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Several Are Hurt In Two Auto Accidents Sunday And Monday

Alleged Drunken Driver Jailed By Sergeant Jackson Here Sunday

Six persons were injured, one of them seriously, in two automobile accidents in this county over the past week-end. Late reports from a Tarboro hospital where five of the victims were carried for treatment Sunday morning stated that they were getting along as well as could be expected, that the outcome of one of the victim's injuries could not be determined. Farmer Will Taylor, of near Williamston, is recovering from two painful bruises received when his car crashed into a fertilizer truck parked on the highway not far from his home yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The county's most serious accident of the year was the one near Parmelee early Sunday morning, unofficial reports indicating that at least one of the five persons in the accident will be permanently injured if she survives. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pittman, their son, Ruick Pittman, his wife and their small son were traveling toward Williamston when Harry A. Robinson, 30-year-old Bethel man, traveling toward the Pitt County town, on highway 64 crashed into them about three and one-half miles this side of Bethel. The Pittman car was said to have almost left the road to avoid a collision, but Robinson, alleged to have been driving while intoxicated, ran his car head on into it. The elder Mrs. Pittman was said to have had the meat on her legs partly torn from the bones, and suffered severe bruises and cuts on her face. Her husband was badly cut in the face and on the head. The younger Mr. Pittman and his wife, while painfully bruised and cut, were not so badly hurt. The Pittman child, just recently out of a hospital, was also cut and bruised.

Reaching the scene right after the accident, Dixie Parker, manager of the Williamston Baseball club, stated that it was about the bloodiest sight he had seen in quite a while. Robinson, who escaped with only minor bruises, attempted to leave the scene of the accident without offering aid to the suffering or making known his identity. Having served as an officer for a number of years, Parker overtook Robinson and returned him to the wreck to await a patrolman. Tucker Jones, the young Albany man who is making a try for the utility position on the Williamston ball club, was with Manager Parker and when Robinson attempted to leave the scene of the wreck he placed a hand in the man's shirt collar and persuaded him to return.

Placed under arrest and later jailed here, Robinson was formally charged yesterday with driving drunk, leaving the scene of an accident without offering aid and without making known his identity. Bond was denied him. Sergeant Jackson is continuing his investigation of the accident, but as far as it could be learned here today no hearing has been set.

The Pittmans are residents of the Pinetops section of Edgecombe County and were on their way for a one-day outing on the Roanoke River.

No estimate on the car damage was immediately available.

In Farmer Taylor's wreck yesterday afternoon, damage estimated at about \$175 was done to his car. Truck damage will hardly exceed \$10, according to Patrolman Whit Saunders who investigated the accident. Driving toward his home about four miles from here on U. S. No. 17, Mr. Taylor said he was right at the truck before he saw it, that he applied his brakes and skidded into the heavily loaded vehicle. He was painfully cut on his neck and on his chin, several stitches having been taken in the local doctor's office to close the wounds. Reports state that the truck, driven by Robert Morgan, of Washington, was parked on the highway, that the driver had gotten out to ask where a certain farmer lived.

To Complete Work On Tank Thursday

Workmen, skilled in high steel construction, are scheduled to complete extensive repairs to the town's water tank about day after tomorrow or Friday, Shelby Jackson, engineer for the United States Elevated Tank Maintenance and Construction Company, of Memphis, said today.

Started week before last the repair work progressed rapidly until interrupted by rains yesterday and today. Hundreds of rusty rivets have been removed and replaced, and work is now being centered on the "saucer," the engineer stating that he could not understand how the weakened tank held the tons of water that were poured into it. The bottom of the tank is being cut out and will be replaced.

The work has not been without accident, the engineer stating that Gale Black, a young worker, fell ten feet inside the tank and badly sprained an ankle. The worker is recovering at his home in Dunn. No estimate on the cost is available, but it is thought that it will exceed \$1,000.

Peanut Allotment Is Increased in the State

DENTIST'S RECORD

Dr. M. R. Evans, dentist with the State Board of Health, has completed his 16 weeks in the county. During this period he examined 2506 children; treated 936 in 1575 operations and referred 820 to local dentists. He extracted one six-year molar and filled 400. Amalgam fillings, 701; cement, 202; silver nitrate treatments, 1575; teeth extracted, 519; cleaned, 936; miscellaneous treatments, 233; gave 67 lectures to which 2476 attended; 386 of the number worked for were grade repeaters.

