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MAN INJURED AS FREIGHT ENGINE HITS AUTO HERE

Harry Reed, Removed To Rocky Mount Hospital, Expected To Recover

Harry Reed, young local white man, was badly but not serious hurt yesterday afternoon, when an A. C. L. freight engine struck his car at the Harrell Street Crossing here, just back of the G. P. Hall home, and dragged it 60 yards up the track. Reed, a nephew of Missouri's former Senator Jim Reed, suffered a broken arm, near the shoulder, and deep cuts in his back, on his face and on his right leg. He was moved to a Rocky Mount hospital after receiving first aid in the offices of Drs. Rhodes, Eason & Winn.

Reed stated that he did not hear or see the train until he was on the track at the little-used crossing. The engine "cow-catcher" knocked in the right side of the car, scooped it up and carried it about 60 yards up the track, tearing the wheels out of line and smashing in the frame and running gear. Reed stated he thought the car was turned over twice, but it is believed he was bounced and knocked around so badly he did not know whether the machine turned over. Apparently it did not, for if it had the man would hardly have come out alive.

The train, running light, was coming from the river, and Reed, riding alone, was traveling toward Main Street.

Witnesses stated they thought they heard the train whistle blow, and others stated they did not hear any whistle.

Reed, formerly employed with the county in its school garage, is now with the Plymouth-Chrysler agency here.

Leavister's \$65,000.00 Suit Against Corey Continued By Court

Demurrer Sustained in Case Of Davenport Against Ewell and Others

After going into the second day in the trial of the \$65,000 damage suits by Leavister and Andrews, administrators, against J. Lloyd Corey, Pitt County farmer, Judge Henry A. Grady, presiding, continued the case at the request of the plaintiffs' counsel in the Martin County Superior Court this morning. Communications, ordered by the judge and signed by J. E. Pope, chairman of the Martin Board of Commissioners, were directed to the governor asking a special term of court be held the first week in December for the case trial.

Calling the case Monday morning at 10 o'clock, the court spent a greater part of the time that morning selecting a jury, the plaintiff and defense counsel using only three of the men summoned for service. A special call for 15 men was issued, and the remaining nine was selected to hear the case.

The case is the result of a truck automobile accident near Robersonville in September, 1934. John Leavister, young Raleigh man, and Marshall Andrews, local young boy, were killed. Ollie Page, driver of the truck owned by Corey, and several others, were not badly hurt.

In continuing the case, Judge H. A. Grady ordered that an accurate drawing of the road where the wreck occurred be made. The post-mortem asked by the plaintiffs was supported when it was explained that material witnesses could not be in court this week.

Calling the John Davenport case against Ewell and nineteen other defendants immediately after the Leavister-Corey case was continued, Judge Grady heard the complaint filed by Coburn and Coburn and the demurrer by Peel and Horton for the defense, and threw the action out of court. Judge Grady maintained the petitioners had the privilege to appeal to the chairman of the county board of elections and state their grievances. After sustaining the demurrer, the jurist advised everyone to forget their political disputes and go home. The plaintiff alleging defamation of his character, was asking \$20,000 damages of the twenty petition signers.

The court is now working on the case of Hardison against railroad with the possibility that adjournment will follow either late this afternoon or tomorrow for the return.

PROGRAM at FAIR

Wednesday, September 30—All Farmers' Day

9:30 A. M.—Gates open. Admission reduced half at main gate.
9:30 A. M.—Exhibits review.
10:00 A. M.—Big Farmers' Rally gets underway in grandstand, with Hon. Lindsay C. Warren, J. E. Winslow, president, and E. S. Arnold, secretary, State Farm Bureau; J. W. Goodman, of the State Extension Service; and W. W. Eagles, member State Tobacco Advisory Board, taking part in program. Entertainment furnished by fair management. Grandstand free.
10:30 A. M.—Cetlin & Wilson shows and rides open.
1:00 P. M.—Grandstand opens for afternoon program.
2:00 P. M.—Horse racing.
3:00 P. M.—Complete schedule of grandstand attractions.
4:00 P. M.—Midway running full blast.
7:00 P. M.—Grandstand opens with concert by Smith's Band.
7:30 P. M.—Grandstand attractions, followed by fireworks display.
12:00 Midnight—Gates close.

