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JOY'S RIDE PROVED COSTLY TO ESCORT NEAR BELHAVEN

Goldsboro Woman Has Broken Hip, Driver Fined and Ordered to Pay Bills

William Daniel Windham, 51, of Goldsboro, pleaded guilty in Belhaven Recorder's Court of careless and reckless driving in the early morning of October 20th east of Belhaven, which resulted in serious injuries to the spiky-looking young Mrs. Joy May, also of Goldsboro. The party was bound for an outing on Lake Mattamuskeet. Mrs. May suffered a fractured hip and other injuries. Windham escaped serious injury.

The court gave him a 30-day suspended sentence, a fine of \$25 and the court costs, and he agreed to pay all of Mrs. May's hospital and medical expenses, as a condition of the judgment.

Many traffic and assault cases were passed on during the week by Judge Pat Johnson. Zachriah Barrow, colored, of Belhaven, public drunkenness, got a 30-day suspended sentence provided he pay a \$5 fine, but he couldn't do it, so had to serve the time. The following cases are all colored people:

Robert Lee Davis, Washington, N. C. pleaded guilty to driving drunk, no operator's license, speeding at 70 m.p.h. Fine \$125 and costs, 12 mos. suspended, roads three months.

Lugan Mackey, Scranton, pleaded guilty of gambling, 30 days suspended, \$10 and costs.

Wilbert Riddick, Belhaven Route 2, assault on Jas. Lee Warren, ordered to pay hospital and medical bills, \$50 and \$116 for damage to clothes.

Tim Selby, Belhaven, assault, six months suspended, and \$25 fine and costs. He cut up Lucy Ballard, a neighbor's wife, and he was ordered to pay her medical and hospital bills.

Eddie Lee Flynn, Rt. 2, Belhaven, public drunkenness, \$25 and costs. Roy Smith, Belhaven, gambling, pleaded guilty, 30 days suspended, \$25 and costs. Mack Freeman, Belhaven, assault on neckless carter, \$25 and costs. Guy Thomas, Belhaven, no operator's license, \$25 and costs. LeRoy Smith of Belhaven, public drunkenness, \$5 and costs.

Clifford Sutton, Belhaven, gambling, \$10 and costs. Lewis Wilboughby, Belhaven, public drunkenness, \$5 and costs. Willie Fournville, Swan Quarter, public drunkenness, 30 days suspended, \$10 and costs. Sarah Hardy, Belhaven, public drunkenness, \$5 and costs. Emma Lee Lovick, Rt. 1, Pantego, failing to observe stop sign, \$10 and costs.

Jas. Lee Warren of Bath, charged with an affray, pleaded guilty, 90 days suspended, \$10 and costs. Clifton D. Cannady, Rt. 1, Pantego, speeding, \$10 fine and costs. Josephus Carter, charged with being drunk and disorderly, paid court costs when prosecuting witness withdrew charges.

William Jehue Davis, ignoring stop sign, \$10 and costs. Wilson Cutler of Pinetown was taxed with the costs for not having a transparent window in the door of his car.

McRae Whitney, Rt. 1, Pantego, See COURT, Page Four.

F.H.A. INITIATION HELD AT JOHN A. WILKINSON

The John A. Wilkinson chapter of the Future Homemakers of America held their annual initiation ceremony in the school auditorium on Wednesday afternoon.

Officers of the club were seated on the stage with a table decorated with the club flowers, red roses, and symbolic candles. Lydia Mann Bishop explained the purpose of the ceremony, and Dolores Hayes, vice-president, presided in the absence of the president, Hatsy Respass.

Starlon Crede presented the candidates for initiation and called on old members to repeat the purposes of the F.H.A. Lighting a white candle from the burning red candle in the center, each of the following girls repeated a purpose: Becky Lupton, Pam Voliva, Annette Nobles, Bunny Hartlieb, Virginia Best, Dolores Jordan, Dorothy Cahoon, and Joan Davis. Other members taking part were Joan Sawyer, Dolores White, Carolyn Jordan, and Betty Jane Griffin.

New members pinned were Alma Guthrie, Eleanor Cahoon, Karen Best, Anne Sadler, Linda Caines, Beatrice Walls, Lyda Cox, Sandra Spears, and Carolyn Gunn.

The program closed with the singing of the F.H.A. song. Parents of the girls and members of the faculty were invited to the home economics department for refreshments. Mrs. Burchie Johnston, club sponsor, served lime frappe and pound cake.

