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Certilizer Worker Loses Life Early Thursday in Wreck

Truck Plunges Through River Guard Rail, Killing Or Drowning Man

Matthew Bond, 30-year-old Bertie County colored man and employee of the Standard Fertilizer Company here, lost his life shortly before 8 ed to cooperate with the lads and isterial group today for old clothing. o'clock yesterday morning when the help make the canvass a great suc- but the response to the call has no truck in which he was riding went out of control, tore through the guard rail just off the northeastern end of the Roanoke River bridge and plunged down the embankment into several feet of water. The wreck victim is believed to have been badly hurt, possibly fatally before the truck came to a stop, but it is thought that death resulted from drowning.

Few coherent details of the accident could be had immediately, but it was apparent that speed and reckless driving figured prominently in the accident that cost Bond his life and injured several others, none ser-

Fertilizer Company, and Roland Outlaw, driving a 1940 Ford stake body truck belonging to the Williamston Package Manufacturing Company, were racing as they approached the river bridge. It was intimated that Outlaw was ahead and that Crew started to pass him and lost control of the machine. One report intimated that Outlaw, driving the slower truck, pulled to his left apparently trying to block Crew. While the reports varied, it was reliably claimed that the Dodge truck traveled on the shoulder for quite a distance and then tore into and ripped up the guard rail anchor on the left side of the road. It then swerved to the right, tore through or jumped the guard rail and plunged down the embankment into the water coming to a stop with its wheels in the air and its engine nearest the highway. Bond, riding in the cab, was trapped under wreckage, but Crew and Harvey Lewis Outlaw managed to get out of the cab and swim to safety. Both were stunned a bit but their injuries were slight. Fred Cooper, riding in the truck, apparently was not hurt, but Wilbert Outlaw another passenger, was skinned and painfully bruised in a number of places. He was thrown out of the truck before it made the fatal plunge one report declaring that he skidded and rolled thirty or forty feet

down the highway.
Outlaw either lost control of the Outlaw either lost control of the Ford or was forced into the guard rail on his right. After striking the guard rail, the truck swerved to guard rail, the truck swerved to knocked out several rails barely stopping in time to keep from plunging into the flood waters below. James Outlaw, John Mooring, Heber Baker

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Funeral Yesterday For Jimmy Hoard, **Victim of Accident**

Twelve-Year-Old Youth Was **Fatally Hurt Monday** Afternoon

at the Holly Springs Methodist the home to pay tribute to the mem-Church yesterday afternoon at five o'clock for Jimmy Jackson Hoard, cars lining up almost half a mile on a year ago to \$17,975.35 last quarter, twelve-year-old boy, who was fatally injured in an automobile-bi- Warren Davis, assisted by Rev. Guy under review, as follows: cycle accident on U.S. Highway 64, a few miles from Williamston. Rev. B. T. Hurley, pastor of the church, conducted the last rites, and inter-

in Woodlawn Cemetery here. The son of Mr. Andrew and Mrs. Laura Williams Hoard, he was born in Williams Township on July 20 1932. A bright little fellow, he was in the seventh grade in the ocal L. school, and had never missed a day.

by a brother, Clayton Hoard, of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Clark of Everetts, and Mrs. William Gurkin of Eglin Field, Fla.; a half- Levin Ange of Jamesville Township, sister, Mrs. Lloyd Lane of New
Bern, and two half-brothers, Raymond Williams of this county, and
Cpl. Howard Williams who is with
the armed forces somewhere in

Monday, the little fellow was riding wounded in all the theaters of the his bicycle in the direction of James- war and the fourteenth in France to ville on a mission for his mother. He date. was riding on the right side of the He has a brother, Mack Ange, servroad and was meeting a car and ing in France, and it was reported trailer driven by Ralph Davenport, that the two had planned to meet on young Dardens man. Just as he met the car and for some unknown reason he turned sharply to the left and struck the side of the machine. He suffered a skull fracture and his the best of the suffered a skull fracture and his the suffered as the s left hip was broken and part of the entered the service yesterday at left leg was cut away. He was re- Washington City. moved by Mr. Devenport to the lo- Before L. V. was forced out of cal hospital where everything hu-manly possible was done for him. He of himself, an indirect report receivdied at 2 o'clock Wednesday after- ed just before he was wounded statnoon without regaining conscious- ing that he and another soldier had