Thursday, October 1—Everybody's Day

9:00 A. M.—Gates open. Floral Hall, Livestock, Poultry, and other departments open to the public.
10:30 A. M.—Cetlin & Wilson Shows open.
12:00 P. M.—Grandstand opens.
2:00 P. M.—Horse racing. Grandstand attractions presented between heats.
7:00 P. M.—Grandstand opens with concert by Smith's Band. Free acts program, including four daring acts and the Winter Garden Revue.
9:00 P. M.—Elaborate fireworks program.
12:00 Midnight—Gates close.

Friday, October 2

9:00 A. M.—Gates open. All exhibits on display.
10:30 A. M.—Cetlin & Wilson Shows and midway open.
12:00 P. M.—Grandstand opens.
2:00 P. M.—Harness horse racing. Grandstand attractions between heats of races.
7:00 P. M.—Grandstand opens.
7:30 P. M.—Winter Garden Revue, and other attractions.
9:00 P. M.—Fireworks program.
12:00 Midnight—Gates close.

Saturday, October 3

9:00 A. M.—Gates open. Exhibits on display.
10:30 A. M.—Cetlin & Wilson Shows and midway open.
12:00 P. M.—Grandstand opens.
2:00 P. M.—Professional automobile races. Grandstand attractions will be presented between heats.
7:00 P. M.—Grandstand opens.
7:30 P. M.—Grandstand attractions.
9:00 P. M.—Brilliant fireworks display.
12:00 Midnight—1936 Williamston Fair comes to close.

William A. Coltrain Is Fatally Hurt in Wreck

AUTO RACES WILL BE FAIR FEATURE HERE SATURDAY

Large Number Professional Drivers Have Already Filed Entries

Professional sanctioned auto races, under rules and permits of the Atlantic States Racing Association, will feature the Williamston Fair on Saturday, October 3, when over a dozen knights of the hot-speed trail will compete in what promises to be a sizzling speed program of six events.

Noted drivers from coast to coast and Canada to the Gulf will be on hand to battle the Carolina and Southern drivers and for points in the 1936 championship ratings.

The fair management is fortunate this year in securing the services of C. C. Gray, veteran promoter of this state, to be in charge.

Rodgers comes direct from the Suffolk Fair, where the sunny state veteran swept the boards last Saturday. Speed Rameau won at Quakerstown, Pa., Sunday and is now in town to make a repeat on Saturday, if possible.

The full roster of entries for Saturday's races, together with home address and make of car, follows:

Bill Rogers, Lexington, Ky., Winfield; Ernie Rushing, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Pat Cranford, High Point, N. C.; Chuck Gray, Dayton, O.; Cragar; Bank Lopp, Savannah, Ga.; Miller; Buddy Bledsoe, Greensboro, N. C.; Perry Acton, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Bill Getty, DeLand, Fla.; Hal Special; Art Fleming, Richmond, Va.; Lew Wallace, Indianapolis, Ind.; Ned Quist, Reading, Pa.; Winfield; Speed Rameau, Los Angeles, McDowell; George Ferguson, Charlotte, McDowell; Pritchard Ferguson, Charlotte, N. C.; Tony Montana, Brooklyn, Corona, N. Y.

Schedule of events will be:
1:30 p. m.—Time trials.
2:30 p. m.—Dixie heat race, six starters.
2:40 p. m.—Match challenge race, four starters.
3:15 p. m.—Carolina heat race, six starters.
3:35 p. m.—Semi-feature handicap four starters.
4 p. m.—Southern Sweepstakes, feature final, 10 starters.

The match challenge race will in reality be a "Battle of Champs" as Rodgers is Florida champion; Wallace is Indiana titleholder; Rameau is Southern California speedway king; and Cranford the North Carolina champion of dirt tracks.

