

TWO BOYS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE IN AUTO WRECK

George Modlin and Dallie
Hardison Wreck Car Near
Jamesville Tuesday

DRIVER IS ARRESTED

Hardison Boy Is Badly Hurt, Cut in
Dozens of Places About
Face and Head

Liquor, speeded up, came very near adding another victim to its list of tragedies last Tuesday night when George Modlin, a 15 year-old white boy, ran his Ford car, at a fast rate of speed, into a ditch bank near Jamesville and caused Dallie Hardison, his companion, to dive through the car's windshield. The two boys were on their way to a pie party at Cedar Branch in the Jamesville section when young Modlin speeded his car to its fastest pace and caused it to jump a ditch and run into the bank of the ditch. Modlin was slightly cut and badly shocked, while the Hardison boy was cut in almost a dozen places on his face and head.

The two boys were placed in another car, and while on their way here another wreck was narrowly avoided at a railroad crossing. Upon their arrival here, Dr. James S. Rhodes started patching the eleven cuts on the Hardison boy. So thick were some of the cuts that the doctor covered two and three at a time, but the most dangerous one was on the boy's neck. The gash there laid bare arteries and veins, and had it been a fraction deeper, Hardison would in all probability, bleed to death. When turned from the doctor's office, young Hardison resembled a member of the Ku Klux Klan in full regalia.

Young Modlin who lives in the Cashie Neck section of Bertie county, at first denied that he was driving the car at the time of the accident, stating that a boy from Tennessee was at the wheel. His statements varied greatly, and while in the doctor's office here he denied practically everything in connection with the wreck. He stated that he was driving another car 75 miles an hour when the wreck happened, and that he was sure it was a Stutz Bear Cat. When Sheriff Roebuck, not knowing the true condition of the Hardison boy, asked young Modlin to spend the night with him, he accepted the invitation cheerfully. When the Sheriff turned toward the county jail, Modlin changed his attitude and modified all his statements. He was later released under bond for his appearance before Recorder Bailey here next Tuesday when he will answer to charges of reckless driving while intoxicated and under age.

HIGHS DOWN TARBORO, 10-8

Is Second Win of Season for
Local Boys; Tied Town
Team Yesterday

Williamston's high school boys turned in their second win here last Wednesday afternoon by defeating a high school team from Tarboro 10 to 8. Barnhill started the game in the box for the locals, but gave up the duties to Hardison who held the visitors to two runs during the remainder of the game. With an up-hill fight on their hands, the locals started a batting attack that resulted in ten runs.

Reports coming from the several games played hold that while the boys are just entering the season, an interesting brand of ball is being played.

Yesterday afternoon the high school tied the local town team, made up of all stars. In the last inning the high missed scoring a win by a small margin.

GIVE UP IDEA OF NEW STREETS

Opposition and High Prices
For Property Given As
Reasons

In the face of opposition and high prices charged for property, the matter of opening two streets, one from Main to Warren street and another from Main to Church, has been officially dropped. These obstacles, it was hoped by several of the town officials could be overcome, but since Mr. P. H. Rose, of the Rose's Five and Ten-cent stores stated that the lot would be very suitable for a store, town officials abandoned the idea of opening the proposed streets.

Owners of the property that would have been affected by the opening of the streets will be notified that the matter has been dropped so that they can go ahead with their plans.

Mayor Coburn stated this morning that everything had been done that was possible to be done to get the streets, and that he had come to the definite conclusion that additional streets here are things of the past.

SCHOOL NEWS OF ROBERSONVILLE

Vernon Ward Wins First
Place for Best Original
Poem

In a contest held recently by the Robersonville Literary society of the Robersonville high school, Vernon A. Ward, Jr. won first place for the best original poem. Mildred Powell, second, and Vergie Roberson, third, read very good poems. Seven seniors took part in the contest, and each did splendid work.

In the Group Center commencement held at Bear Grass last Friday, the Robersonville school received the certificate of award for having won the highest number of points in the contests between the Group I schools. The nineteen points were made on two first, one second, and three third places. According to rulings only first-honor students compete at the County commencement; so Virginia Bailey and Louise Rawls will represent the school at Williamston April 13.

Remember "All A Mistake," a farce comedy in three acts, will be presented by the school Wednesday evening, April 11.

The music recital given by the pupils of Miss Essie Leigh Robinson Thursday evening, March 29, was a good exhibition of the work done during the school term. The selections showed excellent training and careful execution on the part of teacher and pupils. Remember the elementary recital to be held April 12.

