

Badly Injured In Highway Accident Near Here Tuesday

Four Vehicles Involved In Costly Accident Near Lilley's Station

Two persons were hurt, one of them believed badly, in a four-vehicle accident near Paul Lilley's service station about two miles from here on U. S. Highway 17 last Tuesday morning. Property damage was estimated at \$2,425 by Patrolmen M. F. Powers and J. T. Rowe who made the investigation.

Benjamin F. Owens, suffering two black eyes, cuts on the nose and lips, and his sister, Mrs. Mary Dawley, suffering chest and possibly other internal injuries, were entered in the local hospital for treatment.

According to Patrolman Powers, Moses Lee Anthony, colored man of RFD 1, Williamston, was driving south on the highway on the right side of the road and stopped his 1938 Ford coupe to allow a car and trailer, traveling north, to pass so he could make a left turn into the station. Henry L. Taylor, RFD 2, Williamston, was driving behind Anthony and stopped, explaining that he did not have time to give a stop signal. Owens, 74-year-old man of London Bridge, Va., was driving with his sister behind Taylor's pick-up truck, but instead of stopping he turned into the approaching traffic and plowed almost head-on into the 1941 Pontiac car and house trailer driven by Steve J. Martin, of Florida and Brooklyn. After ripping off part of the left side of the Pontiac, Owen's 1948 Chevrolet coupe tore into the house trailer and damaged it beyond repair, coming to a stop after battering a fender on the Taylor pick-up and just before crashing into Anthony's old model Ford.

Martin, his wife and their two small children, Freddie and Marlene, were not hurt. A cook for the Brooklyn Dodgers at their training camp in Vero Beach, Florida, he was returning with his family and many of their belongings to Brooklyn. He rented a truck and continued the trip north later in the day.

Patrolman Powers said the damage to the Pontiac and house trailer would approximate \$1,700, that to the Chevrolet about \$700, and that approximately \$25 will repair damage done to the pick-up.

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Special Venire Drawn For Court

Running short on jurors, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn in the Martin County Superior Court Tuesday noon, ordered a twenty-member special venire drawn for service on Thursday.

The names of those drawn are: Linwood Brown and A. R. Roberson of Jamesville, N. P. Roberson of Williams, James Oscar Wiggins, Hugh B. Griffin, Ben Ira Harrison and D. Andrew Griffin of Griffins, Mrs. Geo. H. Harrison, Sr., W. R. Brown, R. Harrison, Jr., L. P. Lindsley, Frank S. Weaver of Williamston, W. K. Ward and J. Alton Harris of Bear Grass, V. R. Taylor, Hattie Williams and Nathan Bullock of Cross Roads, Henry Thomas and W. J. Beach of Hamilton, and Cecil N. Brown of Goose Nest.

May Sponsor Concert By N. C. State Band

A called meeting of the Band Parents Club of the Williamston High School will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight (Thursday) in the Band Room of the new building to take up the matter of sponsoring a concert by the N. C. State College Band here on May 10 or 11, it was announced yesterday by President John Henry Edwards.

Director Jack Butler of the Green Wave Band, says that the meeting will be very brief and will leave plenty of time for those planning to attend church services to do so. The band will be in this section during the week of May 9th and has offered to come here for a concert if arrangements can be worked out.

WORKING FOR BETTER MAIL BOXES



Three Men Serve a Third of Rural Postal Patrons In Martin County

Pictured above with Postmaster W. E. Dunn are the three rural free delivery carriers — left to right, Arthur R. White, J. Robert Leggett, Mr. Dunn, and John A. Ward—who are serving one-third of the entire population of this county from the local post office. In keeping with "Rural Mail Box Improvement Week", May 1-7, they are grouped around a conservative mail box display which has been posted in front of the local office for several weeks. The postal employees and Postmaster Dunn are calling upon all rural postal patrons to join in the movement to dot the countryside with better and more attractive mail boxes.

