

## Alleged Hold-up Man Arrested By Baltimore Police

### Henry Slade Butler Returned To County for Robbery of Henry Harris

Henry Slade Butler, young colored man wanted in connection with the robbery of Henry Harris, filling station owner-operator on the Griffins Township Road just a short distance from Old Mill Inn on April 26, was returned to this county last Friday afternoon to face trial. No preliminary hearing has been scheduled in the case, but the defendant is almost certain to be booked for trial in the Martin County Superior Court during the one-week term opening on Monday, June 20.

Butler, arrested in Baltimore by police there last Thursday, was brought back the next day by Deputy Sheriff Murray Holloman and Patrolman M. F. Powers. The officers left here late Thursday night, reached the Maryland city about 7:00 o'clock the next morning and cleared the city with their prisoner about two hours later, reaching here shortly after 4:00 o'clock that afternoon.

In a preliminary discussion of the alleged attack and hold-up Butler was quoted as saying that he went to the station on the afternoon of April 26 with Willie Williams, but denied attacking the operator. Butler claimed that he made no effort immediately to leave this area, that he returned to town, played sandlot baseball and attended the picture show. Later when it was rumored that he was wanted by officers, he borrowed from his girl and checked out.

Williams, arrested a few hours after the attack and robbery which netted the two about \$15 in cash, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice R. T. Johnson and placed under bond in the sum of \$700. Unable to raise that amount, Williams continues in the county jail. Williams said at the preliminary hearing that Butler got all the money, that he got none.

## Plan Program For Barn Dance

Entertainers for the floor show at the annual barn dance to be held Thursday night at the Planters Warehouse were announced today by Miss Marjorie Lindsley, chairman of the entertainment committee.

The committee has succeeded in securing Miss Jean Stevenson, novelty singer, of Jamesville, winner of three recent talent shows in the State, and Miss Sue Edmondson of Hassell, popular young dancer. A high light of the program will be the appearance of William Ebron, colored singer, who brought down the house at the recent Jaycee Banquet. Mr. Jack Butler will introduce three of his senior majorettes and three junior majorettes who will present a special dance number.

Square dancing begins at 8:30 and will last until 10:30. Music will be furnished by the Taylor "Night Hawks," a string band. After an intermission for the floor show, round dancing with Billy Peele and his "Tune Toppers" will continue until 2 o'clock.

Mrs. J. L. Parker, Jr., chairman of ticket sales, reported that tickets have been distributed to members of the Woman's Club, sponsors of the barn dance. They may be obtained from Mrs. Parker, members of the club or at the Hotel George Reynolds.

### ROUND-UP

Six persons were rounded up and jailed in this county over the week-end by local, county and state officers who reported a flare-up on the crime front.

Two of those jailed were charged with public drunkenness, and one each with non-support, assault and robbery, drunken driving and assault with a deadly weapon. Two of the six were white and the ages of the group ranged from 19 to 50 years.

## Exhibits Winner At Show



Miss Susan Griffin, daughter of Mrs. Henry Mizelle, and a member of Williamston 4-H Club, exhibited the reserve champion pig at the recent Martin County Fat Stock show. She sold the 256-pound hog for 31 cents a pound and received \$8 in prize money.

### PROBLEM

Town officials here admitted they could not solve the flag problem yesterday. Memorial Day. Plans had been made to fly the street flags, but the death of a United States official, W. A. Julian, Treasurer of the United States, automatically required the flying of the flags at half mast. The flags were made to fly only at full mast, and the officials, fully aware of the Memorial Day custom, solved the problem by displaying no flags at all. The post office flew its flag at half mast.

## Martin Member Of League Committee

Wheeler Martin, Secretary of the Martin County Building and Loan Association, received word today of his appointment to the Attorneys' Committee of the United States Savings and Loan League, the 57-year-old, nationwide trade organization of the savings association business. The appointment came from M. K. M. Murphy, Rutherford, New Jersey, president of the League.

The Attorneys' Committee acts as a clearing house for the study of savings association court cases and legislation, besides advising with the staff of the League on the contents of the bi-monthly publication which it sends to all savings and loan attorneys in the country. It sponsors League studies of new legal questions and has been busy the past few years with interpretations of legal phases of the new Federal Reserve Act. It has also given much attention recently to the study of trust accounts, which now occupy a more prominent place in the savings investments in the business than in former years.

## Open Union Bible School Yesterday

The annual daily vacation Bible school was opened here yesterday with 179 pupils enrolled, 56 beginners at the Episcopal church, 53 primary pupils at the Methodist and 70 juniors who are holding their daily sessions from 9 to 12 in the Baptist church.

