

## Badly Injured In Crossing Accident Thursday Evening

### Young Man Suffers Fractures of Jaw Bone and Thigh, Other Injuries

Clifton Manning, 20-year-old employe of the B. S. Courtney Furniture Store, was badly injured and Billy Cullipher, Jr., was painfully hurt when the truck in which they were riding was struck by an Atlantic Coast Line freight engine at a crossing on the old Everetts-Williamston Highway near here last Thursday evening at 6:20 o'clock.

Suffering a fracture of one jaw bone, injury to another, a sprained arm, a broken thigh and a possible fracture of one ankle and chest injuries, Manning was removed to a Washington hospital after receiving first aid treatment in a local doctor's office. Last reports from the hospital stated that Manning was getting along very well, that his recovery is expected.

Riding with Manning, Cullipher was painfully cut about the mouth and face, one arm was bruised and he suffered chest injuries. He was dismissed from the hospital Monday.

Driving a Courtney furniture truck in the direction of Everetts, Manning was quoted as saying that he did not see the train until just about the time it struck the front part of the truck. Backing down from up the road, the train had no big spot light on the rear of the engine and it was reported that the lights of an approaching car driven by Marvin Peed made it difficult if not impossible for the truck driver to see the train. Its front bumper hooked into the

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## Kiwanis To Give Away New Auto

The Kiwanis Club held its regular meeting last Thursday night in the Woman's Club building where the group enjoyed a delicious Brunswick stew dinner ably cooked by Kiwanian Gene Kimball.

Bill Glover, chairman of the automobile committee reported that chances on a new 1946 Ford would be on sale in a few days and that the drawing would take place on December 20th when the Kiwanis club will sponsor a dance. Music will be furnished by a band from the University of North Carolina.

In addition to the free automobile, two valuable prizes will be given to the holders of the second and third lucky tickets.

President Wheeler Martin reported that the concert given by Miss Leona Flood was an unqualified success. Approximately two hundred school children heard the afternoon performance while three hundred persons were at the night performance. Mr. Martin also stated that the comments on the performance of Miss Flood were extremely favorable and many persons congratulated the club for bringing to Williamston an entertainment of such high calibre.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of an Eagle Scout award to Asa Rogerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rogerson, Troop 27, of which Asa is a member. Present was Asa's father, Mr. John Hackney of Wilson, scout executive for the Eastern Carolina Council presided over the ceremony and Mrs. Rogerson presented the Eagle badge to her son. Asa is the seventh member of this troop to receive the Eagle badge.

Williamston's Junior Chamber of Commerce started rehearsals yesterday for the presentation of a hot home-talent production, "Pep Parade," on October 17 and 18 in the local high school auditorium. Miss Evelyn Spear will direct the play.

## Jaycees To Stage Play Next Week

Sponsored by the Jaycees for the benefit of the local high school athletic association, "Pep Parade" is a three-act comedy with musical specialties and the appearance of the organization's own chorus in dance and song numbers between acts.

## Local Market Clears Costly Block Today

### REGISTRATION

Books for the registration of qualified voters will be opened in the thirteen Martin County election precincts on Saturday of this week. It is not a new registration and those citizens whose names are already on the books will find it unnecessary to register again to qualify themselves for participating in the election next month. Those persons who have moved from one precinct to another should see that their registrations are transferred.

### County Wildlife Club Plans Meet Friday Afternoon

### State Federation President To Speak; Free Dinner Will Be Served

The Martin County Wildlife Club, an affiliate of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, is completing plans this week for a meeting of hunters, fishermen and others interested in wild game and fish in the Williamston High School gymnasium Friday afternoon, October 11, at 5:00 o'clock p. m.

Announcing tentative plans for the meeting, Ben James, president of the wildlife club in this county, stated that P. K. Gravely, president of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, of Rocky Mount, will address the meeting and that the program sponsored by the organization will be explained. A free barbecue and Brunswick stew supper will be served, and a special invitation is being extended all hunters and fishermen, and especially farmers interested in the promotion of logical game and fish laws and a department maintained wholly from license fees under the direction of representatives named directly by hunters and fishermen themselves. The officers, including Mr. James, and Mr. John Henry Edwards, secretary and treasurer, and members of the program committee, including Messrs. R. L. Coburn and V. J. Spivey, are looking for a large crowd to attend the meeting and free supper.

Plans will be made for completing a county-wide membership drive, one of the officers stating that county merchants had already donated valuable prizes to be awarded to the leaders in the membership canvass.