NAMED TO HEAD HYDE'S MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE



GEORGE W. O'NEAL of Engelhard, Hyde County Farm Agent, has been named to direct the 1958 March of Dimes campaign for the county. Paul C. Butler, state chairman, announced this week from the Chapel Hill headquarters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The fund raising drive opens on January 2 and continues through the 31. Mr. O'Neal served as co-chairman of the campaign last year, when more than 18 cents per capita was contributed by citizens of the county.

In an appeal for the usual all-out support of the coming campaign, Mr. O'Neal reported there are 300,000 persons in the U. S. today who have had paralytic polio. He said at least one of every three of these is in need of further rehabilitation service. "For them," he pointed out, "survival is not enough. They have a right to a life of usefulness and happiness."

Since 1938, the Foundation has authorized the expenditure of almost a million dollars by four North Carolina Institutions to further its research and professional education programs. The Institutions are Duke University, N. C. College at Durham, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Wake Forest College.

Mr. O'Neal is a member of the Engelhard Rotary Club. He is treasurer of the Methodist Church at Engelhard, and the father of two children.

PLAN TO RESTORE 12 FT. DEPTH TO INLAND WATERWAY

Wilmington.—The Corps of Engineers' District office here reports that surveys will begin this month preparatory to restoring the Intra-coastal Waterway in North Carolina to project depth of 12 feet.

Funds have been received to start the dredging next March in the vicinity of the Neuse River and to work southward as far as the funds will permit, according to Colonel H. C. Rowland, Jr., District Engineer.

Since 1952, the inland route has been maintained at a 10-foot depth because of the restriction of funds for that purpose. However, in areas where the depth was found to be less than 10 feet, it was restored to 12 feet.

Commercial traffic on the waterway has shown a healthy increase from the beginning in the 1930's and particularly since the second World War. In 1947, for example, 875,000 tons were carried on the waterway. In 1950 there were 1,250,000 tons; 1953—1,500,000 tons; 1955—1,800,000 tons; and 1,900,000 tons in 1956.

Principal commodities last year were: petroleum products, 380,000 tons; pulpwood, 600,000 tons; menhaden fish, 80,000 tons; and paper, 430,000 tons.

It was pointed out that the 12-foot depth will permit barge-tug units and other craft to navigate the channel with greater safety than has been the case with the existing controlling depth of 10 feet. It is for these reasons that steps are being taken to provide the maximum 12-foot depth which will be done on an annual basis as funds are allocated.

HYDE 4-H EXHIBIT AT FAIR PLACED FOURTH

Raleigh.—The Hyde County 4-H clubs exhibit was awarded the \$200 fourth prize at the North Carolina State Fair this year.

The 4-H club exhibit, the theme of which was wildlife conservation, was the only entry from Hyde County.

DALTON SPEAKER

Carter Dalton, the sage of Pungo Point near Leechville was the guest speaker at the Belhaven Rotary Club at Flossie's House, Pantego, Tuesday.

BELHAVEN C OF C MAKES PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Board of Directors of the Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce held their regular monthly meeting Wednesday night, October 30th.

President Vann Latham presided. Reports were made by J. H. Purvis, executive secretary, and Russell Johnston, treasurer.

During the business period, Rev. Allen Wentz, president of the Belhaven Ministerial Association, and Ed Harris, a former president of the Merchants Association, appeared before the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the Christmas program usually put on by these two organizations. They asked the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring the program for this year. The matter was fully discussed, and it was decided to undertake this project, if the merchants would cooperate in financing the program. A committee was appointed to contact the merchants, so that plans could be made at an early date.

It was suggested that the Chamber of Commerce write the State Highway Department in Greenville, requesting that they direct route 264-A through Belhaven.

The proposed Grain Elevator for this section was discussed, and the Chamber of Commerce pledged their support to this project.

Members present were: Vann Latham, J. H. Purvis, Russell Johnston, H. L. Dilday, A. L. Gaylord, and E. L. Slack. Guests were Rev. Allen Wentz and Ed Harris.

ELECTED DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT 10 OF P.T.A.



MRS. J. H. SPOTANSKI of Engelhard was elected director of District 10 of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers at the recent fall conference in Kingston. She will do organizational and advisory work with the 75 local PTAs in this district of 20,000 memberships.

Mrs. Spotanski is the former Rebecca Jarvis; her interests include active service in the P.T.A., Order of Eastern Star, the Methodist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary. Her husband is Sgt. Major at the Edenton Marine Base. She succeeds Mrs. Harold Orringer of New Bern, who served a three-year term as director.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK BY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Belhaven Public Library Association will begin a membership drive on Monday, November 11. The membership fee is one dollar.

