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## Child, 6, Is Killed by Hit-and-Run Driver

### WAS WALKING ON HIGHWAY NEAR HERE SATURDAY

### Wm. Earl Roebuck Loses Life and Mother Hurt; Killer Still at Large

William Earl Roebuck, nearly six years old, was instantly killed and his mother, Mrs. LaFayette Roebuck, was painfully bruised when they were struck by a hit-and-run car two miles from here on the Everetts highway last Saturday evening at about 6:30 o'clock. The child, plodding along the highway and several feet from the concrete, suffered a fracture of the skull, a broken neck, broken arm and leg and other injuries. Before residents near the scene of the tragedy could reach him, the little child's hands were getting cold, it was said.

Mrs. Roebuck was badly bruised on one side, but her injuries are not considered serious. Grace, about 4 years old, and one of the Roebuck children, had the skin broken on her left arm by the fender of the car.

Mrs. Roebuck and her children, LaFayette, Jr., 13 years old, Simon, 11 years old, Julius, 8 years old, William Earl, nearly 6 years of age, and Grace, 4 years old, were on their way to visit a sick relative who lives on the old Greenville road. The little group left their home on the old Everetts road shortly after 6 o'clock. They crossed Highway No. 90 at the point where the old Everetts road begins. The three older children were 15 or 20 steps ahead of Mrs. Roebuck and the youngest son, the baby being just a few feet behind the three brothers, and all were well off the concrete. The mother and five children were nearing the old Greenville road intersection when an old Model Ford, traveling toward Williamston, swerved to the right, striking Mrs. Roebuck and the two younger children, and then turning sharply back to the hard surface. The killer-driver failed to stop, and after an all-night search by county officers he continued at large. Officers continue work on the case, and it is hoped that a clue can be established within a short time.

The car was thought to have been an old Model T with only one headlight burning. No description of the driver or the car occupants could be had as the little group was terrorized and could hardly tell what had happened.

Funeral services were held at the home of the parents on the Tan Cherry farm, near here, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Tom Harris, of the local Holiness church. Burial followed in a new graveyard near the home.

## BEAUTY SHOW AT BEAR GRASS

### Representatives From Five Towns To Take Part Next Tuesday

A gala event is expected Tuesday night of next week at 7:30 o'clock, when the Bear Grass High School sponsors a box party and beauty contest in the auditorium there. The dual program has been elaborately planned with large numbers of boxes assured, 60 girls taking part in the contest and special features to take place during the evening. And there is no admission fee, in fact, the people are urged to attend free of charge.

Sixty young ladies, represent Washington, Greenville, Robersonville, and Williamston and Bear Grass, have been entered in the beauty contest, it was announced yesterday. Special features include tap dancing, singing and readings. Prizes will be awarded.

Reports indicate that a large crowd will be present for the entertainment, arranged to supplement funds for school purposes, it is understood.

## World Series Opens In Detroit Tomorrow, 1:30

Baseball fans throughout the nation will turn their attention to Detroit tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock when the Detroit Tigers and the St. Louis Cardinals play the first game for the world's championship for the year 1934.

## Chatham Farmers Harvest Three Tons Hay Per Acre

Three tons of cured hay to the acre have been cut from the lespedeza fields of Chatham County.

## Hertford Farmers Collect \$5,000 In Hog-Corn Benefit

Thirty-eight swine growers of Hertford County will collect approximately \$5,000 in benefits for adjusting production this year.

## POSTAL INCOME HERE CONTINUES STEADY GROWTH

### Receipts for Third Quarter Are \$500 More Than They Were In 1933

Williamston's upward turn in business continues stronger than ever with Postmaster Pete Fowden reporting an increase of over \$500 in the local office revenue last quarter as compared with the same period last year. The office reported stamp sales and other receipts for the third quarter at \$3,275.63, as compared with \$2,751.94 in the third quarter of last year.

