

Six Auto Accidents Reported In County During Weekend

White Youth Reported In Serious Condition Following Wreck Last Friday

Several persons were injured, one seriously, and property damage approximately \$1,500 in a series of automobile accidents on Martin County highways last week-end. Four of the six wrecks reported during the period took place Friday, and Patrolmen Saunders and Hunt and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck were scouting here and there trying to clear the roads. Several of the victims were charged with drunken driving and were carried into the county court Monday.

White Gene Tetterton, 17-year-old Billy Goe, suffered a skull fracture and was badly bruised about the body when his 1940 Ford coupe went out of control and turned over two or three times near Holly Springs on U. S. Highway No. 64. Mayo Wynne, riding with Tetterton, was slightly hurt. Tetterton was removed to a Washington hospital, and according to last reports reaching here he had not regained consciousness. However, his condition was reported slightly improved. The car apparently was traveling at a high speed. Patrolman W. E. Saunders estimated the damage to the car at \$500.

Early Friday night, Mr. H. O. Peel, driving on the same highway near the S. J. Tetterton home, struck and killed a loose mule belonging to Farmer Lee Hardison. No one was hurt and Patrolman Saunders estimated the damage to the car at \$150. Fifty-five minutes later, General Columbus Freeman, driving a 1938 Model Ford, struck and slightly damaged Harvey Warren's car on dirt road between Gold Point and Hassell. Warren, observing that Freeman was driving on the wrong side of the road, stopped his car. Damage to the Warren machine was estimated at \$25 and Freeman agreed to pay the damage.

A few minutes later, Robert Theodore McClaren, just three days out of the Navy, lost control of his 1939 Buick sedan and turned it over on Highway No. 903 near Spring Green. The car came to a stop on its wheels after making a complete turn. McClaren, explaining that he was working on the car radio at the time, was slightly cut on his finger. Miss Ellistene Scott, riding with McClaren, was not hurt. Patrolman Saunders estimated the damage to the car at \$500. Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Willie Razon ran his 1938 Buick coupe into the rear of Robert Edward Whiteley's 1938 Ford near the Edgewood dairy on U. S. 64. Patrolman Saunders said that the damage to the car would run about \$50. No one was hurt.

Saturday night at 7:45 o'clock, Kelly Warren was driving on the Gold Point-Robersonville Highway toward Robersonville and crashed into a car driven by Jim Haislip. No one was hurt and Corporal Bill Hunt said that the damage to both cars would approximate \$150. Warren was convicted of drunken driving in the county court Monday, and his companion, Major Bryant, was tried and convicted of public drunkenness.

Find One Chiseler In Veterans' Group

Every program designed to meet public needs will find some chiseler, but Chairman A. L. Fletcher and other members of the Unemployment Compensation Commission which is handling readjustment allowances for veterans in North Carolina rejoice in the fact that since the beginning of these allowances under the G. I. Bill more than a year ago, while many veterans were receiving allowances over a million dollars, only one ex-soldier was apparently tempted to take an illegal advantage.

This is the case of a veteran who started claiming readjustment allowances of \$20 a week to which he was entitled while he was looking for a job. However, after he found a job and began working for the City of Asheville, he continued to file claims for the allowances, reporting his earnings as being only \$19 over a period of weeks when in fact he had earned \$508.00.

Replenishing of Fish Stocks Is Projected

Restocking of Martin County streams and lakes will result in the forest fire prevention and "timber thinning" campaign of education thru the schools here, it is stated in a bulletin from the Southern Forest Fire Commission, Birmingham 5, Alabama, who are offering free forest posters, films, booklets to farmers and teacher of the County who request them.

"Fully three-fourths of the fish in southern brooks and creeks, and lakes have been killed or run out by lye poison after rains flood the watersheds that have been burnt over—too often the lye-potash poisoning in during spawning season," the statement avers.

Over The Top
Williams Township went over the top in the bond drive yesterday.

Total Of \$8,355.99 Raised For United War Fund In County

A total of \$8,355.99 was raised in Martin County for the 1945 United War Fund by the United War Fund Drive Committee, which was held last week-end. The total contributions, representing just about 83 percent of the quota assigned the county, fell \$4,876.97 short of the goal.

