

Local Young Man Loses His Life In Car Accident

Roosevelt Coltrain Killed In Maryland Early Last Sunday Morning

Roosevelt Coltrain, Williamston native, was killed instantly in an automobile accident on U. S. Highway 40 near Elkton, Maryland, at 3:45 o'clock last Sunday morning, preliminary reports reaching here stating that he suffered a broken neck when his car turned over. A woman companion suffered only minor injuries, it was learned. Other details of the accident could not be learned here immediately.

Funeral services were held in Pippin's Funeral Home at Elkton, Maryland, yesterday afternoon, and the body is being shipped here tonight for last rites on Thursday afternoon in the Pentecostal Holiness Church. The local service, tentatively scheduled at 3:00 o'clock, will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. Floyd Williams, assisted by Dr. Ira D. S. Knight, local Baptist minister. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dawse Coltrain, the young man was born in Williamston January 26, 1922, and spent most of his life here. After completing the local high school he was associated with his father in business here, and then was employed by the North Carolina Pulp Company for two years before training in Charlotte two months for a job as train dispatcher. Four years ago he accepted a dispatcher's job in Philadelphia, but made his home in Wilmington, Delaware. A victim of infantile paralysis, he was unable to serve in the armed forces during the war.

Reports from friends in Wilmington stated that he was well and getting along fine with his work, that he recently received a promotion with the railroad company and the promotion was to have become effective yesterday.

Surviving are his parents; three sisters, Mrs. E. G. Anderson of Chicago, Mrs. T. O. Anderson and Mrs. Woodard Harris of Williamston; three brothers, Grover K. Coltrain of Washington, D. C., Johnny Coltrain of New York and Moses Clarence Coltrain, member of the U. S. Merchant Marine and now en route to a European port. A brother, Dennis Coltrain, was lost at sea when his ship was torpedoed by a German submarine somewhere off the Carolina coast during the early part of World War II. Nothing was ever heard from the lost seaman or the ship. A life boat from the ship floated ashore on the North Carolina coast.

Elementary Council Met Here Saturday

The Martin County Elementary School Council, attended by sixteen representatives from the various schools, met here last Saturday morning and discussed current work in the school and advanced plans of procedure for the next term. Miss Lissie Pearce, elementary school supervisor, was present.

Miss Reba Winstead, third grade teacher in the Robersonville school, was elected president, and Miss Katie Speer, Oak City eighth grade teacher, was named secretary.

ROUND-UP

Nine persons, five of them white, were rounded up and jailed by local, county and state officers in this community last week-end. Eight of the nine were connected with liquor, a review of the jail book revealed. Two were charged with being drunk and disorderly, two with being drunk and down, one with being just plain drunk, one with being drunk and assault, and two with drunken driving. One was charged with disorderly conduct and still another was charged with an assault. The ages of the group ranged from 22 to 56 years.

Prizes Announced For Fat Stock Show Here on May 9

Cash prizes, amounting to \$375.00, have been announced for the 4-H club girls and boys and future farmers of America entering winners in the annual Martin County Fat Stock Show to be held in Williamston on Friday, May 9. The prizes will be divided, \$55 for the beef cattle and \$27 for the swine department, as follows:

Beef Cattle Department: Grand Champion Steer \$12.00 and purple ribbon, Reserve Grand Champion Steer \$8.00 and lavender ribbon; Third place, \$4.00; 1st group, \$10.00 and blue ribbon; 2nd group, \$6.00 and red ribbon; 3rd group, white ribbon. For the best showmanship and fitting: 1st prize, \$10.00; and second prize, \$5.00.

Swine Department: Fat hogs weighing from 180 pounds to 250 pounds, 1st prize, \$8.00 and purple ribbon; 2nd prize, \$7.00 and lavender ribbon; 3rd prize, \$5.00 and blue ribbon; 4th prize, \$4.00 and red ribbon; 5th prize, \$2.00 and white ribbon; 6th prize, \$1.00 and white ribbon. All other white ribbon.

