

**ENGELHARD MAN IS KILLED IN WRECK SATURDAY MORNING**

**Manslaughter Charge Follows Death of Murl Gibbs In Wreck Near Middletown**

Murl Gibbs, 54-year-old Engelhard man, became Hyde County's first highway fatality for 1956 about 10:30 a.m. Saturday when the pickup truck in which he was riding was hit head-on by an oil truck 1.7 miles south of Middletown. The driver of the oil truck, 21-year-old Ashley Duane Williams of near Engelhard, will be charged with manslaughter, it was announced on Monday by the investigating patrolman, W. E. Williams.

The 1952 Chevrolet pickup, owned and driven by Burl Spencer of Engelhard, was traveling south on the rural paved road when met by the north-bound oil truck, a 1954 Chevrolet owned by Coastal Oil Company of Belhaven, Gulf distributor for the area. Patrolman Williams said tracks indicated that the oil truck ran partly off on the right-hand shoulder of the road for about 60 feet and then traveled 38 feet across the road to where the two trucks hit. Other tracks indicated that Mr. Spencer applied his brakes and that his truck skidded for 9 feet before the collision. The right-hand front of the oil truck struck the left-hand front of the pickup and the two vehicles came to rest on the west shoulder of the road almost in a small roadside ditch.

Mr. Gibbs suffered head and facial injuries and died instantly. Both drivers were hospitalized, Mr. Spencer suffering from shock, cuts on the leg and under the eye, and a broken cheek bone, and Mr. Williams from shock and bruises.

The front end of both trucks was demolished and both were estimated as total losses by the patrolman, except for the tank of the oil truck which escaped damage.

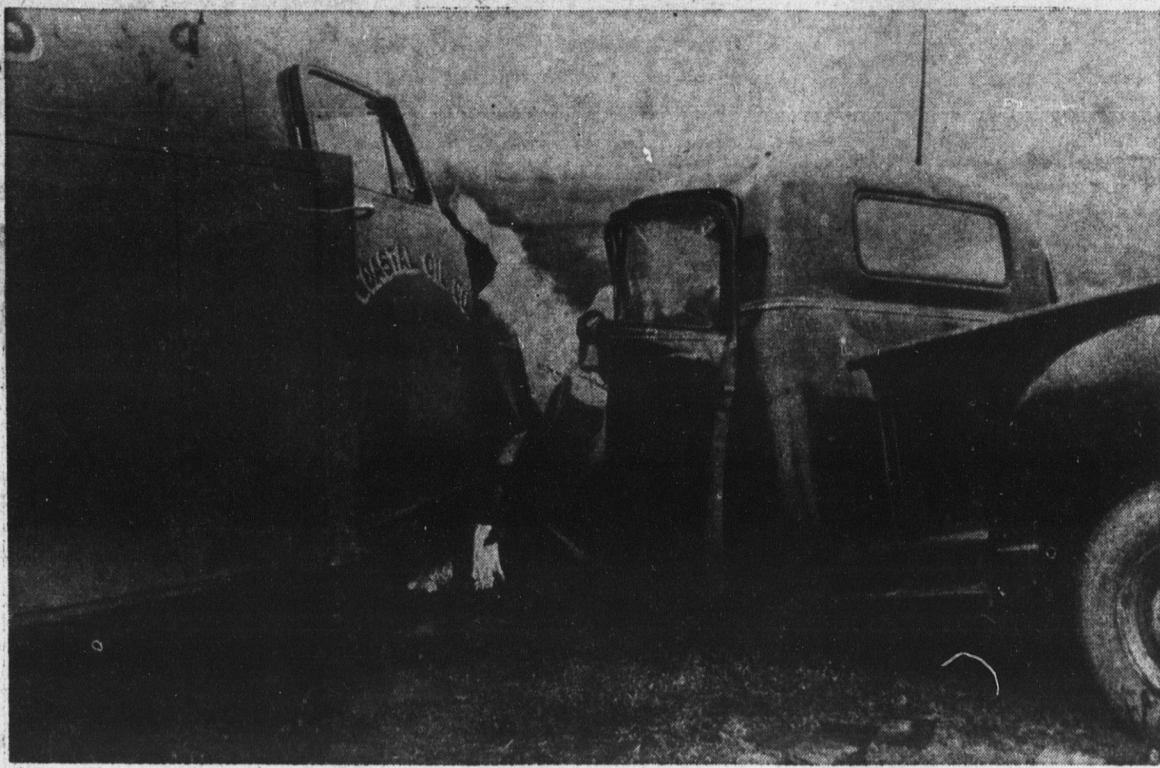
The exact cause of the accident has not been determined, as patrolman Williams says neither driver has been able so far to shed much light on just what happened.