An improperly placed mail box is not so bad, but when the carriers are inconvenienced at all or most all the 1,620 boxes served by them, the task becomes an unnecessary burden and slows down the service. At the present time, the three carriers are handling mail for 8,736 patrons on the three routes, covering 184.10 miles. Each carrier has an average run of more than sixty miles each day, and since that mileage is mighty high it is absolutely necessary for the patrons to cooperate in every way possible. On main highways the boxes should be located on the right side of the road, but on little-used roads, the boxes can be placed on the left, but conveniently installed in either case.

The rural mail service was inaugurated in this office forty-eight years ago with Duffy Hines serving as the first carrier. There has been a marked improvement in the system and more and more patrons are taking pride in meeting the postal requirements and installing and maintaining adequate and attractive mail boxes.

Averaging about three hundred stops on a trip, each carrier normally delivers eight hundred pieces of mail each day. The three carriers have a combined service record of eighty-two years. Mr. Ward and Mr. Leggett, 29 years each, and Mr. White, 24 years. They are hoping to be able to report marked improvement in the mail boxes they serve during "Rural Mail Box Improvement Week," and they'll appreciate their patrons' cooperation.

FAMILY IN COURT

The whole Peel family wound up in court one day this week, not on charges, to be sure, but as witnesses and lawyers.

Elbert Peel, the papa, was a witness along with his son, Bill Bob, in court here, reports declaring that Bill Bob made a much better witness than his daddy. Elbert Peel, Jr., new member of the county bar, was in court in Virginia, and Mrs. Peel attended to business for the law firm in Federal court at Washington.

Calling Special Election In Two School Districts

Special elections are being booked in two Martin County school districts for Saturday, May 28, according to information coming from the office of the Board of Education. In Bear Grass the qualified voters will determine the fate of a 20-cent special tax proposed in the name of better schools, while in the Oak City district the voters will decide on a 15-cent special levy.

Books for a new registration in both districts will be opened on three Saturdays beginning on Saturday of this week by LeRoy Harrison in his garage for Bear Grass and by Nat Johnson, Oak City, Wade E. Everett, Hamilton, and Dewey R. Edmondson, Hassell, for the Oak City district. The books in both districts or at the four precinct polling places on Saturday, May 21, will be open for challenge only.

The Bear Grass District comprises just about the same territory from whence the school there draws its pupils. The Oak City district comprises all of Hamilton and Goose Nest Townships.

Leading citizens in both districts petitioned for the elections, and reports indicate that both will receive strong support. Several districts, Jamesville, Williamston and Robersonville, already have special tax levies to supplement the State-supported schools.

The vote in Bear Grass recalls the stand taken by the late Henry D. Peel in a previous election. Although he had no children of his own in school at the time, he worked for better schools and insisted that his lands be taxed in the name of better schools for the children of his neighbors and others.

Native Of County Died In Plymouth Early Yesterday

Funeral This Afternoon In Plymouth for Guilford Herman Ange

Guilford Herman Ange, native of this county, died at his home, 210 West Third Street, Plymouth, yesterday morning at 5:30 o'clock after a long illness. A victim of heart trouble, he had been in virtual retirement for twelve or fifteen years, spending the last six months in bed.

Mr. Ange, the last member of a large family of children, was born in the Antegown section of Jamesville Township 77 years ago on June 15, 1871, and spent most of his life there. He was married to the late Malachia and Harriet Davis Ange, and when a young man was married to Lyvia Ange, later locating in Poplar Point Township where he continued to farm for a number of years. Following the death of his first wife he was married to Frances Lee and they made their home in New York City for about a year before returning to this county and locating in Williamston. Three years ago he and Mrs. Ange moved to Plymouth.

Mr. Ange, highly respected in his native and adopted communities, was a member of the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church since he was a boy, and his pastor, Rev. Marshall Joyner of Winterville, is conducting the funeral service at the late home in Plymouth this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be in the Ange Cemetery near his old home in this county.

Surviving besides his widow are two children by his first marriage, Mrs. Fred Silverthorne of Williamston, and Mrs. Mattie Hollis of Oak City; twelve grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

GOLD STAR PINS

Gold Star Pins authorized by Congress as identification for widows and parents of war victims will be furnished free to mothers, fathers and wives and at cost to children, brothers and sisters of those who died in action.

