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## Series of Wrecks Are Reported Over the Week-end in County

### No One Was Seriously Hurt in Five Automobile Accidents Reported

No one was seriously hurt but a heavy property damage was exacted in a series of automobile wrecks on the highways of this county last week-end. Unofficial reports place the number of crashes at six.

Two people were reported killed and a third was said to have suffered a broken back in an automobile wreck just off from Robersonville's cemetery on Highway No. 64 early last Saturday morning. The reports were later declared unfounded, but details surrounding the accident could not be learned. A 1934 Plymouth car belonging to Willis Cooper, of Nashville Route 2, was found wrecked there early Saturday morning, reports stating that the car apparently turned over about 3 o'clock and the driver and companions deserted the machine. Members of the highway patrol are holding the car in storage, the owner so far having failed to claim it. Officers believe that some one was hurt in the wreck but their names and the extent of their injuries could not be learned.

Sunday afternoon a truck driven by S. D. Davenport, of Mackeys, and a car driven by S. L. Grimes of 835 Marigold Street, Rocky Mount, crashed at the Jamesville-Washington road intersection here. No one was hurt and the machines were not badly damaged.

Traveling toward Plymouth about 7:45 Sunday night, Wm. D. Smith and Harry Gurkin, young Plymouth men, were painfully cut about their faces and heads when their car turned over on Highway 64 just a short distance from here toward Jamesville. Smith, driver of the car, stated that they were rounding a curve, that Gurkin took hold of the steering wheel and threw the car out of his control. The machine turned over twice and was damaged almost beyond repair. The two young men were given medical treatment in the offices of Dr. J. H. Saunders and are reported to be getting along all right.

Two other wrecks, both minor ones, were reported on the Jamesville road, one near Gardner's Creek and the other just the other side of Sweet Water Creek. A sixth wreck was also reported on the old Greenville road, but none of these three accidents was reported to highway patrol members, it was learned.

No one was hurt but the headlights and radiator shell were smashed when the car driven by Eli Gurganus and owned by Undertaker S. R. Biggs crashed into the rear of a horse-drawn vehicle at the edge of town on the Washington road early last evening. No light was carried on the wagon, and Gurganus could not see it for the lights of an approaching car blinded him. Occupants in the wagon were thrown down, but none was hurt.

## Insurance Group In Meet Monday

Group One of the North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents held its annual district meeting at Smithwicks Creek this week-end, Mr. J. E. Pope, president of the county organization, stating that the session was well attended and that the meeting was highly successful.

Mr. Redden, president of the State organization, interestingly outlined the progress made in the insurance field, and explained that this State had recently been given national recognition for its leadership in the business. Dan C. Boney, State Insurance Commissioner, was guest speaker, and Thos. O'Berry and Landon Hill, officers in the organization, addressed the agents.

J. E. Pope welcomed the visitors who came here from nearly a dozen counties, and lunch was served in the Woman's Club hall, Mayor J. L. Hasbell acting as toastmaster there.

## Union Meeting At Smithwicks Creek

Large crowds are expected for the Primitive Baptist union meeting at Smithwicks Creek this week-end, leaders in the church stating today that the first of the services would be held there on Saturday morning.

Elders O. S. Young, of Angler, and Lee, of Four Oaks, and other prominent figures in the church will appear on the program during the two-day meeting.

Reports from the community state that arrangements for entertaining the meeting are underway on an extensive scale, and that large crowds are expected to attend.

## County Peanut Farmers to Hold Meet Here Thursday

Sponsored by the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, a meeting of Martin County peanut farmers will be held in the county courthouse Thursday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock when the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative program will be explained in detail, it was announced by County Agent T. B. Brandon.

The program for the meeting will center around storage, grading and buying of peanuts and the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation's part in the stabilization plan. Mr. J. B. Fearling, B. E. Everett, D. T. farm leaders who are well acquainted with the stabilization plan, will be present and have parts in the meeting here. Agent Brandon announced. Mr. R. C. Holland, ranking official in the Stabilization Cooperative in this state, is expected to be present, but it was explained that he might be called to another meeting at that time.

The first of a series of similar meetings is being held in Gates County this afternoon to acquaint farmers with the stabilization plan of Hertford, Jackson, Winton, Tarboro, Halifax and Scotland Neck this week.

