

Several Are Hurt In County Auto Wrecks

Old Model Car Is Eliminated From Highway Saturday

Two Of Three Accidents In Past Week-end Were Minor Ones

Several persons were hurt, none critically, and considerable property damage resulted in a series of highway accidents in various parts of the county last week-end. Two of three wrecks reported were only of a minor nature, and a fourth minor accident was cleared up immediately and without breaking into the record.

Driving an eighteen-year-old Ford car in the direction of Washington, Herman "Sugar" Moore started to make a left-hand turn into the Big Mill Road at the Will Taylor farm last Friday morning about 9:00 o'clock just as Belmont Moore, RFD 1, Washington, drove up from the direction of Washington. The Beaufort County man turned his 1938 Buick sharply to his right in an effort to dodge the Ford. He failed and the cars crashed side-to-side. Herman Moore received a five-stitch gash on his head, and Bonds was bruised, shocked and battered a bit. They were treated in a local doctor's office and soon discharged. Belmont Moore and his riding companion, Roy Woolard, were slightly scratched but did not need medical attention.

Damage to the Buick, according to an estimate offered by Patrolman W. E. Saunders who investigated the accident, will run right close to \$300. The Ford, worth possibly \$75 to \$100, was wrecked beyond repair and one report said that it was eliminated from the highways for all time.

One of the two minor accidents reported took place on the streets of Hamilton about 9:00 o'clock last Saturday evening. Columbus Salisbury had parked his car near the Slade, Rhodes Company store when Edgar Davis, driving a pickup truck, tried to dodge another car and ran into the Salisbury machine. Only slight damage resulted. Cpl. W. S. Hunt of the highway patrol, said.

Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock Jury Perrinton was driving his 1938 Ford coach from Gold Point toward Spring Green when Ollie Barnes, driving a Chevrolet sedan, backed into the highway, injuring no one and causing very little property damage. Barnes, said to have been operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, ran from the scene of the accident. He was later cited to the courts and is to appear for trial on April 29 for driving a car without an operator's license, Cpl. Hunt said.

Checking Station Held At Dardens

Continuing their drive to enhance travel safety on Martin County highways, highway patrolmen held a third checking station in the county last Saturday afternoon. Working from 2 o'clock until about 6, the patrolmen stopped and checked well over one hundred motor vehicles. Most of the vehicles were in bad condition, and quite a few of the operators were cited to the courts for allegedly operating cars and trucks in a bad state of repair.

Army Recruiter Opens Office In Williamston

Effective at once a U.S. Army recruiting officer will be in the offices of the Martin County Draft Board each Monday and Thursday. The representative will be in Williamston at 9:30.

EASTER SEALS

The Annual Easter Seal Sale for Crippled Children begins today, April 16, and will close Easter Sunday. Through the sale of these seals, physically handicapped children and adults of Martin County can be aided in training for the business of living, and they can have needed treatment and appliances.

At the present time there are 30 cases of crippled children and adults in Martin County who are being assisted in one way or another through this fund.

An appeal is directed to the citizens of our entire county to contribute as liberally as possible to this worthy cause.

Twenty White Men Called This Week For Pre-Induction

Nine Of Group Come From The Farm; Farm Deferments Not Yet Used

Twenty Martin County young white men were called Monday to report to Fort Bragg for pre-induction examinations, the call being one of the largest received for white draftees in some months. Nine of the twenty called come from the farm. The Senate Committee recently favored extending the draft for one year, but it made provisions to defer essential farm workers. However, the provisions for such deferments are not yet in effect.

The original call was for twenty-one men, but one, Jesse Daniel Gurganus, beat the draft when he enlisted in the Navy on March 7.

A fairly sizable call for final inductees has been received and is to be answered tomorrow, it was learned from the local draft board.

