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## Eight Persons Hurt In One Of Several Area Accidents

Eight persons were injured in one of many accidents in the Albemarle area during the Labor Day holiday weekend. In other accidents seven more were taken to the hospital.

Five persons were injured and admitted to Albemarle Hospital and three others were treated and released following a two-car accident one mile south of the city limits on US 17 Sunday at 9:55 a.m.

Those admitted were Maggie Woodard, 52, of Winfall with chest and pelvic injuries; Bernice Woodard, 58, of Winfall with back and hip injuries; Celia G. Swendell, 44, of New Holland, N. C. broken arm and foot; Catherine Spencer, 48, of Portsmouth, broken arm and leg and John Swindell, 40, of Newport News, chest injuries. The others, Clarence Chestnut, 29, of Long, S. C.; Madelle Chestnut, 17, of Long, and Joyce Chestnut, 11, of Long Beach, N. Y., were treated and released.

According to Highway Patrolman R. F. Cooke, John Chestnut lost control of his car on the rain slick highway and spun into the other lane. The rear of his car hit the front of a car operated by John Swindell. Both cars were a total loss.

Trooper Cooke said he charged Chestnut with driving faster than conditions would allow.

Three were injured at 8:30 p.m., Saturday three miles north of US 158 in Dare County. Clyde Farrow, 65, of Hatteras and Mrs. Lynda Farrow, 52, of Hatteras, were admitted to the hospital with lacerations. Also George Cable, 2, of Hatteras was treated for lacerations.

Highway Patrolman C. H. Mims said a car driven by Joseph D. White, 22, of Gosport, tried to pass the car driven by Clyde Farrow on a hill.

When another car came over the crest of the hill White swerved his car into the side of the Farrow vehicle.

White was charged with im-

proper passing. Damage was listed at \$1,500 to the Farrow car, and White's was a total loss.

Reginal Burke, 14, of Winfall, was taken to Chowan Hospital in Edenton at 9:10 a.m. Monday when he was struck while riding his bicycle on NC 37 near his home. The extent of his injuries

was not listed. No injuries were reported in a two-car accident Saturday at 8:15 p.m. at the intersection of State Road 1240 and US 17 in Pasquotank County.

Trooper V. Z. Newberry, charged Sherman A. Underwood, 19, of Rt. 3, with failing to see that vehicular movement could

be made in safety following the accident.

Newberry said a car operated by James Felton of Rt. 1, and Underwood both stopped for stop signs, but Underwood pulled in front of the Felton car. Damage was listed as slight to both cars.

Christine Jackson of Hertford was treated and released from Albemarle Hospital following a wreck in Perquimans County on US 17 at 2:25 p.m. Sunday.

Trooper Newberry said George L. Jackson, 52, of Rt. 3, Hertford, slowed to make a turn into his driveway and Dennis W. Norman, 42, of Norfolk, drove his car into the rear of the Jackson vehicle. Norman was charged with failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Damage was listed at \$400 to each car.

Four persons were listed by the Albemarle Hospital as being admitted as a result of accidents.

Patricia Brickhouse, 16, of Rt. 2, was admitted with a contusion of the head; Richard Hicks, 21, of Norfolk with back injuries; Kay Erps, 33, of 511 Hemlock St., with a lacerated face and Robert Banks, 29, of Rt. 2, with abrasions.

There were no injuries in a two-car accident Monday at 7:15 p.m., 1/2 mile north of South Mills on US 17.

Ernest Hoskins, 40, of Chesapeake, was charged by Trooper Cooke with driving while under the influence of alcohol following the accident.

Cooke said Hoskins drove his car to the left of the center line and hit a car operated by George Coram 29, of Edison, Ga.

Damage to each car was listed at \$1,000.

Only slight damage was reported in a truck-car accident today at 9 a.m. at the intersection of NC 343 and US 158 in Camden County.

