

## Another Series of Road Accidents On County Roads

### Six Persons Injured In As Many Vehicle Wrecks In Past Few Days

At least six persons were injured, none critically, and a property damage estimated in excess of \$1,000 resulted in a series of six highway accidents in this county during the past week-end. The week-end business of wreck 'em up and tear 'em down boosted the total number of accidents for the first week in this month to nine, the injured count to eight and the property loss to more than \$1,500.

The first in the series of accidents was reported last Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock when Willie Richard Hudgins, colored man, lost control of his 1937 Chevrolet and ditched it at Wynne's Cross Roads on the old Williamston-Greenville Highway, breaking his left hand and doing about \$250 damage to his car. Patrolman Ed Simmons, assisted by Patrolman Jno. Rowe, investigated the wreck and delivered Hudgins and his two passengers to a Williamston doctor's office for treatment. The other two were not badly hurt. Patrolman Rowe said.

Driving west on Highway 64 between Robersonville and Everetts last Friday night about 11:30 o'clock, Jos. W. Ferrell, Jr., of Currituck Courthouse, turned out to avoid striking Louis Leggett of Everetts who was riding a bicycle in the same direction. Driving a 1947 Chevrolet, Ferrell was rounding the grave yard curve near Collie Swamp and hit Irving Smith's 1947 Oldsmobile. Ferrell was thrown out of his car and thrown to the concrete, suffering an arm cut and painful bruises. No one else was hurt. The car went wild, tore down a well curbing and came to a stop in a corn field about 100 yards away. Ferrell was returning from a football game in Tarboro, and one of the boys riding in the front seat with him, tried to steer and stop the car, "but I saw so many trees that I could not do much," he told Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation. Mr. Smith kept his car under control. Damage to the Chevrolet was estimated at \$100, Patrolman Parker stating that repairs to the Smith car would cost approximately \$150.

Only minor damage resulted when a Chevrolet driven by Geo. Ayers of Hassell and a Dodge driven by Mrs. Sally Manning bumped together at the intersection of Houghton Street and Simmons Avenue here early last Saturday evening.

Israel Blount, driving his 1936 Ford toward his home on the Sheppard Mill Road not far from the Martin-Pitt boundary, lost control of his machine. He ditched it.

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## Miss Bertha Ward Dies In Parmele

Miss Bertha A. Ward died Saturday at her home in Parmele after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held from the home Monday at 3 p. m. with the Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., pastor of Bethel Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery. Surviving are one brother, Luke L. Ward of the home; four sisters, Mrs. E. C. Andrews of Parmele, Mrs. H. L. Williams of Greenville, Annie and Nellie Ward, of the home; three nieces and six nephews.

## Infant Dies At Home Of Parents Near Jamesville

Eleanor Joyce Jones, seven days old, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones, near Jamesville, last Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted there Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. Preston Cayton, pastor of Christian Chapel and Macedonia Church and interment was in the family cemetery near the home.

Surviving besides her parents are one sister and six brothers.

## Three Injured In Friday Accident

Three persons were painfully hurt and considerable property damage resulted when a new 1949 Ford Tudor sedan owned by Anne Beasley and driven by Edgar Gurganus and a motorcycle with sidecar attached crashed in front of Sunny Side Inn on U. S. Highway 17 last Friday night shortly after 11:00 o'clock.

Walter L. Paccety, of Scotland Neck, driving the motorcycle, suffered face injuries, bruises and shock. Joe R. Cherry, 67-year-old paralytic also of Scotland Neck, suffered a head injury, and Stuart C. Later, a passenger on the motorcycle, had one hand injured badly. Robert Wayne Carbello riding with Later in the motorcycle sidecar was not hurt. Patrolman M. F. Powers, investigating the accident, reported Carbello and Later, Marines stationed at Camp Lejeune, were hitchhiking north.

Gurganus, driving south on the highway, told officers he slowed down to about five miles to make a left turn into the Inn grounds, that he saw no approaching vehicle, that he saw no light.

The car bared its right side and the motorcycle plowed into it, throwing the driver and his three passengers off. No one in the car was hurt. Very little damage was done to the motorcycle but Patrolman Powers said that repairs to the car will possible cost \$400.

The injured were removed to the local hospital in a Biggs ambulance.

## Victim Of Wreck Dies In Hospital

James White, 42-year-old migratory worker, who suffered a broken neck in a truck accident on the Roanoke River fill near here Monday afternoon of last week, died two days later in the local hospital. Paralyzed from the neck down, he was given little chance to recover, the X-rays showing that the Atlas bone was broken in the shape of an "S".

White's wife who suffered a broken hip and their ten-year-old daughter who suffered internal injuries continue in the hospital, and they are recovering along with a fourth victim of the wreck.

