

## 4 CAR ACCIDENTS REPORTED HERE LAST SATURDAY

### Log Truck Plunges Into Sweet Water Creek But No One Badly Hurt

Four automobile accidents were reported in this county last Saturday, resulting in a considerable property damage loss, but no one was dangerously hurt. Merton Telford Copeland, operator of a log truck for a local lumber mill, had a narrow escape when his machine plunged into Sweet Water Creek, stopping with only a small portion of the cab cut of the water. He received only a slight scratch on his arm, but much of his body was drenched by the icy waters.

The first of the four accidents occurred on the Washington road about six miles from here early that morning. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elks and Bruce Boyd, of Grimesland, and Attorney J. D. Paul, of Washington, were traveling toward Williamston when a rear tire blew out on the Elks car, causing the machine to swerve and turn over down an embankment on the left side of the road. The car came to a stop against a tree with the front end on the ground and the rear resting 13 or 14 feet in the air against the tree. Mr. Paul suffered a broken arm. Mrs. Elks and Mr. Boyd were badly cut about the face and arms, but not seriously. Mr. Elks escaped with a few minor injuries. The car was demolished.

About noon, the log truck driven by Copeland, crashed into a car driven by Mrs. D. P. Pharr, of Roper, and an oil truck driven by Thomas Brantley at the Sweet Water Creek bridge. Mrs. Pharr suffered only a slight injury to one of her wrists, but her companions, Mrs. Leon C. Spruill and Miss Ruth Perkins, were not hurt. The oil-truck driver and Copeland also escaped without injury of any consequence. Reports stated that the car, traveling toward Williamston, was forced to stop behind a horse-drawn vehicle while the oil truck, going out of Williamston, passed. The log truck, traveling in the same direction of the car, rounded the curve and could not stop to avoid a crash. The driver pulled to the middle of the road, striking the car and knocking it on the bridge and almost into the creek on the right side of the road, and at the same time stripping the left side from the oil truck. The oil truck continued on by, while the log truck veered to the left and went down the embankment and on into the creek. Considerable damage was done to the car, and the log truck was a complete wreck.

Willie Roebuck, accompanied by his young son and George Roberson, crashed his car into an embankment on North Houghton Street Saturday evening, causing injury to Mr. Roberson and the boy. A small hole was knocked in Roberson's head, and the boy had bad cuts on his nose and forehead. Roebuck was not injured, but his arrest was made by Patrolman Hunt. One wheel on the car was torn down.

Late that night Herman Everett turned his car over when he drove off the end of the hard-surfaced road onto soft ground near Hassell, doing considerable damage to the body of the car. Everett, young Hamilton man, and his companion, H. S. Peel, also of Hamilton, were not injured, reports stated.

## H. T. Edmondson, 52, Dies at Home Near Here This Morning

### Funeral for County Farmer To Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon at Home

Henry Thomas Edmondson, 52 years old, died at his home on the Joe Leggett farm, near here, this morning at 5:20 o'clock from a complication of diseases. He had been in failing health for more than a year, but was confined to his bed during the past two weeks only.

Mr. Edmondson, a native of this county, had farmed all his life. In early manhood he was married to Miss Lizzie Taylor, who, with five children, Robert, James Thomas, Evelyn Doris, Arthur Augustus Edmondson, and Mrs. Daisy Whitley, all of Williamston R. F. D. 3, survives. He also leaves one brother, Arthur Edmondson, of Hopewell, Va., and two sisters, Mrs. William Henry Lynch, of Hamilton, and Mrs. Herbert Edmondson, of Gold Point.

Mr. Edmondson was a member of the Free Will Baptist church and a minister of that faith will conduct the funeral services tomorrow afternoon. Interment will follow in the Spring Green church cemetery.

## Much Damage in This Section From Heavy Winds Sunday

Considerable property damage resulted but no personal injury was reported when a wind storm swept over this section last Sunday. Power transmission and telephone lines were grounded for miles, and shelters and fences were blown down in fairly large numbers, while a few roofs were taken from business houses in one or two places in the county.

The storm is believed to have centered around Parmele and Robersonville, but much damage is said to have resulted in the Dardens section of the county and around Hassell in the upper part of the county.

Robersonville and Parmele were in darkness until early Monday morning, and telephone service was interrupted there. Line forces of the

V. E. & P. Co. started work Sunday morning repairing damage and continued without sleep or rest until late Monday night. Extra forces were brought to this section from the Petersburg division of the V. E. & P. Co., and service was back to normal today, but considerable more work will be necessary to complete permanent repairs. Highways were blocked, and patrolmen were called out to warn traffic. Several groups of prisoners were called from the camp near here to help clear the roads.

