

Gunman caught after hostage incident

By BOB SHILES

For The News and Observer

ELIZABETH CITY — A gunman who had taken six supermarket employees hostage, raped one of them and bargained with police for a fast, stylish getaway car led officers on a high-speed chase into Virginia before he was captured early Friday, authorities said.

The gunman didn't get the Ford Mustang or the souped-up police cruiser he had demanded during the three-hour siege, and he finally forced a woman hostage, 28, to drive him away from the store, freeing the five other hostages, police said. The chase ended

about 2:30 a.m. after police set up a roadblock on U.S. 17 in Chesapeake, Va., and officers swarmed around the car.

The suspect was arrested without gunfire and the hostage was unharmed, authorities said.

Ronald A. Attmore, 38, who gave a Baltimore, Md., address, was being held Friday in Chesapeake for investigation of armed robbery, first- and second-degree kidnapping and first-degree rape, authorities said. He was ordered held without bond pending extradition proceedings.

Elizabeth City Police Chief W.C. Owens said Attmore, whose driv-

er's license carries a New Bern address, was also under investigation in connection with holdups at grocery and convenience stores in eastern North Carolina. Kinston police Detective C. Neal Flowers said Friday that Attmore was a suspect in the June 12 armed robbery of a Winn-Dixie store. Goldsboro police said they would question Attmore during the next few days about several recent convenience store holdups.

Owens said the incident had begun about 10:15 p.m. Thursday when an employee at the Elizabeth City Winn-Dixie called police and said an armed man was

inside the store. Officers arrived to find the doors locked but saw the store's assistant manager and the gunman crouched near the store's safe.

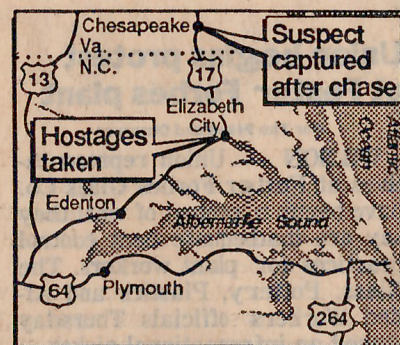
About 30 officers from Elizabeth City, the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Department and the N.C. Highway Patrol surrounded the store, and a tense three-hour negotiation session began, Owens said. During that period, a store employee, 17, was raped and another woman was locked in a freezer, the chief said.

Owens, who conducted the negotiations by telephone, said he had tried to simply keep the gunman

talking. "I kept trying to keep him talking so he would cool down," Owens said. "He was really cooking at first. He was excited, talking real vulgar and in a high-pitched voice. As long as we were in contact with him, we knew that the hostages weren't being harmed."

At times, however, the suspect, who wielded a .38-caliber revolver, became angry and belligerent. He slammed the phone down several times, only to call police back in five or 10 minutes, Owens said.

Owens said the man had maintained during the negotiations



that he was a "professional" and that "he knew how to pull off burglaries." Owens said the man had demanded a late-model Mustang for his getaway, but had been told that the best he could get would be a 1977 Mercury. The gunman refused, saying that the

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Worker benefits bill OK'd

House quashes bid to limit hernia aid

By VAN DENTON

Staff Writer

Lawmakers in the state House Friday approved a bill that would strengthen worker benefits under the Workers' Compensation Act. An industry-backed attempt to strip away a provision ensuring better treatment of hernia victims was defeated by one vote.

The bill is one step from enactment.

The Senate, which has approved an earlier version of the bill, may vote Monday on whether to accept the hernia provision. The possibility that the provision would be approved got a boost Friday when Democratic Lt. Gov. Robert B. Jordan III said he would back the House change.