The Association reminds the public that no drive was held last year, chiefly because there were so many other campaigns to raise money going on in the community. Funds must now be raised to meet the running expenses of the library and to continue adding to the book collection. People of Belhaven and the surrounding communities which are served by the library are asked to consider the value of the library to the section and to give as generously as they can to assure its continued progress.

Members of the Ways and Means Committee will call at homes and business establishments during this week and there will be no other drive for funds during the year.

BAZAAR SET SATURDAY AT SWAN QUARTER

There will be a bazaar and turkey supper November 9th at the Swan Quarter Agriculture Building, sponsored by the Swan Quarter Christian Church.

Fancy work will be on display at 2 o'clock p.m. Supper will be served from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. consisting of turkey, ham, and chicken. Everyone may serve themselves and pay as they wish.

HYDE MAN ELECTED TO HEAD 5 A ASSOCIATION



LEON BALLANCE of Nebraska, Hyde County, on October 30 was elected president of the Southern Albemarle Association at its annual meeting in Columbia. He will head the six-county group, assisted by the following county Vice-presidents: Dura, M. L. Daniels Jr.; Beaufort, Mrs. Scott Topping; Martin, B. S. Courtney; Washington, H. W. Pivitt; Hyde W. W. Watson; and Trent, W. J. White.

Mrs. Sally Fisher of Engelhard was named the new Secretary.

The Association offered a protest against the telephone rate increase being sought by the Carolina Telephone Co. It approved construction of a grain storage elevator in Belhaven. It was reported to the Association that \$3,637 was spent on the Croatan Sound bridge celebration in April. Night ferry service across Alligator River was recommended and a committee appointed to work for same.

IMPROVEMENTS IN TELEPHONE LINES IN HYDE COUNTY

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Considerable improvement and enlargement of the telephone facilities in Hyde County are being made at the present time according to information given this newspaper. One of the largest expansion projects of the Carolina Telephone Co. is near Oyster Creek, which, with adjacent improvements will call for an expenditure of about \$68,000 and put many new subscribers on the system.

Improvements are being made at Stumpy Point where a subsurface carrier system will be installed. New lines are being built in the North Lake area of Hyde, at New Holland, and at Ponzer.

Financing these and other improvements are some of the reasons the company is seeking additional finances through a rate increase now proposed and which will yield about one half million dollars additional revenue annually, we are told.

GOVERNOR COLLINS OF FLORIDA TO HUNT AT MATTAMUSKEET LAKE

Governor LeRoy Collins of Florida is scheduled to arrive at Lake Mattamuskeet on November 20th for waterfowl hunting, it was announced this week by L. B. Tunnell, refuge protector at New Holland. Several governors usually come to famed Mattamuskeet each year for hunting.

According to Mr. Tunnell, hunters have reservations the last of this week during the first days of the season which opened today (Thursday) include Ben Rooney, administrative assistant to Senator Kerr Scott; and Woodrow Price, outdoor writer for the Raleigh News and Observer.

CHRISTIAN BAZAAR AT ENGELHARD SATURDAY

The ladies of the Engelhard Christian Church will hold their annual bazaar this Saturday, November 9th, at the Community Building from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. A turkey dinner will be served, also oysters, sandwiches, cake and pies. Handwork will be on sale. The public is invited to attend.

WHOPPING DRUMFISH REPORTED AT BUXTON

Here's a catch of drumfish out of this world, as the saying might have it, but reported from Buxton by Raymond Middgett, the well-known bus driver. Three fish, taken from the surf Tuesday night were weighed in at 50, 68 and 75 pounds. Mrs. Middgett reported by phone from Fuller's store, Wednesday morning.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULES GIVEN FOR HYDE SCHOOLS

East Hyde and West Hyde Are Members This Year of New Tidewater Athletic Conference

Hyde County's two high schools, East Hyde at Engelhard and West Hyde at Swan Quarter, are this year members of the new Tidewater Athletic Conference, and according to the recently-released season's basketball schedule for the conference, East Hyde will open its season November 26 at Creswell, while Swan Quarter will be hosts to Roper December 3 in their first conference game. Coach E. K. Mann has announced that West Hyde has scheduled a non-conference game at Pantego November 12. Practice sessions began several weeks ago at both the Hyde schools.

