

Friendship Train To Make Run In Martin County Next Month

Charge Father With Son's Fatal Stabbing

Cash Allowance Is Said To Be Cause Of the Fatal Attack

Dave Brooks, Anticipating His Arrest, Got Business "Straightened Out"

Dave Brooks, 75-year-old colored man, was arrested Monday afternoon and formally charged with the murder of his son, George Brooks, 24, at their humble home in the Piney Woods section of Jamesville Township last Wednesday evening. Selling his hogs and "straightening out" his business, the old man told Deputies J. H. Roebuck and Buck Holloman that he anticipated their call, and that he was ready to go to jail.

Believed to have been in a drunken condition when his son was fatally stabbed with a paring knife, the old man has been closely associated with the attack, but he has not yet admitted it. Officers say it is possible that the father was too drunk to remember clearly the actual attack, but he has told enough, officers believe, to support a bill of indictment.

Much damaging evidence was uncovered by the arresting officers Monday after they had investigated the first stories told by the father. The old man first claimed that two men brought him home and threw him into the house. That story has been discredited as the victim was last seen walking toward home late that afternoon.

The victim, it was learned, had been receiving \$100 a month from the government under the GI Bill of Rights for farmers. The son divided a goodly portion of the amount with his father until some few weeks ago when he allowed the father just enough cash to buy "grub" for the two of them, dividing the remainder rather freely with a woman.

The father had quarreled with the son about it, and it was learned that the boy had been threatened by the father on at least two occasions.

Miss Taylor Died In Hospital Last Saturday Evening

Funeral Held Monday Afternoon in Poplar Point Presbyterian Chapel

Miss Anna Mildred Taylor, popular student nurse in the Tayloe Hospital, Washington, died there last Saturday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock following a short illness. Although she had not enjoyed the best of health, she was getting along very well until last Friday when she was taken suddenly ill and removed to the hospital.

The daughter of Monroe and Audrey Harrell Taylor, she was born eighteen years ago on November 29, 1929, and made her home in Poplar Point all her life until she entered the nurses' school the first of October, this year. Miss Taylor was graduated last spring from the Oak City High School where she was popular with her classmates, and had great promise as a student nurse and a friend of the sick.

Surviving are her parents, two brothers, Edgar and Durward Taylor; and two sisters, Thelma and Shirley Ann Taylor, all of the home.

Miss Taylor was a member of the Hamilton Missionary Baptist Church and her pastor, Rev. E. R. Stewart, conducted the funeral service in the Poplar Point Presbyterian Chapel not far from the home on the Hamilton-Williamston Highway Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

TOY COLLECTION

Sponsoring a Christmas Cheer program this holiday season, local Jaycees will canvass the town next Sunday afternoon for discarded toys and other items suitable for gifts. Householders are cordially urged to place their bundles on porches for the canvass which will get underway at 2:30 o'clock that afternoon.

The movement will get a ready response from quite a few little tots at Christmas time, and everyone is asked to participate.

Warren E. Everett Dies Suddenly At Washington Home

Funeral Service Held Monday for Former Resident; Burial In Cemetery Here

Warren Edward Everett, 39, a native of this county and for a number of years a resident of Williamston, died suddenly at his home in Washington Park, Washington, Sunday morning at 3:45 o'clock. Experiencing heart trouble for several years, Mr. Everett had been getting along very well until about a month ago when he had an attack of pneumonia and his heart condition was aggravated. However, he apparently had recovered and was in his usual health when he retired last Saturday evening. About one o'clock he suffered a slight attack but his condition was not regarded as critical until about two hours later when he suffered another attack, death following within a short time.

