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FIVE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT LAST SATURDAY

Milton James in Washington Hospital With Serious Injury To Back

Milton James is in a Washington hospital with a serious back injury and Whit Purvis, jr., and Ella Wynne Critcher, Glenn Watts, and Louise Cook are confined to their homes here with painful bruises and cuts as a result of an automobile accident on the Jamesville road, near Gardner's Creek, last Saturday morning. All five of the young people are expected to recover, however; the James youth will likely be confined to his bed for several months, or until the two or three injured vertebrae mend, it is understood. He is expected home within about three weeks, but will continue in a plaster cast for two months or more. Young Purvis, suffering a broken collar bone and numerous bruises, and the three young ladies are expected out within the next few days. The high school students were returning from Jamesville when the driver, Milton James, lost control of the rapidly moving car on the sharp curve at the Roberson farm just this side of Gardner's Creek. The car, a Ford sedan belonging to Mr. N. C. Green, turned over three times, quite a few yards apart, finally coming to a standstill in a field. Witnesses said the car cleared the ground by at least four feet on each turn and went into the field without touching a wire fence. One of the girls was thrown through the top and into the air nearly 15 feet high. She landed in the field ahead of and less than 2 feet away from where the car came to a stop. Another of the three girls was found on the other side less than 2 feet from the car, witnesses stating that if he machine had varied two feet either way some one would have been killed. Three of the injured were entered in the hospital, but two of them have returned home. The others were treated in the offices of Drs. Rhodes and Eason here. The driver of the car, well over the age driving limit, is the efficient and popular carrier boy for this paper. Pete Eagan has volunteered to handle the delivery task until his friend is able to return. Mr. Green, owner, said the car, a 1934 model, was so badly damaged that no effort would be made to repair it, that the machine would be offered for sale as junk.

High Court Rules On County Cases

Martin County superior court judgments were reviewed and upheld by the state supreme court in two cases last week, the higher tribunal refusing new trials in both cases. The \$5,000 suit of Beach against Gladstone was upheld, the court in this county having found in favor of the plaintiffs. The case was based upon a will made by Frank L. Gladstone which allowed his sister, \$5,000. The sister died two years before Mr. Gladstone's death, but the will was never changed, the plaintiffs claiming that the amount should go to them as children and grandchildren of his sister. The other case was that of Blackwell against Hawkins. The plaintiff was suing for damages alleged to have resulted when the defendant's car crashed into a train near Plymouth. It was held that the plaintiff was not entitled to recover damages from the defendant.

Revival Services at Pentecostal Church

Rev. E. S. Beasley, of Wilson, is preaching at Bethany Church. Rev. E. S. Beasley, of Wilson, is conducting a series of revival services at the Bethany Holiness church, near here. The first of the services were held Sunday, and the revival will continue for about three weeks. Beginning next Tuesday, Rev. Jerome Hodges, conference superintendent, will conduct a series of services in the Rehovia Holiness church near Bear Grass, the services to continue for about two weeks. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Farmers Measuring Peanut Land Again

Finding the first measurements slightly out of line, the agent's office a few days ago requested a second measurement of all 1934 peanut acreage in the county. Hundreds of farmers are reporting their corrected measurements this week, unofficial reports from Mr. Brandon's office indicating that many variations will be eliminated. The variations, or many of them, resulted in the first measurement when the farmers failed to follow accurate methods of determining their acreage. The office still maintains that everything possible will be done before resorting to a horizontal reduction greater than the one agreed to by the producer in the original contract.

Jail Population Here Shows Big Increase

The Martin County jail population was increased almost to overflowing during the past week-end when ten prisoners were placed there, swelling the total to 28. The population is now at a record high for the year. Many of those jailed Saturday night and Sunday were released following trials in Mayor Hassell's court Monday night and in Judge Peel's court today.