Highway Patrolman B. G. Price said a car operated by Roy L. Burrus, 17, of South Mills pulled his car from a stop sign into the side of a truck operated by Aubrey Chambers, 34, of Rt. 1, Burrus was charged with failing to yield the right-of-way.

## Bolt From Blue May Be Looking For You . . .

"The Bolt that never sleeps, Thunder with breath of flame"—that's lightning, Mother Nature's busiest problem child.

According to the Environmental Science Services Administration (ESSA), it strikes the earth 100 times each second, sometimes carrying current peaks of 200,000 amperes or more. It provides the pyrotechnics for some 1,800 thunderstorms that are estimated to be in progress over the earth's surface at any given moment. And it kills.

Sad to relate, most of the lightning deaths that occur in the United States each year could easily have been avoided, says John T. Goetz, Eastern Area director of the American Red Cross Safety Programs.

Moreover, many of those struck by lightning could have been saved, if their companions had known how to save them, he believes. He will also throw in the story that, if you are quick-witted, you may actually be able to "dodge" a lightning bolt. Believe this too because it could save your life, as pointed out below.

"People in open areas, roof tops, golf courses, or who are in or on the water are in special danger prior to a thunderstorm and during that storm," states Mr. Goetz. The danger from lightning is greatest just before the storm so the best course of action is to get out of the open when those dark, rolling, cumulonimbus clouds begin to pile up on the horizon.

Because many golfers are reluctant to do this, it is understandable that annually a large percentage of persons struck by lightning are golfers. The fellow taking one more stroke on the open terrain sets himself up as the tallest object—even without steel club unpraised—and when he does seek shelter it is often beneath a lone tree, a natural and frequent target of lightning.

Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation is the most effective method to revive an unconscious, non-breathing lightning victim, according to Mr. Goetz. Keep him warm, try not to contaminate any burns, and get an ambulance there as soon as possible.

Mr. Goetz cites the following thunderstorm safety procedures recommended by ESSA:

1. Protect your home with a properly installed and maintained lightning protection system.
2. Stay away from open doors or windows, fireplaces, radiators, stoves, metal pipes, sinks, and plug-in electrical equipment like radios, television sets, lamps, and refrigerators.
3. Do not use plug-in electrical equipment like hair dryers, electric toothbrushes, or electric razors during an electrical storm.
4. Do not use the telephone—lightning may strike telephone lines outside.

If you're out of doors:

5. Don't work on fences, telephone or power lines, pipelines, or structural steel fabrication.
6. Don't use metal objects like fishing rods and golf clubs.
7. Don't handle flammable materials in open containers.
8. Stop tractor work, especially when the tractor is pulling metal equipment, and dismount. Tractors in open fields are often struck by lightning.
9. Get out of the water and off of small boats.
10. Stay in your automobile if you are traveling. Automobiles offer excellent lightning protection.
11. Seek shelter in buildings. If no buildings are available your best protection is a ditch, cave, canyon, or under head-high clumps of trees in open forest glades.
12. When there is no shelter, avoid the highest object in the area. If only isolated trees are nearby, your best protection is to crouch in the open, keeping as far away from isolated trees as the trees are high.
13. Avoid hilltops, open spaces, wire fences, metal clotheslines, exposed sheds, and any electrically conductive elevated objects.
14. And here's where you can "dodge" that lightning bolt.

If you feel an electrical charge—if your hair stands on end or your skin tingles—lightning may be about to strike you. Drop to the ground immediately.

"Knowledge of what to do when people have stopped breathing because of electrical shocks can save many lives," Mr. Goetz says. "The Red Cross offers free first aid courses through its chapters. I wish golfers, or for that matter, anyone who leads an active outdoor life—would invest 15 minutes of their time by paying a visit to the nearest Red Cross chapter to get the full story."

## Nearly 1,000 NC Motorists Killed During 1st Half of '68

Nearly 1,000 drivers died or were parties to death on the streets and highways of North Carolina during the first six months of 1968.