The son of the late James Arnold and Roland Ora Taylor Everett, he was born near Williamston on January 6, 1910, and spent his early life on the farm. Moving here with his family, he attended the local schools and finished his education at Buie's Creek and Randolph Macon Academy. In business with his brother, J. Robt. Everett, for several years, he accepted a position with the Standard Fertilizer Company and located in Washington about 1934 where he became well known as a business man and citizen.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Esther Godley of Bath; a daughter, Wynne Jane and a son, Warren Edward, Jr.; a sister, Mrs. C. B. Swain of Norfolk; and three brothers, James Robert and William Harrell Everett, both of Williamston, and Joseph H. Everett of Norfolk.

Funeral services were conducted in the Washington Christian Church yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. M. Elmore Turner, and interment was in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery here. Mr. Everett was a Mason and members of the order were in charge of the last rites at the graveside.

Small Child Recovering From Serious Illness

Laurel Cherry, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Cherry, continues to improve at her home in West End after successfully undergoing a serious throat operation a week ago in a Washington hospital. The child choked on a piece of orange and a small particle of it passed into the windpipe and lung. Pneumonia resulted and for several days her condition was considered critical. However, this week after further treatment she is greatly improved.

IMPROVING

A patient in a Washington hospital for ten days, Mr. Van G. Taylor was reported improving there this morning.

Speaker Meets Festival Queen



(Photo by courtesy Royal Photographic Center)
Army Secretary Kenneth Royall, coming here as the feature speaker on the town's recent Peanut Festival program takes time out to meet the festival queen, Miss Katie Leggett.

Farm Committee To Be Elected Thursday

ROUND-UP

Local, county and state law enforcement officers rounded up and temporarily detained ten persons in the county jail, including one female, eight colored male and one white male. Seven were booked for public drunkenness, two for assaults and one for possession of illegal liquor.

Family In Dire Circumstances

Reliable reports received here this week stated that a family in a nearby township was finding itself in dire circumstances, the reports declaring that the father and two children were invalids, that the mother was in poor health and a son, the only able-bodied one in the group, had not been able to work on account of weather conditions.

The father, almost sixty years of age, underwent a major operation some months ago and has to be lifted from the bed into a rolling chair. One son and the daughter are paralyzed in their legs and are virtually helpless.

Neighbors have contributed to their support and a small amount is allowed by the Welfare Department, but it was declared that the need for additional aid is imperative.

Nominees Up For Election In The County Thursday

Delegates To Meet and Elect County Committee At Meeting Friday

The first steps in electing community and county committeemen under Triple A program were taken last Friday evening when comparatively small numbers of farmers met in their respective districts and nominated delegates to the county convention and offered nominees for the community elections to be held on Thursday of this week.

Several changes are fairly certain in the Triple A personnel this coming year, reports stating that some of the old committeemen are resigning after long years of service.

Following the community elections which will be held Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 6:00 p. m. in the regular voting places, the duly elected delegates will meet Friday in the county agricultural building and elect a county committee. The voting for both of the Robersonville districts will be held in the G and S Motor Company building in Robersonville, it was announced.

The lists below, arranged by districts, show the delegate and committee nominees in order, as follows:
Jamesville, I. J. Carl Griffin and H. A. Sexton. For committee: H. A. Sexton, Howard Hardison, Arthur Modlin, Edgar Hopewell, G. L. Cooper, G. E. Martin and J. R. Williams.

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Resume Trial Of Civil Calendar in Superior Court

Fairly Large Crowds Are In Attendance For Second Week Sessions

After recessing for the Thanksgiving holidays, the Martin County Superior Court resumed the trial of civil cases Monday with Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn on the bench. While the court worked less than three days last week, it is now expected that the tribunal will continue in session well into Friday of this, the second of the two-week term called for the trial of civil cases only.

Fairly large crowds were in attendance for the first sessions this week, but it was learned that nearly one-fourth of the crowd included jury and most of the others present were litigants and court officers and lawyers, the latter group including several from other counties.

Asking for further judgment against Archie Mobley, Mrs. Dorothy Mobley was allowed \$25 a month for the support of their eleven-year-old daughter. For the past several years, the court had allowed \$12.50 a month for the support of the child. The new allowance becomes effective January 1.