Basketball Tournament Finals Will Be Held Tonight; Two Games Scheduled

Williamston and Jamesville Boys' Team To Take Part In Atlantic Christian College Tournament At Wilson Next Friday and Saturday

Postponed last Friday out of necessity, the Martin County basketball tournament was advanced another notch last night with the Jamesville girls and boys winning places in the finals scheduled for this evening at 7:45 o'clock. The game between the Jamesville girls and those from Farm Life was described as one of the best of the tournament. Two minutes from the end, the teams were tied, and the Griffins team was putting up a hard fight, but their opponents forged ahead to win, 27 to 20. The Jamesville lads easily captured the game over the Bear Grass boys, winning, 27 to 13. In the finals tonight the Jamesville girls meet the strong Bear Grass sextet, the Jamesville boys and the locals following with their championship game. A fair-sized crowd saw the games last night, and a packed house is expected for the finals tonight. The boys' teams from Jamesville and Williamston have entered the district tournament at A. C. College, in Wilson, the locals planning to leave here early Friday morning. Just how long they will stay depends upon developments after they get there, Principal D. N. Hix said this morning.

Flue-Cured Weed Payments Begin Coming in Soon

Flue-cured tobacco benefit payments held up since January will begin moving immediately spreading cash payments among growers of cigarette type tobacco through this and other states, it was announced in Washington yesterday. Representative Bardin, after a conference with agriculture department officials, said he was informed the payment had been held up by a technicality, and delay on the part of some growers in making reports, but now all objections have been removed. The payments will total nearly one million dollars, it was stated. Most of the allotment cards in this county were returned by farmers more than six weeks ago, and a majority of them have been in Washington for more than a month. If the early return of the cards means anything then Martin farmers should be numbered among the first to receive the benefit payments.

Farmer Is Critically Hurt When Kicked By Mule Near Here

Perlie Moore, 34-year-old white farmer living near here on the Hamilton road, was critically injured when kicked by a mule on the H. T. Roberson farm near by last Sunday morning. Last reports received from a Washington hospital, where Mr. Moore was operated on, stated that his condition was not at all favorable. The man's liver was split several inches, it was said. At the time he was hurt, Mr. Moore was talking about mules, stating that he did not like the spry and wild type. The mule had its head in a barn door eating when Mr. Moore placed his hand on its back. Ordinarily considered very gentle, the animal was apparently frightened, and kicked, the hoof striking the man in the stomach. After receiving first-aid treatment, Mr. Moore was removed to the hospital.

Robersonville Group Passes Resolutions; Also Condemns Liquor Proposal

The Robersonville Parent-Teacher association, in a recent meeting, adopted resolutions urging increased appropriations for schools. The resolutions: "Whereas, the Robersonville School Parent-Teacher association realizes the very great handicap necessitated by recent drastic cuts in salaries and maintenance budget and the resultant inefficiencies, "Therefore, we, the members of the Parent-Teacher Association of Robersonville, do earnestly request the legislature to endorse Superintendent Erwin's program for \$22,000,000 for each year of the biennium, urging that money be allocated for an increased salary for teachers; necessary equipment for school sanitation, lighting, and heating; and provision for the proposed rental system of text books. We heartily oppose any system of taxing alcoholic beverages to raise revenue for school support. "Signed by the resolution committee: "Mrs. V. A. Ward, Chairman, Supt. R. I. Leake, "Mr. Marvin Everett, "Miss Leona Moore, "Miss Eva Irene Peele."

Local Woman's Club Will Meet Thursday

The regular monthly meeting of the Williamston Woman's Club will be held Thursday afternoon at this week at 3:30 o'clock in the club hall. The local high school band will feature the entertainment program with a concert, it was announced. It is hoped that a goodly number will try to be present for the meeting.

Five Fined by Mayor On Disorderly Counts

Linwood Roberson, Jesse Gurganus, white, and Jimmie Rawls, Joe Peel and William Brown, colored, charged with being drunk and disorderly, were tried in the mayor's court here last night. The defendants were fined and taxed with the costs amounting to \$7 each. Pleas of guilty were entered by the defendants.

