

Noah S. Riddick Died In Hospital Saturday Evening

Funeral In Riddick's Grove Baptist Church Monday Afternoon

Noah Samuel Riddick, local young man, died in a Washington hospital last Saturday evening at 9:00 o'clock following eight months of declining health. His condition had been critical for five weeks, and pneumonia was given as the immediate cause of his death.

Suffering a knee and leg injury in a fall from a furniture truck about nine months ago, the young man received treatment in the local hospital for three weeks, going to Duke in November. He underwent a major operation there, the surgeons performing a major operation in an effort to save his leg. Several nerves were severed and blood was turned from one leg to the injured limb. After a stay of about two weeks he returned home, and while his condition showed slight improvement at times, he was confined to his bed for weeks. In early May he seemed to be getting along very well and engaged in the insurance business, but on the ninth of that month his condition became worse and he entered the Washington institution on May 11 for treatment, his physicians declaring at the time that chances of recovery were negligible.

The son of the late Jim H. and Emma Jones Riddick, he was born on October 18, 1907, in Williams Township where he spent most of his life. Marrying Miss Idell Griffin of Williams Township, he located in Williamston in 1934 and was employed for a while before entering business for himself, later going with the Courtney Furniture Company and more recently with an insurance company.

He was a member of the Riddick's Grove Baptist Church since his early youth, and was a congenial neighbor and most accommodating to his friends and acquaintances.

Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Emma Jean, 9, and Betsy, 7; two sisters, Mrs. Leo Roberson of near Williams- ton, and Mrs. Otis Hardison of Jamesville; a half-sister, Mrs. Hubert Roberson of Williams Township, and a half-brother, C. B. Riddick of Everetts.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the Riddick's Grove Church which was founded by and named for his father. Rev. W. B. Harrington, the pastor, officiated, and burial was in Williamston's Woodlawn Cemetery.

Construction To Cost Billions

It is estimated by some experts that the GI housing program will run to a figure of approximately thirteen to sixteen billion dollars. Already the financiers are making plans to underwrite the government-guaranteed mortgages for a vast number of the sixteen million returning servicemen.

Just as soon as politics is ousted from the scene and all the politicians' friends build race tracks, warehouses, filling stations, beach resort hotels and cottages, the GI housing program is expected to gain momentum, and the veterans will be able to get a roof over their heads along with the race horses and resort patrons.

Rob Prison Camp Store Saturday

Robbers, believed to have been operating within the compound, broke into the small store at the Martin County Prison Camp near here during the early hours of last Saturday evening, stealing between \$15 and \$20 in cash. No other items were missed.

Apparently trying to throw off suspicion, the robber took a ladder from the coal bin and placed it against the fence on the inside. There were no tracks outside, officers expressing the belief that the job was handled before all the trustees were placed in the cell block at 8:30 that evening.

HAMILTON'S NEW THEATRE



Just recently completed at a cost of approximately \$36,000.00, Hamilton's modern theatre, "The Hamilton", held its formal opening last Wednesday, the people of the town and community playing the role of gracious hosts at a big barbecue dinner which was attended by nearly 2,000 guests.

Preliminary Reports Point To Excess Tobacco Acreage

Preliminary reports coming from the office of the farm agent this week indicated that quite a few farmers in this county are planting in excess of their tobacco allotments.

Of the 220 farms checked in the county through last week, forty-six were said to have had excess tobacco acreage, ranging from about one-tenth to as much as two and one-half acres in some cases. The excess, according to the preliminary reports, will average right at one acre, it was learned.

The check measurements, handled by and under the direction of the local Triple A committee men, are progressing steadily but slowly in this county. Approximately one-seventh of the farms have been checked so far, and it isn't likely that the work will be completed before harvest time.

ROUND-UP

Local police in this and at least one other community in the county had a busy period last week-end rounding up alleged law violators.

Eleven persons were arrested and jailed here during the period, nine for public drunkenness, one for investigation, and one under a capias in a manslaughter case.

The ages of the eleven arrested and jailed here ranged from sixteen to sixty-seven years. One of the eleven was white.

Robersonville reported the arrest of five persons, one colored and four white, for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct last Saturday and Sunday.

Heavy Rains Fall Here Last Friday

Some crops were damaged in widely scattered areas in this county by heavy rains and small hail stones last Friday. Conflicting reports were heard soon after the rains, but with some few exceptions where sand was washed over small plants and where hail battered tobacco the rain is believed to have helped the crops, as a whole. Tobacco in a few low places flopped and some was actually drowned, but the crop, as a whole, has grown fairly rapidly since the rains. Cloudy and fairly cool weather followed, the nearly three inches of rain that fell last Friday and early Saturday morning. Farmers are agreed that tobacco would have suffered had the rains been followed by a hot sun.

