

Four Stores In Everetts Robbed Monday Morning

Robbers Used Ladder to Go Through Second-Story Windows In Three

Robbers, apparently of small body, broke into three stores in Everetts sometime during Sunday night and cleaned out all the money drawers, boxes and cash registers, nibbling on a few bars of candy as they moved along. Reports declare that it was a repeat performance, that little was missed on previous occasions, and that officers were notified after the practice reached serious proportions. Overlapping the post office department in one of the stores, the robbers will have postal inspectors on their trail along with officers from the sheriff's department.

Using a tall step ladder, lugged from the Barnhill mill quite some distance away, the robbers stood it up and climbed through the transom of Cherry's soda shop and grocery and pocketed about 400 pennies they expertly found in a hiding place under the counter. Nothing else was taken or missed, and the robbers went back out the same hole they entered.

Crossing the street, the robbers stood the ladder against D. C. Peel's store, and removed a pane in a second story window, crawling through a small hole. Fifty cents in cash was missed from a cigar box in the show case, \$2 in change from a counter cash drawer, and 94 cents from the post office cage, Mr. Peel explaining that he sold that many stamps after he had closed his books for the day and pushed it aside. The robbers left the building by the same window after taking and nibbling on a few bars of candy.

Moving down a store or two and next to the highway, the robbers set the stage for a similar entrance into the Barnhill Supply Company store. They knocked a window out, crawled in and moved quickly downstairs where they lifted about \$1 from a box where change was kept for telephone calls, and continued to the cash register, ringing up \$34 on the machine and lifting out about \$4 in change, including approximately 100 pennies.

They left that store by the back door, removed the ladder and carried it down the railroad and placed it under a warehouse near the railroad station.

The robbers' tracks were lost when the store owners and others started checking on the raids, but officers picked up a few leads later in the day although no arrests were made immediately.

Ruritans Planning Fair At Jamesville

Preliminary plans have been made by the Jamesville Ruritan Club for holding a community fair there the early part of October, Oscar Davenport, representing the club, announced this week.

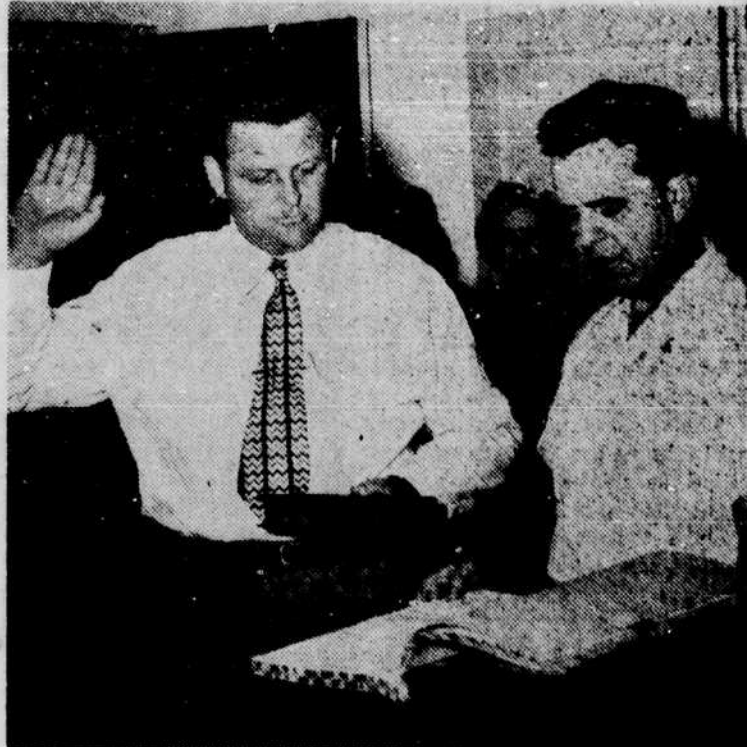
A committee composed of J. L. Knowles, Carl Smith, Geo. Martin, James Smithwick, W. J. Gardner, P. M. Holliday, Vaden Hairr and Jim B. Holliday, is working out the details and complete announcements will be made shortly, Mr. Davenport said.

The fair will stress needle work, canned foods, farm produce, hogs and cattle, and farm machinery. Ribbons and cash prizes will be offered and a speaker for the event will be announced soon.