Romulus C. Griffin Died Early Sunday After Long Illness

Last Rites Are Conducted in Griffins Township Yesterday

Romulus C. Griffin, well-known and highly respected Griffins Township farmer, died in a local hospital Sunday morning at 6:45 o'clock, his death marking the end of a long illness and untold suffering. Stricken with arthritis more than three years ago, Mr. Griffin had experienced declining health gradually. During the past two years he retired from active work as a leading farmer of Griffins Township and spent much of the time in bed. About two weeks ago his condition became worse and he was removed to the hospital here where he was able to be up for short intervals until a week before his death which was attributable to a complication of ailments.

The son of Mrs. Laura Robinson Griffin Hadley and the late Stinnette Griffin, he was born in Griffins Township 51 years ago the 28th of last December. He grew up on the farm and lived in the community of his birth all his life. During the World War he was drafted for army service, but was unable to pass the physical examination and he continued his work on the farm.

About twelve years ago he was married to Miss Lizzie Lilley, of Griffins Township. Their married life was marked for its unflinching devotion expressed in a tender care shown him until the end. No children survive the union and besides his wife and mother, he leaves one half-sister, Mrs. Marina Harris, of Griffins Township.

Mr. Griffin was a member of the church at Macedonia. He was regarded as one of the most successful farmers in his community where he was held in high esteem as a good neighbor and a thoughtful and accommodating friend.

Eyeballs Chicken Displayed Here By Mrs. W. S. White

Mrs. W. S. White, of Poplar Point Township, had on display here Saturday a living biddie with absolutely no eyes. The chicken was normal in every other respect. Mrs. White said that the biddie was hatched from an egg laid by one of her hens.

Annual Drive Now Underway Against Rabies In County

The annual drive against rabies in the county was off to a good start yesterday when owners gathered ninety dogs at the stations in Dardens and Angewtown for vaccination. It is thought that the count included 98 per cent of the dogs in those sections, the county enforcement office stating that the records will be checked and owners made subject to indictment in those cases where their dogs were not vaccinated. Dr. A. J. Osteen is handling the work with Sheriff C. B. Roebuck in charge of enforcement.

The drive against rabies will be carried into every section of the county during the course of the next few weeks. Since the movement was started in the county several years ago, only two mad dogs have been reported in this section and one of them wandered in from another county. The number taking the Pasteur treatment has been materially decreased.

Allotment Has Not Been Broken Down For The Counties

Most of Additional Acreage Will Be Used To Adjust Inequalities

Pointing out an apparent inequality in the allotment of peanut acreages for 1940, farmer representatives, headed by R. C. Holland, president of the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, were advised by Congressman Lindsay C. Warren last week-end that an additional 9,850 acres would be given the State.

It is estimated that the additional acreage will be worth right at \$425,000 to North Carolina farmers, the head of the Peanut Cooperative pointing out that the action of the U. S. Agriculture Department places this State on an even footing with other states when it comes to sharing in the national peanut allotment. The main effect of the allotment increase will hardly be felt in what is known as the old peanut producing counties other than for ironing out inequalities in base allotments. The increase will have a marked effect in those counties where the crop is grown on what is called a non-commercial basis. By giving those counties a definite allotment this year, they will not be able to expand in 1941 without running into the penalty provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration Act. It is possible that next year, part of the allotment can be shifted to the regular peanut belt from those centers where the comparatively new growers will abandon part of their acreages.

Commenting on the action of the department, President Holland declared that it would mean hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional income for North Carolina peanut farmers. He also praised the work of Mr. Warren in getting the department to review the figures and correct the apparent inequalities in the distribution among states.

No break down of the allotments by counties has been determined, but it was pointed out that the additional acreage when divided among the commercial units would hardly be more than enough for smoothing out inequalities.

In explaining the upward adjustment, the Agriculture Department's peanut experts outlined the situation to Warren as follows: "The national peanut acreage allotment under the 1940 agricultural conservation program has been reviewed carefully and revised upward slightly to correct inequities between states resulting from incomplete data for non-commercial counties."

