

Several People Are Critically Hurt In Wreck Near Parmele

Truck, Carrying Large Human Cargo, Plunges Into Ditch Sunday

Ten colored people were critically hurt and fifteen others were slightly injured last Sunday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock when the truck in which they were riding went out of control and plunged into a ditch on the old Parmele-Robersonville road, near Parmele. Backs and limbs were broken, jaw bones knocked out of socket, eyes knocked out and skulls fractured in what came near being this county's worst road accident.

None of the victims has died, according to reports reaching here late yesterday, but the recovery of several is considered doubtful.

The list of the seriously injured includes:

Cal Best, punctured lung.
Herbert Ward, serious back injury.

John Gray, cuts and bruises.
Denty Keel, 12-year-old girl, skull fracture and eye knocked out.

Eula Mae Bellamy, broken jaw bone.

Elsie Moore, broken arm.

Della Eason, Margaret Mordecai, Verinto Garfield and Ethel Mae Brown, painful cuts and bruises.

The group of about 30 colored people were returning to their homes in the Robersonville community from the funeral of Lester Page, near Parmele. Ira Thomas, colored driver of the truck, told officers following his arrest Sunday night at 10 o'clock, that the passengers urged him to speed up the truck to get them home before a rain, then threatening, began to fall. After increasing the speed of the truck, he started around a curve and the weight of the load shifted, causing him to lose control of the machine, which swerved and then tore into several trees and came to a stop in a ditch. Several of the passengers claimed Thomas was drinking, but others maintained he was "quite" sober. The driver was placed in jail to await the outcome of the injuries sustained by the truck passengers.

Doctors' offices in Robersonville were crowded with the wreck victims for several hours.

To Load Poultry In County Next Week

Martin County farmers are scheduled to ship their second cooperative carload of poultry next week. County Agent T. B. Brandon announcing today that prices have been slightly advanced over those paid last month when the first cooperative car of the season was shipped out of the county to northern markets. Colored hens are quoted at 18 cents a pound, a price that compares with the highest received in the county during the past several years.

A more convenient loading arrangement has been effected, the agent pointed out. The car will be placed at Jamesville next Wednesday where poultry will be received until late afternoon. All-day loading schedules will be in effect there that day and at Williamston on Thursday, Robersonville on Friday and Oak City on Saturday. Mr. Brandon stated that he would have his own car and trailer with crates to receive chickens at the respective loading places after the railroad company moves the car. Chickens received after freight schedules will be moved by trailer to the car in the next town late in the afternoon on the days specified for loadings.

Divorce Mill In County Starts Grinding Again

The old divorce mill, inactive in this county during the past several weeks, has started grinding again and it is expected to sever marital relations in several cases when the Martin Superior Court convenes next month.

Three divorce actions have been filed in the clerk's office during the past few days, all of them being based on two years' separation. Odessa Bell is suing William Bell, Clarence Lloyd is suing Cora Lloyd for divorce, and Alice Smith is asking freedom from George Smith. All the parties are colored.

Local Man Buys Funeral Establishment In Plymouth

The Nurney Funeral Establishment, one of Plymouth's oldest business firms, was purchased this week by B. S. Courtney, of Williamston. The new owner is completing plans for opening a modern funeral home there, it was announced.

Present Indications Point To Advanced Season for Tobacco

Present indications are that Martin County farmers will establish a new record in the early transplanting of their tobacco crops, reports from the countryside stating that plants in the beds are coming up rapidly and growing in the balmy weather of recent days. The uncertainty of the weather is subject to destroy the plants and result in delayed plantings. It is apparent, however, that unless the mercury falls below freezing and hovers there several days in a row, the plants will hold their own, and that transplanting will be possible some time about the middle of April and possibly even before that time.

While the present indications point to early transplantings, there are other factors besides the weather that are certain to upset the schedule. The blue mold may strike and delay transplanting, or it may wipe out all the plants and send Martin

farmers roving over miles of territory in search of them.

After experiencing a mild winter season so far, farmers in this section are expecting a continuance of warm weather and do not seem to be worrying over the possibility of cold striking and killing their plants. Other farmers have just recently completed sowing their plant beds, and they are reasonably sure they will escape cold weather, and are hoping the blue mold will not prove destructive.