"We are not planning the meeting to place any one under obligation," one of the officers explained, adding that the president had been invited to address those persons interested in better hunting and fishing and to outline the constructive policies of the federation.

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### RAINFALL

September was another wet month in this immediate area, but unofficial reports would seem to indicate that the Jamesville section bore the brunt of downpours. Officially, 6.90 inches of rain were recorded here while southeast of the town, nearly that much rain fell in a single day during the period. With the exception of last July more rain fell here last month than in any other month during the year to date.

Through September, 45.32 inches of rain fell here as compared with 35.32 in the same months last year.

## Smooth Marketing And Quick Sales Are Now Assured

### Market Through Monday Had Sold 7,938,096 Lbs. For \$3,952,568.54

For the first time since the opening on Monday, August 19, the local tobacco market today is selling from under one of the most congested and longest blocks in its history. While marketing was fairly orderly during the first eight days of the season, the week holiday the latter part of August and early September aggravated a serious situation and considerable poundage of the leaf placed on the floors a week ahead of the sales was damaged. Price drops were marked during the first few weeks following the holiday and all the damaged leaf was not cleared from the floors until the middle of last month. From a low point of \$42.36 recorded average on September 19, the market has reflected a fairly steady climb, reaching an apparent climax during the past few days when the daily average went as high as \$56.00 per hundred pounds.

Cool weather and the elimination of most of the damaged leaf from the floors materially boosted the price trend which ranged right at 54 cents a pound for the week.

Quite a few thousand pounds were placed on the floors last week-er-d for sale today, but from now on it is fairly certain that tobacco can be placed on the floor one day for sale the next, that some leaf can be sold the same day it is delivered.

Through yesterday the Williamston market had sold 7,938,096 pounds for \$3,952,568.54, a resulting average of \$49.70 for the season. Individual sales yesterday broke over the old 67-cent mark for the first time, and while sales over that figure were indeed limited, the 67-cent piles were fairly numerous and one of the best sales of the season was chalked up.

Today's sales, estimated at 225,000 pounds will carry the total well over eight million pounds and boost the average to a figure right at 50 cents.

It is estimated that at least 75 percent of the crop has been marketed in this immediate territory, but that other sections are possibly not that far advanced.

### Some Cold Facts About Hot Fires

During 1940-41, U. S. fire losses exceeded the \$400,000,000 damage done by the German incendiary blitz on England during the same period.

Each year the U. S. loses the equivalent of a full strength infantry division through deaths by fire; 10,000 persons killed annually. The non-fatal burn casualties would decimate the equivalent of several more divisions.

The Coconut Grove fire in Boston killed 492 persons. This loss of life was greater than that suffered by American troops in the invasion of North Africa.

There are more than 650,000 fires in the U. S. annually. Fire each year burns over first lands equal in area to New York State.

Nearly 1,000 fires occur in homes daily, averaging about \$500 per loss.

A single fire recently left 140 Long Island families homeless. Two months later so few of these families had been able to find homes that New York State had to requisition apartments for them.

Eighteen percent of all home fatalities are caused by burns. And for every fatality, many more persons are permanently disabled or scarred.

The direct loss by fire this year will approach \$600,000,000. The indirect costs of fire, such as cost of maintaining fire departments, loss of wages and production caused by fire, forestry property, depreciation, loss of irreplaceable property, will be two or three times the direct loss.

## Action Is Taken To Correct Many Tax Book Errors

### Relief Orders Granted In Tax Cases Dating Back Eighteen Years

Meeting in regular session on Monday, the Martin County Commissioners moved to correct a number of tax book errors, some of which dated back to 1928. In addition to those cases handled by the county attorney's office, the commissioners granted a number of current tax relief orders. Total amounts could not be had immediately, but it is estimated that taxes listed in error over the long period would run into hundreds of dollars. It was pointed out that the properties had been listed in error, and had been brought forward year after year by the list-takers.

Other than the tax relief orders, the commissioners discussed the shortage of office space. The Negro home and farm agents are temporarily housed in the old curb market building, but there is some doubt if they'll be able to survive there during the cold months. A committee was named to make a search for office space.