The pins may be obtained by filing an application with Mrs. Joanna Martin, Veterans' Administration Advisor.

Grady B. Hardy Funeral Sunday At Funeral Home

County Young Man Killed In Action In Germany April 20, 1945

Last rites will be conducted in the Biggs Funeral Home on West Main Street here Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock for Pvt. Grady Burroughs Hardy who was killed in action near Sonneberg, Germany, on April 20, 1945, about two weeks before the war ended in Europe. Rev. J. M. Perry, former pastor, will conduct the service and burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery where a detail from the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion will be in charge of the last rites.

A son of Mrs. Nellie Burroughs Hardy and her late husband, Alonza L. Hardy, the young soldier was born in this county on May 10, 1914 and spent most of his life in the county. After spending his early life on the farm he was employed by the North Carolina State Highway Commission and was working with the old Williamston Package and Manufacturing Company when he entered the service on July 23, 1941. He was assigned to an airforce de-

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Expect Municipal Elections To Get Little Attention

Eight Towns Are Offering Tickets for Election Next Tuesday

Their politics virtually settled in the primary and conventions held over a period of several weeks, citizens in eight county towns will go to the polls next Tuesday to officially elect their nominees, the action being recognized as nothing more than a mere formality. As far as it could be learned there is no opposition in sight to the primary and convention selections, and a very small vote is predicted.

The polls will open at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday morning and close that evening at 6:30 o'clock. Expecting less than a handful of votes, several of the municipalities are preparing their ballots on typewriters.

While there are a few changes in the political personnel in some of the towns, most of the subdivisions are offering unchanged line-ups.

The individual town ballots carry the following names:

Williamston: Robt. Cowen for mayor; N. C. Green, David Moore, W. O. Griffin, Leman Barnhill and K. D. Worrell for commissioners. Everetts: J. W. Peel for mayor; Jesse Keel, H. S. Hardy, J. E. Mabley, G. W. Taylor and H. M. Ayers for commissioners.

Robersonville: H. S. Everett for mayor; George McRorie, Dr. W. E. Ward, V. L. Roberson, C. R. Gray, and Irving L. Smith for commissioners.

Parmele: J. H. Roebuck for mayor; G. C. James, T. T. Adams and C. Fowler for commissioners. Hamilton: G. Allgood for mayor; W. F. Thomas, W. C. House, R. A. Edmondson, H. S. Johnson and J. A. Cherry for commissioners.

Oak City: J. C. Johnson for mayor; J. H. Hopkins, J. E. Copeland, M. C. Liverman, K. S. Bunting and E. N. Harrell for commissioners.

In a convention held in the school auditorium there last evening, Jamesville citizens nominated L. H. Hardison for mayor, and L. H. Hardison, J. Sam Godard and James W. Long for commis-

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Hold Funeral For Pvt. Jos. Stocks Sunday Afternoon

Robersonville Young Man Lost Life In Holland September 23, 1944

(Robersonville Herald) Funeral services for Pvt. Joseph S. Stocks, 22, who was killed in action in Holland on September 23, 1944, will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Robersonville Baptist Church by Rev. Ralph Ferguson, pastor. Interment will be in the Robersonville cemetery where military honors will be accorded by the Murray B. Cargile post of the American Legion of Robersonville.

Pvt. Stocks, son of Mrs. Pearl Stocks Roberson of Robersonville was born and reared in Pitt County, coming to Robersonville in 1941. He was inducted in the armed services in 1943 when he volunteered for service in the Paratroops. He was sent overseas immediately upon completion of his training at Fort Bragg, N. C., and Fort Benning, Ga.

Surviving are his mother, one brother, Wiley Stock of the home, three sisters, Mrs. Clifton Roebuck and Miss Leneve Stocks of Portsmouth and Miss Velma Stocks of the home and his great grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Haddock of Greenville.

Pallbearers will be Hubert Roberson, Elmer Evans, Thurman Andrews, Henry Coburn, Noah Turner Leggett and Ellis Stevenson.