Many farmers have several beds some late and some early. They are hopeful if one fails another will furnish ample plants.

"Some years ago, I transplanted a tobacco crop on the seventeenth day of April, but the plants developed slowly," Mr. Joshua Coltrain said this week. It is belief that early transplanting is not advisable since the ground is too cold.

REPRESENTATIVE



James Bailey Peel, recently stationed here, heads the local unit of the Chas. H. Jenkins and Company, dealers in Pontiac and Oldsmobile cars. The company was recently granted the Buick charter here.

Masonic Lodge Ends Attendance Contest

Supported by a spirited contest, attendance upon the meetings of the Skewarkey Lodge here during the past ten weeks has established new records, officers of the organization stating that an average of 60 members were present regularly during the period.

Meeting with marked success in the previous two years, the attendance contest was again advanced by lodge leaders last November with Rev. E. F. Moseley and S. H. Grimes heading the "Whites" and R. H. Goodman and L. Bruce Wynne leading the "Blues." It was a close race from the start, and the last meeting on Tuesday night of this week found the Moseley-Grimes faction leading by three points. Employing every strategy of battle, the Goodman-Wynne group made a concerted drive at the last and forged ahead with a marginal victory of six points.

Now, the "Whites" are to pay for a big supper which will probably be held next Tuesday evening in the Woman's Club hall.

Little Over Three Inches Of Rain Falls In January

A normal rainfall was recorded in this section during January, the weather station on the Roanoke at this point reporting 3.14 inches during the period. A year ago the station reported a rainfall of 7.22 inches the largest for any January on record here.

Three-hundredths of one inch of snow was reported by the weather station last month. And that fall was the heaviest reported so far this winter.

HUNT TUESDAY

Contrary to an announcement made a few days ago, quail hunting will be lawful on next Tuesday, February 15, County Game Warden Bill Abbitt says. The extra day was granted this week when the conservation department received numerous pleas to let the season lap over the schedule by a matter of a few hours.

Laws designed to prohibit Sunday hunting are still in effect, and their strict enforcement is promised, the game warden advising hunters to limit their activities to week days and not on them after next Tuesday.

Draw Juries For Two Weeks Term Superior Court

Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, Is to Preside

Fifty-four Martin County citizens were drawn by the Martin County commissioners in session this week for jury service during the two weeks term of superior court convening the third week in March for the trial of criminal and civil cases. Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, is scheduled to preside over the mixed term.

A preliminary review of the trial docket shows very few cases have been scheduled so far for trial during the term. None of them, including the civil calendar, carries any important cases.

Names of the jurymen drawn to serve the first week of the term are:

Williams Township: J. H. Heath, N. P. Roberson, J. L. Hardison, Ben Griffin and C. L. Daniel.

Griffins Township: N. R. Peel.
Bear Grass Township: Noah R. Rogers.

Williamston Township: T. C. Critcher, W. H. Carstarphen, A. T. Perry, W. D. Ambers, W. R. Ingram, J. D. Bowen, J. C. Anderson, W. D. Mishoe, Jr., W. H. Everett and F. M. Taylor.

Cross Roads Township: Willie Ausbon and F. A. Barnhill.

Robersonville Township: J. Dawson Roberson, J. P. House, W. T. Bunting, W. E. Vick, E. B. Van Nort, and J. H. James.

Poplar Point Township: Latham Bland and Fred Clark.

Goose Nest Township: J. M. Harrell, W. G. Keel, A. T. Hyman, J. C. H. Johnson and E. B. Smith.

Second Week
Griffins Township: David T. Griffin.

Bear Grass Township: W. K. Ward, J. D. Price, M. C. Leggett, M. D. Taylor and J. L. Stalls.

Williamston Township: J. H. Dixon, Charlie Edwards and T. M. Britton.

Robersonville Township: J. A. James, Chas. R. Gray, E. Smith and D. O. Cherry.

Poplar Point Township: J. Robert Roberson.

Hamilton Township: H. L. Everett, and H. L. Purvis.

Goose Nest Township: R. T. Carraway and Clyde Bunch.