The new athletic conference is composed of thirteen schools, divided into two brackets. East Hyde and West Hyde are in the bracket with Chowan, Columbia, Creswell and Roper schools, while the other bracket comprises Camden, Pasquotank Central, Griggs (at Poplar Branch), Manteo, Moyock, Sunbury, and Weeksville. The conference schedule calls for each school to play each of the other schools in its group twice and each school in the other group

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AFTER SERVICE IN ITALY HAS BALTIMORE ASSIGNMENT



Baltimore, Md.—First Lieutenant Major Irving Hoover, son of Mrs. Florine Hooper and the late Lorenzo D. Hooper of Stumpy Point, has been assigned to Headquarters Air Research and Development Command (ARDC) here effective November 16. He will be assigned as an Administrative Officer in the office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Lieutenant Hoover entered active duty with the United States Air Force shortly after his graduation in May 1954 from East Carolina College, Greenville, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. He has been Adjutant of the 7207th Air Base Squadron at Aviano, Italy, for the past two years and nine months.

He holds the National Defense Service Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal (Germany).

Lieutenant Hoover and his wife, Marietta, are the parents of a son, Major L. Jr., 14 months. Lt. Hoover was named for his grandfathers, the late Capt. Major Pugh of Manteo, and C. Irving Hooper of Stumpy Point.

BOOKLETS ON SOIL USE DISTRIBUTED IN HYDE

Certificates of appreciation are to be presented by the Pamlico Soil Conservation District to sixteen of its affiliate members who recently sponsored the distribution in Hyde County schools of comic book-type booklets entitled "The Story of Land—Its Use and Misuse." Plans are being made now for the presentation of the certificates, which will be enclosed in frames suitable for hanging.

The distribution of the booklets was an undertaking of the district's Hyde County supervisors, J. C. Berry, Edward Bonner, and J. B. Berry, assisted by T. V. Simmons, county Soil Conservation Service work unit technician. The affiliate members bearing the cost of the booklets were: Swan Quarter: A. Cahoon & Son, Quinn-Miller & Co., E. A. Williams, Mattamuskeet Industries, Inc., Cahoon & Swindell, Leonard Smith, and The Berry Company; Engelhard: C. Gilbert Gibbs, Preston Mooney, T. C. Spencer, and Pamlico Power and Light Co.; Fairfield: D. W. Cutrell and Clifton Mooney & Sons; Sladesville: G. R. Richards and Sladesville Supply Co.; and Scranton: W. E. Bishop.

BONNER TO SPEAK STUMPY PT. MONDAY



HERBERT C. BONNER, Congressman from the First District will be the speaker at the Young Democratic Armistice Day rally at Stumpy Point Monday evening at 7:30 at Stumpy Point. Horace Hooper, young Democratic Club whip and his committee at Stumpy Point have promised a big time with a choice oyster roast, and Young Democrats from all parts of Dare County have been invited. The president of the Dare County Young Democratic Club is Jack Tillett of Manteo. A. H. Ward, Jr. is Treasurer. Dr. W. W. Harvey Jr. of Manteo is Treasurer, and Mrs. Dotty Fry is Secretary.

Mr. Hooper says old Democrats as well as young ones are invited to hear Mr. Bonner and to enjoy this oyster roast.

CHEST X-RAY UNIT COMING TO HYDE FOR TWO WEEKS

Dr. W. W. Johnston, Health Officer, Urges All Over 15 To Get Free X-Ray

The mobile chest X-ray unit will be in operation in Hyde County through Saturday, November 23, the Hyde County Health Department has announced. In connection with the unit's visit to Hyde, Dr. W. W. Johnston, district health officer, this week issued the following statement:

"For a number of years your local health department, in cooperation with the State Board of Health, has been conducting, annually and free of charge, a mass chest X-ray survey in Hyde primarily for the detection of tuberculosis. However, there are a number of other chest conditions incidentally picked up also by this service, such as lung cancer, tumors, heart conditions, etc.

"Everyone knows or should know by this time that an earlier detection and diagnosis of tuberculosis is made by chest X-ray than by any other method of detection and that early detection and treatment gives much better chance of recovery as well as a much shorter period of hospitalization and convalescence. In view of these facts, your health department urges that everyone 15 years old and above take advantage of the free X-ray and get a chest X-ray when the X-ray unit is nearest to you. However, you may get one any time the unit is in operation no matter whether in your vicinity or elsewhere—even in another county if you happen to be there and it suits your convenience.