Easter Services at Baptist Church

Instead of the regular Sunday School Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock, the Sunday School and church congregation are asked to meet in the church auditorium Sunday morning promptly at 10 o'clock, at which time the closing session of the Bible School will be held.

At the close of the lessons everyone will reassemble again in the auditorium. This will be about fifteen minutes before 11 o'clock, and the pastor asks that the people all be in the church by this time if possible. The doors of the church will be opened, and the pastor desires that all who are contemplating joining the church on Easter Sunday be in the church at this time.

Immediately after this, an opportunity will be given the smaller children to go to their homes, if they so desire. Then, without any intermission we shall go right into the Easter Day service.

This will be featured by an Easter anthem, upon which the choir has done a great deal of work. The pastor will have for his short Easter address an exposition of the Walk to Emmaus.

Since there will be no evening service in this church, and since it is Easter Sunday the church is anxious to concentrate a very great deal into these two morning services. The people generally are invited to worship with us Easter.

Two Stills Seized in Free Union Section Wednesday

Special Deputy E. H. Gaylord assisted by E. G. Walters brought in two stills from the Free Union section last Wednesday. The first capture was made back of the Major Boston farm where the 60-gallon still was found cold, and with few signs of recent operation. Four hundred gallons of beer and all equipment were destroyed.

The second outfit, a 60-gallon copper kettle, 800 gallons of beer and other equipment, was found back of Luther Cordon's store. The kettle was cold and nobody was seen near the plant.

OAK CITY WINS IN ORATORICAL CONTEST HERE

Is First Preliminary of In-
ternational Contest; Held
Wednesday

JUDGES' VOTE 4 TO 5

Orations, Dealing With Development
Of Constitution, Very Good; Miss
Rachel Rawls Is Winner

Miss Rachel Rawls, representing the Oak City high school, won in the first preliminary of the National and International Oratorical contest held in the local school last Wednesday afternoon. John Robert Jenkins, representing the Robersonville high school in the first round of the contest here Wednesday, lost by one point, the judges deciding in favor of the Oak City representative, 4 to 5.

The orations, dealing with the Development of the Constitution were very good and did credit to the schools represented. Two of the judges stated that the two speakers had evidently spent much time in preparing their talks and that their study of the Constitution was complete.

Miss Rawls will take part in the next preliminary April 20 when the winners in the county contests will compete for a place in the State finals to be held April 27.

In making their decisions the judges are asked to consider three points as follows. The fitness of the contestant to make a worthy showing in the highest stages of the contest—character, poise and personality to be the criteria; The composition of the oration, with particular emphasis on historical accuracy, logic and general literary effectiveness; Moving power—the extent to which the speaker can thrill, quicken and compel.

TOWN TO GET 5 & 10 STORE

P. H. Rose Buys Lot on
Main Street and Will
Erect Building

That Williamston will have a 5 and 10 cent store in the very near future was practically assured yesterday when Mr. P. H. Rose, of the Rose's Five and Ten-cent stores, purchased the lot where the H. W. Stubbs office now stands, and where he expects to erect a modern store within the next few weeks.

Mr. Rose was here a few days ago looking for a building suitable for a 5 and 10 cent store, but could find nothing available at that time. Upon his return yesterday he looked over the Moore property and decided to erect his own building.

Mr. Rose is from Henderson and his firm, at the present time, is operating thirty-five modern five and ten cent stores throughout the State. He talked very favorably of locating a store here, stating that should his present plans mature, he would be ready to start building in a very short time.

Easter Services at Christian Church

Sunday morning, 7 a. m.—Sunrise Prayer meeting. This service will be at the church.

Church school, 9:45 a. m. The measles is keeping down the attendance. Were it not for this fact we would be having our 150 which we have hoped, but let us see how near the 150 we can come this Easter Sunday. The public is cordially invited to our services.

Easter Service, 11:00 o'clock—"Too Good News to be True."
Baptismal Service, 7:30 p. m.—"The Resurrection Power."
J. H. HALE, Pastor.

Finals of Farm Life Commencement Today

According to early reports coming from Farm Life today, the final exercises on the commencement program at the school there are being largely attended. Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, of Plymouth, is making the main address, following which a picnic dinner is to be served.

The commencement will be brought to a close this afternoon when declamation and other contests will be held.