Officers Wreck Small Distillery

Raiding in Bear Grass Township last Thursday morning, Sheriff M. W. Holloman and Deputy Roy Peel wrecked a small distillery and poured out about 200 gallons of sugar mash. The plant was equipped with four fermenters, including two 50-gallon barrels, a 50-gallon box and a 200-gallon box. The operators were using a crude 50-gallon capacity oil drum for a still.

Subscribes To Oath Of Office



Pictured above is Murray W. Holloman, hand raised, subscribing to oath of office for Sheriff of Martin County before Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne last Tuesday morning. Appointed by the county commissioners the day before to complete the unexpired term made vacant by the death of Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, Holloman did not formally take office until a day later, pending the completion of an audit of the office books which were found in perfect order; in fact, every entry was up to date and there was a cash balance of about \$30.

Townships Plan To Hold Road Meetings

ROUND-UP

All wasn't quiet on the road in the county last week-end, but comparatively few found their way into the jail during the period. Six persons, all colored, were arrested and jailed, two for public drunkenness, and one each for assault, larceny, breaking and entering and breaking jail.

The ages of the group ranged from 19 to 38 years. Robberies were reported elsewhere on the crime front.

Mrs. L. Nicholson Died Thursday Near Williamston

Funeral For Highly Respected Citizen Held Last Saturday Afternoon

Mrs. Emma Bennett Nicholson, highly respected citizen, died at her home on the McCaskey Road near Williamston last Thursday night at 9:45 o'clock. She had been in declining health for almost ten years, but was able to be up until the early part of this year. She had been confined to her bed since that time and her condition was critical for several months before the end.

The daughter of the late Calvin and Matilda Strawbridge Bennett, she was born near here on August 26, 1882, and lived in the community most of her life. In early womanhood she was married to Joseph Rogerson and made her home in Vaughan, Warren County, for about two years. Following his death she returned to this county and after a stay of a few years in Bear Grass Township she returned to her childhood home and was married to Mr. Lutner Nicholson the latter part of 1920.

Surviving besides her husband are a daughter by her first marriage, Mrs. Stewart (Buck) Taylor, and a son, Edward Nicholson, by her second marriage. Both of them live in the home community. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. John Harris, of Plymouth.

Mrs. Nicholson, a thoughtful wife and devoted mother, was a member of the Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church, and her pastor, Rev. Marshall Joyner of Farmville conducted the funeral at the home last Saturday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Dies Of Injuries Received In Dive In Shallow Water

Funeral Held on Saturday Afternoon At Fairview For Dallas Lilley

Breaking his neck in two places when he dived into shallow water at Albemarle Beach near Plymouth last Sunday afternoon, Dallas Hugh Lilley, 16, died in a Washington hospital last Friday morning at 10:15 o'clock, about two days after pneumonia developed. Paralyzed from his neck down, the youth remained conscious until a few minutes before the end, and pitifully begged for someone to help him. Everything possible was done for him, but his was a losing battle and he realized that the end was near.

Explaining to his neighborhood friends that he would be sixteen years old the next day and that he wanted to celebrate his birthday, he got some of the boys to take him to the beach Sunday. Walking out on a pier, one of the three boys jumped off one side apparently into fairly deep water. Lilley jumped off the other side where the water was hardly eighteen inches deep. The third boy, who did not jump, heard his friend hit the bottom and realized that he was hurt. The boy was removed from the water and carried by ambulance to the hospital.

The son of Arthur Lilley and the late Mrs. Carrie Coltrain Lilley, he was born near Jamesville on August 1, 1933. When he was about six weeks old his mother died and he went to make his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lilley in Williams Township where he lived and attended school at Jamesville, completing the ninth grade last spring. He was popular among both old and young and was an industrious lad.

Surviving besides his father and step-mother, Mrs. Luig B. Lilley, are four sisters, Mrs. Crawford Coltrain of Griffins Township, Mrs. Noah Perry and Mrs. Herman Dickerson of Jamesville Township, and Mrs. Hubert Creel of Berkley, Virginia; four brothers, Alton, Lilley of Jamesville Township, Jay and Elmer Lilley of Bear Grass Township, and Ollis Lilley of Griffins Township; one half-sister, Lorraine, and three half-brothers, Russell, Bruce and Arthur Lilley, Jr., all of the

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Dies At Home In South Carolina

H. Craig Chapman, 76, died at his home in Chesterfield, South Carolina, last Friday night after a short illness. Funeral services were conducted in the St. Paul Methodist Church in the South Carolina town Sunday afternoon, and burial was in the cemetery there.