Boy Scouts Will Collect Paper TOBACCO SALES And Old Ctothing Tomorrow

Answering urgent calls for old dles of either clothing or paper

tries and for paper to relieve the the youths in the canvass by tieing acute shortage, Williamston Boy their old papers in bundles 12 inches Scouts, including those in both troops high and having the old clothes and the cubs, and scheduled to make ready for them. a town-wide canvass here tomorrow morning. Citizens are earnestly ask-

The boys will meet at the town hall around 10 o'clock and start the the rescue of the ministers, and they drive immediately. It is planned to plan and hope to make the canvass carry the drive into every nook and a most successful one. The need for corner, but should the boys overlook old clothing, most any kind that is anyone who has old clothing or waste serviceable except shoes, hats and paper to spare, they will appreciate silks, is stressed in increasing and Mr. Wheeler Martin. Anyone wish- of countries as winter approaches to

humanity in many war-torn coun- material will be picked up directly

No direct report could be had from the drive sponsored by the local minmeasured up to expectations. Brief-

ly stated, the Scouts are coming to a call either to Gilbert Woolard or urgent calls coming from a number ing to contribute extra large bun- find millions improperly clad.

Largest For Period

On Record

While dropping \$5,922.70 below the

gross income reported for the sec-

ond quarter in 1942, legal liquor sales

in the four Martin County stores for

last April, May and June were the

second largest reported for any sec-

ond quarter since the stores were

opened in July, 1935, according to a

review of the last audit just releas-

ed by the Martin County Alcoholic

Beverage Control Board. Compared

with the second quarter sales in

1943, the gross income for the cor-

responding period this year was \$27,-

481 greater, and nearly three times

more than the total for the period

just prior to the war. Only in five

quarters during nine years the stores

have been open have liquor sales

county, the last audit showing that

total sales since the opening of the

stores have climbed to nearly one

and three-quarter millions of dol-

for beers and wines and illicit li-

approximate three million or mor

and June, \$59,862.72 was turned ov

Sales reported by each of the four

21,434.80

9,694.40

10,453.95

\$87,011.20

4,671.33

2,321.25

Profits from the soggy pie were

State of North Carolina, \$5,213.83;

Martin County, \$9,188.31; Town of

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FALLING

After reaching a crest right at

12 feet here last Wednesday at

11:15 o'clock, the old Roanoke

started falling slowly but even

today the stream is well over its

banks and likely will be several

dicted high water mark by eight

or ten inches. It is believed that

the extra bridges placed in the

river fill made it possible for the flood waters to move fast-

No great damage was done by

the flood waters in this immed-

iate area, but a few logs were

seen moving down the stream

and logging operations were in-terrupted in the low grounds.

The river fell short of the pre-

days reaching a normal level.

\$10,566.34 \$10,173.04

\$19,572.81 \$17,975.35

Profits, dropping from \$19,572.81

1944

1,570.98

dollars.

May and June of this year.

Sales of Legal Liquor First reports stated that Frank Crew, driving a 1940 Dodge stake body truck belonging to the Standard Hold To High Figure

WOUNDED



Cpl. James Willis Griffin, son Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Griffin of Dardens, was wounded in the eye over in France a few weeks ago. The young man expressed the hope that he would be able to return to active duty and help finish the job.

the right ,ran up on the concrete bridge and tore down two posts and Wreck Victims Held Thursday Afternoon and three-quarter millions of dollars. Add to the amount money spent

Brother in Government Hospital at Atlanta Unable To **Make Trip Home**

Double funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3:30 er to the manufacturers. o'clock at the home on the Washington Highway for Mary Alice and stores are compared for the second Minnie Pearl Mendenhall, the two quarters in 1943 and 1944 as folyoung daughters of Mr. and Mrs. S. Walter Mendenhall who were run down and murdered near their home Williamston by a drunken automobile driver Robersonville early last Tuesday night. One of the Oak City largest crowds ever to attend a Jamesville Funeral services were conducted funeral in this county, gathered at ories of the two young sisters, the each side of the road. Rev. Dennis are compared for the same periods Saunders and Rev. W. B. Harrington, conducted the last rites and inter- Williamston ment followed in the little cemetery Robersonville across the road from the home. The Oak City ment followed in the family plot mother, still suffering from injuries Jamesville and shock and overcome by grief,

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V. Ange Seriously Besides his parents he is survived Wounded In France ersonville, \$524.05; Town of Oak City, \$166.29; and Jamesville, \$278.38.

In addition to the above distribution \$1,276.15 was set aside last quarter Levin V. Ange, son of Mr. and Mrs.