Rewrite Playing Schedule County League Monday

Opening Day Games Decided Upon and Rules for Signing Players Made

The entire playing schedule of the Martin County Baseball League was rewritten at a meeting of the officials in the Lindsley Ice Company offices here last night and a change in that was made at the very start when Oak City found itself unable to entertain Williamston on its diamond Sunday because of its condition.

Meeting for the purpose of ironing out final details before the opening games next Sunday the baseball men found that much of their previous work had to be done over, the by-laws not being in completed condition as well as the schedule having teams bunched together and playing on the same days.

The complete schedule will probably be printed this week-end but the opening games will be played with Oak City at Williamston, Cross Roads at Everetts, Robersonville at Hamilton and Bear Grass at Hassell. Williamston and Oak City are to play at Oak City the next time the regular schedule places them at Williamston. This agreement was made between the managers of the two teams and approved by President Howard Gaylord who presided over the meeting. All transfers of games or changes in location hereafter must be by agreement between the managers and with the approval of the president.

Previous by-law changes having been lost, some emergency rules were made with the understanding that they would be included in the by-laws as finally written. The most important of these decided upon last night was that a player must be signed by a (Continued from page five)

Abandoned Baby Died Last Week

A few days old colored infant, christened Boston Roberts, died at the home of John Roberts in Williams Township late last Thursday. Abandoned, allegedly by his grandmother, Amanda Biggs, early last Tuesday morning, the baby had a hemorrhage and died while a health nurse was examining it, the sheriff's office reported. Left on the porch of the Roberts home about 12:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, the child, packed with some old rags in a liquor box, was discovered a few hours later when members of the family heard it crying.

Investigating the abandonment, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck had the car making the delivery identified. The officer also said that the apparel worn by the grandmother was identified. She is being charged with abandoning the child and her arrest is expected shortly, according to information coming from the office of the sheriff.

Extending the investigation, officers said that Leslie Rogers, young colored boy, had admitted parentage, that the mother, Joyce Biggs, is a 13-year-old daughter of Amanda Biggs.

Superior Court To Hear Civil Cases Beginning Monday

Second Week of Term Has Been Called Off; Judge Burgwyn Presiding

The Martin County Superior Court will convene next Monday morning for the trial of civil cases, Clerk L. B. Wynne announcing that the second week of the scheduled two-week term had been called off. A review of the calendar shows that few cases of importance have been booked for trial during the term, and it is possible that the entire term could have been called off without much inconvenience resulting.

Other than thirteen divorce actions and boundary line disputes, the calendar carries few cases, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn of Jackson is scheduled to preside.

In his suit against William Riddick, William Little alleges that that defendant went over a boundary line and cut approximately 10,000 feet of timber.

Boundary lines are involved in the cases brought by Lena Jenkins, Johnnie Howard and W. M. Highsmith against David Grimes.

The case of Universal Credit Company against Steve Clay is up for final judgment after lingering on the calendar for many terms and after going to the supreme court. The defendant bought a car from a Charlotte firm. A man by the name of Jackson bought the car originally in Baltimore. Jackson, who was later killed in an accident, went to the registration bureau, claiming he had lost his title and obtained a duplicate. He then borrowed money on the car, using the duplicate title. He then went to Charlotte, sold the car to a dealer and surrendered the original title. The credit company brought suit to recover from Clay and won. Reports state that the dealer reimbursed Clay.

In the land-lord-tenant case of Dennis Holliday against G. A. Oglesby, the referee, B. A. Critcher, has reviewed the evidence and will submit his findings to the court, one report stating that the plaintiff was allowed \$414.20. A boundary line is involved in the case of W. L. Manning against N. P. Roberson, the plaintiff alleging trees, valued at \$50, had been cut.

In the boundary line dispute brought by D. G. Matthews against Sam Godard and others, the plaintiff alleges damages in the sum of \$1,000. Ed Ownes in his boundary line case against J. H. Davenport alleges damages in the sum of \$2,500. Damages in the sum of \$50 are alleged in the boundary line case brought by Elizabeth Pierce against Ben Biggs.