Current tax relief orders were issued as follows:

James Obrien Winborn, Hamilton, \$3.83, dead; James Harrington, Griffins, \$5.72 listed in error; T. H. Wynne, Bear Grass, \$2 listed in error; Ransom Spruill, Williamston, \$3.13, listed in error; Joseph Bennett, Cross Roads, \$2, listed in error; Floyd Forrest, Robersonville, \$7.88, listed in error; Milton Raynor, Poplar Point, \$2, listed in error; Emmanuel Moore, Jamesville, \$2, listed in error; Slade Corey, Griffins, \$4.78, dead; William Herbert Mizelle, Bear Grass, \$2, listed in error; Limuel Harrison, Bear Grass, \$2, dead; Arthur Rogers, Bear Grass, \$7.35, listed in error; J. H. Forbes, Williamston, \$2, army; William B. Lilley, Williamston, disability; Lee Goss, Williamston, \$2, in prison; Charles O. Jones, Goose Nest, \$2, in army.

During recent months the county attorney's office has been closing out its old tax accounts. Fairly large amounts were collected and in other cases, deeds were issued. In still other cases errors were found, and the commissioners acted to correct those errors. The properties, listed, advertised and offered for sale for taxes year after year, were in nearly every case double listed. A piece of property, for instance, was sold. The original owner died, and the list-taker carried it forward while the new owner listed the holdings in his own name.

Tax relief orders were issued in the following cases and for the year listed:

Henry Bell, Hamilton, one acre for 1928, 1930, 1931 and 1932. W. L. Bailey, Goose Nest, 89 acres listed in 1931, both to him and to J. F. Flanagan. Peter Harrell, Goose Nest, vacant lots, listed in 1929 through 1936. Louis Marriner, Jamesville, 3 acres listed in 1935. Alice Davis, Jamesville, for years 1930-32, 1935-39. W. A. Gray, Parmele, for years 1934, 1937-39. Clyde Knight, Williamston, for 1938. W. A. Revander, Jamesville, 1932-33. J. R. Hardison Estate, 25 acres Askew Land for 1937. Mack Rogers Estate, Goose Nest, for years 1933-39.

### Education Board Meets on Monday

In a short session held Monday, the Martin County Board of Education members discussed routine business and handled a few new items. All members of the board—Messrs. F. W. Holliday of Jamesville, Geo. C. Griffin of Griffins, J. D. Woolard, chairman of Williamston; H. C. Norman of Robersonville and Ernest Edmondson of Hassell—were present.

The board let a contract to a Raleigh firm for placing a new roof on the school building at Bear Grass and also a new top on the Farm Life school, the projects to cost approximately \$1,200 each. A contract for the fiscal year audit was let to Frank Butler, certified public accountant, for \$125.

### Six Marriages In County Recently

Six marriage licenses were issued by the office of J. Sam Gettysinger to white couples in this county during the past week, as follows:

Herman J. Williams and Betty Lois Cherry, both of Bethel. Ernest Capps and Lola Vernise Hardison, both of Williamston. Haywood Cherry, Jr., and Irene Butler, both of Williamston. John R. Howell of Scotland Neck and Susan Malissa Jenkins of Hobgood. James Robert Moore of Richmond and Ellen Cowan Twiddy of Williamston. Julian H. Fagan of Jamesville and Neda Johnson of Robersonville.

### Teachers To Be Guests Of Lions

The local Lions Club will be hosts to the members of the local school faculty at their meeting Thursday evening of this week. The meeting will be held at the Woman's Club, and will begin at seven o'clock.

The program committee is working on plans for an interesting program, and they hope to arrange to have some students from the State Blind School at Raleigh provide some entertainment. Invitations are being extended to all the faculty members and it is hoped that all will be able to attend, along with every member of the Lions Club.

## Gold Tooth, Bought With Stolen Money, Yanked Out

Picking up Clarence Earl (Stephens n) Jones on the local streets last Friday for the alleged theft of \$201 from a Washington bank earlier in the week, Officer Chas. R. Moore went into action to recover the money. Stephenson, just a little over 16 years of age, had gold tips placed on his teeth and when the officer explained to the dentist the theft an appointment was made then and there and the gold was yanked out of the lad's mouth, the \$29 going back to the original fund. Approximately \$18.50 was gained when clothes were returned to a local store before Stephenson could use them. The officer explained that \$90 in cash was found on Stephenson who declared that he could not account for the remainder of the money other than that spent for clothes and dental work.