Your chances of being one of them rose substantially if:

- (1) You were between the ages of 25 and 34.
- (2) You drove on a Saturday during the month of March.
- (3) You drove between the hours of 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.
- (4) You traveled on a U.S. highway or rural paved road.
- (5) You exceeded the speed limit.
- (6) You were driving under the influence.

These facts, based on accidents occurring in the State during the months of January through June, 1968, were released this week by the Driver Education and Accident Records Division of the Motor Vehicles.

During the period there were 715 fatalities attributed to traffic accidents in the State. Involved in those accidents were 991 drivers. A total of 245 of those drivers were in the 25-34 age group—the highest number for any of the standard age groupings used on computing accident statistics. Close behind were the 20-24-year-olds, credited with participation in 208 fatal accidents.

Saturday was clearly the most popular day for death on the highways during the first half of the year. Of the 715 fatalities, 184 were registered on this day of rest and relaxation, Sunday followed with 135 deaths, and Friday accounted 106, Wednesday was the safest day to travel with 62 deaths.

March was the leading month for fatal accidents with 138 killed, followed closely by May with 135 and June 24th 129, January with 90 fatalities, was the safest month.

Traditionally, the early evening hours have been the most hazardous on the road. The year 1968 is proving to be no exception. The three hours between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. claimed 154 lives during the six-month period. Death came to 128 people between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and 118 died between 10:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. The safest time to travel was 4:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., when 31 deaths occurred.

With 221 fatalities recorded, U.S. highways were the bloodiest arteries of travel in the

State during the period. They were rivaled closely by rural paved roads, credited with 213 deaths, N.C. highways claimed the lives of 129 motorists and 115 were killed on the streets of our cities and towns. Rural unpaved roads and interstate highways accounted for 19 and 18 deaths respectively.

Speeding easily led the list of causes contributing to fatal accidents. It was a factor in 217 deaths. Driving to the left of the center line brought death to 170 people and failure to yield the right of way claimed 58. Driving under the influence was established as a major factor in 32 deaths.

In conjunction with the release of accident statistics for the first six months, Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ralph Howland,

## C-P Dealers To Attend Preview Show '69 Autos

On September 5, Chrysler-Plymouth dealers of Hertford will get their first look at the new lines of 1969 Plymouths, Chryslers and Imperials at a preview meeting at Washington.

The showing is one of 21 being held in various parts of the country for dealers and their sales staffs. They will inspect the new models following a closed-circuit, simultaneously televised business meeting for dealers and salesmen which will originate in New York.

Glenn E. White, general manager of Chrysler-Plymouth Division, will head a panel of executives who will discuss the 1969 automobiles and promotional plans to continue the sales momentum which made 1968 a record year for the division. The new models go on sale September 19.

Invited to the preview are sales and management personnel from Towe Motor Co., Inc. of Hertford.

## IFYE To Iran, Beth Hurdle, Explains Literacy Corps

Dear friends, In my first letter I spoke of the transformation of Iran from its ancient ways of life into a more modern society. The key for such change is Education.

After stabilizing the country's political and economic life, His Imperial Majesty Mohammed-Reza Shah turned his full attention to the problem and in 1962 initiated what is known as the Literacy Corps. Each boy, after graduating from secondary school, is required to serve two years in the military. If he chooses, he may serve his tour of duty in the Literacy Corps. In this program he receives a brief period of military training and then undergoes an intensive six months of instruction from the Ministries of Education, Health, Agriculture, and Justice. At the completion of this training, he is sent to an area of the country to live in the villages and teach for 18 months. At the end of this period, he is free to pursue his own interest.

As a result of the Corps work since 1962, an estimated six million people have been freed from illiteracy. The Corps provides free educational to rural Iran which is unique in that the schools are built by the parents of the pupils, who in many instances become pupils themselves.

During the past year two additional programs patterned after the Literacy Corps have been introduced. These are the Health and Development Corps and the Extension Corps. The youths in these programs receive specialized training—the Health and Development Corps in village and family sanitation and first aid; the Extension Corps in agricultural methods and mechanized farming. For the first time, girls have been asked to serve in the Extension Corps. Their training will be in foods and nutrition and family care. These programs are yet in the infant stage, but their work is revolutionary. Looking at them on a more practical level, the progress seems slow because many times the people have learned how to read and write but are hesitant to change their daily living habits.

