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COLLISION CLAIMS LIFE—A wreck on U.S. 17 near Winfall on Sunday claimed the life of an Englehard woman when the car she was a passenger in was hit from the rear

and pushed into the path of an oncoming tractor-trailer truck. Five vehicles were involved in the incident that left two others in critical condition. (Photo by Jane Williams.)

Englehard woman killed in collision on U.S. 17 Sunday

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Five vehicles were involved in an accident on Sunday afternoon that left three people injured and one dead on U.S. 17 north of Winfall.

Lula B. Mackey, age 44 of Route 1, Englehard, was killed when the car she was a passenger in was allegedly hit from the rear, forcing the car into the northbound lane in the path of a tractor-trailer truck.

According to Trooper W.O. Wheeler of the North Carolina Highway Patrol the incident occurred when a car traveling south on U.S. 17 slowed down to make a right-hand turn into a private drive. A second car, 1982 Chevette, operated by Deborah Koraska Nixon of Route 3, Edenton also began to slow down to allow the first car to turn. The third vehicle, a Buick, operated by Erskine A. Mackey of Englehard, in which Mrs. Mackey and two other passengers were riding, also began to slow down when a 1981 Oldsmobile operated by Beverly Renee Mackey, daughter of the deceased, apparently struck the vehicle from the rear forcing it into the right-hand lane into the path of a fully-loaded 1979 Freightliner truck owned by Grover Hollowell and operated by Kenneth Wayne Bowen of Route 4, Edenton.

Terry S. Blanchard, age 7, and his mother, Lillian Blanchard, passengers in the

Mackey vehicle were transported to Virginia Hospitals by the Nightingale emergency transport helicopter.

Terry was suffering from multiple trauma and was treated at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. He was released to Norfolk General Hospital where he was reported to be in critical condition after undergoing a splenectomy. He also suffers from extensive head injuries and pulmonary contusions.

Mrs. Blanchard was listed in serious condition, but stable, on Tuesday at Norfolk General Hospital with spinal injuries.

Mr. Mackey, the driver of the vehicle, was listed in satisfactory condition at Albemarle Hospital. He suffered a leg fracture, multiple lacerations and other minor injuries.

An investigation is continuing and no charges have been filed.

Trooper Wheeler, along with Troopers Ray Potts and George Mountain expressed their thanks to the following volunteer and professional emergency personnel who aided in the rescue operations:

The Perquimans County Volunteer Rescue Squad, the Winfall Volunteer Fire Department, the Hertford Fire Department, the Special Rescue Team, the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department, the Winfall Police Department and the Hertford Police Department.

Keaton addresses AADA meeting

By SUSAN HARRIS

"Perquimans County is a very unique, very dynamic county," County Manager Randy Keaton told the Albemarle Area Development Association members in attendance at the meeting held last Thursday night at Angler's Cove Restaurant.

Keaton painted the picture of county with great potential experiencing a growth spurt, and

embellished his statements with facts and figures on planned and speculative developments entering the county.

First on Keaton's lengthy list was the recent groundbreaking for the new medical center in Winfall. With a target opening date of July 1, the \$135,000 facility will house Dr. Neal DeNunzio and his staff.

Although DeNunzio will be the sole physician opening the cen-

ter, future expansion is anticipated. The clinic will be an outpatient facility affiliated with Albemarle Hospital.

Now the area will have two clinics, one referring to Chowan Hospital and one to Albemarle, offering a choice to county residents.

On the drawing board are plans for a new shopping center on highway 17 by-pass behind Sea Jays. Keaton said he had received unofficial word that the shopping area will house a grocery store, a Revco Drug Store and a Family Dollar Store.

At the helm of the project are the developers of Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh, Davidson and Jones. The firm hopes to possibly attract a fast food restaurant, a bank and a motel to the complex.

About 50 new jobs are expected to be created with the opening of the initial phase of the facility.