Dies in Washington Hospital Saturday; Two Others Injured

Funeral Services Are Held Sunday in Macedonia Church Near Here

Injured in an automobile-truck wreck near Washington last Friday afternoon, William A. Coltrain, prominent Martin County farmer, died in a Washington hospital Saturday morning at 3 o'clock from a fracture of the skull. Mrs. Coltrain, driver of the car, suffered a broken arm and a bad injury to her knee. She is in a Washington hospital, and although her condition is not considered critical it is not expected she will be able to walk any more. Miss Reba Revels, riding with the Coltrains, was painfully injured, but she was able to leave the hospital Sunday.

Details of the accident have not been determined, but reports state that Mrs. Coltrain started to pass a truck and crashed head-on into another one meeting her, wrecking her car, Ford V-8. The truck driver, J. C. Haighwood, was arrested following Mr. Coltrain's death, but was later released under \$1,000 bond, pending a hearing in Washington. No hearing will be arranged until Mrs. Coltrain recovers, it is understood.

Mr. Coltrain, son of the late John W. and Millie Woodard Coltrain, was born in the Macedonia community, this county, 48 years ago, and farmed all his life. In early manhood he was married to Miss Lizzie Coltrain, who survives with three children, Dorothy, Otis and Audrey Coltrain. He also leaves five brothers, Messrs. Oliver and Charles Coltrain, of Williamston; Daney and Joe Coltrain, of Streator, Ill.; and R. A. Coltrain, of Charleston, S. C.; and two sisters, Mrs. Slade Peel and Mrs. Mamie Corey, both of this county.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon in the Macedonia church, of which he was a member. Revs. Warren Davis and Guy Saunders held the last rites. Interment followed in the family plot near the old family home in Bear Grass Town ship.

Tonsil Clinic Arranged In Bear Grass for Friday
Dr. C. J. Sawyer will conduct a tonsil clinic in the Bear Grass school on Friday of this week. Fourteen children are expected to report for operations, it was learned.

ROLAND C. BIGGS KILLED BY TRAIN NEAR PLYMOUTH

Son Attempts Suicide After Learning of His Father's Death Late Saturday

Roland C. Biggs, former resident of this county, was struck and instantly killed by an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train between Dardens and Plymouth last Saturday evening. Death was instantaneous, his head, legs, and arms being torn off. Parts of the body, strewn along the tracks over a long distance, were picked up and placed in a sheet.

Few details of the tragedy could be learned here, one report stating that probably it was suicide. Apparently the man's head rested on one rail and his legs on the other. The killing was not discovered until the train reached the shed in Plymouth, the engineer finding the man's hat and blood spots on the front part of the engine. The train was run back to the scene where the man was struck.

Biggs, 39 years old, and the son of Sam and Jane Bateman Biggs, was a native of Washington County. He lived in this county several years, farming in Williamston. He married Miss Lucy Robbins, of this county, and she, with several children, survives.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. N. A. Taylor Sunday afternoon at the grave in Dardens.

Reports reaching here today stated that Biggs' 25-year-old son, Ronald, attempted to end his own life twice that day, friends pulling him from the Roanoke and later turning him over to the sheriff.

CHECK MADE ON SCHOOL BUSES BY GRAND JURY

No Recommendations for Changes Made; Inspect County Home

Following instructions of the court the September Martin County grand jury made extensive investigations into the crowded and mechanical conditions of the 34 school buses in this county. Inspection trips were made into the jail, prison, camp, county home and public offices, the jury reporting all in excellent condition. Incidentally, the Martin County home for the aged and infirm is said to be one of the best kept in this section if not in the whole state.

The unusual feature of the report is the issuance of a presentment against Van Wilson for carrying a concealed weapon. The alleged law violation was called to the attention of the solicitor. It is the first time in years that an alleged law violation was cited to the courts by one or more members of the grand jury.

Judge Henry A. Grady did not have to bother himself with calling in any of the county's justices of the peace, all the trial officers having their reports properly filled and fines accounted for.

Although the jury members inspected every one of the 34 school buses and found some in good condition and others in fair mechanical shape, no recommendations were embodied in the report filed with the court. No serious defects were pointed out, but most of the trucks were without stop signals, while one or two did not have proper emergency brakes. Crowded conditions that have caused much complaint by some parents were not mentioned in the report.