The Whites, workers who had followed the harvest from Florida early in the spring as far as New Jersey, were returning to their home in Florida with twenty-two other workers. Milton Sturgis, driver of the truck belonging to C. Hudson of Mount Vernon, Maryland, is being held in the Bertie County jail and is to be arraigned on a manslaughter charge.

White's body was shipped last Friday to the family home in Bell Glade, Florida, for burial at Palm Beach.

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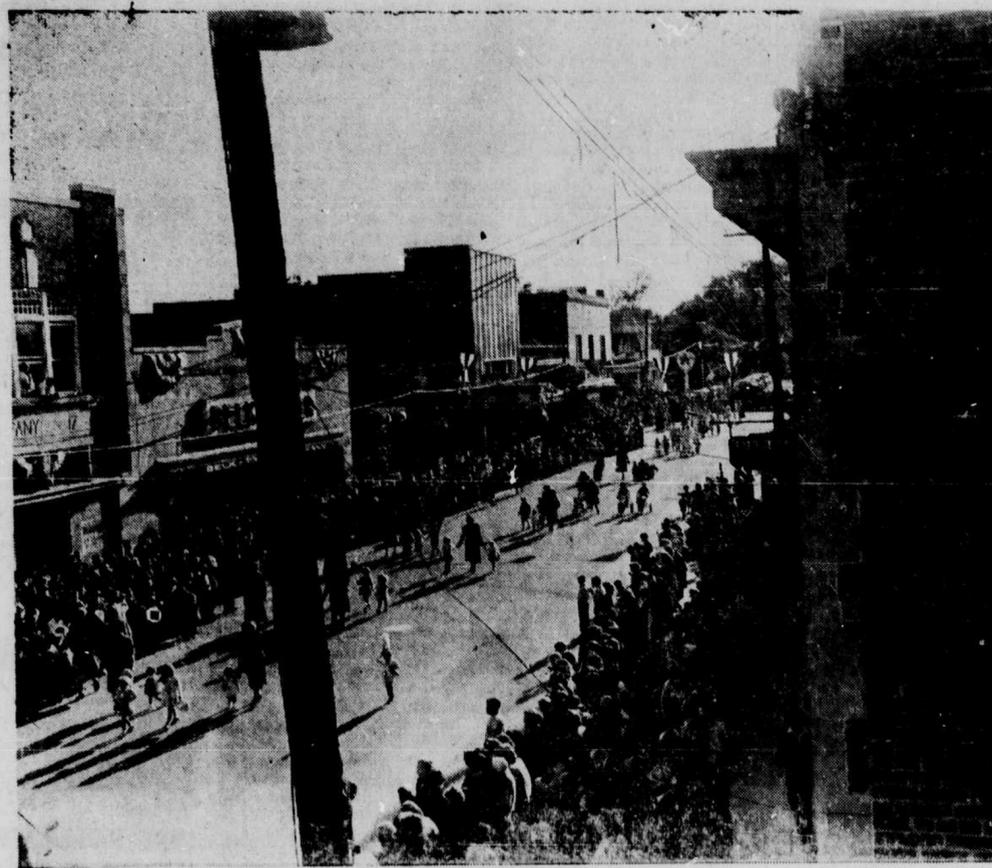
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## ROUND-UP

Eleven persons were arrested and temporarily detained by local, county and state officers in their last week-end round-up. Six were charged with public drunkenness, and one each with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, drunken driving, assault and issuing a worthless check. The eleventh one was held for investigation.

Five of the eleven were white and the ages of the group ranged from 18 to 42 years.

## Peanut Festival Baby Parade Moves Down Street



One of the high spots in Williamston's recent and very successful Peanut Festival was the baby parade. Pictured above are a few of the nearly one hundred little tots as they moved down the main street toward the judges' stand. It was estimated that more than three thousand persons lined the street from Washington Street to S stand so that the little folks could hardly make their way along.

## 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 as 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.

Reading from left to right are Bobby, five; Mary Ann, five months, Billy, eight and Ralph, six, sons and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowen of Route 2, Williamston, and the three children of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bowen of Route 2, Williamston.

## Critically Hurt In Farm Accident

William Peel, 28-year-old farmer of Bear Grass Township, was critically injured in a farm accident there last Wednesday evening, but reports from the local hospital today stated he was holding his own and resting very well.

Standing on top of a truck load of hay which he was unloading, the young farmer lost his balance and fell, pulling a bale of the hay after him. He was not materially hurt in the fall, but the bale of hay fell on his back near the side, injuring him internally.

At first he was only sore and he went to bed at home, thinking his injury was just of a minor nature. Thursday morning, his condition seemed much worse and he was moved to the hospital almost at the point of death. Reports state that newly developed drugs were used to revive him and that several blood transfusions helped save his life.

While his condition continues serious, recovery is expected if no complications develop.

## PICKIN' UP

Fairly quiet during the last sales and since the tobacco market closed, business is now gaining momentum locally.

