

Edison Moore Run Down By Hit-And-Run Auto Sunday

Plymouth Colored Man Is Arrested by Patrol Officer

Edison Moore, young county white man, suffered a broken leg and other injuries when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver near Gardner's Creek late last Sunday night. Although badly hurt, the young man's condition is not considered serious, and his recovery is expected.

William Penn Smith, young Plymouth negro, was arrested by Patrolman Tom Brown in the Washington county town early Monday morning. Faced with the charge of hit and run driving, Smith waived his rights to a preliminary hearing in the county court Monday and in default of \$1,000 bond Judge Peel ordered him placed in the county jail to await trial in the superior court next June, Granderson Mitchell, owner of the car, and another companion passenger, were placed under bond as material witnesses in the case.

Moore was walking in the direction of Williamston just a short distance this side of Gardner's Creek with Miss Bela Mae Wells, reports stating they were several feet off the hard surface on their left side of the road. Smith, about 25 years old, driving toward Williamston pulled to the left side of the road, struck Moore but missed the young woman and then cut back into the road and ripped off a fender on the car of Clyde Modlin which was traveling in the same direction. Very little damage was done to either of the cars, and Smith increased the speed of his car, but not until Modlin had taken down the license numbers. The patrol radio was notified, and several patrolmen started a search for the owner of the car, the arrest of Mitchell and Smith following about 1:30 Monday morning.

Smith maintains that he turned out to pass the Modlin car and drove too far to the left. He also maintains that he was afraid to stop.

Godfrey C. Stout Dies At Home In New Jersey

Godfrey C. Stout, retired business man of Stockton, New Jersey, died at his home there last Wednesday. He was 80 years old. Mr. Stout married Miss Bettie Coltrane, a native of Jamesville Township, this county, and she survives. Burial was in Trenton, N. J., last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Stout made her home with the late John Smiths when they operated a lumber plant in Plymouth more than half a century ago. When they returned to New Jersey she accompanied them there, later marrying Mr. Stout.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout visited in this county frequently, but not in recent years.

Board Allows \$3,000 For Two Gymnasiums

Plans Go Forward For Construction Of Two Buildings

Jamesville and Oak City Communities to Raise Around \$2,200

Meeting in special session here yesterday, the Martin County commissioners agreed by a unanimous vote to include in the next county budget a \$3,000 appropriation for the construction of two school gymnasiums, one at Oak City, and one at Jamesville. Final action was taken by the county authorities after they had discussed the requests entered by leading citizens of the two communities at the regular meeting of the board a week before.

Speaking for a small representation from the two communities, Superintendent J. C. Manning explained the plans for financing the construction of the two gymnasiums. It was first pointed out that gymnasiums for the two communities had been proposed and actually included in a school property expansion program in this county three years ago. Costs of the program at that time exceeded the estimates and it was necessary to remove the two gymnasiums from the list of proposed of Mrs. D. N. Hix and Messrs. V. (Continued on page six)

Success Marks Formal Opening Community's First Library to Public

CANDIDATE



A. Corey, well known Martin County man, announced his candidacy for a seat in the State Legislature today.

No Epidemics In County This Year

Martin County schools are nearing the close of another school term without having lost a single day on account of weather conditions or disease epidemics. In recent years the schools have had to close as many as two and three weeks on account of unfavorable weather, and epidemics have interrupted the terms.

Commenting on the health record so far this term, Dr. E. W. Furgurson states that with the exception of quite a few cases of whooping cough last month the health record in the schools was almost perfect.

Last month there were thirty-three cases of whooping cough among the white children located in the Everetts, Hamilton and Oak City communities. Measles, reaching the epidemic stage in many sections of the State, hardly made an appearance in this county, the health department reporting only four cases during the period. There was a lone chickenpox case.

Women's Club To Hold Regular Meet Tomorrow

The regular monthly meeting of the local woman's club will be held in the club hall tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the president, Mrs. R. H. Goodmon, announcing that a special program has been arranged. The officer is urging a large attendance and calls attention to the shrub exchange.

Announce Finals Program In Jamesville Schools

The first of events scheduled on the Jamesville school finals program will be held on Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock when the music pupils appear in recital. On next Sunday morning at 11 a. m., Dr. H. S. Hilley, president of A. C. College, Wilson, will preach the commencement sermon.

Class-day exercises will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at 8 p. m. and at the same hour the following evening, the high school will present its annual play, "When a Woman's Decided."