C. B. Riddick, foreman of the grand jury, signed the report.

1936 Tax Receipts Being Filled Out

The 1936 tax books will be turned over to the collector by J. Sam Getzinger's auditing office the first Monday in next month, or before the collector completes his work on the 1935 books. Approximately 8,000 tax receipts are being prepared by the auditor this week, and all the property owner has to do to get one of the 8,000 receipts is pay his 1936 taxes; but to keep order some will have to pay their 1935 tax accounts first.

Settlement for 1936 taxes has been effected by quite a few property owners already, Mr. John A. Ward, Williamston man, placing the obligation behind him some time ago.

Williamston Fair Gets Off To Good Start Last Night

Additional Teachers Denied To County Schools by Board

Certain that the increased attendance in the local elementary school justified an additional teacher, local school authorities had their claim denied by the State School Commission, Raleigh, last Saturday. The commission heads explained that an average daily attendance of 40 children for each of the 15 teachers in the elementary school would be necessary before an additional teacher would be granted. With an average daily attendance of 563 in the lower grades, the school is short 37 pupils necessary for an increase in the faculty, the state school officials pointed out.

Agricultural Exhibits Draw More Attention

Interest Is Centered Around Work of 4-H And Home Clubs

Five Live-at-Home Booths Are Added Feature To Farm Exhibits

Centering around the work of 4-H club boys and members of home demonstration clubs, the agricultural exhibits at the Williamston Fair this season, while not the most extensive, are attracting more than usual attention. In addition to the club work, individuals are competing on a large scale for the prizes, and the show is marked by the absence of large-scale or commercial exhibitors. Competition is limited to this and adjoining counties, and while the exhibits may not be as large as they have been in the past, they reflect farm and home progress locally and bring to home people a recognition of their efforts.

There are five live-at-home exhibits, two by Mr. and Mrs. Brake; one each by Mrs. J. S. Ayers, Mrs. C. G. Rogers, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roberson. The county's two vocational agriculture schools are well represented with a display each. The 4-H boys of this and Bertie County are well represented with their work in an extensive corn exhibit. The young club boys also have entries in the swine, calf and poultry departments and appear much interested in the showings. Earl Roberson and Bernice Rogerson have pigs entered, and Leslie Taylor, of the Robersonville club, and Leo Smith, Everetts, have calves entered. About 12 are going after the prizes in the poultry department, Club Leader Barnes said.

The home demonstration clubs of Jamesville, Holly Springs, and Everetts have booths, and clubs from Washington County are in the competition. Fancy work and food canned at home occupy two booths.

Individual exhibits are displayed on a larger scale than in some time. Judging work will hardly be completed today, reports stating that farm and home products are being offered for exhibition.

The WPA has an attractive booth, the exhibit advancing a definite proof of the valuable work being done by that organization. The display was arranged by Mrs. I. P. Hodges, supervisor of women's and professional projects.

County Officers Arrest Six Men During the Week-end

Six men were arrested and placed in the county jail over the week-end each facing a different charge. The charges were drunkenness, violations of the liquor laws, larceny, crazy assault.

Guy Jones, apparently mentally unbalanced, was arrested in Hamilton Saturday morning, and that night he started wrecking the jail. Before officers could reach him, Jones had torn a radiator from the wall and nearly battered it to pieces on the concrete floor and brick wall. He explained that he was building bridges.

Midway Marked by Absence Usual Run Of Gambling Joints

Grandstand Attractions Are Rated Best Ever Seen In This Section

The Williamston Fair formally got underway here last evening with a record-breaking attendance for a first night, the large crowd apparently extending, without reservation its general approval of the midway attractions and highly praising the splendid grandstand program, described by many as the best staged in this section. No formal plans were advanced for the opening of the six-day and six-night event, but the 1936 show mechanism started operations smoothly about on schedule time and was running full blast by early evening.