Commenting on the improved business in the office, Pete said that ever since he and Farley had been at work receipts increased, adding that while Mr. Farley was working for the glory of success he was working for the money and that \$100 extra allowed when receipts passed a certain amount. The increase is "in the bag" Mr. Pete allowed. In all seriousness, Mr. Fowden did say that business was splendid, that things were looking better in his office, and that the mail order houses are wondering if gold has been discovered in Eastern Carolina.

The money order business last quarter was \$37,759.22. Not all that money went to the mail-order houses, however. Several thousand dollars went to unfortunate Georgia farmers for tobacco marketing cards.

## TWO ESCAPED CONVICTS ARE CAUGHT HERE

### Arrested Sunday Afternoon By County and State Prison Officers

John Fritz Brinkley, of Rocky Mount, and Archie Fowler, of High Point, serving from 12 to 15 years at the Caledonia Prison for highway robbery, were arrested in this county last Sunday afternoon following their escape from the farm the 21st of last month. The two men escaped in a car stolen from a prison guard, and their trail was lost next day when the car was found in Rocky Mount. Last Friday evening they entered this county in a Ford stolen from Louis Weiborn, of Thomasville. Officers learned the two men had friends in Bear Grass Township near the Beaufort County line, and planned a search for Sunday afternoon.

N. E. Raines, superintendent of the farm, Captain W. W. Cook, and a guard came here Sunday and they, with Sheriff Roebuck, Chief W. B. Daniel, Deputy Joe H. Roebuck, and Roy Peel went to the home of Garland Wynn. The two men were playing cards with friends on a blanket in a cornfield, a few yards from the Wynn home, when the officers surrounded them before they knew what it was all about.

Neither of the two men had a word to say, and in the search officers found a pistol, dynamite caps and fuse, nitroglycerin and a steel drill bit. It was rumored the two men were planning to rob a bank in Hyde County that night.

Wynn had borrowed the stolen car and was making a visit at the Caledonia farm when the two men were arrested. The car was recovered later that day.

## Permit To Open New Bank Here Still Being Considered

The application, filed some time ago by the Greenville Banking and Trust Company to open a branch here, has been forwarded to proper authorities in Washington; it was learned following a visit here last week by State Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood.

What action, if any, the State banking authorities took in connection with the permit request, could not be learned, leaving some to believe that the branch will be opened and other to believe that one will not be opened here by the Greenville institution.

## Skewarkee Lodge Masons Meet Tonight at 8 O'clock

There will be a special meeting of Skewarkee Lodge of Masons tonight at 8 o'clock, it was announced today by J. C. Anderson, master. Work in the third degree. Members of the lodge and visitors are cordially invited and urged to attend.

## Caldwell County Farmers Have Sufficient Feeds

Caldwell County farmers say they will have an abundance of feed this winter. Nearly every farmer in the county planted lespedeza last spring.

## Rains Damage Cotton Crop In Some Sections

Heavy rains in Moore County are damaging the cotton crop and preventing the curing of high quality hay.

## ATTENDANCE AT COUNTY SCHOOLS HOLDS UP WELL

### Three New Teachers Are Earned In As Many Schools Already

While reports povering scholastic activities in the Martin County schools are nearly two weeks away, attendance figures released a day or two ago for the first two weeks of the term clearly indicate the schools are off to an excellent start as far as number are concerned. Increased enrollments, supported by large attendance percentages, have earned three new teachers for as many schools, Robersonville and Oak City High and Farm Life Elementary. Other districts are said to have barely missed earning additional teachers, it was said. The two new high school teachers reported for work Monday, and the Farm Life teacher will start her work immediately, it was learned.

With 3,403 white pupils enrolled during the first two weeks of the current term, the six school districts reported an average daily attendance of 3,263 children, a resulting average attendance of nearly 96 per cent for the whole. The Oak City district, with 98 per cent, led the county, followed closely by Farm Life and Robersonville, each with a percentage of 96. Bear Grass and Williamston, with a 95 per cent rating, competed for third position, Jamesville with a 94 figure coming next.