"As a result of this revision, the total allotment for North Carolina is now 222,500 acres. Of this acreage 8,000 acres is set aside for growers in counties which are not in 1940 designated as commercial peanut counties. This reserve would provide an allotment for growers in these counties which is comparable to the allotments for similar growers in commercial counties. The remaining 214,500 acres is available for allotment to growers in the commercial counties. All of this acreage has been previously allotted to growers, with the exception of about 1,400 acres, which will be used for the correction of errors and for farms which were omitted from the original tabulations.

"The entire amount of the increase is necessary for non-commercial counties, for farms omitted from the original tabulations and for the correction of errors, therefore, it will not be possible to increase the allotment to other growers."

War Takes A More Serious Outlook

The European war is taking on a more serious outlook, late reports stating that Germany has invaded the little neutral country of Denmark.

The action of Hitler gives foundation to the predictions advanced by observers months ago that he would continue to expand until he either dominated Europe or was defeated.

No sudden outbursts have been reported along the old war fronts as they touch sea, land and air, but reverberations are possibly following the movements of the Allies to tighten the blockade around Germany.

Noon reports stated that German were invading Norway, that England was moving to help check the invaders. A 25,000-ton German ship was reported sunk off the Norwegian coast where a naval battle is raging. Increased fighting was predicted in the war on all fronts.

Thirty-Nine Years Ago As Recorded In The Enterprise

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1901. Hazel Kirke tonight. Saturday was ground-hog day. Read the new ads in this issue. Court 3rd Monday, March 18th. Subscribe to The Enterprise. County Commissioners met Monday.

Everybody is looking for bargains are finding them at Gurganus'.

Messrs. H. M. Burras and A. A. Coburn spent Sunday in Washington, N. C.

Mr. D. S. Biggs, who was confined to his room several days lately with the grippe, is out again.

Read the new "ads" in this issue of Messrs. J. L. Woolard, Criterion Pub. Co., and Jas. H. Bell.

A fine stock of goods, low prices and accommodating clerks can always be found at Eli Gurganus'.

Owing to the heavy rain on Sunday evening the services at the different churches were dispensed with.

There are bargains and bargains at Gurganus' looking for purchasers. We know you won't let them pass.

Mr. John D. Ward, who is sorry to chronicle, is very ill, but his physician states he thinks him improving.

Warren A. and Eugene Mizell, left last Thursday for Berkeley where they spent a few days. They left Berkeley this week for Roanoke Rapids.

We call attention to the "ad" of Mr. Jas. H. Bell, of Tarboro. As you will see from his "ad" he is ever ready to supply the wants of the public in his line.

Mr. James Nicholson, the father of our townsman, M. L. Nicholson, we are sorry to hear, is quite sick with grippe and bronchitis. We hope to see him out again soon.

The ladies of the Methodist church will give another supper during court week. Anyone wishing to contribute can leave their contributions with Mrs. J. L. Ewell or Mrs. M. E. Carstarphen.

On Thursday, the last day of January, Mrs. Ashley Cromwell, colored, living near Everetts, gave birth of triplets. Two girls and one boy. One of the girls has since died, but the others bid fair to do well.

Dr. Underwood, presiding elder of this district for the M. E. Church, preached at the Methodist church last night and administered the sacrament, assisted by Rev. Mr. Betts. Quarterly conference this morning.

Predict Increases In Most Crops In State This Season

Reductions Are Likely In Acreages To Tobacco And Potatoes

North Carolina farmers have expressed their intentions of increasing their acreage of most spring planted crops in 1940 with the exception of tobacco and sweet potatoes, according to a report released by the Crop Reporting Service of the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture.

Reports from farmers as of March 10, on intended plantings of all crops this year (cotton excepted) indicate that the large acreage to be taken out of tobacco will be somewhat evenly distributed among the other crops.

Farmers are now considerably behind with their spring work because of the continued wet weather which has been unfavorable in all sections of the state. However, at the present time, farm work is progressing nicely with plenty of moisture and warmer weather.

Tobacco: Farmers in North Carolina expect to decrease their tobacco acreage 31 per cent from the record acreage of last year, which, if carried out, will be 564,000 acres. This is 11 per cent below the average acreage planted from 1929-38 and would be the smallest acreage since 1934. A yield per acre in 1940 equal to the ten-year average (1929-38) would produce a crop of 440,480,000 pounds which would be the shortest in 5 years.