Release of Cotton Quotas Await Word from Raleigh

Pending instruction from Raleigh, the Martin County agricultural office is withholding the release of cotton allotments to Martin County farmers. The release is expected hourly, however.

At the present time the office is working on peanut acreage allotments. The base has not been reduced, and the farmers are subject to only a 10 percent reduction except where adjustments are necessary.

Exercises Attract Nearly 100 People Here Last Night

State Library Commissioner Has Representative on Program

With 50 volumes on its shelves, Williamston's public library was formally opened here last evening in the American Legion Post Hut on Watts street, the event, looked forward to by educational leaders and interested citizens for some time, being marked with success. Nearly 100 people, mostly women, were present for the exercises that were centered around the library movement in this community. Considerable interest has been shown in the library movement since it was started with a small fund raised in a daily vacation Bible school here last June, and that interest reached a climax last evening when the large group attended the formal opening exercises and visited the library rooms.

Rev. John L. Goff, chairman of the library committee, addressed the group briefly and presented the newly established institution to John L. Hassell as mayor of the town and representative of the community. Accepting the gift, Mayor Hassell paid tribute to the tireless leaders who willingly accepted and ably handled the task of creating what is recognized as one of the town's greatest assets. He pointed out the value of books and literature, and advanced the hope that the library will outgrow its quarters and present necessity for a larger building in the not far distant future.

Reviewing the foundation work leading to the establishment of the library, J. C. Manning, superintendent of county schools, stated that a group of children attending vacation Bible school here last summer had talked about the need for a library and at commencement designated that the collection be used in founding such an institution. It was the beginning, but the issue again faded into the background where it remained until Rev. John L. Goff brought the matter before the attention of the local Kiwanis club. The school man further explained that the combined efforts of the civic clubs be combined and a library committee representing the various organizations was named. John L. Goff was named permanent chairman and Mrs. J. C. Cooke was made secretary. Considerable work was done by the officers, and a canvass for funds was launched on December 15, representatives of the various civic organizations lending their services to make the drive a success. Six weeks ago the committee purchased \$400 worth of books and the loan of about 200 volumes from the state library commission was arranged.

Rev. John L. Goff acknowledged the debt to the John Walton Hassell Legion post for the use of a large room in the Hut for the library. "We are grateful to the post and admire the spirit of its members in making possible a home for the library," he said.

Mrs. James C. Cooke, librarian (Continued on page six)

Firemen Are Called Out Last Saturday And Today

Fire, starting in an asphalt paver on Houghton street here this morning at 8 o'clock, wrecked the machine engine and interrupted repairs that are being made to several local streets. No estimate of the damage could be had, but the fire will prove costly in the loss of time to F. D. Kline, contractor, it was pointed out.

Called to the scene, firemen used four fire extinguishers and a small hose stream without success. A direct connection was made with the water mains, and the fire was soon checked.

"We will carry on the work as best we can by hand until repairs are made to the machine," a representative of the contracting firm said.

The call was the second received by the volunteer fire department since last Saturday afternoon. An oil stove exploded in the home of Pete Cherry on Church street, Saturday noon, but no great damage was done.

Dental Clinics Are Meeting With Great Success In Schools

Large Number Completed Course of Study at Holly Springs

Dental clinics, now underway in this county under the direction of the State Board of Health and the Martin Health Department, are meeting with marked success, reports just released by Drs. H. E. Butler and A. L. Pringle showing that more than 1,500 children in several schools have been examined during the past seven weeks and that the clinic services will be extended to just as many children as possible before the schools close the latter part of this month.

Splendid results have been obtained from the program as it relates to mouth health and the correction of actual teeth defects. Nearly 350 children, unable to pay for private treatment, have had corrective work done in the clinics. Working in close relationship with the Division of Oral Hygiene, the clinics have supported the educational work advanced by the little puppet show that was scheduled in nearly every school in the county.

The clinics have proved valuable in that teeth defects, ordinarily ignored, have been discovered and the subjects are making strong efforts to have these defects corrected. It is understood that a large number of children examined in the clinics and found with defective teeth are visiting their private dentists, and it is generally agreed that the dental program is proving one of the most valuable undertakings to improve the general health of school children that has been held in the county during recent years.