The enrollment, daily attendance and number absent daily, on an average, are as follows:

District	Enrollment	Daily Attend.	Avg. Daily Absences
Williamston	778	737	41
Robersonville	1,007	971	36
Oak City	637	625	12
Jamesville	425	400	25
Farm Life	240	230	10
Bear Grass	316	300	16
Totals	3,403	3,263	140

The figures are handled by districts rather than by individual schools. For instance, Jamesville represents the schools at Dardens and Jamesville. Robersonville district includes Everetts and Gold Point. Oak City district includes Hamilton and Hassell.

## BAPTIST WOMEN TO MEET HERE

### Missionary Union To Hold 37th Annual Session in Local Baptist Church

The thirty-seventh annual session of the women's missionary union of the Roanoke Baptist Association will meet with the Memorial Baptist church here on Thursday of this week, the first session being called to order at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, and continuing throughout the day.

The women in the local church are expecting about 400 women to attend the sessions. The Roanoke Association is large in its geographical boundaries—extending from Scotland Neck to Greenville; and from Wilson and Nashville to Williamston. It is one of the largest associations in the state—having exactly 70 churches in its membership.

Last year this body met with the Scotland Neck church, where splendid reports of its entertainment were made. The coming of so many delegates to the local church will tax its capacity to care for them. But the women of the church are busy making preparations, and expect to range through the order of program in good form, and to serve in the woman's club building a lunch to the several hundreds of Baptist women that are expected.

The women's work in all these churches is considered a vital part of the church program. It is with pleasure that the local church, and especially its women, will entertain this body of church women on Thursday of this week. The general public is invited to any of the sessions.

## Two Drunks and Dispenser Carried Before Court Here

Fox Rice, colored, of Bertie County, and Hezekiah Price, also colored, were fined \$250 each in Mayor Hassell's court here yesterday morning for being drunk on the local streets last Saturday.

John Bullock, colored man alleged to have operated a liquor store in his home just across the road from a church in Poplar Point Township, was carried before the justice of the peace yesterday and was bound over to the county court for trial today under a \$200 bond. Officers, armed with a search warrant, searched Bullock's home Sunday and found a small quantity of liquor and many containers considered useful in making retail sales.

## Local Leaf Market Is Nearing Five-Million Mark for Season

### COUNTY BOARD HOLDS REGULAR MEET MONDAY

### Authorities Transact Little Business in Long Session, Jury List Is Drawn

Although they were in a long and tedious session Monday, the Martin County commissioners disposed of comparatively few business matters, the greater part of the day having been used to hear questions raised by citizens from one end of the county to the other. Many of the matters discussed at the meeting will be heard again at the next regular meeting in November, it is understood.

Mack Davenport, disabled war veteran, was granted permission to sell proprietary products in the county without the payment of a license fee.

J. W. Coltrain was allowed the sum of \$1.50 a month.

Jurors were selected for the two weeks term of civil court to be held in November, as follows:

**First Week**  
 Williams Township: Leo Roberson, T. M. Hopkins, C. L. Daniel, and W. L. Manning.  
 Griffins: A. T. Whitley, Herbert L. Manning, and J. Eason Lilley.  
 Bear Grass: C. H. Ayers and W. R. Roberson.  
 Williamston: John T. Price and O. S. Cowing.

Robersonville: H. S. Johnson, D. C. Carson, Eli Stephenson, M. E. Smith, D. A. James.  
 Goose Nest: T. C. Ailsbrooks and Joseph H. Harrell.

**Second Week**  
 Jamesville: J. A. Gardner, H. S. Hardison, E. H. Ange.  
 Williams: N. P. Roberson.  
 Bear Grass: Sidney Beacham.  
 Williamston: Robert A. Moore, Jas. E. Harrison, J. G. Barnhill, John Daniel Biggs, J. B. Cherry, Paul H. Peel, W. Clyde Manning.  
 Cross Roads: J. C. Bullock.  
 Robersonville: C. D. Andrews, R. S. Bullock.  
 Hamilton: B. B. Taylor.  
 Goose Nest: J. W. Bellflower, A. D. Eakes.