As a whole, the leaders of the drive and various canvassers worked harder in support of the 1945 fund drive than any others during previous campaigns. But so many people deserted the cause that the showing makes miserable reading. In the special Thanksgiving appeal, not a single response was received from one entire community, and the response was described as bitterly disappointing in others.

The little community of Hassell was one of the two district groups to reach and pass the goal. Given a quota of \$1,000 the colored citizens as a group reached and passed the mark with nearly \$23 to spare. Although promising to meet the challenge, Griffiths fell short, not to mention the miserable record in Williamston and in most of the other districts.

The colored citizens, donating \$1,022.97, made their contributions through the following schools for the most part: Biggs, \$86.85; Williams, \$41.25; Voolard, \$60.47; Corey's, \$20; Poplar Point, \$30; Smithwick's, \$50; Jamesville, \$78.97; Burroughs-Spring Hill, \$70.08; Williamston, \$420.23; Dardens, \$120.00. The job was well done, and the canvassers and contributors are to be commended, along with those in the Hassell Community.

The following figures show the assigned quotas and amounts raised in the various districts:

District	Quota	Amount
Jamesville	\$ 800	\$ 644.00
Williams	150	91.37
Griffiths	550	449.40
Bear Grass	550	309.30
Williamston	6,283	3,644.29
Cross Roads	450	308.25
Robersonville	2,250	1,162.25
Poplar Point	175	107.05
Hamilton	375	239.76
Hassell	175	175.08
Goose Nest	475	202.27
Colored Citizens	1,000	1,022.97
Total	\$8,355.99	\$ 8,355.99

Few Changes Made In Triple A Committees

J. F. Crisp Again Heads Committee For Martin County

Nearly Seven Hundred Votes Are Cast In Election Held Last Friday

Martin County farmers last Friday elected their Triple A community committees for the coming year and named delegates to the county convention which was held Saturday for the election of a county committee. Very few changes were made in the community committee personnel, and Mr. J. F. Crisp was elected Saturday to again head the county committee.

While there was little interest shown in the election in most of the districts, the vote was comparatively heavy and spirited in Bear Grass Township where 225 farmers visited the polling place. Hamilton and Griffiths also reported a fairly large vote, but in other districts the vote count was as low as 18. According to a report coming from the office of the farm agent, 683 farmers in the county participated in the election.

As a result of the balloting last Friday, the following men are serving as community committeemen, the first named being the chairman, next, vice chairman, regular member, first alternate and finally second alternate:

Jamesville No. 1: Herbert Sexton, David Holliday, Carl Griffin, Howard Harrison, and Arthur Modlin. Jamesville No. 2: Leo Gardner, Elmer Modlin, Dan Fagan, David Ange, and D. D. Coburn.

Robersonville No. 1: J. R. Daniels, R. S. Everett, S. T. Everett, Lester House, and J. J. Williams. Robersonville No. 2: H. H. Roberson, Cecil Powell, Charlie G. Forbes, J. A. Powell and Johnnie Andrews.

Williams: C. L. Daniel, O. S. Green, R. J. Harrison, Walter Gardner, and Marvin Hardison.

Williamston: W. Mayo Hardison, John W. Gurkin, R. T. Griffin, Edward Corey, and J. A. White. Bear Grass: H. G. Harrison, T. L. Roberson, E. C. Harrison, Ralph Mobley, and M. S. Cowan.

Cross Roads: H. L. Roebuck, G. H. Forbes, W. L. Ausborn, J. F. Bailey, and J. M. Griffin.

Goose Nest No. 1: J. T. Moore, H. H. Worsley, H. A. Early, J. L. Mizell, and R. N. Turner.

Goose Nest No. 2: Jack Smith, N. L. Hyman, Joe Bunting, Jasper Whitfield, and W. B. Cannon.

Griffiths: A. J. Hardison, Clarence Gurkin, Oscar B. Roberson, Howard Coltrane, and J. R. P. Griffin.

Hamilton: D. R. Edmondson, J. H. Lillard, Woodrow E. Purvis, Jesse B. Everett, and George W. Ayers.

The county committee includes, J. F. Crisp, chairman; Geo. C. Griffin, vice chairman; Elmer N. Modlin, regular member; D. R. Edmondson, first alternate, and Harry H. Roberson, second alternate.