After spending much time hearing evidence in the damage suit brought by D. G. Matthews against Veneer Products Company, the court was advised that the plaintiffs would take a voluntary non-suit. The plaintiff was asking damages alleged to have resulted when the defendant's trucks hauled timber from certain farms belonging to the plaintiff.

In the case of H. H. Cowen against C. E. Jenkins, the court ordered the defendant to remove a fence from a point now involved in a boundary line dispute. The defendant was given a week to comply with the court order.

Today the court is working on the case of W. V. Ormond against D. G. Matthews. The case originated some years ago when the plaintiff claims he turned over certain property to the defendant to collect the rents as an offset to a loan, maintaining that the property should revert back to the plaintiff when the debt was satisfied. The defendant claims the plaintiff deeded the property to him at the time.

IMPROVING

Undergoing treatment in a Rocky Mount hospital, Mr. G. H. Harrison was reported improved today, the patient expressing the hope that he'd be able to be back home shortly, "but I'll have to await doctor's orders," he said.



Officers Continuing Drive On Illicit Liquor Business

Martin County ABC Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck and his assistant, Deputy Roy Peel, are continuing an effective drive against the illicit liquor business. Reports maintain that the illicit trade will go forward on a very limited scale in the county this holiday season.

Following a heavy blow struck at the business the early part of last week in Bear Grass Township, the officers shifted to Jamesville Township and wrecked two plants. Weather conditions have hampered the business considerably these past few weeks, and that with the work of the law is certain to hold the flow of white liquors to a drip or two, figuratively speaking.

One of the two plants was wrecked back of Dardens, Officer Roebuck said. It was equipped with a 50-gallon capacity copper still and four fermenters. The officers poured out 200 gallons of beer there. The still was on old one, but it had been set up in a new location, the officers taking it before operations could be resumed.

People To Be Asked To Fill Railroad Box Car With Food For Starving Victims Of War

First County Man Answers Peacetime Draft Summons

The peace-time draft got down to business but in a small way in this county Monday when John Junior Graham, young Williamston colored man, reported to the recruiting station in Raleigh. After taking a new series of examinations there he will be transferred to an army station.

Graham was one of two men to pass the first pre-induction examinations some weeks ago. The second man to pass the preliminary tests married since he registered and since his status could not be determined immediately his induction was delayed.

A report has just been received from the pre-induction center

in Fayetteville, stating that only two of the sixteen Martin County men reporting for preliminary examinations on Thursday, November 18, passed. No call for their final induction has been received, it was learned from the county draft board this week.

Calls have been received for more men to report for pre-induction examinations after Christmas. Three are to report to Fayetteville on Wednesday, December 29, and fifteen are to report for the preliminary tests on Thursday, December 30.

Several of those answering the November 18 call had been rejected for service during World War II, it was learned.

REACH QUOTA

The annual Martin County Farm Bureau membership drive has reached and passed its quota of 2,000 members, but the canvassers are working to push the total to the 2,300 goal, President Chas. L. Daniel said this week.

Meeting last Thursday evening, the canvassers reported 2,070 members, and agreed at that time to continue the drive for an additional 200 members.

Committees Busy On School Ground

Special committees named by V. J. Spivey, P. T. A. president, are pushing plans to improve the grammar school grounds. The dirt is expected to fly on Thursday and Friday of this week when fourteen expertly picked men start handling special assignments, looking forward to the transplanting of shrubbery there. The following committee members are being notified of their assignments: Harrell Everett, Iverson Skinner, John Goff, J. C. Eubanks, Hildreth Mobley, Marvin Britton, John Henry Edwards, Bill Glover, J. C. Cooke, James B. Peele, Edward Corey, Abner Brown, Jesse Sumner, H. F. McKnight, F. E. Weston and K. P. Lindsey.

To supplement that project, a special committee, composed of Marvin Britton, W. I. Skinner and R. E. Manning, is to go before the next meeting of the town commissioners and ask that the ditch back of the grammar school be tied.