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## L. J. MILLS DIED LAST SATURDAY

### Funeral Held at Home in Poplar Point Monday at 3:00 O'clock P. M.

L. J. Mills, Poplar Point farmer, died at his home here last Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from a heart attack. He had suffered with heart trouble for some time, but was able to be up and attend to his business duties even until the day of his death.

Mr. Mills was born in Pitt County 61 years ago last August. About 15 years ago he moved to this county, settling in the Poplar Point section, where he farmed. He married Miss Mamie Nelson, also a native of Pitt County, and she, with seven children, Mrs. Lucy Lotz, of Everetts; Mrs. Vera Edmondson, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charlie, L. J., Jr., and Geniry W. Mills, and Miss Margaret Mills, of Williamston R. F. D. 3, survives. He also leaves one sister, Miss Kizee Mills, of Everetts.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville; and Rev. Charles T. Rogers, of Williamston. Pall-bearers were members of the Red Men and the Modern Woodmen of America.

## Eight Patrolmen Warn Motorists Here Monday

Eight highway patrolmen centered their activities here last night, warning drivers against the use of defective lights and other unlawful acts in operating motor vehicles on the highways. Only four arrests resulted, but many were directed to correct defects, it was learned. A truck, loaded over the sides was stopped, and the driver is scheduled to face trial here next Tuesday.

## September Rainfall Here Greatest Since August '31

The September rainfall here was the heaviest in any month since August, 1931, according to Hugh Spruill, who records the readings under state supervision. Eight and three-quarter inches of rain fell during the period, the rainfall exceeding by more than one inch the year's high in July.

While five rains accounted for about 7 inches of the rainfall for the period, there were 18 altogether, varying from two one-hundredths of an inch to 1.65 inches.

## Peanut Digging Underway Throughout Martin County

Peanut digging has been started in this county although the work is hardly expected to get fully underway before next week. Reports as to the quality and quantity of the crop in this county vary widely from community to community. The general belief is that the acreage yield will be low and the quality from fair to good.

Many of the older or matured peanuts are shedding, leaving a second growth goober of inferior quality and of light weight in many cases, the reports indicated.

## TOWN BOARD IN REGULAR MEET HERE LAST NIGHT

### T. Goodman Made Assistant On Local Police Force For Three Months

The town's garbage will be placed in hiding when it is carried through the streets in the future, the town commissioners ruled in their regular meeting last night, when Mrs. Jim Stator, representing the Woman's Club, asked that the unsightly stuff be placed under cover while in transit. Mrs. Stator, making a lengthy visit before the meeting, advanced a number of recommendations, and the commissioners, appreciative of the cooperation offered by the Woman's Club, approved several of them and will investigate others. Following a recommendation, the town will discourage diagonal street crossing by pedestrians. No law will be created in an effort to stop the practice, but lines will be drawn at several of the main street corners and pedestrians will be asked to walk within the marks when convenient. School children will be directed to observe the markers.

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## LOCALS HIGHS WIN OPENER

### Defeat Ahoskie 6 To 0; To Play Scotland Neck Here Friday

Williamston's football boys were off to a good start last Friday afternoon when they opened the season with a 6 to 0 victory over Ahoskie in the Hertford town. While many of the boys were in the line-up for the first time, they developed into a fast-moving team and with a ready cooperation supporting each play.

Cooke bucked the line for 7 yards for the only score of the game. Roberson did some good running, and the team, as a whole, shows promise. The work of the line is reflected in the first downs made. Williamston registering eight while Ahoskie made one.