A son of the late Hugh Craig and Rebecca Craig Chapman, he was an engineer-inspector and traveled in this territory more than thirty years ago. He was married to Miss Lela Radtke of Williamston on September 3, 1918, and visited the county regularly since that time. He was a retired farmer.

Surviving besides Mrs. Chapman are a daughter, Mrs. W. Easley Pace, Jr., of Williamston; two grandsons, W. Easley Pace, III, and Hugh Craig Pace of Williamston; and a niece, Mrs. K. L. Kirkland, Jr., of Durham.

Open Cannery At Jamesville

The Jamesville Community Cannery is being opened to the public each Tuesday and Friday during the remainder of the season except for the week of August 22 when the Future Farmers of America will be in camp at White Lake.

Nos. 2 and 3 cans are available for those wishing to use the cannery and no appointments are necessary, V. N. Hairr, agriculture teacher there, announced.

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Highway Officials Proposing Road Program For The County

Road Paving Plan Discussed Monday At Board Meeting

About 57 Miles of County's 90-Mile Quota Tentatively Included

Approximately fifty-seven miles of road was tentatively included in the county's road improvement program at a meeting of State highway and county officials in the courthouse Monday. In addition to the 57.5 miles to be surfaced as the first part of the program, the highway authorities explained that enough money was being allotted to stabilize or rock 261.9 miles of road, and add an average of 6.5 miles to the highway system. While 6.5 miles of new road may be added to the system each year, it was not disclosed how long the big program would be in progress. No extensive developments on the big program are anticipated before next year other than three or four projects now underway or in the making.

After making a study of the roads in the county, including traffic counts, homes, schools and churches, the highway commission tentatively proposed 53.5 miles of roads for surfacing, leaving 36.6 miles to be included for paving later. Highway Commissioner Henry G. Shelton explained that the program was merely suggested, that final action would rest with the county authorities and the people. The county board, waiting for recommendations from a special road committee which is now in the making, only tentatively approved the outlined program, but asked that about \$500,000 be set aside in Jamesville Township.

The paving program as outlined at a joint meeting of Commissioner Shelton, highway engineers and the county commissioners included the following projects: In the lower part of the county: the pulp mill road; completion of the Jamesville-Beaufort County road; and about two miles on what is known as the old Manning road, leading off 171 about two miles from Jamesville and running to a point near the Jolly place.

In Williams-Griffins Townships it is proposed to complete the Holly Springs road to intersect 171 at Jas. A. Roberson's.

It is proposed to extend the road from Bear Grass to the Beaufort County lines, a distance of about two miles. The program also includes the road from U. S. 17 to a point intersecting the paved road near Bear Grass.

One of the big proposed projects is to start at Bear Grass, and take off to Everetts, continuing out the main street there to intersect with Highway 125 at Spring Green.

Another big project is to start at Gold Point and run through Hassell and Oak City on to Smith Brothers' store not far from Palmyra.

Smaller projects are a road from Henry Hopkins' station to the proposed road from Gold Point to the Smith store; a road from Robersonville to Claude Green's and the road from Hassell to the Edgecombe County line toward Fountain's Cross Roads.

It is again pointed out that this program is only a tentative one, and is subject to change. Apparently it does not route the roads to any one town or center. However, the main routes strike through Bear Grass and Cross Roads Townships and from Gold Point through Hamilton and Goose Nest Townships.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses were issued in this county during the past few days to:

Norville Charles Paschal and Selma Beatrice Flood, both of Fort Pierce, Florida; and to Patrolman Berry Ward Parker and Ruth Muriel Taylor, both of Robersonville.

Appoint Board Of Viewers For County Drainage Are

Declaring the recent action taken to advance a drainage project in the Bear Grass-Cross Roads district was a bit premature, Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne last Saturday started the proceedings anew with the appointment of Messrs. J. Linwood Knowles and Reuben S. Everett as members of the board of viewers.

Having served on what was declared a prematurely-appointed board, the viewers will make a preliminary survey of the drainage territory, submit its report and a hearing will be scheduled. No date for the hearing has been fixed, but it cannot be held until due notice has been published for at least fifteen days. With much information already in their hands, the viewers can make a report without much delay.

