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Local girl killed while watching drag race

A Hertford teenager was hit and fatally injured, according to the highway patrol, when a pick-up truck hit her last Tuesday, as the driver participated in a drag race down a road in Nixonton.

Gina Michelle Giles, age 16, of 322-A Camp Perry Road, was taken to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital following the accident, and according to reports died early last Tuesday morning. According to the hospital reports Giles died of a cardiac arrest, and injuries sustained in the accident.

On Tuesday morning of last week, Highway Patrolman, C. H. Mims charged Larry Thomas Broyles, age 20, of Rt. 2, Elizabeth City, and Darrell Norris, age 16, of Duke Street, Taylor's Beach, Camden County, with manslaughter and pre-arranged drag racing. According to reports Broyles was also charged with having no driver's license, no liability insurance, no vehicle registration, and with an inspection violation.

The accident occurred at approximately 10:05 p.m. on August 30th on rural paved road 1340, seven miles south of Elizabeth City.

Broyles driving a "souped-up" 1965 Chevrolet El Camino pick-up truck, the truck that struck Giles, was drag racing with Norris, Giles boyfriend, the highway patrol reported.

Giles was standing along side of the road watching the race, the left side of the road, with two other spectators who have not yet been identified, watching Broyles who was traveling south on the road, at an excessive speed. The other spectators ran to the opposite side of the road as the cars approached and hollered for Giles to accompany them. Broyles put on the brakes to slow down as he approached a sharpe curve in the road, but lost control of the vehicle, spinning out of control and striking Giles.

According to reports both of the vehicles have been confiscated by the highway patrol, until a trial takes place, or bond is posted for the boys.

Giles was a native of St. Petersburg, Florida, she is the daughter of Katherine Adel Poindexter Parker of Hertford and the step-daughter of George Parker of Hertford.

Hertford youth killed Monday

A Hertford youth was killed Monday evening when the truck he was riding in was hit while crossing U. S. Highway 17, south of Elizabeth City.

Winston Ardell "Chip" Chappell, age 16, of Route 4, Hertford, was taken to Albemarle Hospital following the accident which occurred at 6:50 p.m., and was pronounced dead at 8:11 p.m., the result of multiple injuries received in the accident.

Chappell was a passenger in a 1985 Chevrolet truck driven by Steven Wray Langley, age 16, of Route 2, Hertford. The accident occurred when the truck driven by Langley, traveling west toward Okisko to rural paved road 1140 attempted to cross U.S. 17. According to the highway patrol accident report Langley did not see a car driven by Mamie Turner Parker, age 40, also of Hertford, which was traveling south on the highway.

Langley's car was hit broad side by Parker, and according to the report, Chappell who was a riding in the passenger's seat received the brunt of the impact.

At the time of the accident, according to reports, Langley was not wearing a seat belt. Investigating officer, Highway Patrolman Mountain, stated that he could not determine whether or not Chappell was wearing a seat belt.

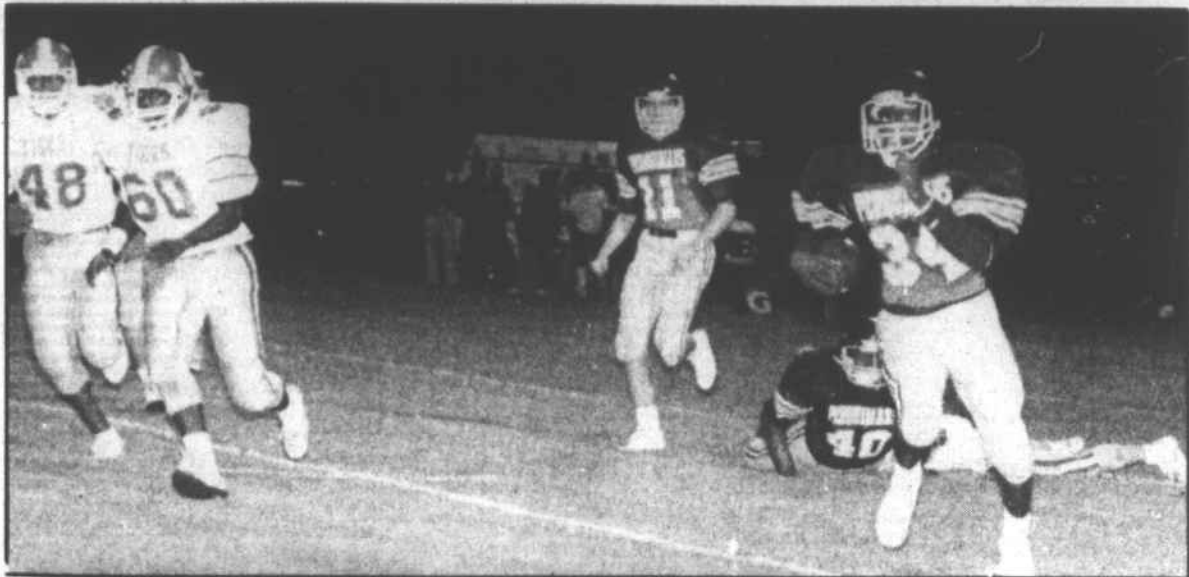
Langley received only minor injuries from the accident, and was treated and released on Monday evening from Albemarle Hospital. Parker, who suffered no significant injuries from the accident was traveling 55 mph at the time of the crash.