## WSCS To Meet

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the First United Methodist Church will meet on Monday evening, September 9, at 8 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall. All members of the executive committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. preceding the general meeting. Mrs. F.A. McGowan, vice-president of the organization, will preside at both sessions.

"World Understanding-Africa" is the topic of the program which will be presented by Mrs. Elton Hurdle. A filmstrip entitled, "First World Understanding Workshop, Kite, Zambia, Africa," will be shown. Mrs. Hurdle attended the district workshop on world understanding which was held at the First United Methodist Church in Edenton on April 29, Rev. J. L. Peterson, missionary to Africa for two years, was the guest speaker. All members and friends will want to attend this meeting.

Circles of the Women's Society and the dates of their meetings are as follows: Mildred Auman will meet on Tuesday morning, September 10 at 9:45 a.m. with Mrs. J. H. Towe, Sr.

Mimie Wilson will meet with Mrs. D. F. Red Sr., on September 10 at 10 a.m.

Mary Towe will meet with Mrs. F. A. McGowan on Tuesday afternoon, September 10, at 3 p.m.

Helen Bame, formerly Circle No. 1, will meet with Mrs. Moe's daughters on Tuesday, September 10, at 5 p.m.

Della Shamburger will meet on Monday night, September 10 at 8 p.m. with Mrs. J. T. Lane in the Fellowship Hall of



Beth Hurdle

## Food Program In County Aids 849 During Month

U. S. Department of Agriculture food programs aided 147,799 needy persons in 87 of North Carolina's counties during July, 849 were in Perquimans.

USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service said that 100,811 persons in 61 counties took part in its commodity distribution program and that 46,988 persons in 26 counties took part in its food stamp program.

July's participation was down 8,997 persons from the number that took part during June. This was attributed mainly to seasonal fluctuations in employment. In North Carolina, the commodity distribution program is administered by the North Carolina Board of Public Welfare, both in cooperation with the Consumer and Marketing Service.

Commodities distributed during July to needy North Carolina families had an estimated retail value of about \$800,000. These foods included canned chopped meat, cheese, dried milk, margarine or butter, peanut butter, raisins, lard or shortening, rice, dry beans, rolled oats, rolled wheat, corn meal, grits and flour.

Additional foods, such as canned, whole chicken, scrambled egg mix, canned vegetable, canned fruit juices and corn syrup are being bought by the Consumer and Marketing Service for distribution to needy families.

## Disabled Vets To Get Pension Hike

The service-connected disability compensation benefits increase signed into law Aug. 19 by President Johnson will mean approximately \$5,000,000 in higher payments in 1969 to more than 40,000 North Carolina disabled veterans, W.R. Phillips, Manager of the Winston-Salem Veterans Administration Regional Office, said today.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1969, VA payments to veterans with 100 per cent service-connected disabilities will be raised from \$300 to \$400 a month, Phillips said. The increase for veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 10 to 90 per cent will average 8 per cent and will also be effective the first of the year, the VA Regional Office Manager explained.

Currently, North Carolina service-connected disabled veterans are receiving approximately \$42,000,000 annually in VA compensation payments.

Nationally, the new law, which passed both the Senate and House unanimously, will provide an estimated \$234.7 million in additional benefits the first year to approximately 119,000 totally disabled veterans, and 1,640,000 veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 10 to 90 per cent, Phillips said. In the fiscal year ending last June 30, the VA paid \$1,954,000 in basic compensation benefits to 3,011,000 service-disabled veterans.

## Hardin To Speak At Museum Of Albemarle Series

Mr. Edmund H. Hardin of Washington, N.C., known as the Tar Heel Humorist, will be the speaker for the first Members' Series event of the fall for the Museum of the Albemarle.

