

Two Homicides Are Reported in County Over Past Week-End

Colored Man and Colored Woman Are Victims Of Gun Attacks

A crime wave swept over the county last week-end, leaving two colored persons dead and a jail filled almost to overflowing with alleged violators of the law.

Mary Cotton, 35-year-old colored woman, was fatally wounded Saturday night, when Alice Wiggins, 53-year-old colored woman, fired a load of shot from a single-barrel gun into the woman's abdomen. The Cotton woman died in a Tarboro hospital early Sunday morning.

Arrested at her home in Goose Nest Township Oak City's Chief of Police Edmond Early, the Wiggins woman claims that Mary Cotton tried to break into her house, that she opened the door and fired just as the Cotton woman started in on her. The victim of the attack stated that she went to the Wiggins hut to get a gun belonging to her common-law husband, that she knocked on the door and explained her mission. The Cotton woman also maintained that Alice Wiggins opened the door and fired on her without warning. The Wiggins woman's husband stated he was sleeping and did not know anything about the trouble until he heard the gun fire.

The killer was placed in the county jail Sunday morning, but no preliminary hearing has been arranged for her. It is likely that she will be formally charged with murder in the second degree.

C. B. Everett, young negro man, was instantly killed following a fight at the Hickory Grove church in Williamston Township Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock, a pistol ball fired by Richard Ewell, 18-year-old colored man, striking him in the back of his neck and clipping the spinal cord. Ewell fled from the scene but was arrested about an hour later in Bear Grass Township by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck. He is being held in the county jail, but no formal charges have been made in the case and no hearing has been scheduled.

Everett and another negro, Richard Manning, were said to have been fighting, and Ewell intervened and fired the shot from a .32 caliber pistol at close range. He gave the pistol away and got Jesse Whitley, colored, to carry him to Bear Grass. The shooting broke up the church meeting.

Several other arrests were effected by county officers during the week-end, most of the defendants facing charges of drunkenness.

Summary of Work By Special Officer

Starting his work on April 1 as special enforcement officer for the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board, Special Officer J. H. Roebuck made quite a record during the first month. His report, filed this week for the period, shows he found and destroyed 15 liquor stills, poured out 4,600 gallons of beer and 22 gallons of liquor, traveled 1,202 miles, made 3 arrests and scored 3 convictions.

Last Saturday, the officer started out to maintain the record during the current month by finding and destroying a liquor plant in Hamilton Township, near Hassell.

Man Painfully Hurt When Gas Tank Explodes Here

William Rodgers, jr., young colored man, was painfully but not seriously hurt when an automobile tank exploded early today at the Parker iron yard here on West Main Street. Workmen were using a torch to cut junk iron into small pieces and the explosion came when the fire reached the gas fumes in an old car tank. A piece of iron hit Rodgers in the stomach and his clothes were fired. The fire was checked before it burned through his clothing. Rodgers was unconscious for quite a while, but, after a thorough examination, doctors stated he was not critically hurt.

Mrs. Reuben Bunting Dies At Home Near Everetts

Mrs. Reuben Bunting, 23 years old, died at her home near Everetts Sunday evening following an illness of several weeks' duration. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Perry and interment was near Robersonville.

Besides her husband she leaves three children, the youngest only about one month old.

Pre-School Clinic To Be Held At School Building Thursday

The local parent-teacher association is sponsoring a pre-school clinic in the grammar-grade building here Thursday morning of this week, and all parents in the district whose children will enter school next fall for the first time are urged to have the examinations made. All children who will be six years old on or before the first of next October are eligible to enter the clinic.

Similar clinics have met with much success in past years, and the sponsors are anxious for the continued cooperation of parents this year. Clinics in past years were handled

by the State Board of Health, but that organization could not participate in the work this season, and the examinations here Thursday will possibly be the only ones given in the county this season. Local doctors and nurses have volunteered their services, and the examinations and vaccinations will be made without cost to the children or their parents.

By holding the examinations at this time, the sponsors believe that any physical defects can be corrected, giving the child an opportunity equal to that of the healthy youngster.