The young man was the 36th from Returning home from school last this county to have been reported

captured nine Germans.

congestion on the local tobacco market is easing a bit, wareof harvest has had some effect, but that farmers in many cases

While the rush is still on, the

just decided to wait until the rush subsides before marketing more of their tobacco.

It is now believed possible for farmers to place their tobacco on sale one day and sell it two or three dayls later. Earlier this week, the warehouses were crowded with new tobacco before much of the old was cleared from the floors. Some deliveries were moving in today behind the first sale yesterday, but the rush was not as bad as it was earlier in the week.

The market to date has sold 4,408,748 pounds for \$1,860,272.95 or an average of \$42.20. Prices for the better grades appear to be some stronger and will, it is believed, show added strength next week. The inferior grades are not quite as strong as they were earlier in the season,

Few Reporting To The Bandage Room

Total of \$1,690.581.80 Attendance upon the surgical dressings project at the Red Cross Is Spent For Liquor bandage room is dwindling and hit a low point last evening when only two adults reported. Several Boy Scouts aided the work a couple of nights, but even after they are counted, the attendance holds to a low fig-Second Quarter Sales Second

> A detailed report on the progress being made in handling the September quota could not be had immediately. It was learned, however, that other units in nearby towns are making favorable progress.

The names of those reporting since Monday at this point:

Tuesday afternoon; Mrs. Garland Woolard, Mrs. D. R. Davis, Mrs. H. D. Carter, Mrs. G. W. Lewis, Mrs. A E. Browder, Mrs. Frank Weaver and Mrs. W. E. Warren.

Tuesday night: Mrs. Bill Howell Mrs. B. S. Courtney, Misses Bolton Cowen and Dorothy Simpson, and Scouts Rex Gardner, Jerry Allsbrooks, Warren Goff, Tom Williams, Bill Gurganus, James Gorman, Howard Moore and Jimmy Osteen.

Wednesday afternoon: Mesdames Herbert Taylor, J. W. Watts, C. C. Parker and T. B. Brandon.

exceeded those reported for April, Wednesday night: Misses Mary E. Keel, Dorothy Manning and Ethel Despite war and repeated appeals Guest, and Mesdames Anna Harrifor greater savings investments and son, Lonnie Bullock, Leslie Fowden, and Neda Stalls.

Thursday afternoon: Mesdames W. E. Old, G. P. Hall, Frank Weaver, G. W. Lewis and F. B. Birmingham. Thursday night: Mrs. M. M. Levin, Henry Dennis Griffin and Scouts James Gorman, J. D. Hines and Tom Williams.

quors and the beverage bill for the past nine years will, it is believed, approximate three million or more Local USO Receives Needed Equipment Of the \$81,098.50 spent for legal liquor in the county last April, May

The Williamston USO has been receiving much of its needed equipment in the last few days and is now preparing to open the building from 2:00 until 11:00 each day. This time may be changed as need develops.

\$45,428.05 \$43,316.95 The chairman of the USO is happy to announce that Mrs. Joe David 19,483.65 Thrower is the new supervisor. Mrs. 9,215.60 Thrower will take over next Sunday afternoon when the new hours become effective. Mr. Bob Leggett will remain as canteen director. The new committees will be released in the near future.

Beginning next Wednesday and Saturday afternoons the committee on sewing and mending will take 4,153.11 care of the repairs that any service

man may require to his clothing. Word had just been received that the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company is making available thousands of record albums of famous symphonies to the USO. Our local unit is scheduled to receive 16 albums of these records. This most generous Geneva conferences, and agreed upon gift will certainly add to the pleas-

ure of music lovers. The USO would like to have the if you have one call the chairman at club members.

Four Cases Heard By Justice Hassell

Four cases were heard by Justice J. L. Hassell in his court here this week, two of them going to the county court for final disposition.

Jerry Gorham was fined \$5 and required to pay \$8 costs in the case charging him with operating a moor vehicle with improper brakes. Oliviva Purvis, charged with an affray, was taxed with \$6.50 costs. Henry Bond, charged with reckless driving, was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum

Charged with assaulting another with a deadly weapon, Lucy Brown was held in \$25 bond for her appearance before Judge J. C. Smith in the county court next Monday.

ty At One Time

Eighty-eight young Martin Couny white men left here early yesterday morning for final induction in the armed services. The group, including 82 from the farm, was about the largest to leave here at one time for final induction.

About one-fourth of the group had just turned eighteen, the ages of the others ranging up to 24 with one exception and that inductee, 29, was scheduled to report some time ago for final induction or before the age limit was lowered to exclude those ver 26 years of age.