The state dentists, their services made available through the county health department without cost to the county, set up their equipment in the schools, making a complete office for handling the work. Children are examined, and those who are able to pay are directed to their family dentist for treatment and corrections. The underprivileged lot who is unable to pay for treatment, is given consideration in the school clinic.

Dr. Butler points out that many children in the schools of this county will be spared ill health in the future because the service has been made available to them. "We are trying to carry the clinics into every school in this county before the term is brought to an end, but we are afraid that the work can't be completed this year," Dr. Butler said. Efforts will be made to have the dental program completed next term, however.

Commenting on the work, Dr. Butler pointed out that his findings to date show a great need for the dental program, and expressed the hope that parents would make every effort possible to have their children visit their family dentist that those defects pointed out in the clinics may be corrected.

Both Dr. Butler and Dr. Pringle are finding their stay in this county very pleasant, and are grateful for the cooperation extended them by Dr. E. W. Furgurson and other members of the County Health Department, the school authorities and the people generally.

The little folks, subjects of the drill and pullers, report favorably on the clinics, and those who have been in close touch with the clinics point out that a valuable work has been accomplished by the dentists.

Native Of County Dies In Raleigh

Mrs. Katie Bowden, a native of this county, died in Raleigh yesterday morning at 10 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Funeral services are being conducted at the grave in the Hamilton cemetery this afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. E. C. Shoe, Robertsonville Baptist minister.

The daughter of the late Dillard and Emily Matthews, Mrs. Bowden was born in Hamilton about sixty-five years ago. She spent her early life there but following her marriage she moved to Raleigh where she lived for twenty years.

Electric Fences On Farms Have Great Possibilities

Fifty-five Stokes County farmers attended an electric fence demonstration on the farms of W. S. Hart of Lawsonville and J. S. Dalton of Pine Hall. They said such a type of fence had great possibilities due to economy of construction.

First Political Contest in County Develops When A. Corey Files For Seat in the State Legislature

More Than 100 Farmers File Complaints with Committee

On an average four out of every 100 farmers in this county are filing complaints with the county agricultural committee protesting the tobacco allotments assigned them on Tuesday of last week, Mr. Jesse Crisp, chairman of the committee, stating that a few more than 100 complaints had been formally filed. There were more than 3,100 votes cast in the referendum on March 12, and considering that large vote, the number of complaints is considered small. "Yes, we are expecting some more complaints, but not so powerfully many additional ones," Mr. Crisp who has certainly worked conscientiously in trying to administer the program fairly and squarely, said.

Those farmers who are not satisfied with their allotments have until Wednesday of next week to file formal complaints with the committee. The committee is planning to meet on or about the 20th of this month to review the complaints, the chairman stating that a definite date for holding the meeting has not been determined.

Record Rainfall Reported Locally Last Friday Night

Considerable Damage Done to Roads, Crops and Farm Lands

The heaviest rainfall on record at the Williamston station was reported Saturday morning following a downpour of the evening and night before. According to Hugh Spruill, keeper of the rain gauge, 4.12 inches fell during Friday and Friday night exceeding the record of 3.27 inches reported in October, 1932. Just a fraction over twice as much rain fell during the short period than was reported during the entire month of March when 2.04 inches of rain fell here.

Prior to the heavy precipitation last Friday, almost as much rain had fallen in April as was reported during March, the April report showing 5.75 inches to date. A wet April was reported a year ago when 7.03 inches of rain fell in this section.

Reports coming from over the county maintain that the rains were heavier in the southeastern part of the county than they were up around Hamilton and Oak City. Bridges were washed away and the rushing waters washed away fills on several roads. Traffic was bottled up during the early part of Saturday morning in some districts.

Farmers reported heavy damage to their crops and farm lands. Early corn was washed away, and farming activities continue halted in most sections as a result of the packing rains. One farmer estimated that more than \$500 worth of topsoil had been washed from his fields. Others state that their fields will have to be plowed again before planting seed again.

It is estimated that the highway forces will have to go to heavy expense in repairing many of the secondary roads.

Rainfall in the upper Roanoke basin was light, and the stream, after rising four feet almost overnight is on a stand today.

Parents-Teachers Will Hold Meeting Thursday

The local parents-teachers association will hold the last meeting of the school year in the grammar school auditorium next Thursday afternoon at 3:30. The nominating committee will make its report and officers will be chosen for next year. Committees which have functioned during the present school year will summarize their activities and close out the year's work.