Board Defers Action On Health Program

Bill Haislip Named Time for Property Listing Is Extended Through Saturday

Bill Haislip, Hamilton man, entered upon his new duties as deputy sheriff last Saturday, succeeding Joe H. Roebuck, who now heads the liquor law enforcement work for the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board. Mr. Haislip is well known here and over the county. He has been employed here for several years on the tobacco market and recently with the John A. Manning Peanut Company.

The new officer accompanied J. H. Roebuck on a liquor raid near Hassell last Saturday and captured a 40-gallon capacity copper still and six barrels of beer. The owners had operated the plant that morning and were absent when the officers made the raid.

Plymouth Man Hurt In Cart-Auto Crash

John E. West, Plymouth man, was painfully but not seriously hurt last Saturday morning, when his mule and cart were struck by a car driven by Mrs. Estelle Midgette on the Jamesville-Plymouth highway, near Jamesville. Mr. West was thrown from the car to the pavement, suffering painful bruises.

The car and cart were traveling toward Plymouth as a truck approached in the other direction. The brakes on the Midgette car failed to hold and the crash followed.

Charged with operating an automobile with improper brakes, Mrs. Midgette was in the county court here yesterday, the judge suspending sentence upon payment of costs in the case.

Several Deaths Among the Colored Population Here

Three deaths among the colored population were reported here over the week-end. Louvenia Slade, about 40 years old, died in a Washington hospital Sunday afternoon following an operation for the removal of a tumor. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Ashley Howard, about 40 years old, died yesterday morning at his home near the Edgewood dairy from an attack of pneumonia. His funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Courtney Baker, 87 years old, died at the home of her son, Mack Baker, on Biggs Street here yesterday afternoon. Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon.

Small Number Votes Being Cast In Municipal Election

Williamston's municipal election is progressing slowly but surely today, a noon report from the polls stating that 27 ballots had been cast up to that time. It was the belief of the poll holders that the count for the day would exceed by a small margin the 41 votes cast in the 1935 election.

Harmony is prevailing in the election, and the polling place is surrounded by a marked quietness. The polls will close this evening at 7 o'clock.

Local Man Freed In Auto Fatality Near Caraleigh

Raleigh, May 3.—A coroner's jury today cleared Lloyd R. Hedrick, of Williamston, of criminal blame in the death of A. Herman Baker, 26, of Caraleigh. Baker died last night after having been struck by Hedrick's car near Caraleigh. The Williamston man testified he was blinded by the lights of an approaching automobile.

Marriage Licenses Issued To Twenty Couples In County

Rejected Suitor Has License Cancelled and Gets His Money Refunded

Twenty-one marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, but Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger graciously accepted the return of one when the would-be husband explained that his girl had "turned him down" at the last minute. The records show six licenses were issued to white and 14 to colored couples during April. The disappointed man, Geo. H. Roberson, colored of Pitt County, explained that Essie Mae Little rejected him for another man.

Licenses were issued to the following couples:

White
Herbert R. St. John, of Greenville, and Laura Lillian Hill, of New Bern.
John Rufus Godwin, of Rocky Mount, and Rubell Flanagan of Hobgood.

Colored
Robert E. Lee and Varina Roberson, both of this county.
Linwood Pierce and Lillian Smithwick, both of Williamston.
Gordon E. Hight, of Scotland Neck and Ella Knight, of Ashe County.
Sheppard Roebuck, of Williamston, and Evelyn Hines, of Hamilton.

Colored
Isaac A. Artis and Lillian Lee Daniels, both of Pitt County.
Dennis Little and Sara Jane Andrews, both of Martin County.

