Driver Dies In Car Accident

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cid arvell's report indicated the uiver was exceeding a safe speed at the time of the accident, traveling an estimated 55 mph while rounding a sharp curve, he reported There were no other passengers in the 1991 Toyota, which was registered to the National Car Rental Co.

Damage was estimated at \$10,000. The death brings the total to 13 for the year as a result of highway accidents in Brunswick County. Through November of last year. there were 14 deaths from traffic accidents recorded in Brunswick County, said Ruby Oakley. Highway Patrol spokesperson.

"We're one under at this point, but this is a bad weekend coming up," said Ms. Oakley, in reference to the Thanksgiving holiday week-

Two people escaped serious injunes in that accident after a Shaliotte man swerved to avoid hitting some goals on RPR 13(0) (Calabash Road), causing his car to spin out of control and overturn.

Jason Earl Bellamy, 16, told Trooper J.V. Dove that he ran off the right shoulder and lost control of his 1987 Datsun after the goats ran onto the road. Bellamy and a pussenger in his car, Tonya Bennett, 17, of Ash were taken to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply with minor minries.

Damage was estimated at \$3,000 in the 4:45 p.m. accident. No charges were filed

There were two other accidents last week that involved cars which overturned, but no serious injuries were reported in either.

One of those accidents occurred south of Bolivia on U.S. 17.

Roosevelt Eugene Mackey, 20, of Camp Johnson, escaped serious injuries after his 1988 Subaru ran off the right shoulder, skidded out of control, overturned several times and struck a culvert, reported Trooper T.W. Caulder.

Mackey's car came to rest upright in the median, the report stated. The driver was taken to The Brunswick Hospital with minor injuries.

Damage was estimated at \$5,000 minor injuries,

in the 4 a.m. accident. Mackey was charged with careless and reckless driving, the report states.

A Wilmington woman also escaped serious injuries after the car she was driving overturned on U.S. 74-76 at Sandy Creek.

Sharon Kay Smith, 24, was travcling west when her car ran off the left shoulder and onto the median, overturned and came to rest in the eastbound lane, Trooper Caulder re-

Ms. Smith was charged with driving without an operator's license and with driving while impaired, as the report states.

Damage was estimated at \$3,000 to Ms. Smith's 1989 Ford in the 5 p.m. accident Friday. Ms. Smith was not taken to the hospital.

In another accident early Friday a North Myrtle Beach, S.C. woman was charged with careless and reckless driving after the car she was early Saturday about seven miles driving ran off the road and struck a utility pole near Calabash.

Ashlei Elizabeth White, 19, was traveling north on RPR 1163 (Old Georgetown Road) when she ran off the right shoulder while rounding a curve, crossed the left shoulder and struck the pole, according to Highway Patrol reports.

Damage was estimated at \$3,000 to Ms. White's 1990 Plymouth in the 3:45 a.m. accident. She was taken to The Brunswick Hospital with STAFF PHOTO BY SUSAN USHER

Turnout Was Light

Turnout was light last Thursday night for the 12 mini-workshops Union Primary School offered to parents as part of its American Education Week emphasis. Above, Robert and Jacky Horn of Shell Point (foreground) check out a spelling program in the computer lab. "We thought we'd come see what the computers were about. We're considering getting one for Christmas," said Mrs. Horn. Their sons, Josh and Jeremy, are in second grade and kindergarten respectively.

False Siren Alarms Spark Panic

Residents in Caswell Beach and Southport began packing to leave their homes early Saturday morning for what they thought was an emergency nuclear evacuation. The sirens were false alarms instead.

Investigators are trying to determine why two of the sirens used to signal a possible nuclear accident at the Carolina Power and Light Company's Southport plant suddenly starting blaring around 4:10 a.m.

"A number of people in Southport and Caswell Beach were put into a panicky situation," said Cecil Logan, Brunswick County's Emergency Management coordinator. "At this time, we don't know what hap-

The sirens are strategically located atop utility poles around the CP&L plant to warn residents to leave in the event of an emergency. The Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and Logan's office own the only two units that can activate the sirens. They were both locked away when the sirens began sounding on their own Saturday, Logan

Long Beach Police Department began taking an estimated 500 to 700 calls from nervous residents Saturday morning. Logan said.

One siren at Southport made a full rotation for three minutes while another unit at Caswell Beach continued its rotation and siren for 30. minutes, Logan said. In the event of an actual emergency, the sirens will sound and residents are then advised to tune in to radio stations which operate under the Emergency Broadcasting System for further in-

When residents turned their radios on Saturday morning, there were no EBS notices until an hour had passed. One was finally issued at 5:26 a.m. and again at 5:36 a.m. to tell residents the sirens were false

That emergency message was ordered by Brunswick County Board of Commissioners Chairman Gene Pinkerton, who lives on Oak Island. where Caswell Beach is located.

Logan said he rushed to the sheriff's department around 4:20 a.m. and made contact with CP&L officials to make sure there was no actual emergency. Under normal pro-

The sheriff's department and cedures, an EBS notification would be ordered within 10 minutes of sounding the sirens and local radio stations would immediately interrupt their programming to broadcast the emergency information.