"So we urge you to be sure and get a chest X-ray while the unit is in Hyde County. "Below is the schedule of the dates, time and places the X-ray unit will be operating in Hyde County: Nov. 9 through 12, at Texas Service Station, Sladesville, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Nov. 13 through 15, at Texaco Service Station, Swan Quarter, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Nov. 16 through 19, at Murl Swindell's Store, Fairfield, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Nov. 20 through 23, at the old post office or near the power plant (according to circumstances and weather conditions), Engelhard, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m."

ROY WAYNE MARSHALL WINS 4-H ELECTRIC TRIP

Roy Wayne Marshall, son of Mrs. Gladys Marshall of Nebraska, won a free trip to 4-H Club Electric Congress held in Raleigh October 27-29.

Roy Wayne was selected as the county electric winner this year. Each year the boy and girl electric winner is selected and given a free trip to the 4-H Club Electric Congress by an electric power company. The power company sponsoring the Hyde County winner's trip is Virginia Electric and Power Company.

During the Electric Congress, the club members go on tours, observe demonstrations, and have recreation at night.

BELHAVEN BOARD PLANS METHODS FOR CEMETERY

Prices of Lots Increased, Up-Keep Charge to Be Made

The Belhaven town board Tuesday night agreed on a new arrangement for handling the town cemetery problem, subject to approval of the cemetery committee. The problem of upkeep of the cemetery has been before the Board for several months.

Vann Latham, Alderman, and chairman of the cemetery committee said Wednesday the plan is substantially as follows: An increase in the price of the standard eight grave burial lot will be made, with prices up to \$300 and an additional \$5 per year maintenance charge to insure upkeep of the cemetery.

Other members of the cemetery committee are Mrs. James Younce, Secretary, W. B. Voliva, Mrs. Jesse Taylor, and there is one vacancy created by the resignation of Capt. George Clark.

The Belhaven Board agreed Tuesday night on a permit to the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. to erect a warehouse on town property at Pine and Water streets; to buy garbage cans for various parts of town to cooperate with the Governor's Clean-Up Week; to advertise for sale a mechanical street sweeper, and give further consideration to the new roof needed for city hall.

HYDE DRAFT BOARD IS RECOGNIZED FOR 15 YEARS SERVICE

Certificates of appreciation from the President of the United States have been awarded to four members of the Hyde County draft board for 15 years of service to the nation. Woodin G. Credle, Joseph C. Bishop, and R. B. Stoberbury were awarded certificates as board members, and Clifton L. Bell was awarded a certificate as Governor's Special Agent. They have served continuously, without compensation, with exception of a brief period between termination of the 1940 Act and the reorganization of the System under the present Act. Colonel Thomas H. Upton, State Director of Selective Service, states that they share with members of the New Hanover County draft board the distinction of having served as a complete county unit for the full 15-year period. They are among the 68 original appointees to the North Carolina Selective Service system under the World War II Act who are still serving.

BILL MORGAN MAKES AN UNUSUAL RESCUE

The crew assigned to the Coast Guard Light Attendant Station at Belhaven will do almost anything to assist boaters in trouble, as was proved by a case on Sunday, September 22.

The trouble was a result of high winds and rains brought on by a sudden northeast storm. The victims of the incident were Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ernest of 1010 East Tenth Street, Greenville. They had rented a small outboard motorboat at Belhaven and gone out in the Pungo River to fish, and the weather forced them to take refuge on Durant's Point across the Pungo from Belhaven. Another Greenville party nearby was able to make it back to Belhaven and notified H. G. Brumsey of the Coast Guard.

Mr. Brumsey called on Bill Morgan, and they promptly went out in the Coast Guard cruiser to pick up the Ernests, taking along a 14-foot outboard motorboat. Because of shallow water, the cruiser had to anchor several hundred feet offshore from the Greenville couple, so Mr. Morgan went ashore in the outboard to get them. It was about dark when he arrived and found their boat on the shore filled with sand. Taking them aboard his boat, he started back to the cruiser when the shear pin in his motor gave away, rendering his motor useless.

Those aboard the Coast Guard cruiser heard the motor quit, but by that time it had become too dark to see what was going on. After an anxious wait, they detected the small boat moving toward them, its engine still silent. Finally, as it neared them, they could see something in the water just ahead of the boat. It turned out to be Mr. Morgan waist deep in the water fighting the waves and pulling the boat behind him.

The Ernests were returned to the Coast Guard dock by Mr. Brumsey and Mr. Morgan, and Reginald Bishop, from whom the Ernests' boat was rented, was notified. After the weather cleared the next day, Mr. Bishop was able to recover his boat undamaged.