NEGROES JAILED FOR MURDEROUS ATTACK ON MAN

Walter Gurganus Narrowly Escapes Death at Hands of Pair

Walter Gurganus, popular white farmer living on the edge of town on the Washington highway, was brutally attacked while walking to his home last Saturday night about 10 o'clock. Mr. Gurganus, struck on the side of the head by a table leg, was rendered unconscious for nearly four hours, attending doctors stating that had the blow been struck an inch or two higher he would probably have been killed. With a sizeable knot on his neck, Mr. Gurganus was able to be up the next day, but he was said to be suffering much pain and could not turn his head a fraction of an inch. Andrew Lloyd, colored man who is alleged to have nearly cut Gabriel Wiggins to death here several months ago, and Noah Andrews, also colored, were arrested by Officer J. H. Allsbrooks and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck in connection with the attack. Mr. Gurganus was passing the home of Elijah Brown when he was suddenly attacked, reports stating that his assailants continued to strike him after he was down. Colored citizens saw the commotion and rushed to the aid of Mr. Gurganus, who, it is believed, the assailants attempted to rob.

Lenten Services at Episcopal Church

Ash Wednesday To Be Observed Tomorrow; Is Beginning Lent

March 6 marks the beginning of Lent, that part of the church year when special emphasis is given to spiritual cultivation, to self-denial, and a study of what our Lord endured for us. Ash Wednesday will be observed at the Church of the Advent at 10:30 o'clock, March 6. After Ash Wednesday there will be services on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons, all at 5 p. m. On Wednesdays there will be studies in the Old Testament. On Thursdays, there will be intercessory prayers. And on Fridays there will be talks on missions. There is a junior choir in training for the Friday services, and this is expected to make this service especially attractive. The public is cordially invited to these services. Members of other churches will be welcomed. Services will last about 25 minutes.

County Council Held Thursday

Was First Meeting for This Year; Next Session To Be Held in May

The first county council of the home demonstration organization for the year was held Thursday afternoon at the courthouse in the home agent's office. Mrs. Moseley was with the group for a few minutes and urged the women to join parent-teacher associations in their respective communities and take a more active part in helping their school communities and helping their children. A summary of activities possible was outlined by Mrs. Moseley and suggestions were made to help their organizations. The few minutes were much appreciated, and it is hoped that the time may be profitable. Clubs paid their dues at this time and made their regular reports. Hereafter all clubs are to be scored on attendance at county council meetings, leaders' schools, etc., and some reward will be given the club making the highest score. The women through their county council meeting learned the art of tying and dyeing. Simple homespun was given each one present and kerchiefs of red and brown with interesting designs were worked out in just a short time. The next county council meeting will be held in May.

Power Off 7 Hours Due To Falling Tree

Local light and power users experienced their greatest inconvenience in the more than seven years the V. E. P. Company has operated here when some one felled a tree on the 110,000-volt line between Roanoke Rapids and Rocky Mount last Friday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock, interrupting service for about seven hours. Repairmen from two stations in the district were rushed to the scene far off in a swamp. Walking through mud and water to their knees for nearly two miles, dragging repair material, nearly every available man in the company's employ worked until almost ten o'clock that night restoring service.

Child Dies Near Here As Result of Measles

Contracting measles' about three weeks ago, Lillian Gray Nicholson, seven months old, died of complications at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Nicholson, near here, last Thursday. The child, apparently recovering from the measles, was taken sick again and pneumonia developed resulting in death. Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, and interment was in the Moberly Cemetery in Bear Grass Township.

Quantity of Liquor And Bottles Seized

Deputy Sheriff J. H. Roebuck and his assistant, Roy Peel, found a quantity of liquor and a large number of empty bottles near Cowan's Filling Station between Hamilton and Oak City last Saturday morning. No arrests were made, as ownership of the bottles and liquor could not be determined, it was stated. There were 14 half-gallon jars, 1 quart and 42 pint bottles and about 3 gallons of liquor. Several of the bottles formerly contained legal liquor formerly sold by ABC stores in Virginia.