Director E. R. Shuller said that the enrollment for the first day was larger than it was a year ago, that while one or two teachers were not present for the opening, they are expected to report today or tomorrow. "We can use a few more workers in the junior department," the director added. The school will continue through next week.

## Retired Business Man-Farmer Died Sunday Afternoon

### Funeral Service Monday At Home In Robersonville For W. A. Everett

Willard Augustus Everett, for many years active in the agricultural and business field in this county, died in a Washington hospital Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock following several years of declining health. Forced to retire by declining health about two years ago, he was getting along fairly well until about the middle of May when he fell at his home and broke his hip. He was removed to a Washington hospital and was undergoing treatment for the injury when pneumonia developed and resulted in death.

The son of the late William Elia and Penniah Williams Everett, he was born near Robersonville 79 years ago and spent his early life on the farm. In the late nineties he located in Robersonville and entered the mercantile business in which he was engaged for many years. He continued active in the management of his farming interests until about two years ago.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Kate Hassell and she survives with two sons, D. R. Everett of Robersonville and Fred Everett of Greenville; three daughters, Mrs. Edgar Johnson of Robersonville, Mrs. John Cotten Taylor of Washington, and Mrs. W. S. Privette, Jr., of Edenton; two sisters, Mrs. William Trevetham and Mrs. J. D. Roberson of Robersonville, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor of the Christian Church, and Elder A. B. Ayers, Primitive Baptist minister of Bear Grass. Burial was in the Robersonville Cemetery.

## Steals Cash And Coats From Auto

A thief, apparently knowing the lay of the land, stole two sport coats and a pocketbook containing about \$25 in cash from a car parked at Mabley's station at short distance out of Robersonville on the Stokes Road about midnight last Thursday, according to reports coming from the sheriff's office. The coats belonged to H. E. Mabley and a Warren boy. The pocketbook and cash belonged to Louise Bullock. The owners of the coats and pocketbook had left their car and were in the filling station dance hall at the time.

Answering the call, Deputy Sheriff Roy Peel and Captain A. H. Seasons of the highway prison camp carried bloodhounds there and a trail was followed from the station to Robersonville's town limits where the trail was lost.

## Ends Successful Church Meeting

The Rev. Mr. J. N. Stancill of Wendell concluded a very successful meeting in Williamston's West End Baptist Church Sunday evening. Twelve members were added to the church roll, boosting the membership to about 70. Rev. Thad Ashley, the pastor, said the visiting minister was well received and large crowds were present for all the services.

Rev. Ashley will conduct the baptismal service in the Memorial Baptist Church here this evening at 8 o'clock when other candidates for baptism are expected to present themselves, according to the West End church pastor.

## Tobacco Stabilization Group To Meet June 24

Members of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation will hold their annual meeting in Raleigh on Friday, June 24, at 11:00 o'clock, it has been announced by the secretary. The organization is remembered as the agency that stepped in and put a floor under tobacco prices, and several thousand of its 328,000 grower-members are expected to attend the Raleigh meeting.

## Swimming Pool Opens Tomorrow

Tomorrow may be just the first day of June to most of the older folks in town but to the youngsters it will be a red letter day because it will mark the opening of the Williamston Municipal Swimming pool for the summer season. The pool will open at 1:00 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and close at 5:00 p. m. It will reopen for the night session at 6:30 and close for the day at 8:30 p. m.

John L. Goff, Jr., will be director of activities at the pool this year and will be assisted by a capable staff, a complete list of the personnel although the complete list has not been officially announced. The pool is to be open every afternoon and night except that it will be closed on Sunday evenings. Morning hours are to be reserved for swimming instruction but the hours have not yet been determined. A complete official schedule covering all activities will be released later this week or the first of next week.

Charges this year will again be based on periods rather than by the hour. A dime will pay for a child's admission to stay until the closing time. A quarter will be charged for adults for the same period, that is from opening time until closing time in each period the pool is open.

Coach Stuart Maynard has been directing the sale of season tickets but reports they have been moving very slow and he expects the major portion of the revenue to come from admission fees at the pool. It had been hoped that advance sales would help to get the pool off to a good start. Special prices are being made to those who bought season tickets last year for renewals this season. A child who held a ticket last year can get another for \$3.00 while a holder of a 1918 adult ticket can get another one for \$4.50. Coach Maynard has a complete record of last year's ticket holders.

The pool was very popular with children hereabouts, especially the teen-agers until the threat of polio came along last year. This closed attendance and the pool was closed a month earlier than usual because of the threat from the dread disease.