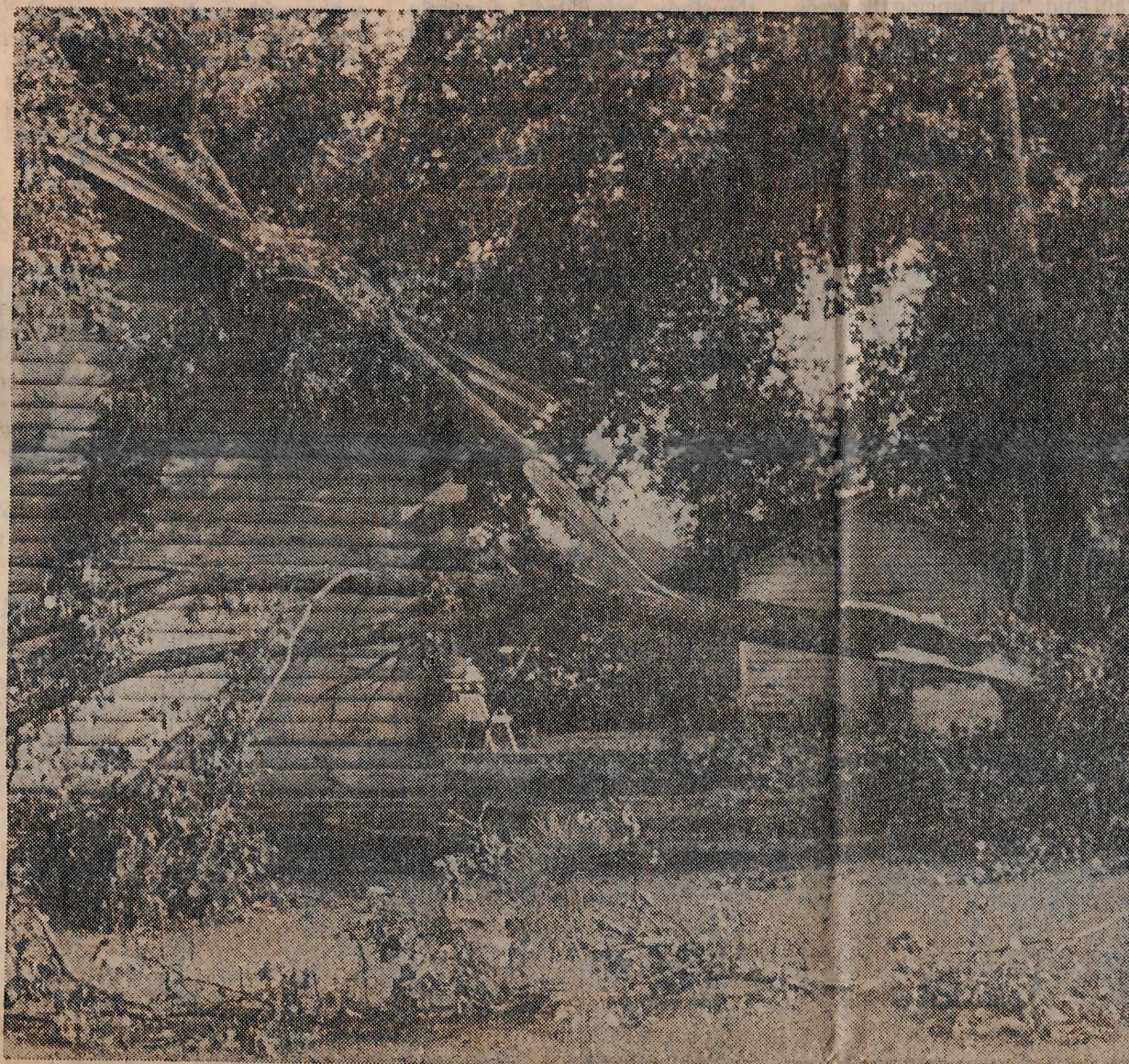
"I hope the Senate will agree," Jordan said in an interview after the House vote. "As I understand, the addition of the hernia part to that bill is a very minor cost, less than a 1 percent increase. I think it is something that should be in there and have supported that for years because of my own experience in my own business."

J. Marc Finlayson, a lobbyist for the N.C. Textile Association, said the House amendment violated the compromise worked out on the bill.

"If the Senate is resolute about supporting the compromise, then I would think any change the House made that liberalizes it would endanger it," Finlayson said. "If the Senate is not resolute, then I would imagine that would go to conference and we would have some more discussion. I would hope the Senate would simply remove the addition and advocate the bill as we had agreed to it."