Reaching Robersonville Thursday afternoon, the body will lie in state at Wilkerson's Funeral Home until late Saturday afternoon when it will be moved to the mother's home where it will remain until one hour before the service in the church Sunday afternoon.

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Officers Arrest Man For Alleged Robbery

Station Operator Choked, Robbed In County Tuesday

Henry Harris Victim of Mean Attack; Second Assailant Still At Large

Henry Harris, aged filling station operator, was attacked and robbed at his station-store near here on the Old Mill In-J. Eason Lilley highway early last Tuesday afternoon. Choked until he bled freely from the nose and mouth, the victim suffered no other injury from his two assailants. He quickly recovered but not in time to get his pistol and stop the two robbers. When he did recover, he grabbed the weapon, ran out the little store and fired after the two men who had already disappeared on foot in the woods.

The sheriff's office was notified by telephone and he, aided by local officers, members of the highway patrol and a detail headed by Capt. John Delbridge from the prison camp, started a search. Blood hounds followed tracks into a swamp and a lead was followed to the home of a sister of one of the alleged robbers. Bill Williams, 25-year-old colored man, was arrested there, but denied any knowledge of the crime, maintaining that he was walking up and down the road at the time of the robbery.

The victim had described the clothing Williams was wearing and he later identified him as one of his attackers. Williams had discarded his army cap, but it was found at his sister's home. He denied it belonged to him, but the sister said he had been wearing it that day, that it belonged to him. The identity of the second robber has not been established, but officers are continuing their work on the case.

The filling station operator said the two men entered his store and called for several items, that when he turned his back, Williams allegedly grabbed him and threw him to the floor and choked him while Williams' companion took twelve or fifteen dollars off his (Harris's) person.

Williams, a resident of Williamston, was placed in the county jail but no preliminary hearing.

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Plan For Better Schools - Roads

Meeting in Raleigh last Tuesday, approximately 200 leading North Carolinians mapped plans for support of the proposed 200 million dollar road and 25 million dollar school programs. Chartered as the "Better Schools and Roads, Inc.", the organization will attempt to organize power in support of the program to be placed before the people at the polls on Saturday.

Messrs. S. L. Roberson of Robersonville and W. O. Abbott of Williamston were among those from this county attending the meeting.

Funeral Near Jamesville For Infant Wednesday

Funeral services were conducted at the graveside in the Mobley Cemetery near Jamesville for the infant son of Currie Lee Mobley and Fannie Dell Williams Mobley who died in a local hospital Tuesday. Rev. W. B. Harrington conducted the service.

Surviving besides his parents is a brother.

Hold Funeral Wednesday For Infant Daughter

Funeral services were held at the home near Hamilton yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fate Whitfield who died late Tuesday night. Rev. E. R. Stewart conducted the last rites and burial was in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Fourteen Cases In Justices' Courts In Past Few Days

Defendant Goes To Roads For Issuing Worthless Check Here

There was a marked increase in business in justices of the peace courts here during the past few days when Justice R. T. Johnson and Justice J. L. Hassell handled fourteen cases.

The appearance of worthless checks is becoming alarming, one of the justices stating that he had been called upon to issue fifteen warrants in a single day and one business man reported he had worthless checks written in the sum total of several thousand dollars.

Justice Johnson handled the following cases in his court:

Drunk and disorderly, David Jones was sentenced to the roads for thirty days.

Arthur Lee Jones, drunk and disorderly, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Frank Simmons was sentenced to the roads for thirty days for issuing a worthless check.

Three cases, one charging James Everett with possession of illegal liquor, another charging Herbert Everett with reckless driving and speeding and still another charging H. D. Rodgers with speeding and reckless driving, were sent to the county court.

A thirty-day jail sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$5.85 costs in the case charging Lilly Berry with being drunk and disorderly.

Appearing in Justice Hassell's court, Alexander Bunch and Bill Brown, both charged with being drunk and disorderly, were each taxed with \$8.50 costs.

Charged with stealing chickens on three different counts, James Roosevelt Bell was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$150.

Oscar Whitley, Gloria Tyner and Calvin Hodge, charged with being drunk and disorderly, were each fined \$10 and required to pay the costs.