Hail was reported in various sections of the county, but the losses are not believed to be extensive.

The weather station on Roanoke River here reported 1.14 inches of rain last Friday just before noon, not quite three-quarters of an inch that afternoon and 1.04 inches early Saturday morning, making a total of 2.89 inches.

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Tobacco Acreage Referendum to Be Held On July 12

On Friday of this week the State Triple A office is planning to send in spot checkers to verify the measurements handled by the local committee groups.

According to the regulations, the excess plantings are not to be destroyed. The grower with excess acreage will harvest all of his crop and pay the penalty on the excess. Even if the farmer decides to destroy by chopping down or plowing under the excess, he will still be subject to the penalty, it was pointed out.

If the present trend in excess acreage is maintained, the county will, under normal weather conditions, produce one of the largest crops in several years. The excess plantings, it was pointed out, are in addition to the ten percent allotment increase allowed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Patrol Reports Lone Accident

Only one highway accident was reported in the county last week-end, members of the highway patrol stating that the period was one of the quietest they had experienced on the highways in a number of weeks. "I traveled more than one hundred miles in the county last Saturday afternoon and evening and did not see the first law violation," Cpl. W. T. Simpson of the patrol said.

No one was hurt, but the 1937 Dodge truck belonging to Leslie W. Hardison burned when it turned over on the Jamesville-Farm Life Road, a short distance out of Jamesville, last Thursday evening about 6:30 o'clock. Frank Green, driver of the truck, said that the truck went out of control and plunged into the woods and turned over. Green said that he and his companions, Bobby James and Sam H. Lilley, crawled out of the overturned vehicle just about the time it caught fire.

No estimate of the damage could be had immediately.

Ahoskie Opening Festival June 19

Ahoskie.—Preparations are almost complete for the first post-war Ahoskie Kiwanis Festival which opens on June 19 and closes June 21 with a dance to the music of Saxie Dowell and his orchestra.

Three full nights of entertainment are scheduled, with big time vaudeville acts and other attractions slated for the first two nights. And dangling before those who buy tickets to the affair is the certain knowledge that the holder of a certain ticket number will leave the festival owning a brand new, 1946, Ford sedan.

Ahoskie Kiwanians, who use the funds raised at the annual festival to carry on their work among crippled and underprivileged children, anticipate the biggest and most successful festival in the club's history.

Defendants Given Long Prison Terms In Superior Court

Tribunal Scheduled to End Trial of Criminal Cases Some Time Today

Opening a one-week term of Martin County Superior Court here yesterday, Judge Walter Bone cleared a number of cases from the docket, and made ready to clear the criminal docket possibly sometime today.

No charge to the grand jury was considered necessary since the body received detailed instructions at a previous term. Although the court saved time there, the case in which Jimmy Council was charged with drunken driving required nearly two hours for its trial. There was much conflicting evidence and the defendant was adjudged not guilty.

Henry Paul, young Greenville white man, pleaded guilty of involuntary manslaughter as a result of a truck accident near Everetts in which Jeremiah Brown, colored, was fatally injured. Paul was sentenced to serve from two to three years in State's Prison, the sentence to run concurrently with a three-to-five year term imposed in Pitt County some time ago in a case charging him with larceny.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, larceny and receiving and robbery, John Henry Taylor, colored, pleaded guilty of the assault charge but not with intent to kill, larceny and receiving and robbery. Assaulting and nearly killing S. R. Jackson, county farmer, Taylor was sentenced to prison for not less than five and not more than seven years.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with breaking and entering and the larceny of two truck tires from a building supply firm in Williamston, John H. Williams was turned over to the probation officer, the court delaying sentence until a report could be prepared by the special officer.

Charged with breaking and entering and larceny, Thurman Beach pleaded guilty of forcible trespass and the plea was accepted. Beach stated that he had been drinking, that he did not remember breaking into the filling station of John Mobley in Everetts, that the last thing he remembered prior to being found asleep in the station was going into the picture show at Robersonville.

The case was turned over to the probation officer, the court holding Beach for trial for a later date.

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Call Thirty-Five For Pre-Induction Tests

Nine Prove They Are Fathers And Get Out Of Call

Most of Those Making Trip On Monday Had Been Examined Before

Thirty-five young Martin County white men were called recently to report on Monday of this week to Fort Bragg for pre-induction examinations. Nine of them proved parentage at the last minute and got out of the call. Two others were ruled out locally on account of physical disabilities. Most of those making the trip this week had undergone examinations at previous times either by the county board's examining physicians or those at Fort Bragg.

The call was the largest received in this county since the war.

The ages of the group ranged from twenty to 26 years. Eighteen of those called came from the farm.