James Bowen, of Washington, and Gracie Jarvis, of Norfolk.
Fate Abner Spruill and Letora Locke, both of Martin County.
Clifton Harris and Emma Lee Hunter, both of this county.
Mack Williams and Jessie Bell Brown, both of Martin County.
Wilmer Gray and Savannah Armstrong, both of Martin County.
Tom Outerbridge and Viola Price, both of Martin County.
Burnice Brown and Marie Andrews, both of this county.
King David Carson and Mary Jane Brown, both of Williamston.
Frank Smith and Helen Bullock, both of Martin County.
Harry Murt Brown and Elsie W. Cherry, both of this county.
Louis Eborn and Lula Mae Rogers, both of Robersonville.
Roosevelt Parker and Mabel Bryant, both of Martin County.

Everetts Seventh Month Honor Roll

Forty-one names appear on the Everetts School honor roll for the seventh month recently ended, Principal H. B. Russell announces. The names:

- First grade: Lee Clark, Earl Forbes, Elton Harrison, Clayton Ray Keel, Nathan Keel, Marceline Johnson, Verna Leggett.
- Second grade: Lela Brown Mobley, Rebecca Mobley, Annie Jean Taylor, Furney James, Clarence Forbes, Daniel Martin Jones.
- Third grade: Glyn Spiers, Ellen Clark, Evelyn Ayers, Marie Mobley, Wren Bailey, Bruce Stalls, Edward Biggs, Clayton Modlin, Howard Keel, Norma Pearl Harrison.
- Fourth grade: Margey Beach, Virginia Dare Gurganus, Bettie Leggett, Esther Peel Wynne, Dalton Jones, Paul Williams.
- Fifth grade: Melvin Edwards, Geo. Edward Wynne, James Ellis Wynne, Mary Alice Cherry, Mary Lou Wynn and Billy Clark.
- Sixth grade: Polly Bailey and Lou Allie Taylor.
- Seventh grade: Louise Mobley, Florine Clark, Susie Ward Ausbon, Nelson Leggett.

Jamesville To Hold Town Election First of June

Jamesville citizens settled their politics for another two years last week, when they met in convention and named Dr. W. T. Gibson mayor, and Messrs. Watson Waters, C. A. Asker and Clarence Sexton commissioners. Dr. Gibson succeeds Mr. Luther Hardison, who had served for some time as mayor pro tem. The convention was largely attended.

The election, recognized as nothing more than a mere formality, will be held the first Tuesday in June.

Roanoke Falling Slowly Following Recent Flood

Reaching a crest of 12 feet and 9 inches here Sunday night at 11 o'clock, the waters in the Roanoke are continuing to fall slowly today. It will be several days before the river will again be in its banks.

Town Board Favors Paving Sidewalk on Part Warren Street

Donates \$250 To American Legion for Post Hut on Watts Street Here

Receiving a petition in their regular meeting here last evening, the town commissioners favored the paving of a sidewalk on Warren Street from Park to Houghton, the authorities also giving consideration to other paving needs, but action was limited to the Warren Street project. The petition carried the names of all the property owners along the route of about a block and a half.

Appealing for money, the American Legion post in the county was given \$250 by the commissioners. The donation almost equalled the one made by the county commissioners at their meeting earlier in the day.

The opening of barber shops here on Sunday morning was called to the attention of the commissioners, but no definite action was taken at the meeting, the commissioners awaiting an investigation. The practice of keeping swine penned within the corporate limits of the town was also brought to the attention of the authorities, since there are ordinances already on the books making it unlawful for one to keep hogs in town.

Two-Thirds County Tax Levy Collected

The Martin County 1936 tax levy was reported two-thirds collected today, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck stating that the collections were further advanced at this time than at a like period in any other year he had held office. Approximately \$122,835.00 of the total of \$182,954.70 has been collected, the sheriff stating that with anything like a favorable season this fall there should be fewer unpaid accounts and less uncollected money at advertising time next fall than at any time in recent years.