Wm. Williams, Jr. Died In Hospital At Noon Saturday

Funeral Held In The Baptist Church Sunday Afternoon For Local Young Man

William Howell Williams, Jr., 40, died in a Washington hospital at noon last Saturday following a long period of declining health. During the past eight months he had received hospital treatment at intervals and was getting along very well until the early part of last week when he returned to the hospital for treatment. His condition became critical the latter part of the week and little hope was held for his recovery.

The son of William H. and Carrie Ross Williams, he was born in Williamston on May 22, 1908. After finishing the local schools he engaged with his father in the painting contracting business and interior decorating.

He was a member of the Memorial Baptist Church and was very popular among the young men of the town.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Elva V. Shoe of Greenville; two daughters, Elva Jo and Sharon Ross Williams, both of the home; his parents; four sisters, Mrs. W. R. Mercer of Fountain, Mrs. Carroll F. Overton of Ahoskie, Mrs. J. V. Price of Raleigh, and Mrs. Joe H. Stallings of Tarboro; and one brother, James L. Williams of Williamston.

Funeral services were conducted in the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. Stewart B. Simms. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Undergoes Operation In Durham Hospital

Experiencing much trouble with her eyes, Miss Joan Peel, local high school student and daughter of Mrs. John R. Peel, underwent an operation in a Durham hospital last week-end. Doctors expressed the hope that the operation will help relieve the eye condition.

Plans To Represent Farm Bureau At Meet

Allowed a portion of his expenses by the State Organization, Farmer George C. Griffin of Griffiths is planning to represent the county at the national meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation to be held in Atlantic City on December 9.

The county organization expects to send one or two delegates.

Move To New Home

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Saunders moved into their new home on Halifax Street last week.

Jesse Sumner And Mayo Little Will Head Undertaking

Nearly Every County in the State Working to Build Up 100-Car Train

Tentative plans were laid at a meeting of representative citizens and groups in the courthouse Monday evening for operating a Friendship Train in Martin County early in December. "We sincerely believe the people of Martin County will support the undertaking and cooperate in relieving human suffering in war stricken lands," one representative after another declared. The expression of encouragement came after Rev. W. L. Freeman, chairman of the movement in Chowan County, told about the human suffering in the war-stricken countries.

Coming to the county when the State chairman found it impossible to fill all his engagements, the Edenton minister said that it is hard to believe the extent of the suffering now being experienced in Europe and Asia. "I was in the war areas and I can remember the little child who met me on the highway one cold morning. He was barefoot and the seat of his pants were gone, leaving the spot shining red. But there was still a certain charm about the little fellow, and hope for a chance to live," Mr. Freeman said.

"I tell you here and now that overseas relief is the real thing. Death from starvation and cold will reach a staggering rate this winter, and if each one of us can help just one person and keep that person from starving to death, we will have accomplished something," the minister said in appealing to his listeners to get behind the movement and put it across in a big way.

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Child Chokes To Death On Small Piece Of Pecan

Little Roger Eugene Roberson Dies En Route To Hospital In Durham

Roger Eugene Roberson, nineteen months old, died shortly after 5:00 o'clock last Saturday afternoon while en route to a Durham hospital. The little child choked to death a short time after a small piece of pecan lodged in his windpipe.

At home when he swallowed the pecan portion, he was entered in Brown's Hospital where every effort was made to relieve the condition. A few minutes later he was on his way with his grandfather, Mr. Gomer Harrison, and others to the hospital in Durham. When the little fellow's condition became worse, he was stopped at the clinic in Robersonville but his ailment was beyond medical aid, and he died just a few minutes later.

He had been in good health and was very active for one of such tender age.

He was born on April 15, 1947, the son of Jack and Mildred Harrison Roberson. Surviving are his parents and a brother.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home in Bear Grass Township Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. James I. Lowry, Presbyterian minister, and Elder A. B. Ayers of the Primitive Baptist Church. Interment was in the Harrison family cemetery, not far from the home.