## Father Of Mrs. Eubanks Dies In Mississippi

Nathan Wright, 67, died in a Hattiesburg, Mississippi, hospital last Saturday following an operation. Funeral services were held Saturday and burial was in Petal, Miss. Mr. Wright was the father of Mrs. James C. Eubanks of Williamston. Mr. and Mrs. Eubanks and children left here last Wednesday to visit in Mississippi.

## Endorses Program For Roads-Schools

Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, nationally famous for her pioneer home demonstration work in North Carolina, today joined the list of leading citizens speaking in favor of Governor Scott's Better Schools and Roads program.

"Miss Jennie"—as Dr. McKimmon is known and loved by generations of North Carolinians, said that looking back over the years she had found the people responded with a keen understanding to "those programs which mean better homes, better schools, and easier means of reaching them in all kinds of weather."

Without mentioning by name the big oil interests who are fighting the Road Bond issue, Dr. McKimmon says:

"All worthwhile programs have been opposed by somebody, but I found that North Carolinians generally know how to separate the wheat from the chaff.

"Governor Charles B. Aycock aroused a storm of protests earlier in this century when he made the simple statement that all North Carolina's children deserve an opportunity for education. That was revolutionary in its day, but we lived to see it accepted as a basic pattern of our culture.

"Sometimes it is easy to say 'We cannot do this' or 'we cannot do that' because we have never done it before. Perhaps you can recall how many far-reaching programs in this State were opposed by people who later realized how beneficial they became to North Carolina's progress. Remember Governor Morrison's Bond issue for roads in the 1920's? There are very few today who will tell you that North Carolina did not reap golden dividends from the campaign which paved her county-seat-to-county-seat roads.

"Today we stand on the threshold of another great era of advancement. The people of North Carolina are clamoring for improved services for themselves and their children, and our legislature has authorized a program of school and road improvement that will set us on the way toward new prosperity and new economic and spiritual well-being."

## Minor Car Wreck Saturday Night

Very little damage resulted and no one was hurt when two cars figured in a minor accident on Highway 125 just outside of Williamston last Saturday night at 10:45 o'clock.

James S. Whitehurst, RFD 2, Williamston, was driving his 1937 Chevrolet toward Hamilton and started to slow down to make a turn when Noah Woodard Leggett of Hassell plowed into the Chevrolet with his 1946 Ford.

Patrolman J. T. Rowe made the investigation and estimated the damage to the Ford at \$40. Whitehurst was quoted as saying he gave a hand signal, but Leggett explained that he did not see it, that the first thing he saw was the brake lights flash on and that he was so close on the car that he could not avoid a strike.

## Returns From Georgia

Taken ill a few weeks ago, Mr. Henry Johnson, a native of this county, has returned from his adopted home in Moultrie, Ga., to his old home near Gold Point. Undergoing treatment at the hands of Rocky Mount physicians, he is confined to his bed at the home of his brother, James Johnson, most of the time.

Messrs. Exum Ward, Jr., James Johnson and Clyde Ward visited in Moultrie Sunday and were accompanied home late last night by Mrs. Johnson and the children.

## At Daughter's Home In Portsmouth

Mr. W. J. Keel, local man, continues quite ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Larry Chandler in Portsmouth. He had been visiting there just a few days when he was taken ill.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck did not rest well last night and continues quite sick in a Washington hospital, it was learned today.

## Two Districts Favor Tax Supplement Last Saturday

Two Martin County School districts—Bear Grass and Oak City—favored a special tax levy in an election held last Saturday in the precincts of Bear Grass, Hamilton, Hassell and Oak City. The action leaves only one school district—Farm Life—in this county without a special tax levy for the support of the schools.

Bear Grass, proposing a 20-cent special tax levy, was almost unanimous in support of the plan, unofficial returns giving the levy 103 votes with one for the opposition. As far as the records show no greater support was ever accorded any school measure than that offered the special tax levy in Bear Grass last Saturday. Approximately 135 registered there for the election and over three-fourths of them found time to go to the polls and vote for the measure.

In the Oak City District the vote was 115 for and 48 against the 15-cent levy. In the precincts of Hassell and Oak City, the vote was almost three to one for the levy, while Hamilton rejected the plan by a margin of three votes. The vote in the Oak City District follows by precincts: Hamilton, 25 for and 28 against; Hassell, 27 for and six against; Oak City, 63 for and 14 against.

The special tax will be used primarily for supplementing teachers' salaries, it was explained.