Funeral services for Mr. Gibbs were held from his home near Engelhard Monday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Angus M. Cameron, the Rev. W. P. Armstrong, and the Rev. A. W. Huffman; burial was in Amity Methodist Church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maggie Lewis Gibbs; one son, Sullivan Gibbs of Greenville; two grandchildren; two brothers, Robbie Gibbs of Fairfield and Early Gibbs of Columbia; and two sisters, Mrs. Stanley Armstrong and Mrs. Jessie Hudson, both of Fairfield.

Mr. Gibbs was the son of the late John O. and Cora Gibbs of

**SATURDAY COLLISION KILLS ENGELHARD MAN**



THE TWO TRUCKS that collided head-on Saturday morning near Middletown, resulting in the death of Murl Gibbs of Engelhard, are shown above. The oil truck on the left was driven by Ashley Williams of Engelhard, who will face a manslaughter charge as a result of the accident. Mr. Gibbs was a passenger in the pickup truck on the right, which was driven by Burl Spencer of Engelhard. Both drivers were hospitalized with minor injuries. (Photo by Pratt Williamson, Jr.)



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Engelhard. He was a life-long resident of the Engelhard area and a member of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church near Engelhard.

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**FUNERAL AT HATTERAS FOR MRS. SUSAN B. FOSTER**

Mrs. Susan Ballance Foster, 69, died in Hatteras Wednesday at 10:15 at the home of her son, Ernal Foster, following an illness of two weeks. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Amanda Stowe Ballance, and widow of Charlie B. Foster. She was a member of the Hatteras Methodist Church.

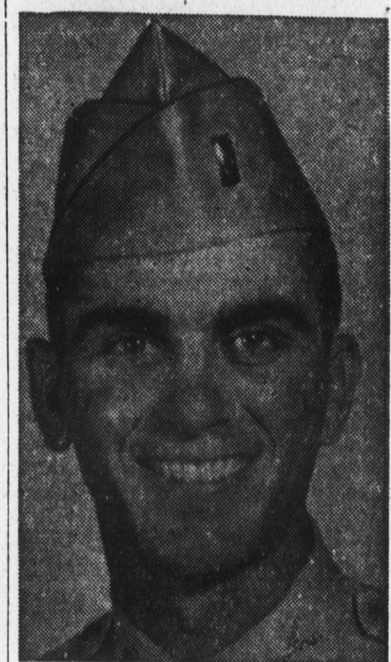
Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Alma Willis, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Lola Gaskins and Mrs. Edna Garrish, of Hatteras; four sons, Ernal Foster, Hollas Foster, William Foster and Gaston Foster, all of Hatteras; one sister, Mrs. Nancy J. Meekins of Hatteras; two brothers, W. T. Ballance, of Chester, Pa., and I. S. Ballance, of Hatteras.

Funeral services will be conducted today, Friday at 2 p.m. in the Hatteras Methodist Church by the Rev. Dan Meadows, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Dew, pastor of the pentecostal Holiness Church. Burial will be in the family plot at Hatteras.

**TWO SISTERS FROM HYDE ON E.C.C. HONORS LIST**

Two students from Hyde were among forty at East Carolina College in Greenville who made the highest possible grade on all courses included on their schedules for the fall quarter. On the honors list just released by Dr. Orval L. Phillips, registrar, are Jane

**FINISHES HIS OFFICER TRAINING IN GEORGIA**



Army 2nd Lt. William S. Burrus, 24, son of William S. Burrus, Engelhard, recently was graduated from the Infantry School's basic infantry officers' course at Fort Benning, Ga. Lieutenant Burrus, a 1955 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, was salesman in an Engelhard store before entering the Army in 1948.

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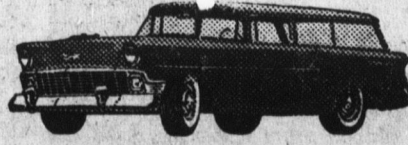


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