HIGHWAY HAS MOVING DAY

Today was moving day for the State Highway forces. A few less than a dozen of the big trucks and house trailers were carried through the main street today. And there is a doubt but what the Highway Commission could put on a parade that would surpass all those of the big circuses.

The trucks are used in maintenance work and are moved from place to place where repair work on the roads is necessary.

GROUP - CENTER COMMENCEMENT

For Group II Schools Being
Held at Everetts
Today

The second of the group center commencements for the county this year is in progress at Everetts today where all the schools in Group II are taking part in the preliminary contests. Winners in the Group I schools were determined at a meet in Bear Grass last Friday and they will compete with the winners of the contest today at Everetts in the county meet here next Friday.

The attendance at the meet today, while not as large as it was at Bear Grass last Friday, is reported to be large. The contests are proving of much interest, and all indications point to a most successful county meet here next Friday.

NEGROES BEAT UP WHITE MEN

Aftermath of Auto Wreck;
Trouble Occurred At
Wards Bridge

A dangerous and bloody fight took place Sunday night about 10:30 o'clock, just beyond Ward's bridge in Washington county when five young white men were held up and beaten by three carloads of negroes, numbering about fifteen.

The first trouble occurred a half hour earlier when the car of C. B. Strum, of Maxton, one of the road builders now working on No. 90, was struck by a car driven by a colored man at Plymouth. A fender of the Strum car was torn practically off, and in the course of settling the damage, an argument resulted. A few blows were passed, but peace soon reigned and everything appeared to be all right.

Mr. Strum, accompanied by Irving Coltrain and Staton Godard, of Williams township, and two young men from Jamesville started home and just as they approached Ward's bridge three cars dashed by them and blocked the road. The negroes filed out and rushed on the Strum car with automobile jacks, pumps and other weapons. Coltrain was beaten up badly, and Strum was almost killed. The other three boys saved themselves by running away and hiding. Six arrests have already been made by Washington county officers and the negroes, who are from the Free Union section of this county, were required to furnish bond in the sum of \$500 for their appearance at the recorder's court in Washington county in Plymouth next Tuesday.

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW DIES

Former New York Senator
And Railroad Man Died
Thursday

Chauncey M. Depew, one of the nation's most distinguished citizens died in New York Thursday, missing his ninety-fourth birthday by only a few days.

Until quite recently Mr. Depew had retained much of the power and vigor of youth in both mind and body. He was a lawyer and politician, as well as a business man. He was one of the leading campaigners for Abraham Lincoln in 1860.

In 1868 he was appointed ambassador to Japan, but declined the offer to become general counsel to one of the country's largest railroads, the New York Central. He was later made president of the system. For twelve years he served his state as Senator.

Chauncey M. Depew, it is said, gained the confidence of the world by his good nature, after dinner speeches full of mindness and reasonableness in all business dealings.

Make Second Attempt To Enter Lamb Home

A second attempt to enter the W. G. Lamb home was made by an unknown party or parties early in the evening last Wednesday. A noise was heard at the back door, and when Miss Annie Lamb asked who was there, the party ran.

Police were called and a search was made, but the findings were not sufficient to lead to an arrest.

Last Friday night two men made several attempts to enter the home, but failed. Burglary has been the talk of the town during the past few days, and it is understood that the residents are repairing their door locks and stocking their ammunition chests.

Superintendent R. A. Pope left this afternoon for Creedmore where he will visit relatives. He will be accompanied home by Mrs. Pope and children.

PETITIONS ASK EARLY OPENING WEED MARKETS

Being Sent Out By Eastern
Carolina Chamber of
Commerce

FEW SIGNERS HERE

Farmers Who Are Interested in Earlier
Opening Than Last Should
Sign At Once

Petitions asking for an earlier tobacco opening for Eastern Carolina have been sent by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce to practically all the towns in the section for signatures. Hundreds of farmers and business men are signing the petitions, but so far there have been very few to sign here.

Farmers who are interested in an earlier opening of the tobacco markets should sign the petition which is in the office of Elbert S. Peel, one of the directors of the commerce body. The petition with the hundreds of others will be sent to the Tobacco Association of the United States, where it is hoped favorable steps will be taken for an earlier market opening for this section.

The petition has to be in the hands of Secretary N. G. Bartlett next week, and farmers and business men who are desirous of an earlier opening and who find it convenient to do so should sign the petition here before late next Monday.