The names of the boys in the line-up:

Hardison and Bowen, ends; Daniels and Ward, tackles; Ramey and Hollomon, guards; Rogerson, center; Cooke, quarterback; Strawbridge, halfback; and Cox, fullback. Substitutes: Perry, Harrison and Shaw, backfield; and Crockett, Moore, Sumterlin and D. Harrison in the line.

The locals have a tough assignment for Friday afternoon of this week, Scotland Neck, defeating Rocky Mt. last Friday, comes here and a good game is expected.

## Administrator for County Relief Not Yet Named

No appointment to fill the position of county administrator of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration in this county has been announced, as far as it could be learned here at noon today. The position was made vacant by the resignation of J. R. Manning several days ago. Mr. Manning will continue in the office until the appointment is made.

Several applicants were interviewed here last week, and an appointment was expected several days ago.

## PRICES HIGHER AS FALL SEASON ENLIVEN SALES

### Row After Row Commands Prices from 40 to 50 Cents Per Pound

High prices paid on the Williamston Tobacco market during the season soared to still higher levels yesterday and today when the averages reached close to the 40-cent mark. Row after row sold this morning for from \$45 to \$50 a hundred, an occasional price passing the 75-cent mark. Fall weather added pep and vigor to the buyers and the sales were lively from the start with the companies showing a big demand for their quotas.

Farmers expressed themselves as being pleased to the fullest extent. Fifty-cent averages were numerous, and all types of tobacco sold extraordinarily good. The green types, while commanding good prices, did not compare with the other grades which appeared to the unversed observer to be slightly inferior in quality. Good cheer pervaded the whole market, and farmer after farmer expressed himself as being more than well pleased and satisfied to the nth degree. Those growers who yet have tobacco at home said they were going to complete preparations for marketing the remainder of the crop as soon as possible and that they were going to sell on the Williamston market.

Taking 270 sticks from the barn last week, one farmer tied it up and sold it today, averaging over \$1 a stick. And other farmers, large numbers of them, had reports equally as favorable. "It's going just as good as it ever has, and it is high," farmer after farmer said. That prices have advanced was indicated by sales reported by one farmer today. He sold a part of a barn several days ago and the remainder today, averaging about six cents a pound higher over the local floors.

The season's sales up to today on the local market total 4,578,200 pounds which sold for \$1,236,228.11, a resulting average of 27 cents. The sales yesterday totaled 127,994 pounds and sold for \$44,302.23, a resulting average of \$4.61. This average includes everything, and there were many black tips and much damaged tobacco on the floors. The withdrawal of these types from the sale would have boosted the average well on toward 40 cents, it is believed.

By tomorrow afternoon, the Williamston market will have sold as much tobacco, notwithstanding the crop reduction, as it sold the whole of last season, and will have paid out to the farmers twice as much money as it paid out last season. No better illustration is to be had as to how farmers are pleased with the Williamston market this season.

It is estimated that between 75 and 80 percent of the crop has been sold, and it is believed that the local market will reach and pass the six million pound mark this season.

## MANY COMPETE IN STYLE EVENT

### Cotton Show Arrangements Complete for Thursday And Friday Here

With many contestants entered, arrangements for the cotton show in the Watts theatre Thursday and Friday of this week have been completed, and a rare treat is in store for the theatre goers when the curtain rises Thursday afternoon, the first performance.

Twenty-five of the town's loveliest young ladies are all set to appear in the season's loveliest fashions and just as many merchants are cooperating with the promoters to make the event a success.

In addition to the modelling numbers, several of the local performers will appear in singing and dancing interludes.

Local merchants and dress shops are making arrangements to display new fall fashions during the three performances—Thursday afternoon, Thursday evening and Friday evening.

## Two Men Bound Over for Assaulting Sylvester Wynn

James and Elmer Rogers, colored, were bound over to the county court for trial next Tuesday in the case charging them with brutally assaulting Sylvester Wynn, white man, at the Gray pressing club on Washington Street a week ago last Saturday. Bonds in the sum of \$100 each were furnished.