The names and addresses of the men called on Monday of this week follow:

- William Joseph Johnson, Jr., RFD 1, Palmyra.
- Charlie Daniel Price, Hamilton.
- Jesse Delma Beach, RFD 3, Williamston.
- David Rhodes Rogerson, RFD 1, Williamston.
- Charles Gilbert Thompson, Washington, D. C.
- Tom Brown Manning, Jamesville.
- Donald Edwin Everett, Chapel Hill and Robersonville.
- Millard Edward Ange, RFD 1, Jamesville.
- Francis Biggs Howard, Williamston.
- William Robert Silverthorne, Williamston.
- Millard Bennett Holliday, RFD 3, Williamston.
- Gus Gurganus, RFD 3, Williamston.
- William Earl Moore, RFD 3, Williamston.
- Billy Reason, RFD 1, Jamesville.
- Ernest Saunders Wynne, RFD 3, Williamston.
- Asa Thomas Whitley, RFD 1, Williamston.
- Melvin Odell Harrell, RFD 1, Palmyra.
- Mack Gilbert Roberson, RFD 1, Williamston.
- Willie Justice Lynch, RFD 1, Robersonville.
- James Leo Cullipher, RFD 3, Williamston.

Seventeen of those called are just eighteen years of age.

Three of those called, Charles T. Thompson, Millard E. Ange and Willie Justice Lynch, did not report, but it was unofficially stated that possibly they had either been transferred or had enlisted for service. Their papers, however, had not been received by the draft board Monday.

Undergoes Treatment For Injury Received To Eye

Receiving an eye injury while cutting dogwood limbs last Saturday, Mrs. G. H. Harrison, Sr., entered a Durham hospital Sunday for treatment. Reports state that her vision was not impaired as a result of the injury which, however, was described as very painful.

Report Progress In Cancer Drive In Martin County

Two Townships Have Already Reached or Exceeded Their Quotas

The drive to raise \$1,000 in this county in support of a nationwide move to raise twelve million for waging a concerted drive against cancer, is making progress, County Chairman R. L. Coburn announced yesterday. One township, Bear Grass, has already exceeded its \$50 quota, the chairman, J. Rossell Rogers, explaining that the canvass was not yet complete there. Robersonville has about reached or passed its \$200 quota, Chairman Robt. Adkins said last week-end.

No direct reports have been received from any of the other townships, but the drive, according to incomplete information, is going forward all right, the county chairman said. Mr. Coburn plans to visit the chairmen today or tomorrow. During the meantime appeals are being directed to the general public, urging everyone to participate in and support the worthy cause.

Several hundred letters were mailed direct to citizens in Williamston and in the township last week. So far the response has been very encouraging. Mrs. P. B. Cone, chairman for the district, stating that \$155 was received in the return mails. Several of the checks were much larger than the canvassers had really expected, the donations ranging from \$1 to \$25.

The drive is scheduled to close two weeks from today, and those who received direct mail appeals which they forgot to handle at the time, are reminded of them and urged to respond without further delay. Williamston's quota is \$450, and it's take a reply from nearly every letter to carry the drive over the top in this district.

Pamlico County was the first in the State to go over the top. Since that time, several others have reached and exceeded their quotas, and Mrs. Myrtle Ellen LaBarr, director of publicity of the North Carolina Division of the Field Army, American Cancer Society, is confident that the State will reach and pass its goal of \$167,880.

Mrs. LeBarr explains that sixty (Continued on page six)

Many Attending Local Services

The first in the series of Holy Week services were well attended here yesterday morning in the Watts theater and last evening in the Episcopal church. Leading the morning services, Dr. Ira D. Knight related how Christ drove the money changers from the temple. He was heard by the high school student body and others, the group numbering between three and four hundred.

THREE CONTESTS

According to preliminary reports reaching here, Martin County democratic voters will be called upon to settle or help settle only three political contests in the May 25 primary. Candidates for all county offices will be certified since there was no filed opposition except in one case. Joshua L. Coltrain of Williams Township and Leslie Hardison of Jamesville Township are in the race for county commissioner from the Jamesville-Williams district.