There are a lot of rumors going around that the county set the sirens off," Logan said. "That's not true, The county did not set them off."

CP&L officials cannot activate the sirens but instead must contact Logan's office in the event of an

The unit that malfunctioned at Caswell Beach is one that took a direct lightning hit during the summer

and had to be repaired, Logan said. "The problem is finding out what set it off," he added. "We don't know whether it was a ship on the same frequency or what.'

Investigators are checking to see what boat traffic might have been in the area at the time the sirens began

Logan said he is concerned that such false alarms will break the public's confidence in the system.

"That's not what the sirens are designed for," Logan said. "The continuous sounding of it made

County Votes To Keep Its Six Recycling Centers Until June

Bush's Recycling will be allowed to continue to operate six recycling centers in Brunswick County until June 30, 1991.

Brunswick County Commissioners voted 4-1 Monday night to keep paying the Florence, S.C., company to provide recycling trailers at six sites for the remainder of the fiscal

That move will put on hold contract negotiations with Waste Industries of Wilmington, which had hoped to open and operate permanent recycling centers in the county for \$426 per month for each of its recommended nine locations.

The existing recycling trailers are staffed mostly by volunteers in Southport, Long Beach, Carolina Shores, Sunset Beach, Holden Beach and Boiling Spring Lakes. When a trailer is full, Bush's Recycling pulls it away and replaces it with an empty one at a cost of \$200 each to the county.

Volunteers at the sites collect glass, plastic, aluminum and paper. By July 1, 1991, each county in North Carolina must have a recycling program in place. By 1993, counties must be recycling 25 percent of their solid waste, as mandated by the state, in an effort to reduce the amount of material arriving at landfills.

Commissioner Grace Beasley's surprise motion came while the board was discussing appointments to the Brunswick County Keep America Beautiful Board. Board member Benny Ludlum voted against her motion.

"I'd rather not vote on that issue with this being the last meeting," Ludlum said. "I'd feel uncomfortable voting on that.'

For both Ludlum and Ms. Beasley, it was their last regular board meeting. Ms. Beasley will be replaced on the board at the Dec. 3 meeting by Donald Shaw of Leland, who defeated Ms. Beasley in her bid for re-election. Ludlum, who chose not to run for re-election, will be replaced by Jerry Jones, now the mayor of Shallotte.

George Bush, owner of Bush's Recycling of Florence, S.C., had also asked for a three-year contract with the county. County Attorney David Clegg said a clause would allow the county to break the contract with a 180-day notice.

Commissioners did not take action on that contract. Clegg has been authorized by commissioners to pay the company on a month-tomonth basis using money from the county's contingency fund.

Continuing with the present program in place, Ms. Beasley said, would save the county money. The new board will be able to study the issue more before adopting the 1991

"Everything will stay in place," Ms. Beasley said. "They'll have their containers. To me it appears to be a savings to the county than to change in the middle of the year and, in my opinion, become more expensive to the county.'

Commissioner Kelly Holden attempted to amend her motion to include adding a recycling trailer for the town of Shallotte. Ms. Beasley said Leland also needs a trailer but that the board should avoid approving requests from individual towns. Instead, the board needs to work with representatives from those communities to decide how to provide them with recycling centers in the future, she said.

Mayor Jones, who attended the

has agreed to pay for its recycling trailer once a site is found.

"Shallotte's going to take care of it for now," Jones told the board. "But we're hoping the county will pick that up. It'll probably be used by as many county people as it will by residents of Shallotte.

Ms. Beasley's motion also included the appointment of seven new members to the Brunswick County Keep America Beautiful Board. They were Mary L. Russ, county home economics agent; Bill Turner, of the Brunswick County Schools; Susan Green, a Brunswick Community College science instructor; Leo Hewett, county landfill operator; William Potts of Shallotte Point, a member of the Shallotte recycling committee; Marcia Warring, a recycling volunteer from Sunset Beach; and Jane Gilbert, of the Leland Women's Civic Organization.

Troubled Bids

Clegg told the board Monday that the county has underestimated the cost for expanding the sewer system for additions to the county jail, the new Department of Social Services building and future Emergency Operations Center. The county had budgeted \$160,000, but the low bid came in at \$287,000, Clegg said.

Carmichael Construction has since negotiated a \$276,411 price with the county, which was accepted by commissioners Monday. Additional money will be taken from the capital reserve fund to pay the difference.

The project will take four months to complete, Clegg said.

The board also voted to begin advertising for bids in newspapers outside of Brunswick County because of the need for competitive prices. The board has put on hold the purchase of 12 cars for the sheriff's department because only one bid was submitted to the county. The county will readvertise for bids.

Board members couldn't agree Monday on whether to purchase a Caterpillar for the county landfill at a cost of \$77,966. Operation Services Director Darry Somersett was not present to answer commissioners' questions on why his letter of recommendation showed an increase in price on the machinery since the bids were opened.

The original bids showed a price of \$69,479, said Board Chairman Gene Pinkerton.