All Martin county farmers are invited and urged to attend the meeting in Williamston on Thursday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock. The speakers will be in position to explain the marketing plan in detail, and it is possible that Martin farmers will be greatly benefited by the information that will be offered at the meeting.

## Ten Fined in County Court in Liquor Cases

### COLLECTIONS

Receiving the books eleven days ago, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said this week that he had collected and already turned into the county treasury \$22,818.15 representing 1937 taxes. The accounts do not include any from large corporations.

Collections by townships: Williams, \$1,182; Jamesville, \$1,956; Griffin, \$2,776; Bear Grass, \$1,296; Williamston, \$4,323; Cross Roads, \$1,948; Robersonville, \$4,570; Poplar Point, \$386; Hamilton, \$2,541; and Goose Nest, \$2,602.

## Few Counties Will Share In Money For Farm Tenants

### Approximately 17 Counties Will Get Grant of Money to Be Loaned

Whether Martin county will be among those in North Carolina to receive a portion of the federal government's grant to states for actual loans for the purchase of farms by tenants is purely a matter of conjecture, but it is a fact that a total of several millions has been allotted to the various states for this project. North Carolina has been allotted \$527,586.

If each county receives the same amount, 17 counties will be named in this state. They will be named by the Secretary of Agriculture upon the recommendation of state advisory committees which will be named in the near future.

A voluntary committee composed of three farmers will be set up in each county selected to determine what tenants shall be given loans and to pass upon farms to be purchased by them.

The number of tenants to be aided in each county selected will range from five to ten. In this state, due to relative cheapness of land, the larger number will probably be chosen.

## Mayor Hassell Calls Four Cases In Court

Violation of the State's drivers' license law is not to be taken lightly in Justice J. L. Hassell's court, three defendants learning that all too well yesterday. Eason Peel, Leon Powers and Cleveland Manning, charged with operating cars without drivers' licenses, were fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

In a fourth case, the trial justice fined Edwin Thomas \$10 and taxed him with the costs for allegedly operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes.

## Special Meeting Legion Post Held Here Tonight

A call meeting of the John W. Hassell Post of the American Legion will be held in the Legion hall over the Williamston cafe here tonight, Commander J. E. Boykin announced today. All Legionnaires are urged to be present.

## Despite Increased Acreage Harvest Will Be Less

Though the acreage to cotton was increased in Pasquotank County this year, growers will harvest less than one-half the poundage harvested in 1936.

## Hamilton Church Has Home-coming Services Sunday

### Tom Darden, Prominent Churchman, Reads History of Parish

On Sunday, October 24, St. Martin's Episcopal Church at Hamilton enjoyed a most successful home-coming, the first in many years. During the past year many improvements have been made to the church by reason of the generosity of Mrs. Frank Gladstone, a member of St. Martin's, now a resident of Chicago. A vestry room has been added at the back of the church, the heating system has been changed, a new set of lights has been installed, and the church has been painted inside and out. Also a wooden cross, encased with copper, has been placed on the high and prominent steeple of the church itself, many beautiful shrubs have been planted in the church yard, so that now St. Martin's is a most attractive church.

Since these improvements have been made, the members decided to have a home-coming and invite the former ministers and members to return and worship in the church where many of them were baptized and confirmed. At the 11 o'clock service the Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rev. Wm. Gordon of Spray. Mr. Gordon served St. Martin's at the same time that he was rector of the Church of the Advent, Williamston, from 1907 to 1910. Mr. Gordon spoke of his cordial relations with the people in Hamilton, and the happy memories connected with his ministry. Mr. Gordon's wife, who was present for the home-coming, was Miss Anne Clark, a Hamilton woman.

Mr. Tom Darden, vice president of the Atlantic Coast Line, read a history of St. Martin's parish, especially emphasizing the early history, mentioning the fact that St. Martin's was organized as a parish in 1873 and that the present church was built in 1882. Mr. Darden exhibited his baptismal certificate, dated 1870 and signed by the Rev. T. B. Haughton.

The present rector of the church, Rev. Edwin Moseley, preached from Philippians 1:3-11, the epistle for the twenty-second Sunday after Trinity and by coincidence, the exact passage that Mr. Gordon preached from at his last service at St. Martin's in 1910.

The church was crowded with members, visitors and friends. Of the seventy-five visitors from out of town, the following towns were represented: Wilmington, Raleigh, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Scotland Neck, Murfreesboro, Spray, Macesfield, Greenville, Robersonville, Norfolk, Louisburg, Oak City and Williamston. Several former ministers and members wrote that they were unable to attend.