Only eight of the men are married and they leave behind only six

The original call was for 91 men, but one stay of induction was granted and two others, William Edga: Price and Ernest Lee Matthews, asked for transfers to boards in Virginia. The stay of induction was granted Earl Taylor Mendenhall whose two sisters were run down and killed last Tuesday evening. Nearly every one of the men leav-

ing Thursday who were over eigh teen years of age had been granted farm deferments, and that explains why so many were available for immediate call.

Names and addresses of ninety of the men called are as follows: Fred Rogerson, RFD 2, Williams on and Stokes.

William Jay Council, RFD 3, Wil-

Williamston. Jamesville.

City and Norfolk. Leve Clayton Moore, RFD 3, Wilamston.

McClendon Matthews, Parmele. Marion Taylor Holliday, RFD 1 famesville. Guy Ausborne Rawls, Jr., RFD 1

Robersonville. Leonard Harold Ange, RFD 1 Jamesville.

Rupert Turner, RFD 1, Palmyra. Robert Lee Everett, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Lawrence Edwin Coltrain, RFD 1 Williamston. Williamston.

William Edumnd Earley, Jr., Oak

Robersonville.

Johnnie Hyman Ross, RFD 1, Robersonville. Joseph Hardy Stroud, RFD 1, Pal-

Robert Elwood Brown, RFD 1

William Asa Rawls, RFD 2, Rob-William Beach, Jr., RFD 3, Wil-

iamston Gorden Carlie Price, RFD 1 amesville John William Fulford, RFD 3, Wil-

iamston. Jesse Delma Beach, RFD 3, Wil-Roy Howard Edmondson, RFD 1

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Soldier Speaks At **Lions Club Meeting**

Speaking before the members of the local Lions Club and guests here last night, Master Sergeant Byrnes of the local POW camp, gave an interesting talk on the care and treat-

ment of prisoners of war. According to Sgt. Byrnes, the local camp as well as all the other camps in this country are rigidly enforcing and carrying out to a letter the rules and regulations laid down by the by most of the nations, for the proper handling of war prisoners. Following his talk, Sgt. Byrnes answered use of a record player permanently, questions that were asked by the

COUNTY COURT

Idle for two weeks while the superior tribunal was in session -or while it was supposed to be in session —Judge J. Calvin Smith and Solicitor Elbert Peel will find a docket fairly crowded with cases when they return to their posts next Monday.

Already more than two dozen

eases are on the docket, and others will likely find their way before the deadline is reached. Eight of the defendants are charged with operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses, nine for alleged violation of the liquor laws, two for assaults with deadly weapons, three for drunken driving, one for interfering with an officer in the performance and one or two other alleged violations.

Most Of The Group Drunken Driver Runs Are From the Farm Down and Kill's Sisters Contingent About the Largest Last Tuesday Evening

WOUNDED



"Slightly" wounded in France a short time ago, Cpl. Roger "Kitty" Riddick in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Riddick of Everetts, said that his back was giving him much truble, that the doctor had just dressed his wounds and that it would be six or eight weeks before he could leave the hospital.

Ernest Hyman Johnson, Palmyra. William Stanley Peele, Jr., RFD 2, William David Scott, RFD 1. End Of The War In William Edgar Price, RFD 1, Oak Europe Has Setback

Airborne Division Reverses Do Not Materially Change The Course of War

While the defeat of an important mission undertaken by the British First Airborne division has put a cold damper on hopes for an early trolman Saunders just about the time peace, developments in the Arnhem that several other patrolmen reached leave the course of the war virtual- the station. Removed to the county ly unchanged from what it was be- jail here, Griffin Wednesday asked fore the daring feat was attempted sum of \$2,000. Windell Carlyle Gardner, RFD 3, two weeks ago. It is true that had the mission succeeded, the Allies drank wine and would have been in a much better powder, that he position to swing down from the station and his two companions got Vernon Leroy Gurganus, RFD 2, north, flank the Siegfried Line and drive almost directly into the rich claims he got mad and started drivents. Payton Alle nVanderford, RFD 2, industrial Ruhr area. Approximately ing toward Washington. Just before 6,000 of the 8,000 Airborne force the tragedy occurred, he claims that were wiped out, but since that time he lost control of the car and almost it is understood that a new American Army has taken positions in the drive against Germany and it is reasonable to believe that the fate of one division cannot have but so much effect on the course of the war when there are nine whole arm-

ies in action. It is quite possible that the suc cessful accomplishment of their mission by the Airborne forces would have hastened the end, but since they rest on the full power of the millions of men in the nine armies. It is frankly admitted by leaders that the Funeral Services Are Being war may go into 1945, but others believe partial if not complete surrender will come within the next two or three months, if not before.

