

## Recover Body Of Drowning Victim Early Wednesday

### No Formal Inquest Held For Johnny Wilder Who Lost His Life Saturday

The body of Johnny Wilder, 35-year-old colored man who drowned in Sweet Water Creek near here last Saturday afternoon, was recovered early Wednesday morning. The body surfaced after officers, relatives and friends had dragged the creek and dynamited the water in an effort to find the missing man.

Going to the creek about 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning to continue the search, Eddie Sheppard and Floyd Gorham found the body which had surfaced sometime during the night and held to about the same spot in the creek where he is believed to have drowned. The body was turned over to the Everett Funeral Home.

Making an investigation, Coroner S. R. Biggs said he was satisfied that the victim had not encountered foul play, that there were no bruises on the body which was described as being in a state of decomposition. No formal inquest was ordered held.

Wilder, a native of Bertie County, went fishing with James Walston Saturday afternoon. Using a boat they set two or three trot lines, and started home late in the day. Wilder told Walston to take the bicycle they had used jointly on the trip to the creek, explaining that he preferred to walk. He added that he would get the bicycle at Walston's home later. Walston said that Wilder had been drinking, but declared that he was "not out of the way."

Wilder was reported to have been seen a short time later in the boat just below the bridge with his head between his knees as if he was sleeping. That was the last time he was seen alive.

Officers are of the opinion that Wilder went back to fish the trot lines, that he encountered a wasp nest in a tree top that had fallen into the creek, and that he fell out of the boat when struck by the wasps. He was wearing a pair of boots while fishing, but they were missing when the body was recovered, officers stating that the man could have pulled or kicked them off after falling into the water.

The body was found just a few yards above the bridge and not far from the spot where he was last seen alive.

His was the fourth life to have been lost by drowning in county waters since last spring.

Employed by White's Tin Shop here for a number of years, Wilder was recognized as a dependable worker. He was a son of Guy and Ellen Dunstan Wilder and is survived by his widow, the former Roxie Everett, three daughters and a small son.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:00 o'clock.

## Tobacco Barn Burns In County Yesterday

A tobacco barn, belonging to Farmer Alvin Roebuck, was destroyed on his farm near Robersonville yesterday, resulting in a loss of more than \$1,600, according to unofficial reports reaching here.

Six other curing barns have been destroyed by fire on farms in this county this season.

## 9TH ANNIVERSARY

Brown's Community Hospital observed its ninth anniversary here last Sunday with an informal and brief program. Mrs. W. O. Griffin, following a welcome custom inaugurated by her nine years ago, presented the staff with a large and beautifully decorated cake which was greatly enjoyed and which featured the anniversary celebration.

Dr. V. E. Brown, owner-operator, and all members of the staff express their grateful appreciation to their many friends for the kind remembrances expressed during the day and for the cooperation and kindnesses advanced down through the years.

## CITIZENS OF TOMORROW



The Enterprise takes much pleasure in presenting another in a picture series of this section's "citizens of tomorrow." So far none has figured prominently in public affairs, but it is future citizens they have a tremendous assignment to handle in a muddled world. Certain they'll do a better job than has been done or is being done, The Enterprise presents the youngsters as the one great hope for the future.

Top row, left to right, Lela Frances, six, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harrell, Williamston; William, six, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Griffin, Williamston; Jean, five, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Trahey, Williamston; Bottom row, Henry Roy, eight, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Oakley, Williamston; Martha Vick, four, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leggett, Williamston; Kenny Boy, four, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Manning, Jr., Williamston.

## PETITION

A paper, supported by three signatures and petitioning the North Carolina State Board of Elections for a place on the November election ballot for the Wallace-Taylor ticket, has been placed in the hands of Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections.

The names on the petition were not disclosed, but one report stated that they had been properly checked and that the paper is being forwarded to the state board.

## Husband Is Not To Molest Wife

Declaring that they had had

Fannie Mullin appealed to the courts last Tuesday night for protection against her husband, James Mullin.

The prosecuting witness said that her husband ran her and their small adopted daughter away from home in Bear Grass last Saturday, that she found a home in Williamston. That night Mullin, while in a drunken condition, came to the new home, attacked the little girl, choked and slapped her (the wife).

Mullin said he loved the little girl, that he would not hurt her for anything, explaining that he was drunk at the time.