The hernia measure, tacked on to the Senate bill in a House committee, would allow a worker to receive benefits if the injury

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The Holly Springs home of James Jones fell prey to high winds that hit the neighborhood

Staff photo by Lance Powell

High winds hit Triangle area causing damage

By JAMES FARRER

For The News and Observer

High winds in the Holly Springs-Fuquay-Varina area uprooted trees and damaged crops and houses Friday afternoon.

Residents reported that the winds had blown out windows and had pulled the columns from one front porch along a half-mile path about 4 p.m. A tree in the yard of James Jones of Holly Springs toppled on his house. No one was inside.

There were no injuries, but power to almost 500 residents was reportedly out for a short time.

N.C. Highway Patrol Capt. Tony H. Spainhour, whose home on Bass Lake Road was in the path of the storm, said that he had thought there had been a tornado, but that the National Weather Service had not been sure.

"The damage looks like that from a tornado," Spainhour said. "Some people said it was a little more than treetop high. It never cut low enough to touch the ground."

"It tore tin off a metal roof, tore shingles off roofs, blew mailboxes

off posts and blew windows out of houses," Spainhour said.

Michael E. Sabones, meteorologist with the weather service at Raleigh-Durham Airport, said officials were investigating whether the storm had been a tornado.

"There were several reports of a funnel cloud from Holly Springs-Fuquay-Varina," Sabones said.

But after hearing reports of the damage, he said there probably had been no tornado. "There appears to be no evidence of circular winds," he said. "These were probably just straight-line winds."

The damage was centered in the Needmore Community on Bass Lake Road, Spainhour said.

The Keith family on Aiken Farm Road lost part of their 29-acre tobacco crop.

"The plants were blown down, and the leaves stripped off the stalks," said Lisa C. Keith.

"We heard a really loud noise like a tornado and ran into the hall in the house," she said. "No one actually saw a tornado."

Caretaker extols virtues of repairing UNC-CH bell tower

By WILLIE DRYE

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — A familiar landmark at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has a slight case of laryngitis, and like an opera singer who loses her voice just before the curtain rises, it has come at a bad time.

The Morehead-Patterson Memorial Tower, known to most simply as the Bell Tower, has tolled the passage of thousands of hours since it was built in 1931. And U.S. Olympic Festival officials want it to play a special serenade when the Olympic flame passes through Chapel Hill July 16.

But one of the tower's 12 bells has been an erratic performer for the past six months, said John F. Yesulaitis, director of the UNC-CH marching band and self-appointed caretaker of the bell tower.

"Not having the bell speak is an annoyance," Yesulaitis, 70, said Wednesday after leading an expedition up winding staircases and stepladders to the tower's belfry. "If we have it, it ought to work."

The cantankerous bell is supposed to play the third note in the familiar Westminster Chimes melody that signals each hour. But when its turn has come recently, more often than not,

there has been a moment of silence instead of the peal.

Yesulaitis said that he was concerned, but thought that it would be taken care of in time for the festival. He said the Cincinnati firm that has handled repairs in the past had told him Thursday that parts to fix the bell would cost about \$60. He expects them to arrive soon.

A mechanism similar to that of a player piano near the tower's base makes the bells play. A perforated tape made of heavy paper passes over a studded roller. When a stud passes through a hole, a circuit is broken that controls one of 12 electromagnets

in the tower's belfry.

Breaking the circuit releases a bell's clapper momentarily, allowing it to strike a note. The clapper then is drawn back by the electromagnet and held in place until the circuit is broken again.

Yesulaitis thinks humidity has caused corrosion on a shaft in the electromagnet that controls the gimpy bell's clapper. The bell does sound occasionally. "On days when it's crisp, the bell speaks," he said.

The bell tower also can be played manually from a small keyboard, and Yesulaitis plans to be at that keyboard when the flame is carried through.

Trying to fix the silent bell has resurrected one of Yesulaitis' long-standing goals: replacing all the bells with a carillon of 40 to 50 bells. Fund drives for other major campus construction have occupied the recent attention of university friends and alumni, Yesulaitis said. "Now that the big projects are over, it's time for someone to at least consider this," he said.