Two Arrested In County For Robbery In Plymouth

Charged with the robbery of a store in Plymouth on Tuesday night, Hillary Daniels and Charlie Mack Swain, two Washington county white youths, were arrested in Martin by highway patrolmen and Plymouth officers last Wednesday. An account of the robbery was broadcast over Station WANI here, and members of the highway patrol and local and county officers formed a blockade the boys could not penetrate. The alleged robbers were bottled up in a woods in the lower part of the county where they were caught after a heated foot race. They were returned to Washington County for trial.

Marriage Licenses Issued To Couples In Plymouth

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington County last month to several Martin County people, including:

Lee Holliday and Agnes Rogers both of Jamesville.

Griffins Man Dies Suddenly at Wheel Of Truck Thursday

Allen Baynor, Well-known Martin Citizen, Suffers Heart Attack

G. Allen Baynor, highly respected Griffins Township citizen, died suddenly yesterday morning about 9 o'clock while driving his truck along a country road in Williams Township, near the home of Joshua L. Coltrain. Believed to have suffered a heart attack or a stroke of apoplexy, Mr. Baynor lost control of his truck and died almost before witnesses could reach the spot where the machine came to a stop in a ditch.

Traveling from his home in the old Dymon City area of Griffins Township, Mr. Baynor first attracted attention of residents along the way when he drove the truck from one side of the road almost to the other, and lost complete control of the machine which soon came to a stop in a ditch. He breathed possibly once or twice after witnesses reached him. Leaving home just a short time before, he was in his usual health and had made plans to supervise work at the old Daniel and Station mill in Williams Township.

During the past eight months or more, Mr. Baynor had suffered with heart trouble, but his condition was not considered grave and he was able to continue his varied activities.

The son of the late John Baynor, of Beaufort County, and the late Polly Ann Getsinger Baynor, of this county, Mr. Baynor was born in Beaufort County nearly 60 years ago. He moved with his parents to the Dymon City section which was at one time a thriving center along the old Jamesville and Washington Railroad Company. After the road was abandoned and the territory was abandoned, the Baynor family continued residence there, a place that is possibly farther removed from the center of activities than any other in the county. His ability as a millwright and blacksmith for the community attracted the countryside to his door on frequent missions, his dealings with his fellowman being marked by a lasting friendship and a willingness that earned for him a place in the hearts of everyone. Mr. Baynor was highly regarded as a citizen. He lived peaceably among his fellowman, doing good in an unpretentious way.

He never married, and leaves four sisters, Mrs. John R. Coltrain, and Miss Connie Baynor, of Griffins Township, and Mrs. Agnes Tyre, of Williams Township.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late home by Rev. W. B. Harrington and Elder P. E. Getsinger. Burial will follow in the Getsinger cemetery in Griffins Township.

Enforcement Unit Releases Report

The monthly report of the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board unit filed recently for the month of January shows an active work is being carried on by officers headed by Special Officer J. H. Roebuck. During the period, the enforcement group wrecked an even dozen stills and poured out 6,150 gallons of beer and twenty-one gallons of home-made liquor.

The reports also show that five alleged violators of the liquor laws were convicted in the courts of the county. One automobile was confiscated during the month by the officers.

Since the first of this month, the officers have wrecked three plants in the county. The first one was wrecked last Tuesday in the Free Union section where 450 gallons of beer were poured out. On Wednesday, the officers captured a 30-gallon copper still in the Hassell section of Hamilton Township. There were 200 gallons of beer at the plant. Yesterday an old steam plant was wrecked in Bear Grass, the officers pouring out 450 gallons of beer.

Special Officer Roebuck was assisted in the raids by Deputy Bill Haislip.

School Secretaries In District Meeting Here

Secretaries to school superintendents in twenty-one northeastern Carolina counties were here for a district meeting last Tuesday. J. G. Vann, State School Commission auditor, reviewed the various reports required from the boards of education and offered instruction in their proper handling.

The meeting was held in the county courthouse.

House Passes Farm Production Control Bill By Big Majority; Measure Is Now Before Senate

To Determine 1938 Acreage Allotments Within Short Time

Owners of Farms Having No Base, Asked to Report Facts to Agent

The flue-cured tobacco acreage allotments for farms under the 1938 Agricultural Conservation program will be determined at an early date in Martin County. T. B. Brandon announces.