Hearing the evidence, Justice Johnson fined Mullin \$10 and taxed him with the cost. With a 30-day road sentence hanging over his head, Mullin is not to molest his wife during the next twelve months.

## Dies In An Auto On Local Street

Theodore Rhodes, 44-year-old colored farmer, died suddenly in an automobile on Washington Street in front of a doctor's office here at 3:15 o'clock last Sunday morning, the apparent victim of a heart attack.

Attending a tobacco barn on the Harrell Everett farm in Poplar Point Township earlier that night, Rhodes was said to have imbibed fairly freely of intoxicants and followed them with a liberal helping of water melon. Suffering with what was thought to have been indigestion, he took a dose of soda. When his condition grew worse he was placed in an automobile and delivered to the doctor's office, dying before the doctor could see him.

Rhodes, a dependable worker and one who never gave anyone trouble, had lived and worked on the Everett farm for 27 years. Surviving are his widow, two daughters and a son.

Funeral services were conducted in the Poplar Point Baptist Church yesterday afternoon. Interment was in the church cemetery.

## Bond Set In Gun Attack at Hearing Tuesday Evening

### Unable to Raise \$500 Bond Bill Winbush Continues In County Jail

Charged with firing two loads of gun shot into Jimmy Bryant's back early in the morning of July 18, Bill Winbush was placed under bond in the sum of \$500 at a preliminary hearing held before Justice R. T. Johnson in the courthouse here Tuesday evening. Unable to arrange bond, Winbush was returned to jail to await trial in the superior court during the term opening the third Monday in September.

Evidence offered at the hearing was contradictory, making it appear that tempers, aggravated by hot weather, and the free use of intoxicants played a part in the attack. The witnesses could not agree on but one thing; all of them declared that when Winbush yelled "gangway" David Bryant ran all over himself to make room, that he did not stop until he fell into a canal ditch near a tobacco barn where the attack took place on the Harrell Everett farm.

## Polio Victim Has Operation

While interest is centered in the current spread of polio, work continues almost unceasingly to restore those victims who came down with the malady one, two and three years ago. In some instances the work, made possible by the March of Dimes, is still carrying on with even older cases.

Young Miss Joyce Christine Lilley, falling victim of the disease several years ago, just recently underwent a major operation in Duke Hospital. "Surgery consisted of left subastragular arthrodesis, achilles tendon lengthening and arthroplasty of posterior tibial tendon," the report recently received by the Martin County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

More recently a patient was hospitalized in a Durham hospital. It was first thought the child had polio, but a complete diagnosis revealed the child was victim of another disease. But the bill was accepted by the Foundation.

There are other old cases receiving treatment, and while the funds of the chapter are almost depleted, no call for special funds is contemplated just now. Should an emergency arise, the county chapter will exhaust all its funds and then call for Foundation assistance, it was explained.

Naomi Little, two-year-old colored child who lives near Robersonville received treatment in a Durham hospital from the early part of this year until June at the expense of the Foundation fund in this county.

## Draw Juries For The County Court

Special juries were drawn this morning to hear two cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court, one next Monday and one the following Monday.

The names of the jurymen, including that of a colored citizen, drawn for service next Monday, include: Jasper Silverthorne, Wheeler Manning and John A. Manning, Jr., of Williamston, Roland Rogers and C. B. Bailey of Bear Grass, William H. Peel of Griffins, Spencer Burnett, colored of Goose Nest, Thurman Nicholson of Poplar Point and William Nathan Cherry of Cross Roads.

The names of those drawn to serve on August 9 are, as follows: A. S. Roberson, Jr., of Hamilton, H. E. Daniel of Jamesville, J. H. Ayers, Jr., and J. A. Everett, Jr., of Goose Nest, Arnold L. Roberson of Griffins, Mrs. Gilbert Smith of Robersonville, Gilbert Rawls of Bear Grass, B. S. Harrison of Williamston and Hugh Leggett of Cross Roads.

## Judge J. C. Smith Has Thirty Cases In County's Court

### Tribunal Completed Largest Docket In Weeks By Noon Monday

Faced with its largest docket in recent weeks, the Martin County Recorder's Court threw the wheels of justice into high gear and by noon Judge J. C. Smith and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson had handled thirty cases. The seasonal financial slump was reflected in the income, the court collecting only \$300 in fines from the numerous defendants.