Yesulaitis isn't sure exactly when the automatic mechanism that chimes the hours was installed, but he thinks it was in the mid-1950s. Before then, the bells

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Legislature may study salary of embattled ABC chief

By ROB CHRISTENSEN

Chief Capitol Correspondent

The General Assembly may examine whether the state's liquor control chief is earning his \$58,716 annual salary while apparently spending the majority of his time in Charlotte, two key legislative budget leaders said Friday.

The budget leaders said they were concerned about published reports that Charles E. Knox, chairman of the N.C. Alcoholic

Beverage Control Commission, spent most of his time at his Charlotte law office while holding down a full-time job managing the Raleigh-based agency.

The legislature sets the salary for the state ABC chairman, and it has the power to adjust his salary during the next several weeks when it adopts the budget.

"If it is proven that he is staying in Charlotte the majority of time, then we will certainly take a look

at it," said Sen. Aaron W. Plyler, D-Union, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Added state Rep. William T. Watkins, D-Granville, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, "I don't think the General Assembly will just let it slide."

The News and Observer reported this week that 413 telephone calls had been made from the ABC office in Raleigh to Knox's law office or home in Charlotte

during the 12-month period that ended in March.

Knox said the calls, made on a total of 194 work days, had been made by subordinates who called to discuss ABC business with him.

Gov. James G. Martin, who appointed Knox, said Thursday that Knox had spent an average of about two days per week at the ABC Commission office in Raleigh. But he said Knox had put in a total of more than 40 hours per

week at his ABC post because he conducted state business in his Charlotte law office.

Martin said Knox was doing "a superb" job as head of the agency responsible for controlling all aspects of the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages.

Martin also said he planned to meet with Knox next week. Martin said Knox was contemplating a change in his remuneration, possibly asking that he be paid on a

part-time basis, or even resigning to avoid controversy.

Martin said Knox would "probably not stay around if he's a target. That's why I wanted to talk with him and see if there is some other arrangement that would be more acceptable to him."

Knox could not be reached for comment Friday.

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1st District legislator's wife ponders run for seat in '88

By BILL KRUEGER

Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Speculation has begun to circulate throughout the North Carolina delegation on Capitol Hill that Rep. Walter B. Jones may not seek re-election in 1988 and that his wife, Elizabeth F. Jones, may try to win the 1st District seat herself.

Jones, dean of the North Carolina delegation in the House, said this week that he had not decided whether to seek re-election. But Mrs. Jones indicated she had given the matter some thought.

"As far as I know, he's going to continue on," Mrs. Jones said of her husband. But she said "some people have approached me" about running if Jones decided to bow out.

"If that time comes, I certainly will give it some thought," she said.

The news seemed to come as something of a surprise to Jones, a Democrat from Farmville, who won his House seat in a special election in 1966.

"We haven't talked about her running," he said. "I'm not sure that she has it that seriously in her mind." But, he said, "That's a decision for her to make, not me."

Jones, 73, said that while he had made no decision about seeking re-election, he was leaning toward running again. As chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, Jones is part of the leadership in the House.

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"I have consistently and continually said that as long as I like the job, I would hate to forfeit the seniority," he said.

Jones' health — he recently underwent surgery to have aneurysms removed from his leg, his seventh operation since 1981 — has fueled speculation in recent years that he would step down. He uses a wheelchair to get around on Capitol Hill, but he said that he felt good after his recent operation.

Mrs. Jones is the congressman's second wife. His first wife, Doris, died in 1984.

If Mrs. Jones were to try to follow in her husband's footsteps, she might first have to beat competition within the family. Jones' son, state Rep. Walter B. Jones Jr., often has been mentioned as one of several people interested in trying to gain the seat when the elder Jones retires.

It seemed like a fairly routine part of a congressman's job. Rep. David E. Price, a freshman Democrat from Chapel Hill, wanted to have two weeks in July recognized by Congress as "U.S. Olympic Festival-'87 Celebration" in recognition of the festival to be held in the Triangle and other parts of

the state this month. He also wanted to have July 17 declared "U.S. Olympic Festival-'87 Day."