A \$290 account is alleged due by the plaintiff in the case of Brooks, Gray Sign Company against Woolard Furniture Company, the defendant countering with the claim that the plaintiff breached the contract, that another company handled the work. The court is being asked to confirm the sale of two lots in Robersonville in the case of Vernella Whitfield against Howard Whitfield.

In the case of Annie Mae Lilley against Annie J. Holliday, a boundary line issue is involved, the plaintiff claiming damages in the amount of \$1,500. D. D. Coburn is suing the Coast Line Railroad for \$123.66 damages alleged to have resulted when four of his hogs were run down and killed by the defendant's train.

Landlord-tenant settlements are involved in the cases brought by Alonza Moore and Robert Perkins versus W. A. Perry. Boundary lines are at issue in the cases brought by Herbert Cowen against Willie Modlin and Dennis Modlin.

Walter Knight is suing Smallwood Harris for \$300 damages alleged to have resulted in an auto accident between Flat Swamp and Leens last September 28. Dorothy Jean Cartwright, young girl who was injured in a highway accident last May 11 on the Everetts-Williamston Highway, is suing Wilbert H. Whitehurst for damages in the sum of \$1,000. Reports indicate the case (Continued on page seven)

Shot In The Eye, Youth Recovered

Accidentally shot in the eye several weeks ago, Frankie Roberson, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roberson, has fully recovered according to information coming from a Durham hospital. Penetrating the eye lid, the air rifle shot burrowed upward and lodged in his head near the eye. Doctors, making an examination last Friday, stated that the wound had healed perfectly, that while he will probably carry the shot the remainder of his life, it should cause him no further trouble. His vision was described as perfect.

Three New Commissioners And Mayor Named In Primary Here

Funeral Monday At Holly Springs For Mrs. Mobley

Mrs. Lillie Bell Mobley Died at Home of Parents Near Here Saturday

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the Holly Springs Methodist Church for Mrs. Harry Edgar (Jake) Mobley who died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee D. Hardison, in Williams Township Saturday morning at 6:25 o'clock. In the absence of the pastor, Revs. Sidney Boone, Methodist minister of Robersonville, Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville Christian Church pastor, and Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister, officiated. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Mrs. Mobley had been in declining health for a long number of years, and although her condition had been serious following an operation six years ago she was able to be up with the exception of short periods until about a month ago. Death was attributable to Brights Disease and complications.

The former Miss Lillie Bell Hardison, she was born in Williams Township on March 30, 1920. After attending the schools in that community, she entered the school here and following her graduation was married to Mr. Mobley. Since her marriage she had made her home near Robersonville.

Mrs. Mobley was a member of the Holly Springs Methodist Church since her girlhood, and had many friends there and in her adopted community.

Surviving are her husband, parents, one daughter, Carolyn Jane Mobley, two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Whitehurst of Portsmouth and Miss Sallie Martin Hardison of the home; two brothers, Henry Lee Hardison of Williams Township, and Ben W. Hardison of Farmville. A third brother, David Hardison, was killed in action on Okinawa about two years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sexton of Gainesville, Fla., came here for the funeral.

College Singers Here April 19th

Sponsored by the Williamston Kiwanis Club, the Wake Forest College Glee Club and Little Symphony Orchestra will appear at the Williamston high school auditorium on Saturday, April 19 at 8 p. m. This marks the first post-war tour of these organizations which are under the direction of Professor Thane McDonald, director of music at Wake Forest. This also marks the first major tour of the Glee Club since it has been enlarged to include co-eds.

The program will feature two ensemble groups, the Girls' Sextet and the Male Octet. The members of the Sextet are: Evelyn Harrill and Mary Lib Westbrook, first sopranos; Bettye Crouch and Martha Lou Holton, second sopranos; and Maxine Cates and Miriam Morris, altos. The male octet includes: Tommy Stapleton and Kenneth Wilson, first tenors; Herman Dilday and Bill Herring, second tenors; David Freeman and Jason Ross, baritones; and Carlyle Morris and Lanneau Newton, basses.