In the First Congressional district, Herbert Bonner, incumbent, and Robert Lee Number of Greenville are in the race for a seat in the National House of Representatives. In the State's Second Senatorial district, Hugh G. Horton, Williamston attorney, Roy Hampton of Plymouth and John Rodman of Washington are seeking the two seats.

County Democrats Schedule No Meetings For Saturday

While good Democrats are making plans to perfect their precinct organizations anew throughout the State on Saturday of this week, reports from party headquarters indicate that few if any of the party members will meet in the small political subdivisions on that day. Few of the meetings have been held in this county, Mr. Pleny Peel, warhorse of the party out in Griffins, being about the last to report the proceedings of such a gathering. Of course, all Democrats are invited to meet in their respective districts, perfect an organization of their own and make ready for the county convention which will be held in the county courthouse at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday of next week.

Moving to save the county organization, party leaders every two years extend a cordial invitation to all Democrats in good standing to attend the county con-

ROUND-UP

Activities on the crime front in this immediate section were not quite so pronounced last week, officers stating that only seven persons were arrested and jailed during the period. Three were held for public drunkenness, and one each for drunken driving, assault with a deadly weapon and robbery, and for possessing stolen property.

Two of the seven were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 25 to 50 years.

Mrs. Hoggard Dies Near Here Friday

Mrs. Rowena Gardner Hoggard, 26, died in the Martin County Sanatorium last Friday morning about 6:00 o'clock following months of declining health. She had been a patient in the sanatorium for some time.

The daughter of Mr. Henry and Mrs. Lil Wiggins Gardner, she was born in this county on December 18, 1919, and lived in this county all her life. Just before entering the sanatorium she made her home in the Brown Springs community near Williamston.

In early womanhood she was married to William J. Hoggard and he survives with five children, Magdalene, Marie, Sallie, William E. and Roy Lee Hoggard. Also surviving are two brothers, Jesse and Jay Gardner, all of this county.

County Man Loses Life In Town Jail

Eddie Dolberry, Jr., Martin County colored man, lost his life by suffocation in Scotland Neck's town jail some time during the early hours of last Sunday morning. Dolberry was one of four to die in the jail when one of the quartet fired a mattress and filled the room with smoke.

According to one report reaching here, Dolberry, a resident of Goose Nest Township, was arrested and jailed for public drunkenness along with the other three. Another report declared that he was taken into custody for alleged disorderly conduct.

After placing the last of the four in jail about 8:00 o'clock that evening, Scotland Neck officers visited the jail about midnight and found everything all right. The town's mayor was up early Sunday morning and when he entered the municipal building about 6:00 o'clock he detected smoke and investigated, finding the four bodies resting on the jail bunks.

Revival Meeting Is Now In Progress At Bethany

A revival meeting is now in progress at the Bethany Pentecostal Holiness Church near here. The two-weeks meeting is being conducted by Miss Marie Houser and Rev. Bonnie Johnson. Each service begins at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited.

Extension Editor To Broadcast Fat Stock Show Here

Scheduled for Friday, April 26, on a larger scale than ever before, Martin County's 4-H club fat stock show will be broadcast over Radio Station WPTF at 1:00 o'clock that afternoon by Frank Jeter, agricultural editor for the State College Extension Service, it was announced yesterday by Assistant County Agent Claude Goodman. Editor Jeter will report the activities of the show and interview the exhibitors.

The show place in the Planters tobacco warehouse will be opened Thursday of next week for the approximately forty baby beef entries and a few hogs. There'll be no independent entries, Agent Goodman explained. The entries will be weighed in by H. L. Meacham, extension marketing specialist, and those weights will be re-geared.

Headed by Dr. J. E. Foster, professor of animal husbandry at State College, the judges will select the winners at 10:30 Friday morning. Editor Jeter's fifteen minute radio broadcast following at 1:00 o'clock.