Seventh Month Roll Honor at Farm Life

Forty-five names appear on the Farm Life school honor roll for the seventh month recently ended, Principal C. B. Martin announced, as follows:

- First grade: Rachel Gurkin, Dorothy Perry, Mary Ola Lilley, Myrtle Simpson, Lindsay Liley, Miriam Grimes Peel.
- Second grade: Henry Leggett, Lorraine Smithwick, Nathan Roberson, Justus Tice, Melba Manning.
- Third grade: Eason Lilley, Jr., A. E. Manning, Henry Roberson, A. T. Whitley, Mary Louise Gurkin, Nadine Lilley, Elgarie Manning, Margaret Manning, Grace Peel, Margaret Roberson.
- Fourth grade: Jesse Gray Lilley, Simon Lilley, Jr., Thelma Hardison, Cairo Lilley.
- Fifth grade: Hazel Hardison, Josephine Hardison, George Dean Roberson, Nannie Margaret Roberson.
- Sixth grade: Della Lee Lilley, Martha Atha Roberson.
- Seventh grade: Lala Smithwick, Vera Pearl Williams.
- Eighth grade: Clifton Ward, Ida Mae Corey.
- Ninth grade: Evan Griffin, Lola Griffin, Bettie Louise Lilley, Vera Maude Lilley.
- Tenth grade: Sarah Getsinger, Ruby Griffin.
- Eleventh grade: Therman Griffin, Daniel T. Lilley, Annie Getsinger, Mamie C. Manning.

Children Asked To Leave Texts at Close of Term

Preparatory to adopting free textbooks for grammar-grade pupils, the State commission is asking that all books now held by the children be left at school when the term is completed. Many of the books can be used next term, it was explained.

242 Hogs Bring \$4,569 At Washington Recently

Twenty farmers sold 242 fat hogs weighing 48,260 pounds and bringing \$4,569.32 in cash at the Washington market recently.

Coastal Plain Season Will Start Thursday

Who's Where

THURSDAY, MAY 6
Tarboro at Williamston
New Bern at Kinston
Greenville at Ayden
Snow Hill at Goldsboro

FRIDAY, MAY 7
Williamston at Tarboro
Goldsboro at Snow Hill
Ayden at Greenville
Kinston at New Bern

SATURDAY, MAY 8
Snow Hill at Williamston
Greenville at Kinston
New Bern at Ayden
Tarboro at Goldsboro

SUNDAY, MAY 9
Williamston at Snow Hill
Kinston at Greenville
Ayden at New Bern
Goldsboro at Tarboro

Merchants Asked To Close for Opening Game With Tarboro

Initial Event in the Coastal Loop To Be Without Pomp or Ceremony

Plans were announced complete today by Club President Ray H. Goodmon and Manager Art Hauger for "hoisting" the curtain on the baseball season here Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when "Snake" Henry brings his Tarboro Combs down to do battle with the Martins. The season opener will be without pomp or ceremony, but Mayor J. L. Hassell is to toss the first ball, giving the initial event added dignity and recognized legality.

The mayor is addressing a public communication to all business firms today asking them to close from 3 to 6 p. m. Thursday for the game. He stated, "It has been customary in the past for our business houses to voluntarily close on the opening day of the baseball season from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m. We ask all to comply again this year and give our club a fine send-off." As far as it could be learned at noon today, the merchants are planning to close their places of business during the game.

J. B. Eure, of Ayden, president of the Coastal Plain League, will be here for the game, and Tarboro will send down a large number of representatives.

Skipper Hauger is making some few changes in his line-up for the season opener, he announced today. Two new "rookies," Ledbetter and Stanley, will be in the outfield. Rollins will start on the mound for the Martins, and he will likely be opposed by Mooney. Tarboro is bringing four other pitchers, including Walter Johnson, Jr., son of the "Big Train" of baseball fame. The Martins' line-up will probably shape up as follows: Earp, shortstop; Villepique, centerfield; Stevens, first base; Doc Ledbetter, right field; Stanley, left field; Lakotas, second; Diem third base; Dick, catcher; and Rollins, pitcher.

Tarboro's line-up was announced as follows: Staples, centerfield; Cantress, third base; Carnahan, left field; Ware, second base; Henry, first base; Williamson or Pizzalato, catcher; Balance, right field; Kulpinski or Thayer, shortstop. Mooney will like start on the mound for Tarboro, but Manager Henry will bring along Yurk, Dusza, Baylor and Johnson for relief work.