Marked by the almost total absence of pin wheels and other rank gambling devices, the midway, with the shows and rides of Cetlin & Wilson, is possibly one of the best ever brought to a fair here. Much of the equipment owned by the organization is hardly more than two weeks out of the factory. About one dozen rides occupy the center of the midway with shows lining both sides from one end to the other.

Grandstand Program

The grandstand program is expected to prove the main center of attraction this week, with the famous Winter Garden Revue, the Jacksons, Honeys, Nixes, and extensive fireworks displays on the program. The Winter Garden Revue, ranking considerably above the Gertrude Avery production a year ago, was crowded with features, including a number of original dances and stunts by stars of the show profession. The revue is staged in an elaborate setting, and there are brilliant costumes for the two dozen or more members of the revue cast. Coming South for the first time, the production is assured a successful season. Completing its contract with the local fair this week, the revue goes to Winston-Salem for a one-week engagement.

Several changes were effected in the other features on the grandstand program, the management explaining that superior acts were available at the last minutes. The Jean Jacksons were unusually entertaining with their bicycle acts. They handled stunts that years of practice were required to perfect. Ease and precision featured the Jacksons' ball rolling.

Directing the drive for funds from his sick bed, Editor W. C. Manning, chairman of the Roosevelt Electors in this county, who are assigned the task of conducting the canvass, said that efforts are being made to raise at least \$500 over the county. No large contributions are being solicited, the campaign directors calling upon everyone for a donation, rather than urging a few to raise the county's quota to finance Mr. Roosevelt's reelection. Present indications are that Martin County will meet its quota willingly and gladly to show its appreciation for the efforts advanced by the President in restoring the country to the people.

Age Limit for First Grade Extended by School Authorities

Pitt County Man Gets Injunction To Permit Child To Attend School

With the age ruling of the State School Commission requiring all children who attend school this term to be 6 years or older on October 1 subject to meet with defeat in a court battle now pending in the Pitt County courts, school officials are altering the ruling, it is understood. Unofficial information states that a child who becomes 6 years old the first of November this year is eligible to enter the schools of this county now.

The change in the age ruling is not expected to effect a great increase in the first-grade enrollments in any of the schools in this county. Over in Pitt County last week a parent of a child becoming 6 years old the 22nd of next month got an injunction against the school authorities then enjoining them from stopping his daughter from attending school. The preliminary injunction was sustained, and a hearing in the case is scheduled for next week.

Since the State Constitution says that every child 6 years or older is entitled to free schooling in this state, there is some doubt as to the right the commission exercises in establishing arbitrary age entrance requirements. However, it is logical that some such requirement be made in the interest of the progress of the school.

TOBACCO MARKET

With fewer black tips on the floors, the local tobacco market reported its best sales of the season yesterday and today. The better types of tobacco are commanding price increases, and general satisfaction was reported throughout the market. The inferior grades offered, however, are still without any strong friends, apparently.

Yesterday, the market sold 129,368 pounds of tobacco, and farmers were well pleased with the prices. Individual piles sold for more than \$100 in a number of instances, and averages for several farmers having good tobacco were as high as \$48.

FIRST DONATION CAMPAIGN FUND MADE SATURDAY

Drive Expected To Raise Between \$500 and \$1,000 For Roosevelt in County

The drive for funds with which to finance President Franklin D. Roosevelt's campaign for reelection was started in this county last Saturday. Mr. Henry Griffin contributing \$5 to the fund that day to start the ball rolling.

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Renewed Interest in Religious Activities

Conducting a series of meetings during the past few weeks, religious leaders over the county report a renewed interest in church activities. No complete record of the activities is available, but several churches reported many new additions to the church rolls and unusually large crowds in attendance upon the meetings.

At Smithwicks Creek Sunday several new members were added to the church rolls, including Mr. Simon D. Griffin, one of the county's oldest and well-known citizens.

Rev. Guy Saunders completed a week's meet at Macedonia Sunday evening. Eight new members were added to the list there, and the baptismal service was held in the local Christian church Sunday afternoon. Picnic dinners have been served at one or more churches on a large scale each Sunday during the past several weeks.