The two peanut plants started operations a few days ago, and the Marvil Package Company, idle several weeks while repairs and alterations were made to the plant, resumed operations here yesterday.

## To Print More Baby Pictures

The Enterprise has entered into a contract with the Royal Photographic Center here to take pictures of babies and youngsters up to twelve years of age for publication in its columns. A similar contract was in effect for several months, and since all the pictures taken under that arrangement have been published, the paper is anxious to have others for publication.

Pictures may be taken at the convenience of the parents any day in the week between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. at the studio over the Firestone store next to the Guaranty Bank in Williamston. The arrangement is necessarily limited to a certain time and those who would want pictures of their children made for publication are asked to make arrangements with the studio without delay.

Under the first contract the pictures of almost three hundred little tots were published.

## Funeral For Jones Infant Held In Griffins Township

Funeral services were conducted at the graveside in the Manning Cemetery in Griffins Township on Saturday, October 30, for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones. The child, one and one-half days old, died in a Washington hospital. The service was conducted by Rev. W. B. Harrington.

Surviving besides his parents are two brothers, Ernest, Jr., and Larry Mitchell Jones.

## Alleged Robbers Here For Short While Thursday

Damage Furnishings In Room And Skip Bill At Local Hotel

Alleged to have held up Edgar Parker of Elizabeth City and stolen his car, \$25 in cash, watch and jewelry, between Edenton and Windsor last Wednesday night, two young men later registered in the local hotel where they spent several hours before continuing on their way.

The meager description offered by the robbery victim fitted the two youths who apparently were in their early twenties and who registered under the names of Jimmy Young and Charles C. O'Brian, 79th Street, New York City. The two boys registered at the hotel with Clerk Dennis Griffin about 3:00 o'clock Thursday morning, almost two hours after they had robbed Parker. Their appearance in the hotel was accepted as a matter of course and their acts caused no suspicion.

Later in the morning they disappeared, leaving the hotel without paying their lodging bill. The hotel management that afternoon learned that the room occupants had damaged furniture and cut the venetian blinds all to pieces, leaving several empty liquor bottles.

Parker, the victim of the robbery, was reported to have picked up the pieces.

## Open Inspection Lane Wednesday

A lane for the inspection of motor vehicles will be reopened here on Warren Street Wednesday of this week and will continue open through next Tuesday with the possibility that Thursday of this week will be observed as a holiday. No official announcement was made, and it is not certain if the lane will operate on Thursday, Armistice Day.

November 30 is the last day motor vehicles of the 1940 and 1942 models may be driven without inspection stickers. All motor vehicles of the year model 1941 and 1949 shall be inspected on or before December 31, 1949. Other models may be inspected.

## 1,529

Meeting last Friday evening, Martin County Farm Bureau canvassers reported that 1,529 members had been signed in the current membership drive, that possibly 150 or more others had been signed but had not been reported.

The drive is about 500 short of the goal. President Chas. L. Daniel announced that plans are being made to complete the canvass by the 19th of this month when another meeting of the canvassers will be held in the courthouse.

## Doesn't Care For 'Publican Listing

Registering no opposition to pranksters who would vote for him by writing in his name on an election ballot, Farmer W. Clarence Wallace declared that it was going a bit too far when the prankster chose to place his name in the Republican column.

Explaining that he had never been associated with the Republican party in any way, and that he wanted nothing to do with it, Mr. Wallace declared that he had always been a Democrat, had always worked for the Democratic Party and would continue to work for the Democratic Party just as long as he was able.

Mr. Wallace was not a candidate for any office, but some pranksters, acting in fun surely, wrote his name in on the Jamesville Township constable ballot, just as they did in several other instances.

## LIMITED

A limited holiday will be in effect here for Armistice Day on Thursday of this week. According to incomplete reports, general business will be maintained as usual, but the post office and banks and liquor store will be closed all day. There'll be no deliveries in the town or in the rural sections, but parcel post will be delivered locally. Postmaster W. E. Dunn said. The offices of the Virginia Electric and Power Company will close Thursday afternoon.

No program has been planned here to mark the observance of the day.

## Mrs. Joseph Lee Dies In County

Mrs. Mary Louise Lee, 68, died at her home near Williamston between 4 and 6:00 o'clock last Sunday morning, apparently of a heart attack. She had been in declining health for several years but was getting along very well when she retired Saturday night after visiting friends in Williamston about 10:00 o'clock that evening.

Members of the family heard her cough about 4:00 o'clock, but she was thought to be all right at that time. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert E. Lee, went to the room to call her about six o'clock and found her dead.

Mrs. Lee was born in this county on August 22, 1880, the daughter of the late John and Pattie Leggett Hollis. In early womanhood she was married to Joseph Lee who died twenty-three years ago.