Regular Meeting of Kiwanis Tomorrow

The regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club will be held at the Woman's Club this Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. A feature of this meeting will be consideration of the child-labor amendment.

Joshua L. Coltraine Is Named Supervisor for Listing Taxes

Estimated That More Than 1,000 People In County Have Had Measles This Year

With the exception of 377 cases of measles, Martin County had a very favorable and respectable health report last month. Mrs. Erah Cobb, secretary in the health office, stated only two other cases of contagious diseases were reported during the period. There was one case of diphtheria and one case of scarlet fever in Robersonville Township. A new record was reported in the number of measles cases during the month, the February cases exceeding by two the January listings, bringing the total for the year up to 752. It is estimated that there have been more than 1,000 cases of measles in this county so far this year, the epidemic being felt mainly in Williamston township and to a great extent in Bear Grass, Jamesville, Williams, and Poplar Point Township with a few scattering cases in one or two other districts. Vital statistics are not available just now, but it is believed there have been fewer deaths from all causes in this county so far than there were up to the first of March, 1934. While automobile accidents have been fairly numerous on the highways in the county so far, no deaths have been reported this year.

Town Board Holds Meeting Last Night; Declare War on Rats

Campaign Against Rodents Is Again Delegated To Mr. Carson

Holding their regular monthly meeting last evening, the local town commissioners again called in the Pipper of Hamlin, Mr. Carson, and arrangements for another anti-rat campaign were completed. The drive to cost approximately \$200 not including the cost of those activities to be met by individuals cooperating in the movement. Mr. Carson plans to start his rough-on-rats drive tomorrow, and he and the town authorities appeal to private property owners to aid the movement. A similar anti-rat campaign was conducted last year, and while thousands of the rodents were killed, there are still many left, the authorities believing that the rats can be brought under control successfully by the project getting underway tomorrow.

Father-Son Banquet Is Held at Oak City By Agriculture Class

Large Number Attend Annual Event of Young Farmers Friday

Oak City—The local Future Teachers chapter held its father-son banquet last Friday night, many fathers of the class members attending. The banquet was opened and closed with the ritual of the Future Farmers of America, in between which were several talks on agriculture and its value in rural high schools. The main speaker of the occasion was Mr. E. N. Meekins, of Raleigh, a former supervisor of vocational agriculture, who was introduced by J. C. Manning, superintendent of county schools. Short talks were given by Robert Haislip, Lester Harrell, jr., and Bernice Bennett, all agricultural students. Others who made short talks were, J. A. Everett, John W. Hines, H. M. Ainsley, principal of the school; B. M. Worsley, T. B. Slade, E. R. Edmondson, L. G. Bunch, S. T. Meekins, Mr. Jordan, P. F. Edmond, W. E. Grimes and J. E. Mullen, agricultural teacher.

Dance Sponsored By Legion Here

The county American Legion Post is sponsoring an old-time square dance in the school gymnasium here Wednesday night of next week for the benefit of a Boy Scout fund. The dance will be featured by a tap and clog dance contest and numbers by a colored male quartet. Proceeds will be used in the purchase of bugles and drums for the Scouts, it was stated.

Small Still Captured in Free Union Yesterday

Raiding in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township yesterday morning, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Deputy J. H. Roebuck captured a small copper liquor kettle and a barrel of beer. The plant had been operated several hours prior to the arrival of the officers, and the operators were not present.

Services Wednesday At Hamilton Church

There will be a service at St. Martin's Episcopal church in Hamilton Ash Wednesday at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

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LEASE BUILDING

Granted a charter to open a branch here, the Greenville Banking & Trust Company last Friday leased the old Farmers & Merchants Bank building and plans to move in the necessary fixtures immediately. It could not be learned officially, but it is understood that arrangements are rapidly being handled to start banking activities here about the middle of this month. A cashier for the bank had not been announced, as far as it could be learned here today.