After the morning service a delicious dinner was served in the Masonic hall by the women of St. Martin's, assisted by their friends of the other Hamilton churches. The weather for the home-coming was a perfect autumn day, and this fact added to the otherwise very enjoyable event.

Among the visitors were: Misses Hattie and Margaret Everett of Palmyra; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Barnes and children, Alex Smith, Collin, Jr., and Helen of Murfreesboro; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Darden and son, Edward, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Baker of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Tom T. Darden and daughter, Mrs. Mary Hardwick and granddaughter, Elizabeth, of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Nixon of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Tom Jacobs and Mrs. Chas. Jacobs of Tarboro; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Clifton and daughter, of Louisburg.

Mrs. Mary Grimes of Baltimore, and Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Gordon and two daughters of Spray; Mrs. Titus Critcher, Mrs. Earl Wynne, Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Mrs. Daisy Purvis, Mrs. J. G. Stator, Miss Lora Sleeper, Miss Carrie Whitford, Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Moseley and children and Messrs. Vernon Godwin, Jr., and Carter Studdert of Williamston.

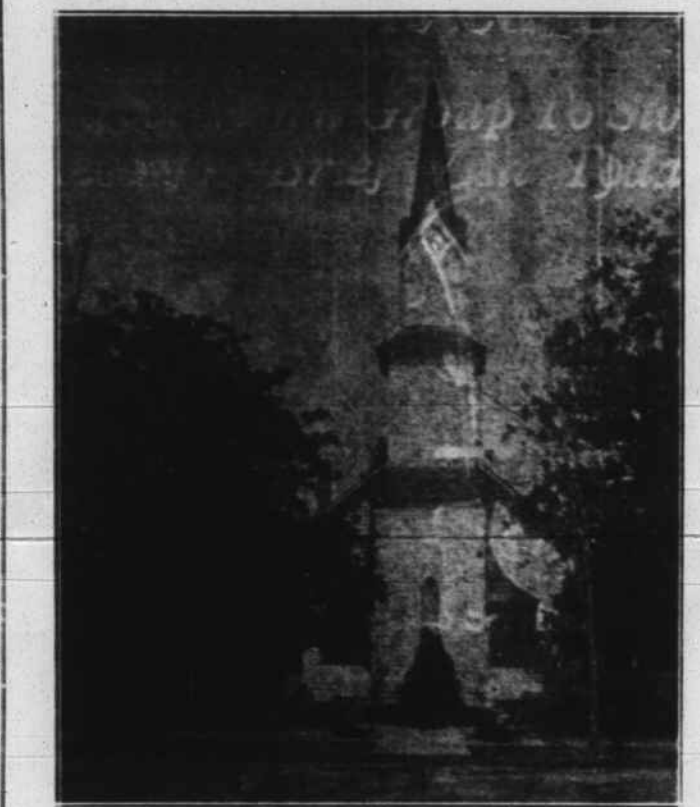
**County Boy In Hospital Following Truck Wreck**

Berkley L. Walker, young Martin county boy who suffered a hip fracture when a CCC truck turned over near Jamesville last Thursday, was reported yesterday to be getting along as well as could be expected. He is in a government hospital at Fort Bragg.

Young Walker had just entered the service a few days before and was stationed at Washington. Another youth, a recent arrival at the camp from a nearby county, suffered a broken leg, but Raybon Simpson, driver of the truck, and the others were not badly hurt.

## Average Holds to High Point as Sales Continue Unusually Heavy On Williamston's Tobacco Market

### ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, HAMILTON



Home-coming services, the first in many years, were held in St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Hamilton, last Sunday. Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector, stated a large crowd was present for the program which was greatly enjoyed. The church was built more than half a century ago.

## Parents-Teachers Will Meet Here Tomorrow

A large attendance is expected upon the monthly meeting of the Williamston parents-teachers association in the grammar school building tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. W. K. Parker, president, said today.

Following the meeting a silver tea will be held in the new lunch rooms in the school basement.

All patrons of the school are urged to attend.

## Local Firm Gets National Honor

Operating for five years without a lost time accident, the Williamston district of the Virginia Electric and Power Company was given national recognition by the National Safety Congress in its recent meeting in Kansas City.