All kinds of weather, including cloudy, rainy, fair, warm, and cold, were experienced that day, the marked changes probably being the result of a bad storm that swept over parts of Alabama and took a number of lives there.

## Finds Majority Here Is Against Stop Lights

### ANNOUNCES



Macon Rush (Mike) Dunnagan, newspaper man and candidate for Secretary of State, is opposing Stacey W. Wade, incumbent, and Thad A. Eure, for the Democratic nomination next June.

## CHANGE IN DATES FOR DRIVERS TO APPLY FOR EXAMS

### Many Blanks Have Been Improperly Filled Out; Begin Check-Up Soon

A change in days for giving applicants examinations for automobile drivers' licenses was announced this week by Patrolman W. S. Hunt, as follows:

Martin County courthouse every Tuesday at 2 p. m.

Washington County courthouse every second and fourth Saturday at 2 p. m.

Tyrrell County courthouse each first and third Saturday at 2 o'clock.

Bertie County courthouse every Friday at 2 o'clock.

Examinations will be given at the specified places and on the designated days only, Patrolman Hunt said. The patrolman also pointed out that there were nearly 50,000 applications in Raleigh improperly filled out, and those applicants who have not received their driving permits are advised to write a letter to the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Raleigh, giving necessary facts in straightening out the tangle. It is not known just now when the patrol will start calling upon motorists to display their drivers' permits, but it is likely that a check-up will be instituted within the next few weeks, making it advisable for all who plan to drive to get their licenses immediately.

In those cases where permits have been lost, the drivers are directed to a notary public to prepare an affidavit and forward it with 50 cents to Raleigh, where a duplicate permit will be issued.

Very little has been done to enforce the drivers' license law so far, but when all the applications are handled, a strict inspection can be inspected, it is believed.

## Yadkin Farmer Sells Sixty Pounds Walnuts at Profit

Oscar Caudle, of Fall Creek, Yadkin County, sold 56 pounds of walnut kernels from one tree at 30 cents a pound and says he will crack walnuts from all the trees on his farm next fall.

## NAME GROUP TO PLAN LONG-TIME FARM PROGRAM

### Movement Is Designed To Promote Agricultural Adjustments

Planning a long-time program for the advancement of agriculture throughout the State and Nation, committees in thousands of units are meeting to perfect an organization for promoting the work. Designed to promote education in farming and agricultural adjustment to meet the needs of the individual sections, the program is already meeting with success over the country, reports indicate.

The Martin committee, composed of Messrs. H. S. Everett, H. H. Cowen, J. Daniel Biggs, J. F. Crisp, and F. C. Stallings, met last week and discussed various organization plans and problems that are expected to come before the group. Community members will be named shortly, Assistant Agent M. L. Barnes said yesterday.

The program has great possibilities, Mr. Barnes said, and is expected to eliminate to a great extent the old trial and error method of farming that has proved so costly in past years. In addition to collecting agricultural problems directly from the individual centers, the program will make it possible to determine the trend of operation, it was pointed out. According to reports from a near-by county, where the committees have held two or more meetings, it was estimated that the farmers would increase their tobacco and cotton crops and decrease their corn, potato and cover crops. The new program is expected to remedy such conditions, in so far as possible, bringing production in line with demand.

Another meeting of the Martin committee will be held within the next few days, Mr. Barnes said.

## James R. Knowles, Prominent Dardens Man, Died Sunday

### Last Rites Are Being Held In Church at Plymouth This Afternoon

James R. Knowles, substantial farmer and prominent county citizen, died in Duke hospital from meningitis Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, following a mastoid operation a short while before. Mr. Knowles, 65 years of age, had been in only fair health for some time, but was very active until a short time before his death.

Born and reared near Roper, in Washington County, Mr. Knowles was a member of the old school in that he valued his word, looked with compassion upon the less fortunate and held his trust high. He was married when a young man, and moved to the Dardens community of this county more than 15 years ago, readily gaining the confidence of his new neighbors and becoming numbered among the leading citizens of that section and county. He worked hard and every obligation was given careful consideration. No special favors were asked, but he was ready and willing to favor his fellowman.