Proceedings: Charged with non-support and appearing in court after his case had been continued for judgment, Charlie Ben Roberson was sentenced to the roads for twelve months, the judge suspending the sentence upon the condition that he pay the costs and \$12 a week for the support of his seven children.

Melvin D. Bennett, charged with speeding, failed to answer when called and papers were issued for his arrest.

In the case charging him with drunken driving, Tommie Griffin was fined \$100 and taxed with the cost, the court recommending that his license to operate a motor vehicle be revoked for twelve months.

The case charging Emas Dolberry with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license was dismissed.

Pleading guilty of speeding, Harvey Whichard, colored, was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

Lawrence V. Gatling, Raleigh man, was charged with drunken driving and carrying a concealed weapon. He entered a plea of nolo contendere, neither admitting nor denying the charge in the first count. He pleaded not guilty of carrying a concealed weapon.

On the first count he was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and lost his license to operate a car for twelve months. On the second count he was fined \$50.

Pleading guilty of "drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, William Howard Cherry had his case continued until next Monday.

Charged with drunken driving, Raymond Doleon Davis called for a jury trial and the case was set for trial on August 9.

Clinton Spivey failed to answer when called in the case charging him with drunken driving.

Auroli Rogers was sentenced to the roads for six months in the case charging him with non-support. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the costs and on condition that he pay \$10 a week for the support of his children during the next twelve months.

Maintaining his innocence in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, Lafayette Pearsall was adjudged guilty and drew four months on the roads.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging J. T. Perry with an assault.

Facing the court on a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon and obtaining gas without paying for it, William Price, Jesse Wynne and Edward Moble, three white

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## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motor highway accidents continue to increase in this county, the record to date holding well above the figures for the corresponding period in 1947 with one exception. The number of fatal accidents is one less so far.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend; first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

30th Week			
Accidents Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge	
1948	3	1	0 \$ 450
1947	3	2	0 725
Comparisons To Date			
1948	79	41	2 \$16,625
1947	66	31	3 14,525

## Meters Almost Ready For Use

The installation of parking meters is almost complete but it could not be learned today when they would be declared officially in use. Possibly parkers will start using the meters as rapidly as the gadgets are installed, but there is a possibility that no violations will be checked until the installation is completed.

## Closing Swimming Pool As A Polio Precautionary Step

Meeting this morning, members of the local recreation committee decided to close the municipal swimming pool as a precautionary measure against the spread of polio.

The pool will suspend operations possibly for the remainder of the season Saturday evening. It was learned that the pool has had very patronage these past few days or since the board of health suggested a voluntary quarantine on the movement of children sixteen years old and under.

The extension of the quarantine on a voluntary basis is being considered, but it will not effect assemblies in Sunday schools and other public places immediately. It was reliably learned. Some action of a more or less definite nature is expected next week with the possibility that a fairly strict ban on assemblies will go into effect.

It was pointed out that the swimming pool offered the greatest danger and the authorities did not hesitate to call for its closing. At the same time it was pointed out that confusion would result if assembly is continued in some instances and banned in other instances. Apparently there is no determined opposition to the voluntary ban, but leaders in various fields are of the opinion that the ban should be observed not after a haphazard fashion.

No cases of the disease have been reported, but should polio make its appearance in the county health authorities can be expected to clamp down with a ban.

## Congregation Ban Has Some Effect

A limited quarantine advanced on a voluntary basis as a precautionary measure against the spread of poliomyelitis in this county is having some effect, but is not measuring up to expectations, according to an unofficial report heard here today. Whether an iron-clad quarantine will be clamped on the movement of children sixteen years of age and under depends on the response received by the appeal. No cases have yet been reported in nearby counties. Should the disease make its appearance in this county it is quite likely that a quarantine would be ordered.

The number of polio cases is pushing on toward the 1,000 mark, but health authorities believe a climax has been reached. However, the epidemic is likely to count 1,200 victims before it is more or less fully checked by cooler weather in September and October.

So far this year, 3,682 cases have been reported in this county, the count being the greatest since 1931 when 4,138 cases were reported. The worst epidemic on record was recorded in 1916 when there were 9,345 cases. Authorities are of the opinion that the total number of cases this year will exceed the count recorded in 1931.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is sending to this State \$100,000 to help in the present emergency, it was announced this week.