It turned out to be no easy task.

Price had to collect the signatures of 218 House members in support of his resolution to get it passed. Since working through congressional staffs was determined to be too unwieldy, Price's staff decided the easiest way to accomplish the task was for Price, with the help of Reps. J. Howard Coble and H. Martin Lancaster, to collect the signatures himself.

"For two weeks now, I've taken that list everywhere I went," Price said this week. "It's not that easy to catch up with [218] people."

So when he reached the required number Thursday, Price celebrated by giving a "high five" to his legislative director, Eugene Conti. With the requisite signatures in hand, the House is expected to give the resolution routine approval Tuesday.

In preparing his case for the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, Rep. Charles G. Rose III has some heavy hitters on his team.

The committee, commonly known as the ethics committee, is investigating allegations by the N.C. Republican Party that Rose has borrowed \$63,995 from his campaign since 1978 either at low interest rates or at no interest.

Rose, a Democrat from Fayetteville, has said he lent his campaign committee at least \$50,000 that he's

not been repaid. He has denied the allegations by the state GOP.

To help prepare his case, Rose hired Stanley M. Brand, the former general counsel for the House clerk's office, several months ago. Rose's longtime attorney, William C. Oldaker, former general counsel to the Federal Election Commission, is the primary attorney helping Rose with the case.

Rose said he planned to ask ethics committee members to allow him "to talk to them" about the case, but that he still was submitting documents to the panel to establish the loans to his committee.

North Carolina lawmakers will partake in a variety of activities during the Fourth of July weekend, but Lancaster will celebrate with a flair that will be hard to match.

Lancaster, a freshman Democrat from Goldsboro, will be the guest conductor for a two-hour program of concert music on a Washington radio station Sunday evening. Sen. Jesse A. Helms is one of several lawmakers who have been guest conductors for the program in the past year.

Lancaster has chosen to feature U.S. composers in honor of the holiday.

Price is scheduled to participate today in the Siler City parade and to appear later in the day at Hillsborough and Cary.

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Union begins protest at Foster Forbes plant

For The News and Observer

WILSON — Union representatives at Foster Forbes Glass Co. have begun a protest of what they say are inadequate heat control practices for plant workers. The Glass, Pottery, Plastics and Allied Workers officials Thursday staged an informational picket — in which workers picket on their own time — outside company grounds to press their complaint that the company is not honoring a "heat release" policy in their union contract.

The workers distributed literature to workers and management asserting that the company is forcing them to work in dangerously high temperatures. Picketers did not try to stop employees from reporting to work. Officials at Foster Forbes, a division of National Can Corp., have refused to comment.

Police find the truck of missing Virginia man

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — Police in Nags Head, N.C., Thursday found a pickup truck belonging to a Virginia man who has been missing since human organs and a large amount of blood were found in his apartment last week, police said. Police in the North Carolina beach resort notified Newport News police around noon that they had found missing man's dark green 1979 Chevrolet truck, Maj. James Ledford, a police spokesman, said.

He said that police investigators had gone to Nags Head to examine the truck. The vehicle belongs to Charles William Brownell, 43, a brick mason and Civil War buff who was last seen by neighbors Tuesday. Alerted by neighbors who noticed blood outside Brownell's apartment Wednesday morning, police entered the home and found more blood and human organs on the living room floor. Police have said it is unclear whether Brownell was the victim of a homicide or whether he is a suspect.

Relative is charged in murder of woman

RANDLEMAN (AP) — A young relative of a 74-year-old Randleman woman found stabbed to death last week has been charged with murder in her death, authorities said Friday. Alonzo Dale Baines of Asheboro, 19, a great-nephew of the victim, was charged with first-degree murder in the death last Thursday of Lula B. Brown, Randleman Police Chief Mike Kellman said.

Police find few clues in Broughton vandalism

Raleigh police had few leads Friday in seeking the vandals who wrought more than \$30,000 in damage at Broughton High School.