Mrs. Knowles, with four children, Mrs. Charles Hough, of Dardens; Mrs. Kenneth Hopkins, of Plymouth; Mrs. J. H. Riddick and J. Linwood Knowles, of Plymouth; survives. He also leaves two brothers, Messrs. Jesse Knowles, of Roper, and Dennis Knowles, of Baltimore, and two sisters, Mrs. Sadie Poyner, of Baltimore; and Mrs. Hayward Chesson, of Roper.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Christian church in Plymouth by Rev. Nixon Taylor, the pastor. Interment will follow in the Mizelle burial plot, near Roper.

## County Ministers Perfect Organization Here Monday

The organization of a Martin County Ministerial Association was perfected by ministers from all over the county in a meeting held here yesterday. Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Williamston Presbyterian minister, was made president of the association; Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville, vice president; and Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the Williamston Baptist church, secretary and treasurer.

## Corn Liquor Used As An Anti-freeze In Tractors

Moonshine corn liquor used in radiators of the tractors in Orange County served as an adequate anti-freeze mixture during the recent severe weather.

## Agricultural Authorities Advising Farmers To Decrease Acreage in Tobacco and Cotton This Season

### County Unemployed Urged To Reregister With Bureau

In an effort to determine the true status of the unemployment situation and to place as many of the unemployed as possible on jobs now underway, the branch bureau of the North Carolina Employment Service, located in the Martin County courthouse, is urging all unemployed to register or reregister at the office in Williamston during the next week. Mr. Gilliam, in charge of the county bureau, states that there are several hundred incomplete records on the files in this county, that it is necessary to bring the information up to

date before few, if any, job assignments could be made from that list. The unemployed person who registered prior to the opening of the branch bureau in this county the latter part of December should make a strong effort to visit the employment office during next week and bring their registration cards up to date, Mr. Gilliam said.

Nearly all those who have registered since December have been placed by the bureau, it was pointed out, and there is still a demand for more workers, it was stated.

## Officials Continuing Efforts To Find Plan For Control of Crops

### One-Third Decrease In the Tobacco Crop Needed To Hold Up 1936 Prices

While many farmers are said to be considering increases for their tobacco and cotton crops, especially tobacco, warnings are coming from recognized agricultural authorities to limit tobacco acreage to two-thirds of the 1935 base acreage and cotton to 55 or 60 per cent of the 1935 base production. The advice was based on two principles, one of which will be experienced at marketing time next fall and the other when and if the government effects a substitute for the AAA.

If farmers would maintain satisfactory prices for their 1936 crops, they will find it advisable to hold their tobacco and cotton acreages well in line with their contract terms. Strict adherence to their contracts will also be necessary if the farmer wishes to make himself eligible to participate in any government benefits that might be created.

Many farmers in this county are said to be giving the situation serious thought, and it is believed that a decreased production would be almost unanimously subscribed to if the control measures continued in operation.

In a letter just released to county agents, Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, said: "Since the Supreme Court's decision, neither the Washington office nor the State office has known the exact procedure to follow with reference to a new program, but we all know that every effort is being made by the Washington office to put into effect a program that will insure agricultural adjustment and yet meet with the objections to the AAA brought by the Supreme Court."

The State College man referred to J. B. Hutson's remark, as follows: "If I were a landlord, I would not allow my tenants to plant more than two-thirds of my base acreage in 1936."

The authorities in Washington, except for a Senator or two who apparently find it troublesome to give up traveling long enough to attend to the things that are of vital importance to the people of this State, are doing all in their power to effect a substitute program for the old AAA. In the meantime the Southern farmer is at a greater loss to know what to do and what not to do than the colored slaves were back in the sixties.

## Child, Hurt By Automobile, Recovering Rapidly Here

Guthrie Strawbridge, 4 years old, is rapidly recovering at his home here from injuries received last Thursday afternoon, when he was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Willard Harris, on North Houghton Street. At the hospital, where he was removed for an examination, it was learned that his injury was confined to one ankle and a few scratches on his head and body. It was first thought he suffered a brain injury, but a complete examination revealed that his head had not been badly hurt.

He returned home from the hospital Friday and continues in bed at his home.

## Aged Woman Hurt When Struck by an Automobile

Emma Salsbury, aged colored woman, suffered a broken hip and ankle last Sunday night, when she was struck by an automobile driven by Arthur Dail, Hassell man, near Hassell. The woman, said to be about 70 years old, and almost blind, stepped into the path of the car, making the accident almost, if not wholly, unavoidable on the part of the car driver. She was given medical attention, and it is likely she will be removed to the county home.