Names of the young men called to report and their addresses:

Asa LeRoy Moore, RFD 1, Williamston.

Willard Gray Coltrain, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Andrew Edmondson Bullock, RFD 3, Williamston.

Rodney Harvey Roberson, Robersonville.

Robert Hyman Salsbury, Hasell.

Linwood Maurice Brown, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Herbert Leslie Manning, RFD 1, Williamston and Rocky Mount.

Thomas Mitchell Haislip, RFD 1, Oak City.

Maryland Annie Hadley, RFD 2, Williamston.

William Evan Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston.

Edward Latham, RFD 2, Williamston.

Dallas Hassell Godard, Jamesville and Norfolk.

Clayton Earl Warren, Robersonville.

William Asa Taylor, RFD 2, Williamston.

Alton Fay Peel, RFD 1, Williamston.

Cornie Lee Mobley, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Sam Stewart Hardison, RFD 3, Williamston.

James Elbert Ayers, RFD 2, Williamston.

Ottis Hope Peel, RFD 3, Washington.

Thomas Mason Pearson, Oak City.

Milton Bennett Wynne, RFD 3, Williamston.

Virgil Scott, RFD 1, Oak City.

Mack Hyman Warren, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Names of the men exempted at the last minute because they were fathers:

Jesse Vernon Edmondson, RFD 2, Robersonville.

Durham Writter Davis, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Chester Benjamin Whitehurst, RFD 3, Williamston.

James Clifton Wiggins, Williamston.

Jack Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston.

Leonard Harold Ange, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Edward Daniel Mizelle, RFD 1, Williamston.

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Mrs. Eva Harrison Died Suddenly At Home Early Today

Funeral For Prominent Local Citizen At 4:00 P. M. Wednesday

Mrs. Eva Naomi Harrison, prominent local citizen, died suddenly at her home on North Haughton Street here this morning at 1:30 o'clock of a heart attack. Although she had been in declining health for several years, Mrs. Harrison seemed to be in her usual health when retiring last night. She suffered the attack at 12:30, dying an hour later.

The daughter of the late Joseph L. and Gussie Leggett Woodard, Mrs. Harrison was born in the Macedonia Community of Bear Grass Township on November 20, 1877, spending her early life there. On March 25, 1903, she was married to Thaddeus F. Harrison, prominent business man in this section of the State and a willing and able supporter in the fields of religion and education.

In her early youth Mrs. Harrison joined the Macedonia church which her forebears had established and liberally supported down through the years. She later moved her membership to Williams- ton where she humbly and faithfully worshipped for nearly half a century. Mrs. Harrison was a devoted wife, a good mother and a thoughtful neighbor and friend to all. In her quiet and humble manner she was a driving force for all that which is good and noble, having given freely of her time and liberally of her means for the advancement of Christian ideals and the welfare of her adopted community. She was in practice and deed a good woman, one who was admired and one who was held in high esteem by all those who knew her.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Ralph Parker, Mrs. Robt. L. (Continued on page six)

County 4-H Club Member Reports Trip To Virginia

Nearly 100 Martin County Boys And Girls Attend Annual Camp

(The second and concluding installment of the report prepared by Miss Celia Stokes on the recent 4-H club encampment at Jamestown, Va., follows):

Tuesday morning we began our schedule: Arose at seven, took exercise, cleaned up cabins, ate breakfast, had classes, went for a swim, read camp newspaper, ate lunch, rested, swam again, played games, ate supper, had vesper services, which were led by each group in turn, recreation.

It was cold and rainy Tuesday, but in spite of this a few took the scheduled swims. While not in the water or on classes we gathered in Perry Hall and were taught folk dances. For recreation that night we had a movie along with the regular games and dances.

Wednesday was fair. We went through the usual routine, meeting more friends and playing occasional games of softball and volleyball. We again had a movie after vesper and then a most amusing stunt. In our presence four couples exchanged clothing on the stage. Since this was the most enjoyed chapter in the camp recreational activities I will tell you a little about it. The couples lined up side by side, the first boy and girl exchanged, ran back and tagged the next couple who went through the same process. And, oh! yes, none of the participants forgot to wear their bathing suits.

Thursday night was amateur stunt night and every one was given a chance to show off their talents. Some made speeches or sang. Two members had a talking contest and some of the boys dressed in girls clothing and bathing suits and pranced graciously across the hall floor kissing the boys that appealed to them. You can imagine how cute your sister's bathing suit or dress, turban and lipstick. From the stunts the judges chose the "Head" group as the best group, Ellenor Eubanks and Ann Minton the best couple and, by a strange coincidental accident, Celia Stokes as the best

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Bible School Commencement

The local Union Daily Vacation Bible School held a very fine commencement in the Baptist Church last Friday evening, marking the close of a two-weeks session which was described as the most successful ever conducted here.