During the period, the company had 348,259 man hours and a total of 1,826 days of safe operation in the local district. The record established by the men of this district was the most unique in the country, reports from the congress stated. Much credit for the unusual record goes to E. C. Bowman, safety engineer, and R. H. Goodman, manager of the Williamston district, as well as to all the employees.

The Virginia Electric and Power Company received the national safety award for the third consecutive year at the Kansas City meeting.

## Add More Names To Paper's List

The following names were added to The Enterprise's subscription list during the past week-end:

- J. H. Williams, of Williamston; R. G. Sexton, W. T. Padgett, of Jamesville; Ira Jones, J. J. Manning, of Williamston; Paul Bailey, Everett; R. L. Stallings, Jamesville; Ophus Bailey, Williamston; Paul Dolberry, Palmyra; J. R. Williams, Jamesville; Jasper Rogers, Williamston; J. B. Bridgers, Robersonville; Mrs. W. A. Mobley, Williamston; Frosty Martin, Jamesville; G. A. Peels, N. D. Griffin, Mrs. Geo. D. Grimes, Joe B. Lanier, all of Williamston; J. C. Martin, E. G. Anderson, David Grimes, all of Robersonville; W. L. Hopkins, Williamston; A. R. Corey, Luther Hardison, Jamesville; M. E. Roberson, Williamston; Tommie Gaylord, Elon College; J. F. Terry, Robersonville; Ira Hardison, Seth Bailey, Mrs. Ernest A. Ward, all of Williamston.

Mrs. F. M. Moses, of High Point, and Miss Ellen Powell, of Bethel, are here today visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ward.

## Sales Pass Eight Million Pounds on Market This Week

### Farmers Report Their Best Sales of the Year During This Week

The price average on Williamston's Tobacco market continues well above 30 cents with the sales running unusually heavy for this time of season. Prospects for reaching a nine-million-pound goal were brightened yesterday when the market blocked and sales passed eight million pounds. Up until this morning the market had sold 8,049,628 pounds, or nearly twice as much as was sold all last season.

While prices ranged up to \$61 a hundred here yesterday, the sales of high-priced tobacco were not numerous, but the general average continued at a high point. Very little of the best tobacco is seen on the floors, but the better types, or wrappers, command top prices here.

Farmers yesterday and today explained that they received their best sales of the year. "I had 700 pounds and tied it into two grades and averaged nearly 40 cents," Mr. Herbert Roebuck, Cross Roads farmer, said following his sale this morning.

To date, the Williamston market has established a record for maintaining an even and reliable market day in and day out. Every day has been a good selling day, and while there have been price fluctuations, the market has held to top position. Recognized as hard workers and the best in the belt, Williamston's tobacco buyers have shown a marked interest in the market and its patrons. They have cooperated in its every effort to make available top prices for the growers, and they have made numerous friends among farmers, warehousemen and people of the town and community.

Much of the crop has been marketed in this section, but continued heavy sales are expected on Friday of this week and possibly a block next Monday.

## Make Changes In Warden Personnel

Several changes in the personnel of district forest wardens in this county were announced this week by County Warden S. J. Tetterton who added that several other changes are pending.

W. C. Ange succeeds Leo Gardner and Louis Henry Lilley succeeds M. N. Griffin in the Jamesville district. Arthur Revels has been added to the list of wardens in Griffins Township.

Warden Tetterton explained that landowners over the county were cooperating splendidly in advancing forest protection, that they are applying in fairly large numbers for permits between October 15 and December 1 and between April 1 and June 15.

## Farmers Turning To Peanut Crop

Martin County farmers, their tobacco marketing almost completed, are turning to their peanut fields, reports received here today stating that picking operations are underway in several sections of the county. However, picking operations are not likely to get underway on a large scale before early next month in this county.

The early reports state that the crop is of good quality, but that the yield is considerably below normal.

One crop was picked and marketed in the county last week, the farmer selling for 3 1/4 cents a pound.

Arrangements are now being completed to open a receiving warehouse here within the next few days for handling deliveries under the stabilization plan. Application has been made for opening the warehouse, it was learned.

## N. C. Green Purchases Independent Oil Agency

N. C. Green, Sinclair distributor with headquarters here, recently purchased the properties and equipment owned by W. H. G. Chase, independent dealer in Puro products. The new owner plans to expand the number of Sinclair stations.