The Martins are fast striking the old baseball stride and will be ready to settle down when the games start counting. Last Saturday afternoon the Martins scored another no-hit contest in a strong practice affair with the strong Farm Life team. Fuller, Martin hurler, hit one over the right field wall, the fourth time it has been done since the fence was built. Sunday afternoon, the Raleigh All-Stars were defeated, 4-1, and this afternoon the Martins are playing the bearded boys from the House of David.

Abandons Stolen Auto and Caught With Stolen Bicycle

Forced to abandon a stolen car in Washington Saturday night, James Spear, 17-year-old negro, stole a bicycle there early Sunday morning and started riding again, the trail ending in several feet of muddy water near the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company here. Spear took no chances when he saw a highway patrolman and laid down the wheel to plunge into the woods and later into the water. The fertilizer man became suspicious of Spear and notified officers, who arrested him in a field not far from the home of Farmer Marshall Wilson. Washington authorities were notified and they returned the prisoner to the Beaufort capital for trial.

Locating Six Portable Saw Mills In Jamesville Section

Dr. H. B. Smith, of Farmville, is locating six portable saw mills in the old J. and W. timber tract, near Jamesville, reports received here today stating that operations would get underway there at once.

The Foreman and Blades Company is operating a big mill in Jamesville, and the Gaines Lumber Company is operating two portable units near Jamesville at the present time. In addition to the saw mills, a planing mill is now being operated here by H. B. Thompson.

Names of Thirty-Six Citizens Drawn for Jury Service in June

Judge E. H. Cranmer To Preside Over the Next Term County Court

Thirty-six Martin citizens were drawn for jury service during the one-week term of Martin County Superior Court by the county commissioners in regular session Monday. Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, is scheduled to preside over the term, beginning the third Monday in June. Judge J. Paul Frizzle was to have held the court, but an exchange was effected.

Names of the jurymen:

- Jamesville Township: J. F. Martin, C. J. Griffin, J. T. Uzzell, O. W. Hamilton, and D. E. Davis.
- Williams Township: L. R. Long.
- Griffins Township: N. S. Roberson, W. B. Harrington, A. E. Griffin, and George A. Baynor.
- Bear Grass Township: C. U. Rogers, Clayton Cowen, Kneezar Harrison, E. C. Harrison.
- Williamston Township: E. P. Cunningham, M. E. Rogers, C. J. Roberson, Connie B. Clark, and Joseph W. Griffin.
- Cross Roads Township: Whit Moore and D. C. Peel.
- Robersonville Township: D. L. Roberson, W. L. James, Marion Evans, Jesse Ayers, J. T. Taylor, H. A. Jenkins, H. S. Johnson, J. D. Daniel, S. T. Everett.
- Poplar Point Township: W. E. Roberson and Junior Mills.
- Goose Nest Township: James A. Rawls, L. H. Rawls, T. E. Johnson, and J. T. Roberson.

Ascension Day Services In Local Church Thursday

Thursday, May 6, is Ascension Day, and at 10 a. m. on that day there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at the Church of the Advent. At the conclusion of the service there will be an organization of an altar guild, and a talk on the preparation of the altar.

It is requested that the U. T. O. envelopes be brought to the Communion service.

Two District Meetings Are Underway in County Today

The Works Progress Administration is holding a three-day institute in the Agricultural building here this week. Child welfare workers in this district are also in a meeting here today, their sessions being held in the courthouse.

Start Construction New Home on Houghton Street

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hardison are building a new six-room one-story home on Houghton Street near the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Watts. Construction work will get underway today or tomorrow with the Gurkin boys handling the contract.

Offices of County Welfare Now in the Courthouse

The offices of the Martin County Welfare department were moved yesterday from the old Godard building on Smithwick Street to the offices formerly occupied by the county agent in the courthouse, second floor. Lawyer Carter Studdert will move to the office vacated by the welfare group.