

One-Car Saturday-Night Wreck Claims 10th '69 Traffic Fatality in Jones

Jones County Highway Patrolman C. W. Oakley says high speed was the major factor involved in the 10th traffic fatality of the year on the roads of Jones County.

Oakley says the accident came at 7:20 Saturday night three miles east of Trenton on Highway NC 58.

Thirty three year-old Tallman Taylor of Maysville route 1 was riding alone, driving eastwardly when he lost control of his car which hit the left shoulder and rolled and skidded out of control for nearly 200 yards.

In the tossing of the car Taylor was thrown out and one of the wheels of the car ran across his head, killing him instantly.

Gilbert Reunion

The Gilbert family will hold a family reunion Sunday, Sept. 21, at Shady Grove Methodist Church. A picnic dinner will be spread and everyone is invited to come and bring that well filled picnic basket.

SUNDAY FRACAS

At about 9:35 Sunday night Nathan Skinner of Kinston route 7 feared a mirror on his car had hit a hitchhiker and went back to make sure, and when he did two young men whose car was stuck in the sand near the Kinston Drag Strip dragged him out and beat him. They are Richard Rouse of New Bern and Gregory Jones of Ipock Trailer Park.

Dickerson Quits

Kinston School Board Chairman Norman Dickerson turned in his badge Tuesday in letters to Mayor Simon Sitterson and Schools Superintendent Tom Beach. Dickerson said the press of business affairs forced him to take this step, but most observers feel the heat of a special meeting held last Monday night in which angry parents read the riot act to Dickerson and other members of the school board had more to do with his resignation than the press of his business interests. Board Member Graham Knott resigned earlier this month after suffering a heart attack. Under the law members of the school board elect members to fill unexpired terms and the city council names members for the full seven-year term. In both these instances it will be the job of the school board to find replacements.

Betty Hodges at Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Air Force First Lieutenant Betty J. Hodges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Gray, Dover, is on duty at Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Lieutenant Hodges, a supply officer in a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command, previously served at Barksdale AFB, La.

She was commissioned in 1967 upon graduation from Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Tex.

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Municipalities Get \$11,224,494 Under State Gas-Tax Law

Under the Powell Bill, passed in the 1949 session of the general assembly, which allocates one-half cent of the total gas tax collected to eligible municipalities this year \$11,224,494 is being distributed. This allocation reflects the increase in gasoline consumption since in its first year (1951) the allocation was just \$4,543,096.20.

The biggest slice as usual goes to the state's largest city, Charlotte, which gets \$1,012,131.74 and tiny Falkland in Pitt County still gets the smallest slice of this gas tax split, just \$436.47

In Lenoir and Jones Counties the allocations were as follows: Grifton \$9,285.25, Kinston \$118,330.42, LaGrange \$12,242.57, Maysville \$7,236.15, Pink Hill \$4,453.29, Pollocksville \$3,000.90 and Trenton \$2,350.75.

CHILD HURT

Eight year-old Tommy Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor of Kinston route 5, suffered the loss of part of his right index finger at about 4 Saturday afternoon while in the process of trying to unload his father's automatic shotgun.

Kinston Officials and Others Hear Two Sides on Electricity Issue

In the past week Kinston officials and others whose municipalities still retain their electrical distribution franchise have heard at least two of the sides to the question of future developments in this vital area.

North Carolina REAs, including Jones-Onslow REA, have already approved the second step forward for EPIC.

Last Wednesday night city officials from a seven-county area met in Kinston to hear details and ask questions about the EPIC program which would tie 31 REA co-ops and 70 towns together in a system that would be served by four large generating plants in different parts of the state.

Spokesman for EPIC (Electric Power In Carolina) stressed that they had no dream of trying to put existing privately owned utilities out of business, since these several groups only used eight per cent of the total power sold in North Carolina, but they did say that a yardstick for comparison would be helpful insofar as both rates and service are concerned.

Monday night spokesman for Carolina Power and Light Company in this area the Kinston system is located, and from whom Kinston now buys the majority of the power it sells, told

the city council that the EPIC plan would not work, which is what EPIC officials said CP&L officials would say.

Legal and financial clinkers were the roadblocks to EPIC that CP&L spokesman raised.