## Average Production Per Hen Is 60 Eggs Yearly

The average production per hen for the State of North Carolina is 60 eggs a year, while demonstration flocks on which records are kept by the State College poultry department produce from 152 in the eastern part of the State to 170 in the western area.

## Child Lost in Woods Is Dead When Found

### Died of Exhaustion After 36 Hours of Frantic Wanderings

### Tom Williams' Death First Tragedy of the New Year In This County

A 36-hour search for Tom Williams, Jr., 4 years old, who lost his way in a woods the other side of Hamilton last Wednesday, came to a tragic end when the child's lifeless body was found more than three miles from his home. The little fellow is believed to have died of exhaustion following his frantic wandering through swamp areas along during the great part of the day Wednesday, all that night and much of Thursday, the searchers stating that the boy had been dead a very short while when his body was found.

Following members of his family into the woods Wednesday morning, the colored boy was told to return to the house. The boy turned back but soon lost his way after taking a wrong path and, apparently frightened half to death, continued his wanderings. He blazed a new trail through the woods and swamp lands and came to a public road that, no doubt, was strange to him. However, he did not alter his course and entered the woods on the other side. Nothing short of death apparently could stop him, for, deep in the woods, the four-year-old tot waded through water nearly to his shoulders, but that ordeal apparently taxed his little remaining energy, and once on the other side he stumbled over a pine limb hardly larger than a man's arm and fell. His body was found there, its condition showing that he hardly wiggled after he fell.

The little boy's death comes as the first tragedy of the new year in this county. The past year brought forth its tragedies, some horrible to the nth degree, but the one last week, pitiful as could be, climaxed them all in this section in recent years, it is believed.

## England's King Died Late Monday Night

Sandringham, Eng., Jan. 21.—Great Britain's beloved King George Fifth died peacefully last night just before midnight.

The Prince of Wales, his 41-year-old bachelor son, automatically became king of the world's largest empire.

The kindly, 70-year-old George V was unconscious at the end. Queen Mary, the Prince of Wales and other members of the royal family and the archbishop of Canterbury were at the bedside when he died at 11:55 p. m. (6:55 p. m. Eastern Standard Time.)

A sudden, four-day illness caused his majesty's death. He suffered an attack of bronchial catarrh, accompanied by heart weakness.

Weeping, the queen was led away supported by her eldest son—the new king—and the chamber was darkened. Later today the monarch's body will be taken to Sandringham church and then removed to London to lie in state in Westminster Abbey for final tribute from the public which loved him so well.

### HIGH WATER

Another marked rise in the Roanoke at this point was predicted today by weather bureau, the local station unofficially reporting a rise of 45 feet for Weldon tomorrow. With the water already over the banks by about one foot here, it is believed the new rise will be slightly higher than the one that reached a crest of slightly over fourteen feet here last Sunday a week ago.

Official reports are not available just at this time, but it is figured the stream will reach a crest at this point the early part of next week.

## PROCEEDINGS IN MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

### Several Cases Cleared From Docket During First Day Session

With Judge Clayton Moore on the bench, the special term of Martin County Superior Court started clearing cases from a crowded docket at a rapid pace yesterday. The calendar for the day was complete at 4:30 after seven cases were heard and settlements effected in most of them.

In the case of J. S. Peel against A. E. Taylor and wife, a judgment was given in the sum of \$288.28 for the plaintiff.

Proving two years of separation, Mary Rogers Williams was given a divorce from Isom Williams.

In the case of J. H. Roberson, sr., against C. Arthur Roberson, the plaintiff received \$46, the court ordering certain lands be sold as a single unit for division.

The case of Howell against Leggett was non-suited. William K. Roebuck, asking \$50 disability monthly of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, settled for \$2,500, the defendant company to cancel a loan of about \$500. The plaintiff surrendered his insurance policy.

The case of Tom Harrell against J. Henry Harrell and the National Lead Company was settled out of court, the plaintiff receiving \$4,750. This case was scheduled for trial next month, and was recognized as one of the most important on the calendar.

## Directors of the Planters Warehouse Meet Tonight

Directors of the Planters Warehouse Company here will meet in the company offices this evening to discuss plans for repairing damage done to the building by snow last month, it was learned today. Just what action the officials plan to take could not be learned.

A large portion of the floor and roof gave way when a deep snow fell on the house that was said to have been heavily loaded with peanuts at the time.

## Craven Exchange Makes Profit of \$3,218 in 1935

The Craven County Farmers Mutual Exchange made a net profit of \$3,218.14 last season, out of which a 4 per cent patronage dividend was distributed to members.