Another 80 odd jobs will be available when Unifour Medical Management, a Hickory-based nursing home developer, builds a home in Perquimans County. Keaton told the group that the company has an option to purchase property near Don Juan Manufacturing Company on which to construct the planned 20,124 sq. foot home. The location is not definite, and will not be announced until June, according to the company.

A new clothing outlet recently opened beside the high school in what years ago was Harrell's Gas Company.

New rental space is under construction by Charles Ward adjacent to the Dixie Tire Store. Downtown Hertford has seen the recent addition of Jimmy's Place III, a fast food and convenience store — owned by Jimmy Winslow — on the corner of Church and Grubb streets.

The construction of the new Albemarle Sound bridge linking Chowan and Tyrrell counties should, provide jobs to county residents, Keaton said.

The state has decided to dispose of the old bridge by using it to make artificial reefs in area sounds and rivers to attract fish. Keaton announced that Perquimans County has applied for two structures; one to be located near White hat and one off Drummond Point.

Although the project is three or more years down the road, it is hoped that the measure will attract tourists.

Soon 452 new street signs will arrive in Perquimans to clearly make all rural roads. The county commissioners, according to Keaton, hope this effort, funded mostly by state grants, will enable the Rescue Squad, fire departments and law enforcement officials to respond to

Ramsey to speak at Heritage Day

A former Governor of North Carolina, Robert W. Scott, and the current Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, Liston B. Ramsey, will lead a delegation of North Carolina Legislators and other dignitaries to the oldest house in North Carolina on May 17.



LISTON B. RAMSEY

Built by Joseph Scott in 1685, the house was the meeting place for every branch of the government in the early days of North Carolina's history. Former Governor Scott will take the lead in telling the story of the house and its owners up to the American Revolution.

Perquimans historian, Raymond A. Winslow Jr. has written this story in tableaux form, and it will be played out by Deryl Maddrey, W.A. "Billy" White, Albert Eure, Walter Edwards Jr., Jeanne C. White, Lorraine Simpson, Reggie White, the Rev. and Mrs. Rendel Cosand, Charles T. Skinner, and Mrs. J. Emmett Winslow.

Speaker Ramsey will receive the Harvey Award during the program. Created by the Perquimans County Restoration Association to honor the most illustrious family in early Albemarle history, the award will be given annually to a person who has rendered distinguished public

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Public meeting set for four-lane project

RALEIGH—A state Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposal to a four-lane 5.7-mile section of US-17 between Hertford and Woodville in Perquimans County will be discussed at a public meeting June 4.

The meeting will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Perquimans County Courthouse in Hertford.

NCDOT representatives will be at the meeting to answer questions and receive comments concerning the proposed project. The project is included in the department's current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a basic planning document which sets highway

construction priorities for the next 10 years.

According to information contained in the TIP, US-17 will be widened to four-lanes from the north end of the Hertford By-pass to the existing four-lane section at Old US-17 (Secondary Road 1367) near Woodville. Construction is scheduled to start in 1987 and will cost about \$7.2 million.

The public is invited to attend, ask questions or make comments about the proposed project. Additional questions, statements or comments may be submitted to C.D. Adkins, manager of planning and research, NCDOT, P.O. Box 252301, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

Arts Extravaganza

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Stressing the importance of art in school curriculum was the major goal of the Very Special Arts Extravaganza held by the Perquimans County School System last Thursday and Friday.

The arts extravaganza incorporated the talents of local artists and craftsmen as well as exhibiting the works of county students.

Dramatizations, choruses, dancing and bands added to the displays focusing on the many talents that are expressed as art.

Deborah Coates, PCHS Arts Teacher and Chairperson of the arts extravaganza stated that the arts were of vital importance to the learning process. "Various forms of art are used in teaching," she said.

Coates added that many students need art forms to encourage learning. "If we didn't have art everything around us would look like the generic section of the grocery store," she added.