An auction sale will be held at 2:30 that afternoon, Agent Goodman stating that special invitations have been extended to packers and individuals to attend and participate in the sale.

Started by Former Assistant County Agent McLondon, the Martin County fat stock show in its first two years of existence attracted right much attention, and it is fairly certain that the show this year will attract considerably more attention. The club members, in addition to increasing their entries, have worked harder for the prizes and some keen competition is expected.

Several of the entries were imported from the west and they have been hard to tame, but the young owners have done a masterful job and they are anxiously awaiting show time.

County Youth Saw Huge Tidal Wave

Stationed on Ohau, Chief Petty Officer William Edmond Early, Jr., saw the effects of a tidal wave that swept the shore of that island and others in the Hawaiian group a short time ago.

Writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Early of Oak City, the radioman said that he was not hurt, but that two hundred others were killed and that the property damage was considerable. He also declared that panic reigned in that territory for some hours.

Hamilton Station Robbed Sunday

Breaking through a back window, robbers tore open the cash register and burst a music box in Bryant Taylor's filling station in Hamilton some time during last Sunday night. Two or three dollars were removed from the cash register and several dollars were missed from the music box.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck investigated the robbery early Monday morning immediately after it was discovered, but no definite lead has yet been established in the case.

ANNUAL MEETING

Miss Modane Marshbanks, secretary of the National Peanut Council, and Flak Shaw, secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, will address the annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau here on April 26. It was announced today. Congressman Herbert Bonner has been invited to attend the meeting which is almost certain to be one of the largest ever held by the organization in this county.

Woman's Club Meeting Is Postponed Until April 23

The Woman's Club meeting scheduled for Tuesday night, April 16th, has been postponed until April 23rd on account of the Union Services being held in the churches during Holy Week.

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Following the dastardly crime, Taylor drove his victim's car to a point near old Sparta where he abandoned the machine. He caught a bus to Wilson and a short time later continued into South Carolina where he claims to have lived until about three months ago when he returned to this State and located in the Kinston area of Lenoir County where relatives lived. When arrested, Taylor carried a social security card with the name of Thomas Caroline on it. He declared that he found the social security card, that he had not been known by that name.

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Local Lions Club Observes Ladies' Night Last Week

Banquet Followed by Dance In School Gymnasium Thursday Night

The Annual Ladies and Charter Night Banquet and Dance of the Williamston Lions Club was held Thursday evening, April 11th. This event is one of the highlights of the local club's activities for the year. This year's event was presided over by President John H. Edwards, with Lion Tamer Ernest Mears acting as master of ceremonies.

Following the call to order, the group sang a verse of the national anthem, and then gave the flag salute. Invocation was offered by Mayor John L. Hassell. A delicious turkey dinner was served to the 150 persons present by the ladies of the First Methodist Church. During the dinner and in between the courses, the Entertainment Committee presented a large number of nice prizes, that had been donated by various members of the club, to the holders of lucky numbers.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the guests present were introduced and welcomed, the address of welcome being made by Lion Clarence Griffin. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, representing the Kiwanis Club, Fire Chief and Mrs. G. P. Hall, Miss Jill Peden, Lions case worker for the blind and her assistant, Mrs. Mary Coltrain, Mayor J. L. Hassell and Mrs. Mary B. Gurganus, and Lions and Lionesses from clubs in Tarboro, Edenton, Scotland Neck, Plymouth and Nashville.

Entertainment was then provided by the Bear Grass Trio, radio personalities who sang several numbers, which were enjoyed. Lion Mears introduced District Governor James A. Glover of Nashville, who made the principal talk of the evening. Lion Glover's address was opened with stories of several recent incidents in which members of the club were involved, and which caused a number of blushing faces to appear among the group.

On the more serious side, Lion Glover pointed out that the Williamston Lions Club had reached its ninth milestone, and that during this time it had definitely established itself as a leading civic club of this community and one (Continued on page six)

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