



Time To Slow Down

J.D. Cline (behind car) kept waving his caution flag, but not all northbound drivers heeded the warning to slow down last Thursday as they merged into narrow single file to pass a paving crew working near the Smith Avenue exit on the U.S. 17 bypass of Shallotte. One auto towing a pop-up camper ran completely onto the shoulder, but regained control and the roadway quickly.

Three People Injured In Wreck On Bypass

Three people were injured Monday morning in a car accident on the Shallotte U.S. 17 bypass.

Bridget Fulford Hines, 18, of Shallotte, was traveling south on U.S. 17 about 1.3 miles south of Shallotte when a car driven by Alice G. Rollins, 65, of Vienna, Va., pulled in front of her, State Trooper B.D. Barnhardt reported.

Ms. Rollins was traveling west on Old Shallotte Road (S.R. 1316). She had stopped at a stop sign before making a left turn onto the bypass around 11:10 a.m., Barnhardt reported.

Her 1991 Chevrolet was struck in the right side by Ms. Hines' 1986 Plymouth, causing the Rollins car to travel out of control, strike a stop sign and come to rest in a ditch, the report stated.

Ms. Rollins was charged with failure to yield the right of way. She and a passenger in her car, Edward O. Rollins, were seriously injured and taken to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply.

Barnhardt reported that Ms. Rollins was transferred to New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington Monday afternoon.

Ms. Hines received class B injuries, which are serious but not incapacitating, and was taken to The Brunswick Hospital for treatment.

Damage was estimated at \$5,000 to the Rollins car, \$2,500 to the Hines car and \$75 to a stop sign.

Officer Injured
A Southport police officer was seriously injured Monday afternoon when he ran off the road to avoid

hitting a deer.
William Timothy Capers, 23, of Southport, was traveling south on Midway Road (S.R. 1500) around 7:10 p.m. when his 1988 Chevrolet patrol car ran off the road, struck a ditchbank and a tree, State Trooper C.E. Ward reported.

The accident happened about 7.3 miles northwest of Southport. Officer Capers was returning to Brunswick County District Court in Bolivia, Ward reported.

Capers was pinned inside the vehicle for about 30 minutes before members of the Southport Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad could free him. He was transported to Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport with serious injuries.

No charges were filed in the accident. Damage was listed at \$7,500 to the patrol car.

Strikes Tree
In another accident Monday afternoon, an Evergreen woman was seriously injured when her car ran off of N.C. 130 about 12.5 miles west of Shallotte and struck a tree.

Elaine S. Tharpe, 41, was traveling west on N.C. 130 during a rainstorm when her vehicle slid off the road and struck a tree, reported Trooper W.H. Thompson.

Ms. Tharpe was charged with exceeding a safe speed.

She was taken to Columbus County Hospital in Whiteville by ambulance, Thompson reported.

Damage was estimated at \$1,800 to her 1983 Mercury in the 4:30 p.m. accident.

Thief Tries To Burn Car After Break-In

BY TERRY POPE

Someone who stole a radio from a car parked at a local sales lot last Thursday apparently tried to set the car on fire.

The suspect took a \$230 radio and ripped the wiring from the dash of a 1984 Nissan parked at Affordable Cars on U.S. 17 near Shallotte, reported Deputy Richard Long, of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.

A passenger window was broken to gain entry, the report states. The suspect also tried to set the seats on fire, Long said, causing an additional \$600 in damage.

The car had been parked behind a sales office Thursday and found damaged when employees arrived Friday morning.

Sheriff's detectives are investigating.

In other reports on file at the sheriff's department:

■Sunset Beach Police Officer Anna Redmond reported a breaking and entering and robbery at her Landing II home. Entry was gained by forcing a door open with an ice scraper, the report filed by Deputy Darryl Marlow indicated. Taken were items valued at \$12,050, including the officer's pistol and handcuffs, earrings, rings and other jewelry. The break-in occurred between 4 p.m. Aug. 16 and 4 p.m. Aug. 17.

■A Mariner Village resident said Saturday that his 1980 Datsun was stolen from his yard near Holden Beach, reported Sgt. Wendell Bennett. The owner had left the keys under the seat. The car is valued at \$3,300.

CRIME REPORT

■An estimated \$2,500 in treated poles are missing from F.W. Groves Trucking Co. on Village Road in Leland. The 25- to 35-foot poles were taken from the rear of a freight yard, Deputy Pete Moore reported.

■Radar detectors were stolen from two cars over the weekend, one in Landing II and another in Carolina Shores Resort near Calabash. At Landing II, the owner said he heard a car door slam around 2 a.m. Saturday, but thought it was a neighbor. The detector had been taken from a glove compartment, Long reported. A car window was broken causing \$260 in damage when someone broke into a car at Carolina Shores late Thursday to take a \$170 detector, Bennett reported.

■Residents returned to their Inland Drive home at Route 6, Shallotte, Friday afternoon to find a \$570 Remington shotgun missing from its cabinet, reported Long.

■Someone used a key to enter a Colonial Court apartment in Leland Friday and stole \$1,435 in traveler's checks, food stamps and cash, reported Sgt. Gene Browning.

■A savings account book was taken from a car parked at a home on Selars Road near Supply late Saturday, reported Sgt. Charles Miller. Someone pried open the glove compartment, causing \$50 in damage.

■An Aberdeen fisherman reported Sunday that someone pried open the door to his car parked at Tripp's Fishing Center at Shallotte Point. A checkbook was taken from the 1978

Oldsmobile, reported Deputy Darryl Marlow.

■Three pistols valued at \$1,025 were stolen from a Supply home Sunday, reported Deputy Patti Hewett. The burglar broke the glass to a door to enter the home. The suspect also left a note saying that the victim's son would have his property stolen in the next break-in.

■A Long Beach resident reported his car was damaged while parked at the Lucky Fisherman Restaurant on Long Beach Road. The car was scratched down both sides, the hood had been walked on and dented and the windshield had been kicked in, reported Deputy Charles Wilson.

■In Old Towne, a mailbox was

found two blocks from where it had been standing Saturday, reported Deputy Pete Moore. A driveway light had been damaged and the mailbox destroyed.

■Someone broke into a mobile home on Mulberry Street near Shallotte Sunday evening, taking \$2,500 in cash and coins, reported Marlow.

■Damage was estimated at \$250 to a home on Magnolia Drive at Sea Trail. Someone had pried open a back door between Aug. 5-16, reported Deputy George Stanley.

■Items valued at \$897 were taken from a Pinecrest home Saturday, Marlow reported. A pistol, television and music box were stolen after the front door had been kicked open.

Swimmer Stranded Near Inlet

An elderly man swimming in the ocean at Ocean Isle Beach was nearly stranded on a sandbar about 500 yards offshore Monday, but eventually made it to the beach on his own.

Ocean Isle Beach's water rescue team responded to the east end of the beach Monday morning but didn't launch their boat, said Police Chief Curt Pritchard.

Pritchard said the man was "a long ways out" on a sandbar near Shallotte Inlet when the tide started

rising, creating deep pockets of water between him and the beach.

The water rescue team responded to the scene, but the man had made it to another sandbar closer to shore by the time the rescue unit arrived.

Two volunteers assisted the man when he got near the beach. "It really wasn't a rescue per se," Pritchard said. "He made it, but he was just absolutely worn out."

Police estimated the man was 60 years old, but they did not know his name or where he lived.

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