Broken glass, smashed computers, destroyed oil paintings and ripped upholstery shocked staff members when they arrived for work Thursday morning at the 58-year old school on Peace and St. Mary's streets.

Police said the vandals apparently had entered the school's administrative offices through a window that faces a courtyard.

DMV workers undergo tests for tuberculosis

More than 25 employees in the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles have undergone testing for tuberculosis after a co-worker was found to have an infectious case.

The tests were offered after health officials concluded that some employees had had sufficiently close contact with the co-worker to risk infection.

Wake hospital official rues brochure decision

The president of the Wake County Hospital System said Thursday that he regretted that the system had sent brochures asking Cary residents to lobby county commissioners for a hospital.

"Sometimes you get so involved in a situation that your judgment becomes colored," said Raymond L. Champ. "I believe that Wake's role in the brochure preparation was ill-advised."

The hospital system paid about \$6,300 to design, produce and mail the brochures to 35,000 people in western Wake County. Bearing the logo and return address of the Cary Chamber of Commerce, the brochures included a prepaid, tear-off "support card" addressed to the Wake County Board of Commissioners. The hospital system is expected to ask commissioners this year for permission to build an 80-bed hospital in Cary.

Bald eagles spark conflict at Jordan Lake

Bird-watchers want boating, fishing near nesting area eliminated

MONCURE (AP) — Eagle-watchers armed with binoculars are gathering this summer in large numbers at a northern finger of Jordan Lake, which has become one of the best bald eagle viewing areas east of the Mississippi River.

But the eagles' nesting area also is sparking a growing controversy between the bird watchers and others who use the lake.

The conflict centers on a single issue: How much recreational activity at the lake would adversely affect the eagle population?

The Wildlife Resources Commission, which leases 18,000 acres near the lake for public use, is eager to keep its latest stars from taking their show elsewhere. At the same time, the agency is aware that Jordan Lake was designed primarily for recreation and has become a popular site for boating and fishing.

North Carolina officials began keeping eagle counts at Jordan Lake in June 1985, after local Audubon Society members reported sighting large numbers of the birds. That July, 42 eagles were recorded; the number fell sharply after August, but increased to 53

the following July. Last month, observers spotted a record number of 54 eagles, prompting state wildlife officials to predict that as many as 75 may be seen at the lake later this summer.

One attraction of Jordan Lake, scientists speculate, is its relatively shallow depth, which gives the eagles easy means of plucking their favorite food from the water. Another may be the availability of perching sites large enough to accommodate their wings.

"See those dead trees? During the day, that's their favorite spot," said Deborah S. Paul, director of non-game programs for the state Wildlife Resources Commission. She said the bleached, nearly limble trees along the lake's northern shore gave the eagles a roomy place to sit and scan the water for food.

"The tightrope we walk," Ms. Paul said, "is balancing the needs of an endangered species with the needs of an increasingly urban population."

That balancing act flared into open conflict in September 1985, when officials suggested that the northern area of the lake might be closed to boat traffic.

"The fishermen united in a big way," Ms. Paul said. "I got a lot of telephone calls from people saying, 'I'll blast every eagle out of the sky if you're going to do this.'"

Another source of friction has been a shooting range planned, ironically, for an area in the northern sector where the eagles frequently congregate. Local bird-watchers want to scrap that proposal for a nature center, a plan that has drawn criticism from hunters.

To resolve those issues, the Army Corps of Engineers, which owns the lake property, has commissioned James Fraser, associate professor of wildlife science at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, to perform a \$200,000 study focusing on the effect of recreational activity on the lake's eagle population. While results of the study, scheduled for completion next spring, are still preliminary, Fraser said there was a remote chance that activities in the popular southern region would have to be curtailed.