He is admitted with their membership card and others at the periphery card and others at the regular admission price. Mr. Hardin will speak Wednesday, September 11, at 8:00 at the Museum. Members and the public will certainly have an enjoyable evening in store for them.

## Insects In Peanuts And Soybeans Is Big Problem

"Insects in soybeans and peanuts are still a big problem and seem to be growing bigger along with the weather conditions we are experiencing," states Mr. R. M. Thompson, County Extension Chairman. If you have any insect problems in your soybeans or peanuts, we would suggest that in many cases, dusting with insecticides will pay. We are still recommending Sevin for Mexican Bean Beetles and corn ear worms, along with Toxophene and DDT for corn ear worm in peanuts we think a dusting with Copper Sulphur and Sevin later in September in order to keep as much leaf spot out as possible. This can be a real problem, especially on our lower type peanuts such as Florigiant, N. C. 5's, and 61 R. We know that late dusting will help to control leaf spot and in many cases it will help to prevent shedding of leaves and prevent the spread of Southern Stem Rot.

## Found In Weekly Office

During the rush hours of Tuesday morning at the Perquimans Weekly office someone who visited the office left their memorandum. Not knowing who left the memo, we are listing the names in order that the person that left it may not be inconvenienced. The following items were listed, take, pay for advertisement, loose rubber and collard seeds.

## Grandson of Local Family On Special Education Board

John D. Hanke grandson of Mr. and Mrs. I.D. Jordan of Hertford, and nephew of Ralph Jordan for 18 years Principal of Butler Public School, has been named Assistant Director of Special Education for the State of Illinois. Hanke will be working in the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Ray Page in Springfield. He submitted his resignation as Principal of Butler Public School on Aug. 12 and is now doing automatically resigned as President of the Hillsboro Unit Education Association, an I.E.A. and N.E.A. affiliated.

John Hanke who was also recently named field representative for the University of Illinois Alumni Association, a position in which Mr. Hanke will assist in presenting alumni views and doctoral candidate recommendations to the University. On August 15 Hanke was also asked to accept a position as a member of a special citizens committee for the Andrew McFarland mental health center. John Hanke is listed in the 1968 edition of "Outstanding Personalities of the

West and Midwest" and the 1968 edition of "Who's Who in Illinois." He is also a member of the Illinois School Administrator's Association.

John Hanke came to the Butler community in February 1950, as Principal of the School after the untimely death of Mrs. Oleta Frame and acted as Superintendent of Butler Schools until the consolidation with Hillsboro. Mr. Hanke is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and the University of Illinois at Urbana where he completed his Masters work. He is presently working toward his doctoral degree.

He was instrumental in establishing the "Little 8" grade school basketball conference which functioned for several years and, more recently, the "Little 6" tournament. Many parents, students and friends in the area will remember him as coach of the Butler Bears.

A veteran of World War II and the Korean War and a former Major in the United States Marine Corps and holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 5 Gold Stars Hanke has worked for years in volunteer youth projects and is presently Scout Master for Butler Boy Scout Troop 89 and a member of the Boys Scouts of America Abraham Lincoln Council. Besides being Vice-Commander of the Hillsboro VFW Post Number 1306 Mr. Hanke is advisor to the Post's Sons of the VFW unit. Mr. Hanke is also a member of the American Legion.

Hanke, 45, is married to the former Ruth Evelyn Jordan of Tyler, North Carolina, and the father of eight children. John R. 23, also a University of Illinois graduate, is presently assistant manager trainee of Southern Loan and Insurance Company insurance consultant to Atlantic Discount Corporation both of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Lucretia Ann, 20, will be a junior at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Deborah Ruth, a 1968 Old Settlers Queen Candidate, is a senior at Hillsboro High School. Twin sons, Donald William and Daniel George, are in the seventh grade at Hillsboro Junior High, while Rebecca Evelyn is in the second grade at Butler. Christopher Jordan is at home.