In Holland today, the British Second Army is battling in the Nijemen to the rear of the Siegfried Line from

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Arthur P. Fowler Missing In Action The son of the late. I Law

Fireman 1/c Arthur Pohl Fowler, ship where he lived and farmed all U. S. Navy, is missing in action, pre- his life. A hard worker, he enjoyed sumably in the Pacific War Theater, the simple and fine things in life. A according to a message received member of the Primitive Baptist from the Navy Department Wednes- Church for 28 years, he was devoted day morning by his wife, the former to the doctrines of the church and he Miss Millie Louis Coltrain, RFD 1, was always present for worship Williamston. The message, while services. In late years, he held memoffering no details, climaxes a hectic bership at Lilley's Hall. His pastor, career for the young men in the Elder Joshua Ross of Pitt County, service of his country.

the war, the 23-year-old young o'clock, and burial will follow in man was seriously wounded at Pearl the family plot in the Tice Com-Harbor. Recovering from those munity Cemetery in Griffins Townwounds, Fowler returned to active ship. heen reported missing.

Lake City, Utah.

Man From Beaufort County Being Held Under \$2,000.00 Bond

Jesse Griffin, White Man, Is Said To Have Admitted **Crime Before Officers**

Mary Alice Mendenhall, 14, was killed instantly and her eight-yearold sister, Minnie Pearl, was fatally injured about 7:45 o'clock Tuesday evening when they were run down by a drunken automobile driver along the Williamston-Washington Highway near their home just a short distance this side of the Martin-Beaufort boundary line. Their mother, Mrs. S. Walter Mendenhall, was accompanying the two sisters and she was painfully but not seriously hurt. The young sister died about two hours later in a Washington hospital where the mother was treated for bruises and severe shock. The little child, carried to the hospital by a Tennessee motorist, suffered a skull fracture and never regained conciousness. The older sister suffered a skull fracture and a broken neck, and her left arm was broken in two

The driver of the car, Jesse Grifin, Beaufort County white man, did not stop and it is thought that he did not know what he had done until ne sobered up in the Martin County jail the next morning. The accident vas reported without delay and at east half dozen patrolmen started converging in that area. Picking up the man's trail, Patrolman W. E. Saunders tracked him over a course of six or eight miles and finally ran him down at Tom Norman's filling station in Beaufort County. Griffin ran his car, a Ford coupe, into the side of the station and was so drunk that he could not hold his head up. He was placed under arrest by Pa-

Griffin is reported to have said he powder, that he stopped at a filling went into the ditch on his right side of the road. Driving at a high rate of speed, he pulled the car to the

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Well-known Farmer Died Yesterday In did not succeed, the attack will now Griffins Township

Held This Afternoon for W. Jesse Lilley

W. Jesse Lilley, well-known and highly respected county farmer, died sector in an effort to trap 200,000 of at his home in Griffins Township the enemy. Bitter fighting is raging early yesterday morning. After a further to the south, and the French hard day's work Wednesday, Mr. are battering at Belfort Gap in an Lilley ate a hearty meal and was in effort to break through and drive his usual health when he retired. Apparently he suffered a heart attack about 4 o'clock and died peacefully. When he did not answer the call to breakfast about 5 o'clock yesterday morning, members of the family went to his room and found him

Lilley and wife he was born 69 years ago next month in Griffins Townis conducting the funeral services at Volunteering for service before the home this afternoon at 2:30

service and was seriously wounded Mr. Lilley was married to Miss in the North African invasion. It Pennie V. Corey on April 20, 1904, was while he was recuperating and she survives with four children, from those wounds that he met Miss T. L. Lilley, Marion Lilley and Mrs. Coltrain in Norfolk and married Aubrey Gurganus of the home, and her on August 5, 1943. He visited Grover Lilley who recently moved here last April and returned to ac- from Williamston to Raleigh to tive service the following month. No make his home. He is also survived details could be had, but it is be- by three sisters, Mrs. R. B. Brown lieved he was wounded a third and Mrs. A. Ward of Wendell and time, presumably in the Pacific, Mrs. R. G. Sexton of Jamesville but not seriouslly. And now he has Township, and ten grandchildren. A heen reported missing. brother, Rev. J. W. Lilley, promi-He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. nent figure in the Methodist Church Fowler of 649 Markea Avenue, Salt in Georgia, died on the 13th of last month.