The New Bright Belt, all of which is in North Carolina, reports an intended decrease of 35 per cent which would result in the smallest acreage since 1934. The estimated 1940 acreage is now indicated at 263,000 as compared with 405,000 in 1939, and a ten-year average of 326,100 acres from 1929-38. The ten-year average yield was 799 pounds per acre as compared with 990 pounds per acre last year. Last year's crop, however, set new records in acreage, yield and production.

Machinery Set Up For Holding Primary Election on May 25th by Board In Meeting Here Saturday

Thirteenth Voting Precinct Is Created by Board of Elections

The thirteenth voting precinct in Martin County was created last Saturday when the County Board of Elections divided the over-grown Williamston district into two, the officials stating that the big task of tallying votes all night long was making it difficult to hire and keep registrars and pollholders in the big precinct. Chairman Sylvester Peel pointed out that precincts had been divided in years past for the convenience of the voters in the large districts, but it was the first time in the county's election history that two precincts were established within a few blocks of one another.

A loud cry for a division of the precinct was heard several years ago when the pollholders, tackling a yard-long ballot, counted all night long and fell asleep about Sunday school time while sitting at the counting tables. Williamston in the last primary cast more than twice as many votes as any other precinct and more than one-fourth of the entire vote recorded in the county in June, 1938. Nearly 900 votes were cast here at that time while the total for the county was only 3362. Six years ago the total county vote was right at 4,000 and the old pollholders in Williamston remember the count very well.

Possibly the division of the precinct could have been delayed despite the resulting inconvenience, but since a new registration had been ordered, the board reasoned that now was the time to make the change.

Williamston's main street from the river bridge to the town limits and from the latter point to Beaver Dam bridge on U. S. Highway No. 64 will be the dividing line. The precinct on the south side of Main Street will be known as No. 1, and the north side of the district will be known as No. 2 precinct. Oscar Anderson is registrar for No. 1 and S. Harcum Grimes is registrar for No. 2.

Churches Had Gain In Attendance For Service On Sunday

Pentecostal Holiness Church Has Largest Percentage Attendance

By REV. JOHN HARDY, Rector, Church of the Advent

The attendance at church and church school on Sunday was probably greater than any Sunday this year with the exception of Easter Day. One great contributing factor was the beautiful day. The glee club from Lousburg College was at the Methodist Church and was heard by the largest congregation of the day.

The church attendance in Williamston is far from what it should be. In the table below an attempt is made to show the percentage of attendance in relation to the total membership of each church. Several problems arise here which keep the percentage from being exactly correct. There are on our church rolls quite a few people who do not now live in Williamston, but who wish, for one reason or another, their membership to remain here. The Baptist, with 46 non-resident members, is an example of this. There are quite a few in each church who are inactive. There is, too, the attendance of visitors which prevents an accurate tabulation. In face of these obstacles the percentage indicates a general average that is very nearly correct.

There are in Williamston between 2,000 and 2,500 white people, as 60 per cent of our population of 4,000 are white. The total attendance at all church activity seldom shows that over half of that number have attended a service on Sunday. This is a disgrace to our town. It should be improved, and we can improve it, if we will all work toward that end.

The following tabulation shows the attendance figures upon the several white Sunday schools, young people's and church services, as designated:

	S.S.	Y.P.	A.M.	PM
Baptist	147	33	125	57
Christian	100	15	176	65
Christian	142	9	130	33
Presbyterian	27	37		
Holiness	113	125	85	
Episcopal	15	61		
Totals	544	57	654	240

The tabulation below shows the total membership of the Sunday Schools and percentage of attendance in the first and second columns respectively, and the total church memberships and percentage of attendance for the morning and evening services in columns three, four and five respectively.

	Sunday School	Church
Baptist	200 74	308 41 19
Methodist	166 60	260 68 25
Christian	175 81	250 51 13
Holiness	154 77	58 216 146
Presbyterian	31 87	44 84
Episcopal	25 60	143 43

Believes Local Man Has Strong Support In Hyde

Looking over the political field in this section last Saturday P. G. Gallop, candidate for the State Senate from this district, stated that he believed H. G. Horton, Williamston man who is also running for one of the two seats in the Senate, will receive a strong support down in Hyde County.

Mr. Gallop while here Saturday expressed his appreciation for the interest shown in his candidacy by Martin County people.