On Monday, August 26, Mrs. Hanke gave birth to the eighth child and fourth daughter, Jenny Bernice.



Ronald E. Bergman

## Thompson Urges Attendance At Peanut Field Day

"There will be a Peanut Field Day at Lewiston on Tuesday, September 10. All peanut farmers will be interested in this day," state R.M. Thompson, County Extension Chairman. The morning session is devoted to business and the main speaker will talk on the new proposed peanut program. There are many alternatives in this program at the present time and the peanut farmer should have all information available in order to make decisions to his best interests.

The afternoon session will be devoted to machinery—with inverter shakers and windrow and peanut combines as the main machinery. "It is our understanding that all manufacturers of the inverter shakers will be there to demonstrate their equipment and also all manufacturers of peanut combines will be there. We think this day is one of real importance and one that you should attempt to attend."

## Perq. Indians Meet Tarboro Friday Night

The 1968 football season for the Perquimans Indians opens here on Memorial Field, Friday night at 8:00 p.m. with the Tarboro Tigers.

Head Coach Ron Bergman states the following boys will see plenty of action in Friday nights game with the Tigers. Theoris Ferebee, John Webb, Charles Simpson and Ricky Godfrey as ends; John Wood, Gary Bateman, and Henry Perry, Tackles; guards, are William Creecy, Doug Benton and Rufus Hudson. Centers are C. J. Stallings and Mark Thompson. Playing the Backs will be Willard Felton, Jule Fleetwood, Ben Chambers, Darl Bunch, Ed Ferrrell, Gary Rouse and Gary Stevenson.

Coach Bergman stated that the boys elected Willard Felton and Ben Chambers, captains. The squad is a young, inexperienced team, but they have the spirit and are dedicated, according to the Coach.

Coach Bergman is assisted by Bill Tice and Pete Hunter.

## 2 Memorial Books Added To Library

Two memorial books have been given to the Perquimans County Library this week. They are: McClaine's Standard Fishing Encyclopedia, in memory of Edgar A. Chappell; and The Last Paradise, by Schumacher, in memory of Dr. Louise Payne.

Other new books in the library are: The Semtor, by Drew Pearson; The Sandalwood Fan, by Eyre; The Queen's Confession by Holt; Washington Quadrille by Daniels; Let's Face It, a guide to good grooming for girls of color, by Archer; A Manual for writers of Term Papers, by Turabian; and Early Japan in the series Great Ages of Man, by the editors of Time and Life.

## Wrong Drug At The Wrong Time

Just over a year ago an unusual episode in a Midwest nursery school suddenly places 20 children on the sick list. A tuberculosis epidemic had broken out. In addition to the 20 with active disease, many others had acquired TB infection but were not actually ill.

The incident is worth recalling for a couple of strange reasons. For one thing, such epidemics have become comparatively rare; evidently they still happen. Another thing: it all began with a case of arthritis.

The arthritis sufferer, a member of the school's adult staff, was being treated with steroid drugs. Some years before she had had tuberculosis, but it had long since retreated to an inactive stage. Now it was found active again.

Coincidence? Not a bit. It has been known for some time that steroid drugs such as cortisone, often prescribed for arthritis, can cause TB to change from inactive to an active phase. TB can also activate TB in a person who has tuberculosis infection but has never had the active disease.

The American Thoracic Society, medical section of the National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, wrapped up the situation in a document published in its magazine, Clinical Notes on Respiratory Diseases. "It needs to be emphasized again and again that no patient should be treated with steroid corticosteroids without a careful investigation for the presence of tuberculosis. The doctor also recommends the appropriate drug isoniazid for any patient with a history of TB while he is receiving steroid treatment and for six weeks after.

The patient, needless to say, shares the responsibility. Any person who has ever had TB infection or active disease should make sure his doctor knows about it—particularly if present treatment involves a steroid drug.

## Club Invited To Tour I-XL Co.

The Perquimans County Extension Homemakers Club are invited to tour the IXL Furniture Company on September 11. The club will meet at the office meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the extension