There remains, however, the subject of the northern part of the lake that is populated with the

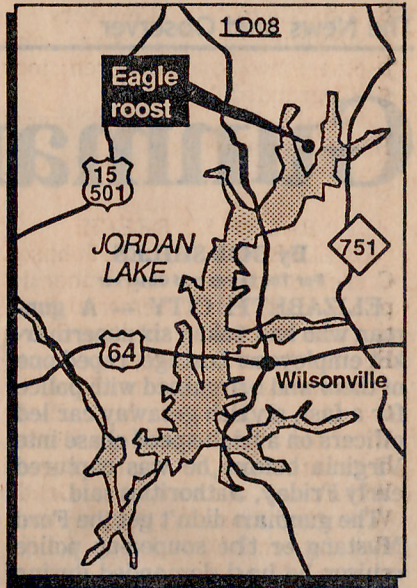
birds. Although a final decision hinges on the study's conclusions, recreation in that area might well be limited, said William Adams, a spokesman for the Corps of Engineers in Wilmington.

Corps officials might choose to restrict motorboat traffic, which seems to frighten the birds, Adams said. Any boat restrictions would be voluntary at first, he said, with mandatory controls imposed as a last resort.

He said the corps may choose to develop plans for quieter, educational activities in the northern area. That plan would necessitate a review of existing plans — an effort, according to Adams, that corps officials would undertake for the good of the birds.

"When the eagles showed up," he said, "everything changed."

The possibility that the birds may not make their seasonal appearance next year is something that federal and state officials would rather not contemplate. But Fraser said there was good reason to expect that with minimal human interference and an adequate food supply, Jordan Lake would continue to be favored by the eagles for many summers



to come.

Officials said they were grateful for the challenge of making the birds feel welcome.

"Years ago, we had no idea Jordan Lake would need a quiet place that's still half wild," said Ms. Paul, as the eagles soared lazily nearby. "Now we're beginning to see that the lake can offer much more to the public than camp sites, boat ramps and concrete picnic tables."

Caretaker appeals for repairs

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were played by hand.

Besides sounding each hour, the tower automatically plays brief selections four times a day from its repertoire of nine familiar songs. Yesulaitis also plays before and after home football games and at commencements.

The 167-foot tower, made of brick and limestone, also holds a special place in the memories of many alumni, Yesulaitis said. "They call me to find out when the bells ring, so they can tape-record them to take back home," he said. "It must mean something to them."

Yesulaitis said that he had discussed the tower project with members of the university administration. He said fund raising also would be discussed with the 1988 graduating class, which could decide to adopt the project as a class gift.

Yesulaitis also said that he hoped alumni would be willing to help raise the \$150,000 to \$200,000 required to buy and install the new bells. "I'm sure the alumni association will cooperate. A couple of hundred grand is nothing if you reach the right people."

Having only 12 bells restricts



Staff photo by Jim Stratakis

John F. Yesulaitis, director of the UNC-Chapel Hill Marching Band, says campus bell tower needs repair

the tower's melodic range, Yesulaitis said. When the bells play a song, it's actually a sketch of the melody, he said. "It can't play

true notes, but it's close enough so the song can be recognized."

Yesulaitis would like to see the carillon project adopted as part of

the university's 200th anniversary celebration, which begins in 1989. He said that he's been pushing the effort for "10 or 15 years."

"After a while, you get discouraged because you really want something to happen," he said. "But I keep trying."

Legislature may study pay of ABC chief

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Charles Knox is the older brother and was the key political adviser of former Charlotte Mayor H. Edward Knox, a Democratic nominee for governor. After losing a bitter Democratic primary for governor in 1984, members of the Knox family, including Charles Knox, shocked the Democratic Party by endorsing Martin, a Republican, for governor.

Martin has denied that hiring Charles Knox was a political reward for the help the Knox clan provided him in his election. Martin said Charles Knox was a longtime friend who had headed the Mecklenburg County ABC board for many years.

The report that Knox was spending most of his time at his Charlotte law office did not please several Democratic lawmakers.

"I think anyone hired in a position of managing any of the departments in the state of North Carolina and drawing the salary as a full-time manager should spend full time on that job and resign any other job he might be affiliated with," Plyler said.

"If he's paid a full-time salary, then he ought to give full-time work," Watkins said. "Maybe he does some of his work in Charlotte. I don't know about that. If he is not giving the full-time work, the governor or the General Assembly should do something."

House OKs legislation aimed at boosting benefits for workers

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were caused by a "specific traumatic incident" during normal job duties.