"It's the same piece of equipment with a different price tag on it the second go around," Pinkerton charged. "That don't look good to

Ludlum then withdrew his motion to purchase the equipment. Commissioner Frankie Rabon said he was also confused by the bids.

Finance Director Lithia Hahn, who presented the information to the board, said Somersett would have to explain the difference in prices. Clegg also didn't know how the price increased.

"I got the same memo you did," he told the board.

Ludlum said it was time to "start

pointing the finger at somebody." "If you'll go back and look at the bidding, that's the way it's been," Ludlum said. "They're writing specs where it just hits one compa-

ny. That's what's been going on." Somersett had recommended that the board approve the purchase of the 120G Caterpillar from Gregory Poole Equipment of Leland.

The board did vote to accept low bids on seven other county vehicles,

meeting, said the town of Shallotte which included a station wagon and seven trucks.

Other Business

In other business, commissioners: Appointed Eugene Thompson, by a 4-1 vote, to the Dosher Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees to fill the spot being vacated by Doug Ledgett, the county's new Emergency Medical Services coordinator who resigned from the board. Pinkerton voted for Paul Middleton. The board tabled a list of other appointments, including five to the Brunswick Hospital Board of Trustees, two to the Industrial Facility Advisory Board and one to the Nursing Home Advisory Board.

■ Declared the week Nov. 25-Dec. 1 as Brunswick County Home Health Care Week to coincide with National Home Health Care Week, as requested by Comprehensive Home Health Care.

■Voted to file legal papers against owners of two lots on the Holden Beach causeway in Special Assessment District (SAD) 7 to declare "imminent domain" over two easements needed to install water lines. Appraisals list the 10-foot easement properties as valued at \$2,040 and \$1,800, Clegg said. Negotiations have been unsuccessful with the owners, he said.

■Agreed to give the towns of Leland and Navassa one patrol car each from the vehicles being replaced by the sheriff's department. ■Heard from Ted Bigford of Bigford Masonry, who asked commissioners to help him recover the more \$13,000 he says contractors still owe him from work completed at Brunswick Community College. Bigford said he realized his complaint is with the contractor, but that he is seeking the county's "moral

Accepted a list of elderly tax exemptions that was overlooked by the tax office, reported Tax Administrator Boyd Williamson. Elderly persons who did not list personal property on a listing form did not receive their exemption when the county switched to a permanent real estate listing system last year. He said 415 taxpayers fell into that category.

support."

Lincoln Honors Select Students

Teachers at Lincoln Primary School in Leland each select a student of the month for special recog-

Selection is based upon excellent citizenship and/or outstanding academic performance.

The students receive special privileges and are honored with a video and popcorn party in their honor at the end of the month.

Students for October were, by grade: Achelle Robbins, Theressia Ballard, Brandon Price, Reginald Weston, Holly Heyer, Takeyia Perkins and Carma Radford, kindergarten; Jonathan McAllister, Michael Cooper, Whitney Mitchell, Zachary Desjarlais, Sebrina Milliken, Christina Burley, Marquite Goodman and Feniece McKoy, first grade;

Also, Kristen Long, Travis Gillette, Allyson Heyer, Stephen Graham, Kelly Frink, Lakisha Graham and Bessie Hollis, second grade; and Sarah Meshaw, Scott Hewett, Joye Davis, Elizabeth Cook, Carrie Rife, Amanda Rowe, Michael Johnston, Harold Andrews and Shevia Robbins, third grade.

Opponents Stop Sunset Beach Bridge

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should they lose. He did not, however, rule out the possibility of legal action of some sort against the SB-

Before living adjacent to the pontoon bridge for two years (the house was taken by the state in its right of way acquisition for the new span), Barber supported and was highly visible in the SBTA's effort to save it. Now he's convinced a new bridge is needed to provide safe transportation to and from the island and to accommodate increased boat and vehicle traffic.

"I think that anybody who watches it as closely as we did for two years would come to the same conclusion," he said. "The island's only 65 percent developed and the development won't stop because there that the taxpayers have to spend our

Meanwhile, he said, it's hard for police and other emergency personnel to protect and serve the island's summer residents and visitors.

dispute over the bridge will be renewed in earnest following Britt's ruling, one long-time opponent is hoping otherwise.

"It's been 11 years, but justice is served," said Warren "Bud" Knapp of Calabash, a non-resident property owner at Sunset Beach and chairman of the SBTA's bridge committee. He said he felt the debate over the bridge should be over now.

"I think the people have spoken and this should be the end of it," said Knapp. "It seems so strange

While Barber is convinced the

'The People Have Spoken'

hard-earned money to try and stop the state from spending our money to build a bridge that very few people want," he said.

Regardless of what happens next. Monday's decision may be precedent-setting.

According to Maxwell, research prior to filing of the suit failed to turn up any case in which citizens had succeeded in stopping construction a bridge or roadway. There had been several successful suits filed under the National Environmental Protection Act, but they were more general, environmental cases.

"From a personal and professional standpoint this has got to be one of the most satisfying decisions in which I have been involved during my 24 years as an attorney," said

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