## People Will Vote On Proposed Plans In Referendum Saturday, June 4

Addressing the members of the Lions Club here last Thursday night, Henry Grady Shelton, highway commissioner for this district, unequivocally endorsed the proposed \$200,000,000 road and \$25,000,000 school building programs which will be voted on in a special referendum on June 4th. Mr. Shelton's amplification of the issues involved was clear and concise. The membership of the club was, apparently, thoroughly in accord with the speaker or else, after devouring half a large barbecued chicken, was too complacent and too satisfied as a result of an over indulgence of food to raise any issues or register any complaints to the commissioner.

Going back to the Cherry administration at which time a committee or commission was appointed to report back to the 1919 legislature on the physical condition of the school property in North Carolina, the speaker pointed out with concrete evidence and information the inadequacy of the school buildings to take care of the ever increasing population of North Carolina as well as the deterioration of hundreds of buildings. "The committee stated it would take at least \$150,000,000 for new construction and repairs and the last legislature appropriated \$25,000,000. The Governor is asking an additional \$25,000,000 which is badly needed for necessary immediate construction and repairs," the speaker said.

Mr. Shelton coordinated the school and road issues when he emphasized the importance of voting for both the school and road bonds. "In North Carolina we operate 5,400 school buses and transport daily 359,000 school children and the trucks travel 200,500 miles every day. Hundreds of school buses travel over muddy roads many weeks and months during the year. Repairs to trucks each year amount to approximately \$1,390,000 and with good roads the savings on this item alone would be tremendous," he said.

According to stipulated plans and agreements the entire \$200,000,000, if the referendum is carried, will be spent and used exclusively over a period from 6 to 8 years on secondary roads. Martin County, as all other counties, will receive its proportional share of this fund and every penny will be used on what we commonly refer to as the backwoods roads, the speaker stated.

Joseph Griffin, a new member, was recognized and welcomed by President Wheeler Manning. A continuous member of the local club for 10 years, Fred Taylor was presented an emblem symbolic of the fine service he has rendered the club over a long period of time. Probably the oldest member of the club, Roy Ward, was

During recent weeks activities on the highways have been limited in this immediate section.

## To Take Millions Of Acres Out Of Crop Production

### Extensive Soil Conservation Program Likely To Be Advanced In Future

Good land use and production of needed crops were emphasized in the report of the conference of committeemen from 12 States held in Washington recently.

This was an exploratory conference to shape up the questions which should be answered in developing policies and program provisions regarding conservation and price supports for the years ahead when we will need to make changes in the kinds of crops we grow in order to keep production in balance with consumers' needs and at the same time work toward our objective of sustained production.

The basic question is how best to use the land not needed for wheat, rice, peanuts, cotton, potatoes, tobacco and other cash crops in plentiful supply. Reducing the acreage of these in line with needs will make over 20 million acres of land available for other crops which are needed, especially grasses and legumes and for other conserving uses. Grasses and legumes are especially important because they provide additional sources of farm income, feed for livestock to produce needed meat, poultry, and milk in some parts of the country, both for the farm family and local consumers, and last but not least they are essential in keeping soils productive.

It was emphasized that the acres "diverted" from the cash crops in abundant supply must be put to good use for the welfare of both the individual farmer and the consumer. Public acceptance and approval of the farm program could be hurt by not making the best possible use of these acres. We must do what we can to prevent them from being left idle to wash away or become a source of weed seeds.

Shifting them to other crops in plentiful supply would work a hardship on the farmers who normally grow such crops and would either reduce prices to such an extent that the growing of them would be unprofitable for everyone or would result in expensive Government price supports which could undermine the whole farm program in the eyes of the public. For these reasons the conference recommended "the diverted acres on the farm should be put to crops in short supply, conserving uses such as legume crops, permanent grasses, rotation pastures, forest trees and other approved land uses." The "other approved land uses" would be the best use to which the land could be put if it is not possible to put it to a truly conserving use or to crops in short supply.

Under the plan suggested by the conference, individual allotments would be established for crops for price support or marketing quota purposes. On farms with more than 20 acres of cropland there also would be set up a total allotment, which would be the total of the individual allotments, and the normal acreage of all other depleting crops, except those depleting in short supply. A total allotment would not be established on farms with 20 acres or less of cropland, or on any farm for which an individual allotment had not been established. In setting total allotments, consideration would be given to the needs for food of the families on the farm.

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### SCHOOL BUS ROUTES

A check shows that only 134 of the 379 miles traveled by school buses in this county are surfaced, that many of the 379 miles of unpaved road are so narrow that vehicles cannot pass each other.

The paved roads constitute about one-third of the school bus routes, while the average for the State is only 33.4 percent. Of the 41,815 miles of road traveled by school buses in this State only 13,974 miles are surfaced.