The national, State and county acreage goals under the 1938 program will be broken down into farm allotments. The farm allotments will be determined in view of the size of the national crop needed in order to keep the supply of flue-cured tobacco in line with demand.

As soon as the individual farm allotments are determined by local and county committees and approved by the State office, farmers will be notified of their allotments for 1938.

If pending legislation is enacted, it is likely that the 1938 poundage allotment, or marketing quota for a farm under such legislation will be the normal yield per acre for the farm times the number of acres in the farm's acreage allotment under the 1938 Agricultural Conservation program.

Operators of farms for which a tobacco base was not previously established under AAA programs should report at once to their committee the following information:

1. Tobacco acreage and production on the farm in 1935, 1936 and 1937, if any.

2. The intended acreage of tobacco for the far in 1938, if tobacco was not grown on the farm in 1935, 1936, or 1937.

Service Clubs Offer Lineups For Game

Irving Margolis, manager of the Lions basketball team, will start the following players against the "Kiwanis" in the game scheduled for 8:20 tonight in the local gymnasium: forwards: Froneberger and Worrell; center, J. H. Ward; guards, J. H. Edwards and Irving Margolis.

Manager Harcum Grimes of the Kiwanis club, after making several unsuccessful attempts to buy or trade for promising players under fifty years of age, admits that he can offer nothing better than the following line-up, which he believes will be proficient enough in the art of "basketballing" to turn back the Lions: forwards, Bill Bobbitt and James Manning; center, Harcum Grimes; guards, Bud Crockett and Bill Hunt. As these players are exhausted (every man will be required to last at least five minutes) they will be replaced by Ray Goodman, Cortez Green, Reg Simpson, Doctor Spencer, Jim Smith and Bill Spivey.

The Williamston teachers will engage the girls of the local high school in a game beginning at 7:30 and the boys will close out the triple bill with Farm Life high furnishing the opposition.

Expect Appointments Of County Nurses Next Week

The appointments of two nurses for the full-time health department of this county are expected next week, according to Dr. E. W. Furgurson, department head. Several applications have been given interviews this week, and the appointees are expected here to enter upon their new duties the first of next month.

Arrangements have been virtually completed for opening offices in the town hall, and the department is scheduled to start operations by March 1.

Preaching And Song Service At Hassell Church Sunday

Rev. J. M. Perry will conduct the regular preaching services in the Hassell Christian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and that evening at 7:15. A special song service has been arranged, with the Robersonville quartet, the Ladies' quartet of Robersonville, taking part in the first service. Mrs. Haislip and Miss Purvis will sing a duet at the evening service, Rev. Perry announced today.

SEED

From little acorns, mighty oaks grow; and from little seed heaps and heaps of tobacco grow. Oaks grow slow, but if all the seed cleaned by Assistant County Agent J. F. Woodard in recent weeks are planted there will be one huge crop of tobacco in Martin County in just a few weeks from now—unless something happens.

The agent has cleaned enough seed for 205 farmers this season to sow 800,000 square yards of plant beds, or about 165 acres. And then there are about 1,300 other farmers who had no seed cleaned. Surely, the 205 farmers having seed cleaned haven't sowed them all, but if they planted just half of them there ought to be plenty of tobacco plants in the county this year to transplant every inch of ground, including town garden plots. There are more tobacco beds this year than at any time in the history of Martin County.

Interesting Suit Is Pending In Court

While only \$65 is involved, the civil suit of E. S. VanNortwick pending in the superior court of this county against William Jones and others carries much interest. The plaintiff is suing to recover damages alleged to have resulted when his milch cow was run over and killed by the defendants' automobile on a highway near Parmele last month. It is unlawful for stock to run on the highways of the State, but the suit is based on the negligence of the car driver, Jones, a resident of Pitt County. The complaint recently filed alleges the defendant was operating the car with improper brakes and lights and in a reckless manner.

An answer to the complaint is not returnable before March 3, and it is possible the case will determine the status livestock holds on the highway. Warnings have been issued by the State Highway Patrol against the practice of owners allowing their stock to run loose. Some stock has been killed in this county on the highways, but no clear cut test case determining responsibility has been carried through the courts, it is understood.