ROUND-UP

Local and county officers rounded up ten alleged law violators last week-end, including four drunks. Four others were charged with drunken driving. One was booked for disorderly conduct and another was charged with an assault.

Five of those arrested were white, the ages of the group ranging from eighteen to forty-eight years.

In addition to making the ten arrests, officers had a busy time handling motor vehicle accidents on Martin County highways during the period.

TRANSPORTATION

Going before the regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Education here yesterday, a delegation of colored citizens appealed for transportation for colored school children. Headed by Willis Williams of Poplar Point, the delegation, representing nearly every colored school community in the county, talked about the problem at length. The plea was well received by the board members, but it was explained that little could be done this term to relieve the problem. Transportation is now being offered several hundred colored high school pupils, but the system is not inclusive.

Chairman J. D. Woolard and Supt. J. C. Manning were instructed to inspect possible sites for a new school building for white children and also one for colored children.

Mrs. Thomas Peed Died At Her Home Friday Afternoon

Funeral Services Were Held By Rev. Harrington Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. Mabel Thomas Peed died at her home on North Houghton Street here last Friday afternoon at 1:50 o'clock following an illness of only a few days. Suffering a light stroke of paralysis last April, she had almost fully recovered and was getting along very well until last Tuesday when she was taken ill with influenza. Her condition soon became critical.

The daughter of the late Captain T. W. and Susan Petway Thomas, she was born in Edgecombe County on May 17, 1882. When she was quite small the family moved to South Carolina, locating in Williamston a few years later. She had since made her home in Williamston and community.

She was married to Thomas Allen Peed on December 23, 1900, and following his death on June 24, 1925, she moved to Williamston from Williams Township. A member of the Riddick's Grove Baptist church for a long number of years, she was one of its most devoted and loyal members. Her pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, and Dr. Ira T. Knight, conducted the last rites at the Biggs' Funeral Home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Surviving are two sons, Allen Peed of Plymouth, and Burke Felix Peed who was just recently honorably discharged from the armed forces and who is now making his home in New London, Connecticut; two daughters, Mrs. A. C. Sparrow of Kinston, and Mrs. L. H. Hamm of Williamston; two sisters, Mrs. E. P. Whitley of Williamston, and Mrs. J. T. Thompson of Roanoke Rapids, and a brother, W. Harold Thomas of Plymouth.

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County Authorities Hold An Uneventful Meet Here Monday

Perfect Reorganization Of Old Board And Order Road Bonds Refunded

The Martin County Commissioners held an uneventful meeting here yesterday when the old board was reorganized and routine matters were handled. Mr. Robt. L. Perry was re-elected chairman and E. S. Peel was reappointed county attorney. M. Luther Peel was appointed tax supervisor and he was instructed to make plans for listing property for 1946 taxation. Several tax relief orders were issued, and the board recommended that the road in Griffiths Township running via the farms of Sam J. Lilley, Romulus Revels, Mrs. Jennie Roberson, R. E. Lilley and Mrs. Louis Peel back to the highway at John A. Griffin's store be widened. The road is about 1.8 miles.

Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., was employed as Veterans' Information and Service Center officer, the salary to be determined later.

The \$20,000 Roberson Township road bonds were reelected refunded, the county agreeing to buy them if favorable bids are not submitted. Tax relief orders for 1945, 1944, 1943 were issued as follows: M. F. VanNortwick, \$2 listed in error in Robersonville for 1945. James Hones, \$2, Williamston Township, deceased; Lindsey White, \$4, Williamston Township, deceased; Jesse Everett, \$2, Cross Roads Township, deceased.

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Col. Wheeler Martin Is Killed In Tokyo Raid

KILLED IN ACTION



Missing in a raid over Tokyo since last March 9, Lt. Colonel Wheeler Martin, Jr., was reported killed in action by the War Department last Saturday.

Officials Establish Zone For Shooting Fireworks In Town

Rule Against Eight-Hour Shift For Members Of The Police Department

Meeting in regular session last evening, the local town commissioners established zones for shooting fireworks, and went on to handle routine matters. No fireworks will be tolerated in the business districts and the board warned against the promiscuous firing of fireworks any place in town. Fireworks are being banned in the area between Watts Street and Elm Street, the board ruled.

