss of this \$6,000,000 per year payroll on top of the tremendous cut already ordered in the local tobacco production for '57 were a one-two punch that had many business and civic leaders rolling on the canvas over the weekend.

By Monday, however, the mood of the county had improved and a large group of leaders met in Hotel Kinston to begin an all-out fight to retain the base.

Bill Reynolds, general manager of the Serv-Air Corporation, which operates the school under contract from the Air Force said the decision that Stallings was to get the axe apparently was made on erroneous information supplied to the Pentagon by an Air Force official in Texas, who had reported the Lenoir County installation as the second most expensive of the nine now in operation.

"Actually Stallings is the most economically operated of the nine schools and also has the lowest accident rate of any of the nine civilian-operated schools", Reynolds pointed out.

This correct information is now in the hands of Air Secretary Donald Quarles, who has agreed to re-open the matter and make a complete study of all nine schools before ordering any one closed.

Congressman L. H. Fountain, assisted by many other members of the North Carolina congressional delegation, is making a "no-stone-unturned" fight to retain the base for Lenoir County.

Third District Congressman Graham Barden is also giving his aid as are both Senators Sam Ervin and Kerr Scott.

In the Monday meeting it was agreed that Lenoir Countians should address telegrams to Secretary Quarles as well as personal letters to any congressmen from in or out of North Carolina from persons acquainted with such law makers.

Alderman Jesse Eugh Wooten reminded the group that pessimism should be kept in curb, especially in the press and radio, since as he put it "defeatism feeds on defeatism". Wooten also recommended sending Attorney John G. Dawson to Washington to assure that the complete Lenoir County story be put before the people who'll be charged with making the final decision on this matter.

Methodist Minister Marvin Vick reminded that the Air Force has been much concerned with the reluctance of many communities to accept installations, yet Lenoir County has received the local pilot training center with open arms and has embarked upon a two-and-a-half-million-dollar school building program that was to a considerable degree brought about by the addition of several hundred children belonging to Stallings' employed families. Vick reminded that several churches have embarked upon expansion programs for much the same reason.

"We have kept faith with the Air Force", Vick concluded, "and now the Air Force should keep faith with us".

## Maysville-Bogue Highway Gets Major Overhaul Under Contract Expenditure of \$812,279.30

### Pollockville Family Loses Home Saturday

The Odell Murphy Family which lives north of Pollockville on US 17 lost their home, its furnishings and all other personal belongings except the clothing they were wearing Saturday night when their home was burned.

The fire is believed to have begun from a heater while the family was visiting in the neighborhood at about 8:30 Saturday night.

The family includes Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Murphy's mother and four children. Sheriff Brown Yates this week was assisting in helping the family to set up house-keeping again.

Persons with any kind of home furnishings that might be helpful to the Murphy Family are urged to contact either the Murphys at their farm or Sheriff Yates in Trenton.

### Jones NCEA Unit to Hold Meeting Tuesday

The Jones County Chapter of the North Carolina Education Association is to meet at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon in Jones Central High School for a special program on the centennial of the association.

"A Century of Progress" will be the topic for the gathering. Observance Chairman Mrs. Alma Phillips has announced.

Mrs. Joe Williams will give the devotional, Mrs. Henry Swiggett will list the goals of the organization, R. F. Williams will show the film, "A Desk For Billy", Mrs. W. C. Adams will give NCEA highlights assisted by Mrs. Nellie Wells and Ben Hester.

Mrs. Moore and the Future Teachers' Association will serve refreshments at the close of the meeting.

### Cpl. Bryant Griffin In German War Game

MUNICH (AHTNC) — Army Cpl. Bryant Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Griffin of Comfort, recently participated with the 11th Airborne Division in "War Hawk", a field training exercise in Germany.

Corporal Griffin is a transportation corporal in Company M of the division's 503d Infantry Regiment. He entered the Army in August 1954, was last stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., and arrived in Europe in February 1956.

The corporal attended Jones Central High School in Trenton.

### Poor Pinch Hitter!

Fifty-one year-old Johnny Johnson of New Bern is probably thoroughly convinced by now that he picked a poor pinch hitter to go to bat for him Mogday at the Kinston driver's license office. Johnson's current driving license expired on January 6th. So he came up from New Bern with William Ezekiah Buck who was to "sit in" for the examination and earn \$10 for his trouble. Examiner Vance Harper didn't have to use

Among numerous contracts let Tuesday in Raleigh by the Highway Commission were two for major renovations to the existing roadway between Maysville in Jones County and Bogue in Carteret County, totalling \$812,279.30.

This project of 18.43 miles extends just north of White Oak River from Maysville to Stella. past Pelletier and to Bogue.

Barrus Construction Company of Kinston was low-bidder for the grading and paving portion of the work which is expected to get underway in the immediate future. Barrus' bid was \$636,789.70.

Jesse M. Coble Construction Company of Greensboro was low-bidder for the several bridges that will be built in this renovation. Its price was \$175,489.60.

Future plans of the Highway Commission include much heavier use of this connecting link between Kinston and the Beaufort-Morehead City area, making possible a detour around the congested New Bern-Cherry Point area. The route at present is actually a few miles longer than through New Bern but less traffic and elimination of the trip through New Bern make it the quickest route in time, if not the shortest route in miles.

Full usefulness of this Maysville-Bogue link will not be possible until the Trenton-Pollockville section gets the major overhaul that is scheduled for it in the near future. Elimination of two very narrow bridges and correction of several sharp curves as well as widening and re-surfacing of this link will make the Kinston-Trenton-Maysville-Bogue route to Morehead City far more attractive than the alternative US 70 which is now so heavily travelled.

### September Re-Opening For Nursing School

The executive board of the county-owned Memorial General Hospital has voted to re-open the hospital's school of nursing in September after more than two years without a school for nurses.

A committee composed of Chairman Speight Stroud, Preston Harper, Graham Hodges, T. J. Turner, Albert Cowper and Jesse Oglesby made this recommendation to the hospital's full board of trustees.

An application will be filed immediately with the North Carolina Board of Nursing Registration and Education for permission to open the school on an accredited basis.

The group also recommended that a community steering committee be set up to work with hospital authorities in the re-opening of the school and its successful operation. The nursing school has been closed at the hospital since January 4, 1954.

his fast ball to strike out the "pinch hitter". Buck is five inches shorter, seven years younger and three shades lighter than Johnson. Both wound up in the county jail charged with attempting to perpetrate a fraud.