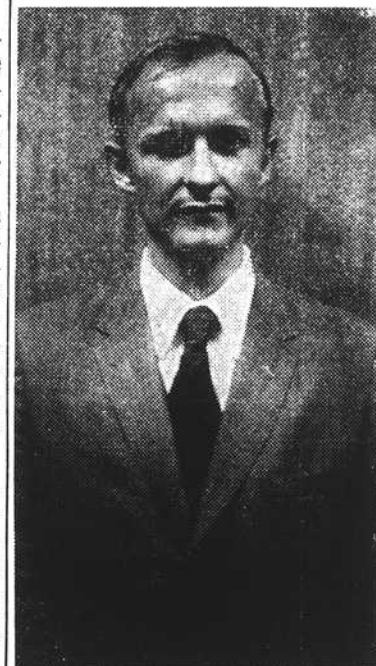
EPIC officials pointed out that any industry with the growth record of electricity had no difficulty funding its operations in the bond market if it had a guaranteed load factor to undergird its system.

EPIC officials also said that interest rates would be as high, and possibly higher to private utilities, which would also be guaranteed a profit to their stockholders on top of whatever operating expenses it could justify to state utilities commissions.

Kinston officials have taken no action but they are expected to go along with Phase Two of the EPIC program which is funding of detailed engineering and legal studies to determine the feasibility of final construction and operation of the system.

As one official pointed out: "If we get no further than to have EPIC as a bargaining agent for purchase of power from the private utilities serving North Carolina we will have moved ahead a long, long way."

James D. Llewellyn Joins Kinston Law Firm; Wilsonian



This is James D. Llewellyn, the newest member of the Kinston law firm, which includes Fitzhugh Wallace, Jr., Robert Scott Langley and Plato C. Barwick Jr.

Llewellyn is a 28 year-old native of Wilson, who graduated from Carolina's law school this year after a hitch with the Navy from 1962 through 1966.

His wife is the former Virginia Lang of Greenville and they are making their home in Kinston at 910 Fairfield Avenue.

During his Navy hitch Llewellyn got his pilot wings and saw action in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic.

He describes himself as a Baptist, Democratic, golfer, hunter, reader.

His senior partners have expressed their hope that the general courtesies will be extended to their new associate.

Tully Hill Checks Delicious Products of His Vinyard



Grapes are a very long way from being a major cash crop for North Carolina as a whole, but for a growing number of farmers such as Tully Hill of Kinston route 4 they do represent considerable income. In 1960 there were only 950 tons of grapes produced in North Carolina and of that total 480 tons were sold and 470 tons were used for home consumption. Sales amounted to just \$66,000 which is not a very big item in the total farm income of North Carolina. But in the last full year for which figures are available (1967) grape production in North Carolina had risen to 1,600 tons and the cash return to farmers had grown to \$234,000. Each year since then the rate of increase has been maintained. Hill has just over six acres that he has put into production over a period of years. He sells his grapes on the fresh market, so far never having sold any to wineries, which are now bidding for Coastal Carolina's grape crop. People pay a small fee to Hill just to walk through the vinyard and eat off the vine all the grapes they want. Others like to come out and pick themselves a bushel or two for home preserving or wine making and Hill and his family pick and sell some through Kinston supermarkets. Hills says he'd rather have six acres of good grapes than six acres of tobacco, but he is not afraid that too many farmers will switch to grapes. It takes too long, he says.

North Carolina YAF Backs Campus Crisis Plan

A seven-point program for attacking what they term "the campus crisis," has been endorsed by North Carolina leaders of the conservative student group, Young Americans for Freedom (YAF).

The plan was formulated this weekend at the 1969 North Carolina Freedom Offensive Leadership Training Conference held at Durham Hotel. About 30 representatives of the North Carolina Young Americans for Freedom attended the two-day conference. The plan as adopted calls for:

- * Legal action against students who disrupt normal campus activities, and against college administrators who do not protect all students' civil rights.

- * Investigations of student governments which allot activity fees for radical student groups.

- * Encouragement of constructive changes in society through peaceful means.

- * Upholding all persons' rights to free speech — including military recruiters on campuses.

- * Protection of property threatened by student revolutionaries.

- * Support for "responsible persons running for student government positions.

- * Attempts to establish contacts with black students dissatisfied with "liberal" approaches to their problems. Realizing that liberalism has failed to solve their problems and, in fact, has often made them worse.

The YAF organization has 500 chapters and over 49,000 members in the United States. The YAF organization in North Carolina has about 800 members and twenty-two chapters.