Charged with carrying a concealed weapon, Marcellus Brown was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$150.

Drive For Cancer Fund Nears Goal

County Chairman T. F. Harrison said yesterday that the annual Cancer Fund Drive is nearing its goal in this county. Nine districts have reported so far, and five of them have exceeded their quotas, one or two by sizable margins. The drive is not complete in the other four, and the chairmen are certain the goals will be reached. The eight districts, with a quota of \$1,330 have raised \$1,270.79, and amount within \$59.21 of the assigned quota. Two townships, Hamilton and Jamesville, have not yet reported, and it is believed their contributions will push the drive to a successful conclusion within a very short time.

C. L. Daniel, chairman for Williams, said that one more canvasser in his district was to report, that his people had already exceeded the quota. A. B. Ayers, Bear Grass Township chairman, reported his district over the top this week with a few dollars to spare. Robersonville has raised \$247.10 of its \$300 quota. Mrs. W. B. Rogerson, chairman, reported yesterday. Miss Nancy Worsley, chairman, reported Goose Nest had raised \$50 of its \$100 quota, and Chairman J. W. Eubanks reported Hassell \$1.90 in excess of the \$35 quota, leaving the drive \$229.21 short of its goal. Other townships reported earlier, but a review of the drive to date, follows:

	Quota	Amt R'd	
Williams	\$ 35	\$ 56.59	
Griffins	75	122.38	
Bear Grass	75	77.00	
Williamston	600	574.13	
Cross Roads	75	65.00	
Robersonville	300	247.10	
Poplar Point	35	41.69	
Hrsell	35	36.90	
Goose Nest	100	50.00	
		\$1,330	\$1,270.79

COMMISSIONERS

Meeting in regular session next Monday, Martin County's commissioners will suffer the first in a series of budget headaches. The welfare department is expected to submit its cost estimates for the new fiscal year, and possibly other departments will tentatively mention some figures. The board is expected to order delinquent tax accounts advertised the following week, and the drawing of a jury for the June term of Superior court is on the schedule along with routine business.

Expect Superior Court To Adjourn Term Tomorrow

Court Working on \$15,000 Suit of J. B. Cherry Against Dennis Hardy

Running into a snag in the trial of the \$15,000 suit brought by J. B. Cherry against Dennis L. Hardy, the Martin County Superior Court, tentatively scheduled to wind up its work today, will hardly adjourn before sometime tomorrow, according to reports coming from the courthouse at noon today.

In the big suit, the defendant has a counter claim for about the same amount. Cherry is claiming rent from 1939, and the defendant is claiming betterments. The defendant claims that he bargained to buy the property in 1939, that the plaintiff delayed giving a deed, but on that promise he went ahead with improvements. The defendant this morning was calling out each expenditure and there was some doubt at that time if the trial of the case could be cleared by late this afternoon.

Only one other case, Green against Bowers, is slated for trial at this term.

Most of yesterday was devoted to the damage suit brought by Clinton Industries, Inc., against Roberson Slaughter House. Asking \$438.56 damages as a result of an automobile accident its agent had with one of the Slaughter House owners, the company was given a judgment in the sum of \$300. The defendant, presenting a counter claim for \$429, recovered nothing. The jury, taking the case right after the noon recess, discussed the issues almost an hour before reaching a verdict.

Other judgments entered in the records, several by agreement, follow: Standard Fertilizer Company in its case against B. J. McFarland, was given a judgment in the sum of \$101.76 with interest from last October 1.

In the damage suit brought by Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Inc., against Williamston Lumber Company, a judgment was given in the sum of \$1,000.

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

The sixteenth week is becoming one of the most dangerous for highway travel in this county. While no fatal accidents have been reported in the period the number of wrecks has run to as high as nine. Last week there were three accidents, resulting in critical injury to one victim and damage in excess of \$500.

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.			
16th Week			
Year	Accidents	Inj'd	Killed Dam'ge
1949	3	2	0 \$ 565
1948	8	3	0 1,620
Comparisons To Date			
1949	34	17	1 \$ 6,690
1948	48	20	1 8,710