No Women Named To Precinct Posts In Martin County

Not Enough Republicans To Go Round; Fill Places With Democrats

Machinery for holding the May 25 primary in this county was tentatively set up by the Martin County Board of Elections in session here last Saturday, the officials, Messrs. Sylvester Peel, chairman; J. R. Winslow, secretary, and Wade Vick, Republican member, spending more than two hours in making the appointments to the 39 precinct posts. Quite a few changes in the personnel of the precinct officials were made as a result of deaths in one or two districts or resignations tendered since the last elections. However, the new precinct boards carry the names of a majority of the old officials, but there is nothing feminine about the personnel this year. The board appointed no women registrars or judges of election this year, the custom of having members of the fairer sex in the precinct posts having been short-lived. Several women were named members of the precinct boards two years ago for the first time.

While the County Board centered its attention on the appointment of precinct officials, the new registration was discussed at length in the meeting last Saturday. Plans tentatively advanced at that time will be laid before a joint meeting of the thirteen precinct registrars in Williamston on April 25. A complete registration has been ordered in this county, and the board points out that every citizen, no matter how long he has been voting, must register again if he is to participate in the primary on May 25.

Republican Member Wade Vick did a good job in filling the Republican posts in the thirteen precincts, but in two or three districts no Republicans were to be found and the Democrats willingly opened their ranks, making the lists solid Democratic ones in at least three precincts. The appointments were approved by the titular heads of both the Democratic and Republican parties.

The names of the precinct officials are as follows with the name of the registrar listed first, Democratic member second, and Republican member third with exceptions:

Jamesville: R. L. Stallings, J. L. Knowles and Charles Davenport. Williams: Lee D. Hardison, Lloyd Moore and Charles Daniel (Democrat).

Griffins: S. Oscar Peel, W. Tom Robinson, J. C. Gurkin (Democrat). Bear Grass: J. Rossell Rogers, W. M. Harrison and W. A. Brown.

Williamston, No. 1 precinct: Oscar Anderson, Luther M. Peel and Charlie Cowen. Williamston, No. 2 precinct: S. Harcum Grimes, Reginald Simpson and Jesse T. Price.

Cross Roads: J. S. Ayers, J. B. Barnhill and J. Marion Griffin. Robersonville: Alvin M. Hasty, I. Mayo Little and L. N. Vick.

Gold Point: Harry Robinson, J. L. Croom and H. L. Keel. Poplar Point: W. Slade White, Luther Leggett and Herman Harrison (Democrat).

Hamilton: Charles D. Perkins, W. A. Beach and John S. Ayers. Hassell: E. C. Edmondson, D. R. Edmondson and George Ayers. Goose Nest: R. R. Rawls, Francis Worsley and Ernest Bunting.

Construction Work Is Moving Forward

After showing a marked decline last year, building construction is off to a fairly rapid start here this spring with contracts already let for several new homes and with plans nearing completion for the construction of a number of other buildings. Present indications point to a larger building program here this year than last. Construction work has just been started on a new home for Mr. and Mrs. Fenner Wallace on East Academy Street. Mr. Roy T. Griffin is placing material on a lot in New Town preparatory to starting construction on a duplex house. Work on the home for Mr. and Mrs. Garland Coltrain on South Houghton Street is advancing rapidly. Construction work on the new home for Dr. and Mrs. John D. Biggs is virtually completed, Mr. and Mrs. Biggs having already moved to their attractive residence on East Academy Street. With the remodeling work nearing completion, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Muse are planning to move to their home on Church Street within the next few days. Building plans are being advanced for the construction of several more homes, but contracts have not been let.

Farmers Receive \$51,296.00 In Soil Payments To Date

Martin County farmers have received a total of \$51,296.84 in soil conservation payments to date, the office of County Farm Agent T. B. Brandon announced this week. The payments represent 678 of the approximately 800 applications filed by Martin County farmers who participated in the conservation program last year. In addition to the approximately \$51,000 received in soil conservation payments, county farmers have been paid more than \$20,000 in cotton price adjustment payments due under the 1939 contracts. Present indications are that Martin County farmers will participate nearly 100 per cent in the program for 1940 and make themselves eligible to receive more than \$200,000 in special payments for the current crop year as against about \$80,000 for the 1939 crop.