BIG INCREASE IN BOLL WEEVIL

Announced As Result of
Survey by Department
Of Agriculture

Washington, April 5.—A startling increase over last year in the number of boll weevils which survived winter hibernation is indicated in a report announced today by the Department of Agriculture, based on examinations of Spanish moss in the states of Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Texas.

The findings, based on the number of weevils per ton of moss, record 65.9 as the Louisiana state average, compared with 15.7 for last year, 53.0 in 1926 and 8.0 in 1925. In South Carolina, 21.1 were found, compared with none last year.

Southern Louisiana showed 365.1 per ton in 1928, compared with 70.0 last year, while the northern part of the state had 1.0 compared with 4.0 last year.

Comparative figures are not available for the entire cotton belt, as examinations were made last year in Louisiana and South Carolina only.

Outlook Bad
The department observed that conditions, generally speaking, were favorable in most sections for a large number of weevils entering hibernation last fall.

"Although the figures presented above are indicative of the percentage of weevil survival," the report added, "it is recognized that the examinations were made at an insufficient number of points to give figures from which accurate conclusions may be drawn for the entire cotton belt."

In the Northern part of Louisiana, the department recalled that most of this area was included in the Mississippi flood area during the 1927 season and that in some sections very little cotton was planted. The records for this section thus represented primarily the after-effect of the overflow rather than winter mortality the report said.

To Present Play At Hamilton Tuesday

Lillian Mortimer's comedy-drama, "The End of the Lane," will be staged in the Hamilton School auditorium next Tuesday night, April 10, at 8 o'clock. The cast is composed of the teachers of the school and townspeople there.

This is a royalty play, eliciting increasing interest as the plot unfolds. Much time and effort have been put in rehearsals, and the production of the play promises an evening of wholesome recreation.

Present Play at Farm Life School Tonight

The teachers and pupils of Hasell school are presenting the play, "Somewhere In France" tonight at Farm Life at 8 o'clock.

The proceeds of the play will be divided between the two schools.

Misses Jordan, York, and Garren, teachers in the Jamesville schools were shoppers here today.

Mr. B. E. Hood, professor in the local schools, is spending the week end in Raleigh with friends.

COUNTY BANKS CLOSE MONDAY

Other Places Of Business
To Remain Open; Schools
To Be Closed

According to an official announcement made yesterday, the Farmers and Merchants bank here, the Planters and Merchants bank, Everetts, and the Bank of Robersonville will observe Easter Monday as a holiday. It could not be learned officially, but it is understood that the Bank of Hamilton and the Bank of Oak City will also take the day as a holiday. Other places of business will remain open, according to reports coming from several of the towns in the county. The closing of the stores was discussed, but since it has been the custom for the stores to remain open on Easter Monday in the past, the merchants announced that they would keep their stores open this year on that day.

A holiday in the schools is optional, it is understood, and several of them throughout the county will close the option and hold no classes Monday. The post offices will be open and deliveries of mail will be made as usual.

OAK CITY SCHOOL AND TOWN NEWS

Seniors Busy With Class
Exercises; Sermon On
April 22

Oak City, April 5.—Mrs. Lee Hale died at her home near Oak City Friday night March 30 after an illness of only a few hours. She leaves a husband and eight children. Interment was made Sunday last Sunday in the Concho cemetery.

Misses Milare and Pauline Davenport from E. C. T. C. are spending the Easter holidays at home with parents.

Mr. Rudolph Whitley visited his mother, Mrs. L. J. Davenport last Sunday.

Construction on a new home for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Everett on the corner lot next to the school building will be started within a few days.

Farmers in this section are very busy looking after tobacco beds and planting corn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Etheridge and two daughters were shopping in Scotland Neck Wednesday.

School News

Mr. W. C. Manning, Sr. made a very interesting and suggestive talk in chapel Monday. The school appreciates such timely suggestion and hopes Mr. Manning will visit it again soon. The committee on library funds is organized and out collecting. The object is to increase library volumes by soliciting subscribers for the Enterprise.

The senior class in home economics served breakfast for the class Tuesday.

The parent-teacher association held a very successful meeting last Friday night. A nominating committee for new officers was appointed and other general business transacted.

The seniors are very busy with the class exercises. They are preparing a play entitled, "The World Outside."

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, pastor of the Williamston Methodist Church, will preach the annual sermon to the graduating class in the school auditorium Sunday evening, April 22.