A feature of the program will be the presentation of the charter for the recently organized Cub Pack by Scout Executive John Sigwald. Cub Master Hugh Horton will accept the charter on behalf of the parent-teacher association. It is hoped that a large number of parents will be present for the meeting.

BUSINESS

Easter trade activities, interrupted by unfavorable weather last week-end, are increasing rapidly this week with the return of summer-like temperatures and bright sunshine.

Anticipating a heavy trade, Williamston merchants are offering one of the largest and most varied assortments of ready-to-wear and general merchandise ever seen here before. The offerings are attracting shoppers from miles around, and a large volume of business is in the making, local merchants report.

Judge Clawson Williams To Hold April Term Court

Judge Clawson Williams, of Sanford, will preside over the special term of Martin County Superior Court convening here next Tuesday. Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne was advised by the Governor's office today.

Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn was scheduled to preside, but a change was effected.

Judge Williams held court in the county last December. Only civil cases will be heard in the two weeks term beginning Tuesday.

Recreational Program Gets Board Approval

Bear Grass Group Enjoys Trip To Washington City

Returning from Washington City last week, a number of pupils in the Bear Grass school reported a very enjoyable trip. The group, accompanied by their teacher and others, visited many of the places of interest in the nation's capital.

Those who made the trip were, Misses Sybil Peele, Rebecca Robertson, Esther Robertson, Effie Davis Britton, Lucille Rogerson, Katherine Leggett, Messrs. Hoyt Robertson, William Ward, Harry Wynne; Mesdames Russell Rogers, Herman Peele, Keele and Miss Louise Paschal, teacher of the seventh grade of Bear Grass school.

Fisheries Report Small Catches on the Roanoke

Fisheries on the Roanoke River at Jamesville and in the lower part of the county continue to report unusually small catches of herring. "We are taking around 300 at a haul on an average," Mr. C. C. Fleming, operator of the plant at Jamesville, said yesterday.

The fisherman explained that they were catching more shad than they did last year, and the rock catches are running fairly heavy at times. The fishery is said to have made record rock catches last week.

Reports from other streams indicate that the herring are scarce at the present, but that increased catches are expected this week.

Filing Time Ends For Candidates on Friday, April 23rd

All Incumbents Planning to File Candidacies This Week

The battle line for the June 1 Democratic primary in this county started taking shape this week when A. Corey, Jamesville man, announced his candidacy for a seat in the State Legislature. His announcement coming in opposition to the candidacy of Clarence Griffin, young local attorney, creates the first and only political contest on the county ballot to date.

Little interest is being shown in any of the major or minor contests, and it is possible that some of the less important posts will go begging for candidates.

County officers, all of whom are planning to ask re-election, are preparing their announcements of candidacy the latter part of the week. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck has already paid in his filing fee of about \$30 to Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, and other candidates are expected to advance the necessary fee before the period for filing closes on Saturday, April 23.

In announcing his candidacy for a seat in the legislature, A. Corey said:

"Having served for ten years as engrossing clerk of the state senate, and one term as publicity and public bills clerk, and having worked in and through the organization of many sessions of the general assembly, I feel that I am well qualified in legislative procedure to fill the office well. And therefore having served as a clerk for many years I desire to have the opportunity to serve as a member one time, and at the request of my many friends in my home section and throughout the county I have decided to enter the race as a candidate for the house of representatives for the session of 1939.

"In announcing my candidacy for this office, I wish to say that I shall have but one plank in my platform, and that is to be a real and true democratic representative, and be the voice of the majority of my constituents, and be a true representative of the majority interest and opinion of the people."

If no other contests develop there will be only two groups on the county ballot next June. In addition to (Continued on page six)

Authorities Specify \$7,000 Limit At Meet Held Here Monday

Employ Engineer to Make Survey of Property on Watts Street

Meeting in special session here yesterday morning, the board of town commissioners approved a \$7,000 appropriation for the construction of a recreational center for Williamston, the authorities approving the proposed project on condition that the cost to the town will not exceed the specified amount.

Engineer Rivers, employed by the town yesterday, was directed to survey the property between Watts and Biggs street and submit cost estimates, the board members explaining that if the estimates exceed the \$7,000 appropriation it will be necessary to give the proposal further consideration.

Calling in representatives of the Works Progress Administration, which organization proposes to advance approximately \$14,000 in furtherance of the recreational program, the commissioners were advised that plans for the project should be completed and work started within thirty days.

An executive committee composed (Continued on page six)