Lucy Rawlings, junior from Conway, serves in the dual role of accompanist for the Glee Club and second violinist in the Little Symphony. Lanneau Newton, senior from Wake Forest, is president of the Glee Club.

The sixty singers are to be entertained in private homes here overnight Saturday, and Kiwanis Jimmy L. Harris is asking local people to help him with the task. Any one who can and will entertain some of the talented young men and women are asked to contact Mr. Harris at Woolard Furniture Company's store.

COMMISSIONER



W. M. Harrison, Bear Grass farmer, was appointed to fill the position of Martin County commissioner for the Griffiths-Bear Grass District made vacant by the death of Mr. R. Lee Perry a short time ago.

Increased Parity Price Of Tobacco As Of March 15th

New Parity Schedule Boosts Price Average From \$37 To \$39.96

A brighter outlook has been assured tobacco farmers for the 1947 marketing season, according to a report coming from a meeting of the Virginia-Carolina Old Belt Warehousemen's Association held in Winston-Salem a few days ago.

Fred S. Royster, president of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Warehousemen's Association, said that as of last March 15 the parity price of tobacco was figured at \$44.40 per hundred pounds, that the 90 percent price guarantee would mean that farmers can expect an average of about \$39.96 for their 1947 crop. The 1947 parity price finally will be figured as of June 15, 1947, but the association official pointed out that he was fairly certain that the later parity figure would be not lower than the one determined as of March 15. Some observers are of the opinion that the June 15 figure will support a slight increase in the parity figure.

While the meeting was in the Old Belt territory, the figures will run about the same if not the same, for this belt, it was pointed out. Former Governor J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh, general counsel for the Flue-Cured Tobacco Warehousemen's Association, reviewed the achievements of the warehousemen over the past several years, chief among which was the development of the arbitrary marketing agreement, establishment of Stabilization Corporation, which saved farmers millions of dollars in 1946-47 and the launching of Tobacco Associates, Inc., which will encourage export of tobacco and tobacco products.

A. C. Glee Club In Concert Here

The Atlantic Christian College Glee Club will appear in concert here next Sunday evening, it was announced by Rev. John L. Goff. The Glee Club of seventy voices is under the direction of Miss Harriet Fulton and has received many commendations for its fine work. Bill Peel of Macedonia Christian Church along with Betsy Manning, Jane and John L. Goff, Jr., of the Williamston Christian Church, are members of the club. The program will be given in the auditorium of the high school at 8:00 in order that ample accommodations might be offered all who attend. The public is cordially invited and no offering will be taken.

Robt. Cowen Gets Decisive Vote In Race For Mayor

Courtney, Worrell, Gurganus New Nominees; Harrison and Green Back

In the first municipal primary election ever held here local citizens went to the polls in record numbers yesterday and called for several changes in the town's governing personnel, nominating three new candidates for places on the board of commissioners and a new mayor. While there was some right keen bidding for commissioners' places, the electorate voted for rather than against any particular candidate, a study of the vote showing that only 47 tickets were scratched. There simply were not enough votes to go around.

In the contest for mayor, Robert L. Cowen led the ticket with 428 votes, a support that fell only eighteen short of a clear majority. John L. Hassell, the incumbent, was second with 232 votes. C. D. Carstarphen polled 150 votes to take third place and S. H. Grimes was next with 83 votes.

Ben D. Courtney, N. C. Green, K. D. Worrell, G. H. Harrison and John Hatton Gurganus led the ticket for commissioners. But here the race was unusually close, the final count leaving three candidates within 24 votes of fifth place, and the others with respectable votes.

The official count for commissioners as announced by Registrar John E. Pope after nearly three hours of tabulating, follows:

Ben D. Courtney, 468; N. C. Green, 434; K. D. Worrell, 413; G. H. Harrison, 374; John Hatton Gurganus, 365; A. J. Manning, 357; Lemar Barnhill, 349; David Moore, 342; Dillon Cobb, 308; L. P. Lindsley, 219; R. T. Griffin, 215; V. D. Godwin, 172; G. A. Harris, 102; and Homer Barnhill, 61.