Williams Citizen Victim Of Robbers For Fourth Time

Breaking a lock on the door, robbers entered the smokehouse of Mr. Buck Gardner in Williams Township some time during last night and stole about a dozen nice hams and shoulders. Officers were called there this morning, but they were unable to establish a single clue that would lead to an arrest.

The robbery last night was the fourth at the expense of Mr. Gardner, an aged farmer of the county who has worked hard for everything he has and who has never wronged or harmed any man. He has been knocked in the head and robbed. Fur has been stolen from him, and a year or more ago, robbers entered his home, threatened his life and took quite a few dollars from him.

Increased Relief Fund Expected Of Congress

An additional 250 millions of dollars is expected of Congress to bolster relief for the increasing number of unemployed in the country, according to reports from the capital today.

TO MEET IN HUT

The John W. Hassell American Legion Post No. 163 will hold the first meeting in its new home here on Watts street next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Commander J. E. Boykin stating that a special invitation is being extended all Legionnaires urging them to be present.

Although the hut is not completed, the lounging-rooms have been finished making ample space for the meetings of both the post and auxiliary. Work continues on the interior of the building, and its completion is expected within a comparatively short time.

Objection to Certain Features of Measure Is Voiced in Senate

Grange Urges Defeat of Bill and Favors Drafting of New One

Passed Wednesday in the House by a big majority, the proposed 1938 farm control bill is now before the United States Senate for consideration, early reports following the opening of the discussion there indicating the measure will be subject to a strong attack as it applies to livestock raising and dairying. The legislation which the House accepted by a 263 to 135 bi-partisan vote was a revised draft which a senate-house conference committee wrote from provisions of bills passed by both the House and Senate last December. All of North Carolina's eleven representatives supported the measure.

Briefly stated, the proposed bill is designed to level off the peaks and valleys in supplies of the nation's major crops, including cotton, tobacco, rice, wheat and corn. It proposes to do this through production controls, induced by loans and benefits to farmers complying with acreage limitations, and marketing controls whenever voted by two-thirds of farmers participating in referendums.

The provisions for cotton, corn and tobacco are:

Corn: Acreage allotments to yield normal supply, plus a reserve of 10 per cent. Quotas may be imposed when prospective yields are 17 per cent above normal. Violations of quotas will bring a 15-cent-a-bushel penalty. The 300-bushel grower will be exempted.

Tobacco: Quotas may be imposed when prospective yields are 5 per cent above normal; penalty for selling tobacco beyond the quota will be 50 per cent of the market price.

Cotton: The government will fix national, state and county acreage allotments, sufficient to fill the nation's normal requirements for the next year, considering carryover. Growers can market all production from their allotted acreage. If the agriculture department finds production will exceed 107 per cent of normal, marketing quotas may be imposed, restricting cotton sales. Above quota sales will mean a 2-cent a pound penalty. The 1937-38 cotton allotment must yield between 10,000,000 and 11,500,000 bales.

The tobacco section of the bill is not expected to meet any strong opposition, and its provisions are more extensive than those under the old AAA program. Numerous factors are to be considered in determining a farmer's base acreage such as percentage of cleared land planted to tobacco, the average planted in a given community to the crop, existing conditions on individual farms, previous plantings and so on. It will be quite difficult to handle the allotments, but the proposed yardstick can certainly be used with a

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County Tournament To Attract Crowds

The 1938 edition of the Martin County High School basketball tournament getting underway here next Wednesday evening is expected to attract record crowds, and the teams from Jamesville, Farm Life, Bear Grass, Robersonville and Williamston are showing more interest in the championship race than heretofore.

The Bear Grass boys and girls, defending champions from last year's tourney, are gunning for another clean sweep this season, but there's been some mighty keen competition developed since last year in all parts of the county. It is admitted, however, that the Jamesville boys and the Bear Grass girls enter the tourney as favorites, but they are not assured a walk-away.

The Bear Grass and Robersonville boys open the series Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, their game being followed by that of the Bear Grass and Jamesville girls. Farm Life and Williamston boys play the nightcap. Winners in the first round will meet other teams the following night, and on Friday night, winners in the first two rounds will battle for the championships.