Damage to both cars is estimated by the patrolman at \$2,000.00.

As of press time charges are still pending in the accident.

Chappell was the son of Winston A. Chappell, Sr. and Nancy Daughtry Chappell of Hertford. He was a native of Norfolk, Va., and was in his junior year at Perquimans County High School.

Chappell was an honor student, a member of the band, and a member of the Art Club.



Pirates win game and get new mascot!

Friday evening the Pirates defeated Williamston 40-3, in a game highlighted by great defensive play. The Pirates were also cheered on by their new Pirate mascot, donated to the school by Betty Brown Bright. Above Tyvoice Coston rushes for one of his touchdowns, and below, the Pirate gets a few tips from a Perquimans cheerleader.

Perquimans downs Williamston 40-3 Fri. night

Good defense combined with numerous penalties and mistakes by the Tigers led the Perquimans County High School Pirates to 40-3 non-conference win over

Williamston at home on Friday. Defense was the key to Friday's win for the Pirates who converted four Williamston turnovers into touchdowns in the second half.

In addition to the four turnovers the Tigers were also penalized over ten times for a total of 115 yards, including a motion penalty which

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The class of 1938 was honored on Saturday during the Perquimans Union School Reunion as they celebrated their 50th reunion. Four members of the class of 1938 were present: L to R: Mrs. Annie Wiggins, Mrs. Ella Walker, Mr. James Collins, and Mrs. Malinda Daniels.

Annual Perquimans Union School reunion held

On Saturday, graduates proud of the school's rich history and tradition, gathered at Perquimans Middle School for the second Perquimans Union School Reunion.

Over 300 graduates from the classes of 1938 through 1970, former teachers, principals, and school employees gathered to talk of old times, renew old friendships, reminisce, and talk about the days of the mighty "Panthers" during the daylong event.

The reunion kicked off at 1:00 p.m. and featured a program, a social hour, dinner catered by Annette Gregory, class photos, and a dance on Saturday evening.

Shirley Yates, a retired Navy Captain, and a graduate of the class of 1951, was the guest for the reunion program which ran from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.. Mrs. Yates spoke on the future of the black community, and on the future of black education. Mrs. Yates is also a member of the Winfall Town Council.

In addition to Mrs. Yates speech the program also included the invocation by Rev. Walter Leigh, class of 1960, presentation of the school's history presented by Rose Z. Madre, class of 1961, recognition of the classes present, and recognition of the former teachers and principals present, also recognized was the football team of 1965, state champions.

Mr. John L. Thatch, class of 1965, served as emcee for the event. Mr.

Thatch is employed with the school system in Wake County, and makes his home in Raleigh, N.C..

The Bill Wills Combo provided dinner music, and T-Connection was on hand playing everyone's favorites during the evening social hour and dance.

Door prizes donated by area merchants were also given away



during the reunion, t-shirts highlighting the event were on sale, as well as other merchandise offered by Mr. Edward Ferebee, Jr., class of 1967.

Following Sunday's reunion the group continued their time of fellowship by attending church services at the churches of their choice.

Sgt. Jerry Johnson was honored

as the graduate who came the most distance for the reunion. Sgt. Johnson traveled all the way from Hawaii.

Saturday's reunion was also attended by Mrs. Dail Williams, wife of King A. Williams, the man who mortgaged his house so that the school could be built. Mrs. Williams resides in Winfall.

Saturday's reunion was the second of this type to be held. Last year the first Perquimans County Union School Reunion was held. At this time the committee does not know if any more reunions will be held.

As a result of the reunion, Perquimans County Union School graduates have formed the Perquimans County Union School Alumni Association.

One of the first official functions of the alumni association will be the establishment of the King A. Williams Memorial Scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded at graduation ceremonies 1988-89 to a underprivileged boy and girl in honor of King A. Williams, former principal of Perquimans Union School. The association is currently in the process of establishing a committee and criteria for the awarding of the scholarship.

Members of this year's reunion committee included: Ms. Dee Riddick, Mrs. Esther H. Bryant, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Modlin, Mr. William Modlin, Mrs. Constance L. Everett, Mrs. Eloise P. Smith, and Mrs. Shirley Yates.

Indian Summer Festival plans set

Summer is over, fall is here, and on September 16th and 17th Perquimans County will officially kick off the autumn with its annual Indian Summer Festival.

Residents from the area, as well as tourists from as far away as Tidewater Virginia are expected to visit Hertford for the two day event which will feature arts and crafts, exhibits, lots of delicious food, games, sidewalk sales, and terrific entertainment.

On Friday, the merchants will fill the sidewalks of the downtown Hertford with bargains galore during the Indian Summer Festival sidewalk sales.

Artists from across the eastern part of North Carolina and southern Virginia comprising approximately 35 booths all together, will display their wares Saturday at Missing Mill Park on the bank of the beautiful Perquimans River.