Miss Rachel Rawls won in the Oratorical contest Wednesday afternoon, when Oak City school met Robersonville in a final county-wide elimination contest at Williamston.

Gaylord High Score Man In County Basketball

Jamesville, April 5.—(Special to the Enterprise).—Onward Gaylord is the high score man in basketball in the county this year, making 347 points during the season recently closed.

Gaylord is well known all over the county for his excellent playing during his four years on the Jamesville team. In his first and second years, he was a sub. but he played a regular position on the varsity the third and fourth years. During the past season he played in thirty-eight games, twenty-eight high school games and twenty with various other teams. He is just eighteen years old and weighs 137 pounds. In school he leads the senior class.

One of his greatest faults in a game is when he gets worried and loses his temper. When the score-keeper sees him start to shoot at the basket, he begins to reach for his pencil because he is one of the best shots in Eastern Carolina and Tidewater Virginia.

This boy speaks well of Mr. Johnson's refereeing but he doesn't like a smile that comes from Jim Cook's face as a referee.

Gaylord is expecting to make a berth on some college team if he gets off to school next year.

RECORDER HAS NUMBER CASES HERE TUESDAY

First Session of Court in
Three Weeks Faced By
Crowded Docket

17 CASES DISPOSED OF

Three Found Not Guilty; Two Waive
Examination; One Continued;
Eleven Found Guilty

A crowded docket faced Judge Bailey and Solicitor Hugh G. Horton at the last Tuesday session of the court. There were seventeen cases on the docket, in two of which the defendants waived examination, and in a third the Judge allowed a continuance of one week.

In eight of the cases, the defendants plead guilty while in three others the court agreed with the defendants when they plead not guilty. J. W. Overton, charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated, plead guilty and was fined \$50 and required to pay the costs.

Toni Mason and C. S. McFarland were fined \$7.50 each and were required to pay the costs in drunk and disorderly charges.

Silas Williams, transporting liquor, plead guilty and was fined \$15 and required to pay the cost of the action.

The court agreed with Pos Williams when he plead not guilty to a larceny and receiving charge.

The case charging C. R. Weathersbee with operating an automobile while intoxicated and reckless driving, was called and failed.

John Mobley plead guilty to an assault charge and was charged \$15 with the costs added to that amount.

In the case charging him with assault, Sylvester Taylor plead guilty and judgment was suspended upon his paying the cost of the action. In a second case against Taylor, he plead guilty of manufacturing liquor and was fined \$50 and charged with the cost.

Tom Rogers was found not guilty of trespass.

England Hyman, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was found not guilty.

In another case against England Hyman, a not pros resulted, but Thurman Hyman and Spencer Hyman plead guilty to the court's charge and were given two months each in jail to be assigned on the Edgecombe county roads.

For resisting officers, Thurman Hyman and Spencer Hyman were given nine months on the roads, the last five months to be suspended upon the good behavior of the defendants. They plead not guilty, but after hearing the evidence, the court found them guilty.

Henry Page plead not guilty when charged with an assault on a female, but the court declared him guilty when the evidence was heard. Judgment was suspended upon his paying the costs of the action.

On account of the two weeks' term of superior court, this was the first session of Judge Bailey's court since March 13.

DEBATE BEING HELD TONIGHT

Local Negative Team To Go
To Pantego; Affirmative
Debates Here

Miss Marjorie Taylor and Clyde Griffin will represent the local school against Belhaven in the triangular debate here tonight at 8 o'clock. Misses Ollie Marie Roberson and Josephine Harrison go to Pantego where they will debate the affirmative team of that school there.

Around 800 high schools in the State are debating tonight to decide whether the McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill should be passed in the same form that it received the President's veto.

The public is cordially invited to hear the speakers tonight in the school auditorium.

To Let New Mail Service Contract on May 31st

According to an advertisement for mail service, sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., until May 1, 1928 for carrying mail from the railroad station at Parmele to Plymouth and return. The present contract, placed at a very small price it is stated, expires June 30. The new contract will go into effect July 1, and will hold until June 30, 1932.

Senior Epworth League To Have Sunrise Service

The Senior Epworth League of the Methodist church will hold a sunrise prayer meeting at the church at 5:30 Sunday morning.

STRAND
THEATRE

SATURDAY
YAKIMA CANUT
in
"HELLHOUNDS OF
THE PLAINS"

Also
**2-REEL COMEDY
AND SERIAL**