Currently, a worker can collect for a hernia only if it can be proved that the injury resulted from a slip, trip or fall. Other portions of the bill would raise worker benefits, speed issuance of benefits and break down long-standing barriers for collecting money for work-related injuries.



The Associated Press

Beating the heat

With hot, humid weather blasting the Triangle area Brian Sykes, 8, finds relief. Brian took a cool break at the water fountain from playing in the park Friday.

Orange County fugitive surrenders at prison

The N&O Orange Bureau

CHAPEL HILL — An Orange County Jail inmate, who walked away from a road repair crew north of Hillsborough last month, has turned himself in to the Orange County Prison Unit, officials said Friday.

Edward William Riddle, 22, of Route 6, Hillsborough, surrendered to prison officials Monday afternoon, said Bradley S. Rudd, program assistant at the minimum-security Orange County unit.

Gunman caught in Va. after hostage incident

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Mercury was "too slow," the chief said.

The gunman then demanded the chief's car. "He told me, 'I want your car because I know that's fast,'" Owens said. "We did not furnish that."

The next request was for a "new model, fast sports car," which was refused, Owens said. "Finally, he said he would take a hostage's car."

Owens said he had agreed eventually to let the gunman flee in the hostage's late-model Toyota but had insisted that he not take any hostages with him. The gunman emerged from the store twice, surrounded by the six hostages,

before forcing the woman into her Toyota. He climbed into the back seat and ordered her to drive, Owens said.

The car went north on U.S. 17 into Virginia with police in "hot pursuit," Owens said. The car was stopped by a "running roadblock" near Cedar Road in Chesapeake, Owens said.

"When he was stopped, he threatened to kill the hostage and officers," Owens said. "But after a few minutes, he released the hostage unharmed and surrendered."

The employee who had been raped and the woman who had been locked in a freezer were treated at local hospitals and released.

Memorial services set for C-130 crash victims

FAYETTEVILLE (AP) — Memorial services will be held next week for the five men killed in the fiery crash of a military cargo plane during a low-altitude demonstration Wednesday. The 317th Tactical Airlift Wing at Pope Air Force Base will hold a memorial service Monday at 2 p.m. at the Base Theater for four crew members killed when the C-130 crashed during a low-altitude maneuver, Pope officials said.

Another memorial service will

be held July 13 at South Chapel for a Fort Bragg soldier killed in the accident, according to Fort Bragg spokesman Carol Jones. The airman killed were pilot Capt. Gary M. Bardow Jr., 31; navigator Capt. John B. Keiser, 28; loadmaster TSgt. Timothy J. Matar, 32; and loadmaster Airman 1st Class Albert G. Dunse. An 82nd Airborne Division soldier, SSgt. Douglas L. Hunter, 25, died when the jeep he was sitting in was struck by the airplane.

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The Senate has three choices: It could vote not to accept the House change and let the bill die; it could vote not to accept the change, but to try to work out an agreement; or it could approve the bill as it is.

Rep. Daniel T. Blue Jr., D-Wake, who pushed for the addition of the hernia provision, said in an

interview that he expected the Senate to approve the change because no one wanted the whole package to be lost in the struggle.

"I think we will have a meeting of the minds on it," he said.

For the second time in two days, House members stood firm against attempts to weaken the bill, voting 55-54 to reject an amendment that would have eliminated the hernia provision. Bill supporters said the amendment would have left a worker uncompensated if his injury occurred as part of normal job duties.

"We worry about plant closings and their effect on people who are put out of work," said Rep. Harry E. Payne Jr., D-New Hanover, in urging the defeat of the amendment. "That's easy to talk about ... but that same worker is equally out of work when he has a hernia. He has the same difficulty in supporting those who depend upon him whether or not he is put out of work by changes in the

marketplace or by a shift in weight that he couldn't explain."

Bill supporters also used parliamentary maneuvers to block consideration of a second amendment that would have deleted a provision that makes the Workers' Compensation Act apply to businesses with three or more employees. Currently, the laws apply only to employers with four or more workers.

Final House passage came on 74-34 vote.