Quilts, scherenschnitte, jewelry, soft sculpture and more will fill the booths, making for a shopper paradise.

In addition to the sidewalk sales, foods, and arts and crafts, the Indian Summer Festival will offer a wide variety of entertainment both days.

The Perquimans County High School "Marching Pirates" will get the festival's entertainment schedule underway Friday with a performance a 12 noon.

Other highlights of the entertainment planned during the festival's two days include the Edenton Preservation Band, the Navy Atlantic Fleet Band, Katie Cudworth, a teenage country singer from Man-



teo, "Paradise Road", the Flatland Cloggers, "TRADOC ROCK", a division of the U.S. Continental Army Band, the "Harbor Lites", square dancers from Snug Harbor, "Curse You Jack Dalton", an old fashioned mellerdrummer, and the annual street dance on Saturday evening with the "Fun Seekers" Band.

Other activities planned during the festival include a "sidewalk cafe", a chicken fry, and a pig pickin' all sponsored by the chamber of commerce. Historical window displays will be seen downtown, the dunking booth will be in the park on Saturday, clowns with balloons will be around on Friday, and there will be all sorts of games for the kids including train rides, games, and more.

The Indian Summer Festival is an annual event which everyone looks forward to, and this year festival is no exception, it will provide fun and excitement for visitors of all ages.

Make plans now to come to Hertford, September 16th and 17th, and enjoy the 7th annual Indian Summer Festival.

Four laning U.S. 17 seen as top priority

Four laning U. S. Highway 17 from Virginia to South Carolina will be a top priority if Bob Jordan is elected governor this fall.

The announcement made by Jordan as he spoke to with members of the Highway 17 Transportation Association last Tuesday in Washington, North Carolina, came as no surprise. Jordan has made no secret that he supports four-laning the highway.

According to Jordan U. S. 17 plays a great role in the economic development of the coastal plains region of North Carolina, and is important to the tourist industry.

"Highway 17 is important to our tourism industry," said Jordan "It links many of our historic areas and is a primary artery serving many of our coastal areas. Our beaches, our national parks and our good fishing will continue to at-

tract more and more visitors from the northeast and midwestern parts of our country. If the area through which U.S. 17 runs it to prosper, we must improve and widen it as soon as possible.

The NCDOT's Transportation Improvement Plan adopted by the North Carolina Transportation Board in 1987 calls for approximately \$81 million dollars to be spent on Highway 17 over the next nine years, but Jordan feels that the work on the highway must be completed sooner than that.

Jordan told members of the Highway 17 Transportation Association that the state's Highway Study Commission is currently studying the state's highway needs and will make recommendation to the legislature next year on the best ways to pay for highway projects like four laning U.S. 17.

Town officials consider putting curfew on park

Vandalism and defacing of property may force Hertford town officials to impose a curfew at Missing Mill Park.

According to recreation department director, Andy Downing, and Mayor Bill Cox, problems in the park have escalated to the point that something must be done. The town has replaced the restroom doors at the park numerous times, as well as picking up trash, cleaning bathroom floors, and repairing damaged park property.

"I hate that the problem has come to this," said Cox. "But something must be done so that residents of the community feel they can use Missing Mill Park," he added.

The problems at the park appear to occur after 5:00 p.m. according to Cox and Downing, and Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt is in agreement with them. "I feel we need a curfew," said Merritt. "A curfew will help us (the police dept.) take care of the park," he said.

At the present time there is a town ordinance which governs Missing Mill Park, but town officials feel that it is not specific enough, and in the past it may not have been enforced as well as it should have been.

Under the ordinance it is illegal to willfully mark or deface structures and facilities at the park. It is illegal to remove property, cut, carve or transplant trees or shrubs, it is illegal to ride motorized vehicles through the park and

more, but according to Cox the ordinance does not cover some of the problems which now exist at Missing Mill Park.

Problems such as people washing and waxing cars or doing car repairs are not covered, and playing loud music is not covered specifically in the ordinance.

While strict enforcement of the ordinance on the books would control some of the problems, there are still some amendments which he and Downing, as well as Chief Merritt, feel need to be addressed, and added to the current law.

On Monday evening, during the regularly scheduled town council meeting, Cox will carry the recommendations of he and the others to the town council for their approval. Those recommendations include placing a curfew on the park. If adopted by the council the curfew would close the park at 6:00 p.m. from Sept. 1 until March 31st., and in the summer from April 1st until August 31st the park would close to the public at 9:00 p.m..

Cox stated during the recent meeting that he doesn't feel the curfew will hurt the park's usage, but he hopes the curfew, and enforcement of the current ordinance will make Missing Mill Park a more pleasant place for the citizens of Hertford.

Cox also stated that if the council does not approve the new curfew, the ordinance currently in effect will be strictly enforced in the future, and violators will be prosecuted.

Locker searches are planned for schools

In a continuing effort to combat the war on drugs in Perquimans County, the Perquimans County Board of Education has authorized the sheriff's department to conduct random locker searches at Perquimans High School, and Perqui-

mans Middle School. According to school officials and Sheriff Joe Lothian, the sniff searches will be conducted with the use of Kirby, the drug dog. They will be random, and unannounced.

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