Joining the church at Spring Green when she was sixteen years of age, she was one of the oldest members there.

Funeral services were conducted at the church there Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the pastor, Elder Wm. E. Grimes, and interment was in the Stanley Leggett Cemetery in Poplar Point Township.

Surviving are one son, Robert E. Lee with whom she made her home; a daughter, Mrs. C. L. Norris of Williamston; three brothers, Joe Hollis of Poplar Point, Stanley Hollis of Norfolk, and Bill Hollis of Hamilton Township; and five grandchildren.

## J. D. Bland Dies In Scotland Neck

Johnnie D. Bland, native of this county, died at his home, 216 Ninth Street, Scotland Neck, Sunday night at 11:00 o'clock, the victim of a heart attack. He was taken ill suddenly and died before medical aid could reach him.

The son of the late John Thomas Bland and Maggie Taylor Bland, he was born in Cross Roads Township on March 3, 1886. He spent his early life there and located in Norfolk where he was married to Lucy Saunders. Surviving that union is a daughter, Bernice, of Norfolk. He returned to this county about sixteen years ago and located in Williamston where he wrote industrial insurance for several years before moving to a farm in Griffins Township, locating in Scotland Neck about eight years ago to engage in the insurance business.

His second marriage was to Miss Beulah Griffin of Griffins Township. Besides his widow and daughter, he is survived by a half-sister, Mrs. Maggie Bland Roberson of Williamston.

He had not been in very good health for some time, and only three weeks ago he came here to select a plot in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Biggs Funeral Home here this afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. Rev. John L. Goff is conducting the last rites.

## Note Correction In Tuesday's Vote

Unable to get an official count in time for the last Thursday edition, The Enterprise carried only an unofficial version of the Tuesday, November 2, election.

An official check shows that all the Republicans lacked in being "skunked" in Griffins Township was a lone vote.

It was first reported that the precinct went solidly Democratic except for one vote cast for Thurmond.

## Local Boy Honored At A. C. College

John L. Goff, son of Rev. and Mrs. John Goff of Williamston, was one of ten students of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, to represent the institution in "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges." Goff is a senior in the college.

## County Farmers Asking For Farm Ownership Loans

### Twenty-two Farmers Already Have Liquidated Loans In the County

More Martin county tenant farmers than usual are applying for farm ownership loans this season, says James C. Eubanks, County Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration. Nearly twice as many applications are coming in now as at this time last year, with about one-fourth of the applications from Veterans, Eubanks reports.

Many tenants, especially veteran tenants, have observed the success of those now on their farms, and have decided to make a start for themselves. This accounts primarily for the increased number of applications being received.

The farm ownership program is now in its eleventh year in Martin County. During this time forty farm families have bought farms in this county through this type of credit. About 60,000 of these loans have been made throughout the country in the past eleven years.

The Farmers Home Administration makes and insures loans only on farms that can be bought, enlarged, or improved at prices in line with their normal earning capacity value, Mr. Eubanks said. "After one of our trained appraisers goes over the place, the county committeemen consider his findings and make final certification as to the farm's value," he added. They also decide whether the applicant is eligible for a loan. Chairman of the county committee is Mr. William J. Beach of Hamilton. Other members are Mr. Garland H. Forbes of Everetts, and Mr. Robert J. Hardison of Williams.

Veterans receive preference for the agency's farm ownership loans. Loans bear 4 percent interest and the repayment period runs for 40 years, but borrowers refinance their loans as soon as they can do so at satisfactory rates and terms.

Frequently borrowers pay out many years in advance, Eubanks said. In this county 22 families who could not get adequate credit elsewhere have paid off their loans in 4 to 7 years, and are now independent farm owners. Many of the others are making steady progress and are ahead on their repayments.

The 22 borrowers who have paid out in full, had they allowed their payments to run for the 40 year period, would have paid in \$80,344.22 in interest alone. By repaying these loans in the shorter length of time actually paid \$15,227.33 in interest. The great savings is not only in the interest.

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## Little More For Children's Fund

A few more dollars were added to the United Nations Crusade for Children Fund in this county during the past few days, Mrs. N. C. Green, treasurer, reported yesterday.

Contributions not previously acknowledged include the following: Mrs. W. L. Taylor, \$1; Miss Grace Talton's first grade, 40c; Mrs. C. H. Godwin, Sr., \$2; Martin-Elliott Co., \$5.

So far a total of \$1,143.72 of a \$2,500 goal has been raised in this county for the hungry children in the war-stricken countries.

## JOKES

The jokes and wise comments, flowing from the fun foundry established following Truman's victory over Dewey, are beginning to trickle down.

The comment, "Dewey lost in a Gallup (Gallup poll) and Truman won in a walk," about sizes up the bright sayings. Any number are telling jokes a little bit on the smutty side, but those who dared bet twenty to one have not recovered sufficiently to enjoy the fun.