Under the direction of Miss Ethel Guest, head of religious education in the local Baptist church, the school enrolled 234 pupils, 194 of them being in regular attendance. There were twenty-eight volunteer teachers, the director recognizing and commending them for their splendid and efficient work during the session.

The program was well received by a congregation that taxed the church's seating capacity. All of the numbers and drills were very impressive.

Enrollment was reported by churches, as follows: Memorial Baptist, 77; West End Baptist, 8; Methodist, 44; Christian, 62; Holiness, 11; Episcopal, 13; Presbyterian, 8, and unclassified, 8. The departments reported the following enrollment, beginner, 46; primary, 71; junior, 75, and intermediate, 42.

During the two weeks, the pupils contributed \$85 and the commencement collection boosted it to \$132. The amount will be sent to foreign lands to aid the hungry.

Girl Scouts Plan Supper Meeting

The Williamston Girl Scouts and Brownies will have a supper honoring the mothers and fathers in the Woman's Club building Wednesday night at 6:30. This will be the closing meeting for both scouts and brownies until September when school starts. An appropriate program with songs and dancing has been planned and parents are urged to be present. A special court of awards will be held at the close of the meeting.

Officers Capture Two Liquor Stills

Raiding in two sections of the county last week, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel wrecked two liquor plants and preferred charges against Raymond Lloyd.

The first plant, a 50-gallon capacity oil drum, two fermenters and about fifty gallons of beer, was wrecked in the Gold Point section. Searching the premises, the officers found a still and worm in the home of Lloyd and charged him with possessing materials for the manufacture of illicit liquor.

Last Friday just off the Five-Cent Road the officers wrecked a 50-gallon capacity oil drum, doubler and cooler and poured out fifty gallons of cheap beer. A 40-gallon capacity tin still had been discarded at the plant.

Infant Dies In Hospital Sunday

Benjamin Hallie James, Jr., ten-day-old son of Mr. Ben H. and Mrs. Allie Roebuck James, died in the local hospital Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock following a few days' illness. Besides his parents he is survived by a sister, Cynthia, of the home in Poplar Point Township.

Funeral services were conducted in the Biggs Funeral Home on West Main Street here Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. J. R. Everett, pastor of the Robersonville Baptist Church. Interment was in the Robersonville Cemetery.

County Property Values

After reaching the highest peak since 1919-20 when valuations stood right at 21 million dollars, property values, personal and real, took a slight dip for the first time this year, Tax Supervisor M. L. Peel stating that a loss of \$161,128 is reflected in current listings. While the figures dropped from \$14,036,461 last year to \$13,875,333 this year, exclusive of corporation listings, the decrease is hardly of sufficient size to make itself felt when it comes time to determine the new tax rate. However, the decrease will possibly be recognized as a caution sign. A year ago, corporation values were placed on the books by the Utilities Commission at \$1,965,762.37. If those values are maintained this year, and there is no reason why they should not be about the same if not more, then the total 1946 assessed property valuation in the county will approximate \$15,841,095.

Plagued by heavy personal property losses, Williams- ton and Robersonville Townships could not offset the decrease with real property gains and they with Hamilton show an over-all loss.

	WHITE		Gain Loss	Pct.
	1945	1946		
Jamesville	\$ 1,815,243	\$ 1,848,909	31,666	01.7
Williams	355,265	376,955	21,690	06.1
Griffins	733,006	743,552	10,546	01.4
Bear Grass	697,631	706,637	9,006	01.3
Williamston	3,339,619	3,220,242	*119,377	*03.5
Cross Roads	658,241	659,464	1,223	00.2
Robersonville	2,494,489	2,374,679	*119,810	*04.8
Poplar Point	379,347	390,105	10,758	02.8
Hamilton	1,005,072	951,399	*53,673	*05.3
Goose Nest	1,233,160	1,233,971	811	00.0
Totals	\$12,711,073	\$12,503,913	*207,160	*01.6

	COLORED		Gain Loss	Pct.
	1945	1946		
Jamesville	\$ 159,625	\$ 166,156	6,531	04.1
Williams	53,700	51,683	* 2,017	*03.7
Griffins	31,599	31,325	* 274	*00.8
Bear Grass	47,399	46,483	* 916	*01.9
Williamston	264,507	285,390	20,883	07.9
Cross Roads	53,833	55,354	1,521	02.6
Robersonville	262,643	283,595	20,952	07.9
Poplar Point	17,024	18,223	1,199	07.0
Hamilton	147,564	151,595	4,031	02.6
Goose Nest	287,464	281,616	* 5,848	*02.0
Totals	\$1,325,358	\$1,371,420	46,062	03.4

*Denotes loss.