## Painfully Hurt In Farm Accident

Mrs. Lizzie Rogers was painfully hurt in a farm accident in the Bear Grass community late last Tuesday afternoon. Pitching in to help with the farm chores while others were busy with the tobacco harvest, Mrs. Rogers was leading a cow to the barn when a dog frightened the cow and the animal jumped. The lead rope caught around Mrs. Rogers' foot, snatched her down and broke her left thigh.

Given first aid treatment Mrs. Rogers was removed to the local hospital where she was reported this morning to be getting along as well as could be expected.

## Education Board To Meet Monday

Meeting in regular session here next Monday, the Martin County Board of Education will discuss routine matters and consider dates for opening the county schools for the fall term. The schedule will be a tentative one, representatives of the board explaining that the polio epidemic trend could alter the plans.

Very little new business has been placed on the board calendar for consideration.

## Australian Style Immigration Law Turns Auto Over On Country Road

Joe Daniels, Beaufort County colored man, turned his car over on the Holly Springs-Farm Life Road last Sunday night. Having little value before the wreck, the old 1937 model car was all fixed up for the junk pile.

Apparently the driver was trying to negotiate a curve while driving too fast. The accident was not reported and Patrolman J. T. Rowe, learning of the wreck the next week, started a search for Daniels. He is being charged with failing to report an accident on the highways.

## Funeral Service Thursday at 3:30 For Asa J. Taylor

### Young Bear Grass Man Made Supreme Sacrifice In Italy In 1944

Funeral services for Pfc Asa J. Taylor, 21, who was killed in action June 2, 1944, in Italy, will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 3:30 at the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church near Bear Grass by Rev. Hamilton, pastor, and Elder A. B. Ayers, Primitive Baptist minister of Bear Grass. Following the service in the church, a detail from the Murray R. Cargile Post of the American Legion will have charge of the graveside rites in the Jackson family cemetery not far from Bear Grass.

The body, accompanied by a military escort, is being moved from a Robersonville funeral home this afternoon in time for the service at 3:30 o'clock.

Pfc. Taylor was killed in action at Anzio, Italy, after serving less than a year with the 36th infantry division. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action. He was a member of the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church in Bear Grass Township.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Taylor of near Bear Grass, five brothers, Heber, Oscar and George Taylor, Jr., of the home, Robert Taylor of Grimesland and Leman Taylor of Williamston, and four sisters, Louise of the home, Susie Gray Taylor and Lillian Taylor of Williamston and Mrs. Simon Harrison of near the home.

Asa J. Taylor was born in Bear Grass Township on April 12, 1923, the son of George Robert and Annie Jackson Taylor. He entered the service on May 26, 1943, with Bernard Rogerson, a neighborhood companion who also made the supreme sacrifice in Italy on May 26, 1944.

Following his basic training, at Fort McClellan, Alabama, he was

ordered to Italy. He was graduated from the Bear Grass High School with high honors, and was a young man possessed of an admirable reputation and much promise for the future.

## Critically Injured When Hit by Mule

(Robersonville Herald) Benjamin Warren, son of William Warren, suffered serious injuries Monday night on the farm of David Grimes, Jr., as a result of a blow from a mule he was feeding.

The kick from the mule which landed above the temple on the left side of the boy's head, had sufficient force to throw the boy some distance. Mr. David Grimes accompanied the boy and his father to Rocky Mount where Benjamin was placed in Parkview Hospital. X-rays were taken showing the skull to be completely cracked around the head and shattered in some places and an operation was performed immediately removing some of the shattered bone from the brain tissue.

If infection does not set in, doctors state that the boy stands a good chance of recovery.

## FORESIGHT

Amidst the pros and cons and friendly arguments over the installation of parking meters on local streets emerges a humorous comment, or is it really serious?

L. R. Donaldson, North Houghton Street merchant and a disinterested observer of the installations now in progress on the "River Road" (Main Street) and "Wall Street" (Washington), was quoted yesterday as saying, "Williamston has a great deal of foresight. Its officials know the Republicans are going in next January and they have already started installing hitching posts for horses and mules pulling Hoover carts."