Twelve of the fourteen candidates for commissioners polled simple majorities in the meaning of the term specified by the election laws. The five men leading the ticket polled a combined total of 2,054 votes against 2,124 polled by the other nine. No second primary is allowed under the special law passed by the recent legislature. While under the regular election laws none is possible in the race for commissioners, it would, under those regulations, be possible for the second high man in the race for mayor to call for a second contest.

Getting off to a rapid start soon after the polls were opened at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning, a heavy vote was maintained until (Continued on page five)

Lay Farm Tile In This County

A special machine was moved into this county a few days ago by the Coastal Plain Soil Conservation committee to lay approximately 40,000 feet of farm drain tile.

Several hundred feet of the tile were laid for Farmer C. Abram Roberson last week before unfavorable weather blocked activities. Work will be resumed on the old Garrett farm near Williamston as soon as possible, Conservationist Howard McKnight said yesterday.

The machine, digging a ditch about three feet deep at the rate of about 10 feet per minute, is rented to the farmers for a nominal sum. The cost, including tile, runs about 18 cents per foot, plus a small fee for the actual laying of the tile.

Continues Gravely Ill In The Hospital Here

Mr. Jesse Melson continues gravely ill in the local hospital, reports coming from his bedside Tuesday morning stating that he is taking very little nourishment and that he is conscious only for short periods.

Farm Outlook For The Current Year Briefly Reviewed

Prices Will Probably Weaken On Agricultural Front This Summer

Demand: The demand for farm products is expected to hold firm through June, but will probably weaken somewhat later in the year.

U. S. exports of agricultural products last year were over four times the prewar average in dollar value, and more than double the wartime average.

Total exports of farm products this year are expected to stay well above both the wartime and prewar averages. Wheat: Wheat prices, recently reached new 27-year highs and are expected to stay high for the rest of the marketing year.

The 1946 world wheat crop was the largest since 1939, and about 3 percent above the 1935-39 average, compared with 7 percent increase in world population since the beginning of the war.

Corn and Other Feeds: Market receipts of corn were the largest on record from last October to January, and will continue large until next October.

Less livestock feed will be used from now until September than during the same period a year ago.

The combined carry-over of corn, oats and barley into 1947-48 is expected to be 50 to 75 percent greater than last year, with most, if not all, of the increase in corn.

Potatoes: A 3-million bale carry-over of cotton is now in prospect for next August 1, the smallest since 1929.

Potatoes: Supplies of new potatoes are much smaller this year than last, but record supplies of old potatoes are holding prices down.

Revised large supplies of certified seed potatoes are available this year.

Livestock: Farmers had six percent fewer grain-consuming animal units on January 1 this year than last.

Tobacco: The acreage of flue-cured tobacco for harvest in North Carolina in 1947 promises to be greater than last year if present intentions of farmers are carried out. Acreage allotments have been cut slightly below 1946, however, growers have expressed the intention to plant closer to their allotments than last year. Reports from a sample of over 2,500 tobacco producers indicate (Continued from page five)

Lightning Strikes In Oak City Saturday

Striking in three places at or about the same time, lightning did considerable damage to a vacant house owned by S. W. Casper in Oak City about 7:00 o'clock Saturday morning. Shingles, knocked from the roof in fairly large numbers, were scattered over the yard, but the structure did not catch fire. It was reported that lightning struck two corners of the house and the gate post.

Squire J. B. Whitfield, sitting by the radio and putting on his socks, said a ball of fire nearly the size of a bushel basket popped out of the radio in his home. Asked why he dodged after the bolt struck, the justice of the peace said, "I did not have time to jump before hand."

NO RECORD

Pfc. Percy M. Shepard, said to have been a resident of this county, was reported killed in a truck accident in Japan last week. Few details of the accident were revealed in a brief dispatch filed by one of the press associations.

Checking the report here, an Enterprise reporter could not verify the address listed as Box 202, RFD 1, Williamston. A check of the draft board records revealed no such name, and rural mail carriers here said they knew no one by that name, and as far as it could be learned no telegraphic message of that nature has been handled here.