A proposed plan to establish eight-hour shifts for the police department was tabled, but the board suggested that additional policemen be employed during the holiday season. At the present time, members of the local department are on duty 87 hours each week.

The board passed a resolution endorsing the proposed flood control program for Roanoke River and appropriated \$100 to help meet the expenses. After the Appropriations Committee of the National House of Representatives had denied the request for several million dollars the measure was included in the deficiency appropriations and the proposal now goes to the U. S. Senate for action.

Going before the meeting, Postmaster W. E. Dunn explained that village delivery service could be extended if the town would mark the streets and number the houses. The authorities called for a study of the streets and it is likely that some definite action will be taken at the next meeting.

The purchase of a street sweeper costing approximately \$3,600 was discussed, but no action was taken at the meeting.

Former Local Man Dies In Windsor

J. Henry Smith, a former resident of Williamston, died suddenly at his home in Windsor early yesterday morning of a heart attack. When he made his home here he was employed by the Atlantic Coast Line. He was 49 years old and had made his home in Windsor for a number of years.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Windsor Methodist Church this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and interment will follow in Edgewood Cemetery there.

Surviving are his wife, Eugenia Sessions Spruill; two children, Gene and Jimmie Spruill; his mother, Mrs. A. G. Spruill of Plymouth; four sisters, Mrs. M. B. Gilliam of Windsor, Mrs. J. A. Griffin of Norfolk, Mrs. C. M. Hill of Newport and Mrs. C. W. Dinkens of Plymouth; three brothers, Earl D. Spruill of Plymouth, Frank C. Spruill of Wilson and M. Arnold Spruill of Gainesville, Fla.; and two half-brothers, Clarence of Plymouth and Raymond of Norfolk, Va.

Barn And Contents Are Destroyed By Fire Sunday

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a barn and 142 bags of peanuts, eighteen or twenty barrels of corn and 259 bales of hay on King David Smithwick's farm in Williams Township about daybreak Sunday. Twenty-seven bags of peanuts were saved. No insurance was carried on the property.

Large Number Tires Allotted By Ration Board Last Friday

No Date Known For Ending Tire Rationing, Officials Declare

One hundred and thirty-four tires—119 for cars and 15 for trucks—were released by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday. The November quota was increased at the last minute and the ration was increased for consumers, but even with the increase, several hundred applications were left pending.

There have been rumors that tire rationing was near an end, but no date for declaring tires on the open list has been announced, an official was quoted as saying last week-end.

Car tires were issued to the following: F. S. Scott, J. C. Gurganus, Martha M. Rawls, L. E. Nelson, Dr. J. T. Llewellyn, E. H. Gaylord, K. B. Etheridge, J. F. Martin, A. R. Jones, J. Sam Getsinger, H. L. Barnhill, Jack Roberson, J. L. Knowles, William W. Taylor, Jr., Sallie A. Stone, Andrew Holliday, Jr., J. L. Whitfield, H. D. Nelson, J. C. Johnson, Thomas VanLandingham, Ira E. Griffin, Benny Grimes, Joseph A. Hoover, Floyd Ward, J. W. Hollowell, Henry Hollis, J. D. Bowen, C. W. Slade, I. C. Gardner, H. P. Fleming, Ida Privette, G. B. Whitfield, Charlie Rogers, J. C. Taylor, Jay Coltrane, Floyd Moore, W. J. Gardner, Mrs. Lillie Wynne, Ollis Lilley, J. S. Beach, John Leggett, Arthur B. Slade, Samuel A. Clark, Robert Mobley, Mrs. Alton Grimes, Mattie and Dallar Sterling, Haywood Moore, Julian Fagan, Mildred Coltrane, Charles L. Speller, J. B. Barnhill, Jr., J. C. Keel, Leon L. Davenport, T. O. Nicholson, Clyde Knight, Sam Short, C. P. Roberson, James A. Bowen, N. Arlen Yarell, King Riddick, J. Eason Lilley, W. W. Hinson, Edward L. Earley, Jr., Henry Myrick, El Bell, Albert T. Perry, H. B. Allen, Ethel M. Rogerson, Claude Winstead,