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Man pleads guilty in fatal crash

A Hertford man pleaded guilty in Perquimans County District Court Wednesday of last week to charges in an automobile accident that killed his wife.

James "Jack" Lloyd of 323 Market Street pleaded guilty to driving on the left side of the road and death by vehicle in a car accident last October 18 that killed his wife, Viola Lowe Lloyd, 82.

The court sentenced Lloyd to 60 days suspended sentence with unsupervised probation, a \$100 fine and cost of court, and loss of driver's license for an unspecified amount of time. He will appeal the decision.

Both charges are misdemeanors, the latter charge, which is the unintentional killing of a person while breaking a traffic law, is a lesser offense than manslaughter.

According to State Highway Patrol Officer C.H. Mims, the couple had been driving east on SR 1347 between Bethel and Harveys Point, about five and a half miles from Hertford, when the car ran off the left side of the road, crossed back over to the right side and ran into a ditch.

Mrs. Lloyd died while enroute to Chowan Hospital.

In other District Court decisions: Judge Grafton Beamon heard the following cases during last week's district court:

Terry Carroll Hollowell, charged with driving under the influence and authorizing a person not licensed to drive a motor vehicle, consolidated for judgment, was found guilty and was given a 60 day suspended sentence with probation for two years. He was told to pay a fine of \$150 and the cost of court, to surrender his operators license to the court and not operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina until duly relicensed. An appeal was noted;

Timothy William Titus, found guilty

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Gearing up for Christmas

David Phelps puts a tree up in Hertford while Andrew Lane looks on. The two were Christmas last week. dressing up the town for

Police arrest two in robbery

The Hertford Police Department arrested two Hertford men last week on charges of robbing a beer truck of \$2,633.75 on Monday of last week.

Police also arrested three Hertford men in connection with the burglary of the Hertford Grammer School on November 13.

The two men allegedly hit the truck driver — Mitchell Christopher Sawyer of Elizabeth City — from behind on the head with a club at 3 p.m. that day. Sawyer was next to his truck parked on Edenton Road Street next to the Little S&R. The two men stole \$951.10 in cash and \$1,682.65 in checks and money orders.

Sawyer, an employee of Belcross Beverage Co. in Elizabeth City, was delivering to the Little S&R at the time of the robbery.

Working from eyewitness reports, the police arrested Vernon Lee White, 27, of 210 Covent Gardens Street, the following day.

He was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon and — following a search of his person — felonious possession of marijuana with intent to sell and deliver. One half ounce of the drug was found inside each of White's shoes.

White is being held in Albemarle District Jail under \$6,000 bond.

Police also arrested Ponce Lamont Lee, 18, of 208 King Street. He is charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon. Lee is in Albemarle District jail on \$5,000 bond. Both men will appear in court for their probable cause hearing on December 2.

Police said they have recovered only one check from the stolen money. The check, made out for \$671.70, was found near the Perquimans-Pasquotank County line at the Little River bridge on U.S. 17. The check was sent to the State Bureau of In-

vestigation's lab for possible fingerprints.

Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt noted that the truck had a safe for money for which the driver didn't have a key, but the beverage company had not begun using the safe. Merritt said the safes are now in use.

In the Hertford Grammer School burglary, police arrested Wadell Harvey, 20, of 323 Grubb Street, Kenneth Laurence Reid, 20, of Rte. 1 Box 67A, and William Stanley Johnson, 20, of 335 Dobb Street.

Police charged each man with breaking and entering and larceny. Harvey, arrested on November 17, was released on \$2,000 bond, as was Reid, arrested on November 18. Johnson, arrested on November 19, is being held in Albemarle District Jail on \$2,000 bond. All three men are scheduled to appear in court December 2.

According to Merritt, the three men allegedly broke into Hertford Grammer School on November 13 and stole a typewriter valued at \$450.

An Elizabeth City citizen observed one of the arrested men carrying a typewriter to the City Cut Rate Store in Elizabeth City, where it was sold. Police have identified that typewriter as the one stolen from the school.

Using a driver's license number given to the store owner, and a photo lineup, police arrested the three men.

Police also arrested Edith Carol Ferrell, 31, of 106 Grubb Street, on Wednesday of last week, charging her with three counts of passing checks on closed accounts and two counts of passing worthless checks. She is already being held at Albemarle District Jail following a conviction for passing worthless checks in Pasquotank County. She is under \$1,500 bond for the latest offense. Merritt added that police are investigating "numerous other cases" of check fraud against Ferrell.

At Health Department

Mobile eye clinic helps low-income people save their sight

Low-income residents of Perquimans County once again have an opportunity to have their eyes checked for little or no money, but they had better come quickly because the service may not last too long.

The Perquimans County Health

Department, in cooperation with the county Department of Social Services and the Commission for the Blind, will hold an eye clinic for low-income persons every fourth Monday of the month.

The service, which had been discontinued about a year ago, is funded by a state grant to the Commission for the Blind. And that grant, notes Health Department nurse Jodi Brantham, may run out soon in light of the Reagan administration's budget cutting.

The clinic operates out of a van provided by the Lions Clubs of the Albemarle area, and eye tests are conducted by Elizabeth City ophthalmologist Jerry Goldschmidt.

His test can detect such eye ailments as muscle imbalance, strabismus, cataracts, glaucoma, diabetes, and near-sightedness.

The charge for the examination is \$5 for people without Medicare, and nothing for people with Medicare. There will be a \$5 charge to fit those

without Medicare with glasses, \$2 for those with Medicare.

Normally to have this done would cost a person about \$35 for the examination and at least \$65 for the glasses fitting.

To be able to use the eye clinic, a person must call the county Department of Social Services to determine whether he is eligible for the service. Eligibility is determined according to income and medical expenses over the last six months.

Brantham stressed that those wishing to have their eyes checked call at the beginning of the month, because it takes some time for the Department of Social Services to go through all the paperwork involved.

Brantham said that in order for the service to continue, the county must show that the service is being used. The Health Department would like to have 15 people show up for each clinic.

The Health Department has tried to

find a few eligible people themselves.

"We've been beating the bushes for old people," Brantham said. "Some of them haven't had their eyes checked in maybe 15 years."

The Health Department's eye screen of county schools showed some students with eyesight so poor they couldn't possibly see the blackboard. Some of these students may be eligible for the eye clinic service if their parents are low-income.

The service was discontinued last year because the Commission for the Blind representative Judy Nooney couldn't find a doctor who would come out here.

"They are paid so little to do this that they could make more money staying in their offices," she said. "Even now they lose money on it and do it out of the goodness of their hearts, because they know there are people who need this."

The clinic, which was here last Monday, will be here again December 28.



Eye test

Dr. Jerry Goldschmidt checks county Health Department Irene Nixon's eyes at the monthly eye clinic at the

This week

The Perquimans Pirates football team looks sharp for next season, while the basketball team is warming up on the sidelines. See page nine.

Weather

Fair through Friday, highs in the 50s and lows in the 30s.



Happy Thanksgiving