Stephenson, living here on Plymouth Railroad Branch Street, was visiting relatives in Washington last week. According to Officer Moore, the boy went to the Washington bank and wanted to change bills into silver dollars. While the teller turned to get the silver bucks, the lad reached under the window grill and pulled out \$201, mostly in \$20 bills. He got away undetected, but when he returned the following day and asked for more silver dollars, bank employees became suspicious and questioned him. After learning his name and residence, the bank let him go, but called for officers to investigate. Stephenson was traced here and he was arrested Friday and turned over to Washington police Saturday. One report stated that the FBI will take the case since the deposits were insured under federal law.

### Fire Prevention Week Opens Here With A Fire Call

Three Alarms Are Sounded Here In Less Than Eighteen Hours

Fire prevention week was hardly three hours old before a call was received and answered by local volunteers last Sunday morning. The call was the third received by the local department in a period of less than eighteen hours.

The first call was answered last Saturday morning shortly after 9:00 o'clock when an oil stove went out of control in the kitchen of the James D. Bowen home on West Main Street. No great damage resulted, but some wood work was burned and several rooms in the home were badly smoked.

At one o'clock that afternoon the firemen were called to a grass-brush fire on the Jamesville Road, just off West Warren Street. The alarm was sounded when some thought the brush fire would spread to property.

The 3:00 o'clock Sunday morning fire was just about the most unusual one local firemen had ever been called to. Buddy Weir, driving by a parked car just this side of the river bridge, saw smoke pouring from under the hood and turned in the alarm. When firemen reached the car, they soon put out the fire and found a colored man fast asleep in the front seat. His name could not be learned, firemen stating that they could not shake him awake. "If he slept through the fire and all that smoke, we were convinced he was wake proof."

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## Will Open Youth Center On Friday

The Youth Recreation Center will hold its formal opening Friday night from 7:30 to 11:00 at the Legion hut. The initial program will be an open house at which time everyone is invited to visited the center. Final plans for the opening and the hours for Saturday and Sunday will be announced in Friday's paper.

Friday night teen-agers will register and will be issued membership cards later. It will be necessary for young people to have these cards which will be issued upon request.

Mrs. George W. Corey has been named supervisor for the Youth Center. The following committees have been appointed: Planning Committee, Miss Garnette Crocker, chairman, Mrs. Hugh Horton, Mrs. Paul Simpson, Mrs. J. F. Davenport, Miss Ethel Guest and Mr. V. J. Spivey; Flower Committee, Mrs. C. B. Clark, Jr., chairman, Mrs. Clyde Ward, Mrs. Kate York, Mrs. Coy Roberson, Dr. John Biggs, and Mrs. John Henry Edwards; Property and Custodian Committee, Mrs. Tom Brandon, chairman, Mrs. John Peele, Mrs. Cortez Green and Mrs. W. C. Manning; decorations committee, Mrs. J. D. Throver, chairman, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Mrs. Henry Harrison, Mrs. Frances Parker, Mrs. Jean Kimball and Miss Florine Clark; Refreshment Committee, Mrs. Ralph Parker, chairman, Mrs. Harold Everett, Mrs. Kader Crawford, Mr. George Sfetos, Mr. Jean Kimball and Mr. Bill Glover.

### Opens Meeting In Christian Church

Rev. Newton Robinson, pastor of the Hillier Memorial Church, Raleigh, preached the first in a series of scheduled services in the Christian church here last evening. He was heard by a large congregation.

The meeting will continue through this and next week and services will be held each evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Declaring that he was going to have much to say about one of the six great words of the Bible, repentance, the speaker last evening listed those words.

### Two Minor Auto Accidents Sunday

Two minor motor vehicle accidents were reported in this area last Sunday morning. Patrolman W. E. Saunders, investigating officer, reported.

The Handy Ore taxi driven by James Ruffin had a fender ripped off when it was struck by a truck driven by Rigdon Simmons of New Bern about 2:00 o'clock that morning on the Washington Highway, a few miles from here.

At 11:00 o'clock that morning, Geo. S. Whitfield started to pass N. S. Roberson on Sweet Water Creek curve near here and damaged a fender on the Roberson car when he (Whitfield) had to pull back suddenly to his side of the road to avoid a head-on crash with an approaching car.

Damage to the two vehicles was estimated at about \$50 each.

### ROUND-UP

Local and county officers had another busy period last week-end when they rounded up and jailed fourteen persons in the ole hoosegow here.

Ten of the fourteen were charged with drunkenness, one for larceny, two for forgery and one for aiding and abetting forgery.

The ages of the fourteen started at a low of sixteen and went up to 41 years. Five of the fourteen were white.