At the hearing to be held, Clerk Wynne will determine the validity of the petition and the practicality of the proposed project. If the petition measures up to the petitioners' claims, then a second hearing will be held at which time those opposing the project may be heard.

Opposition to the project was voiced prematurely, they say, at a meeting a short time ago. One of those listed among the respondents and placed in the record as opposing the project declared he was included by mistake. "I think drainage is necessary and I'm for it," Mr. Jesse Keel of Cross Roads was quoted as saying last Saturday morning. It was also explained that some of the other respondents would favor the project if it was advanced on a more extensive scale. Possibly the problems will be worked out after assessments are fixed and the scheduled hearings are held.

Package Company To Build Storage Warehouse Here

Much Equipment Has Been Added To Local Plant In Recent Months

Mr. Ray E. Hamill, president of the Marvil Package Company, with headquarters in Delaware, aware, stated last Saturday his firm would soon construct a \$15,000 warehouse here for the storage of baskets. According to Mr. Hamill construction work on the warehouse will begin on or about September 1 and plans call for its completion on December 1.

Representing the oldest firm in the country in the basket making business, Mr. Hamill said his firm operated and maintained plants in Laurel, Delaware, Sharp Town, Maryland, Suffolk, Virginia, and Williamston. Because of the available timber in this area, he expects the plant here to soon become the largest and most complete of the four.

The head of this large firm has devoted his entire life time to engineering and the development and expansion of the basket making business. "In addition to the construction of a large warehouse here we just recently installed a \$10,000 stiff legged derrick which will greatly simplify the handling of logs," Mr. Hamill said. The expansion program here also necessitated the installation of a \$24,000 venier dryer. This new machine was placed in operation several days ago.

Commenting on the employment situation in the local plant, Mr. Hamill said he could not promise a drastic increase in employment here because of existing conditions over which he had no control. However, employment in the local plant would be increased from an over-all picture, based on a twelve-month period. The grand average will be increased but just how much or how little will, of course, depend on fruit crops.

Cars Stolen Here During Week-end

Two automobiles were stolen here early Sunday morning and Sunday night, a report from the police department stated.

Thomas Earl Martin, parking his car, a 1937 Ford, just off Main on Pearl Street Saturday night, missed it the next morning. A 1938 Ford coupe, belonging to Leon Edwards and parked in the backlot near the theater, was stolen about 10:00 o'clock Sunday night.

The Martin car was found parked beside the road about one-half mile beyond the river fill in Bertie County yesterday.

About 350 Miles Of Road Included In Bond Program

Three Projects Now Under Way To Be Charged To \$1,666,000 Quota

A tentative road construction program for Martin County under the 200 million dollar highway bond plan was advanced by State Highway officials in a meeting with the Martin County commissioners Monday. The plan, calling for the addition of about 6.5 miles of new road to the highway system, the blacktopping of 57.5 miles of secondary roads and the stabilization of 261.9 miles of roads, was tentatively approved, meaning that the county authorities will listen to recommendations from the people in all sections of the county in accordance with the plans of a special road committee now in the making.

In addition to the 57.5 miles included in the tentative surfacing program, there'll be another 32.6 miles to be surfaced later on, it was explained. The surfacing is to cost an estimated \$16,000 per mile while the stabilization of roads can be handled for an estimated \$2,450 per mile. Stabilization means that the roads will be covered with about one inch of stone or rock.

District Highway Commissioner H. G. Shelton, accompanied by Division Engineer W. N. Spruill and District Engineer R. V. Bibberstein met with Commissioners C. C. Martin, J. H. Edwards, W. M. Harrison, C. A. Roberson and Henry S. Johnson, Jr., and discussed the plan.

No dates were mentioned, but it is likely that the three projects now under way in the county will be let possibly next month will constitute the preliminary work under the bond program. However, Commissioner Shelton assured the group that work would be started as soon as possible on some of the narrow roads in the county. He explained that new equipment was being purchased and he proposed to send some of it right on into the county.

Commissioner Shelton explained that there was no provision for the purchase of right-of-way for secondary roads except in extreme hardship cases, and in all such instances payments were to be approved only by the full state commission. In other words, it is possible for a farmer to block a secondary road project.

The county board received quite a jolt when they were advised that the three projects—the river road between Hamilton and Palmyra, Bear Grass road from U. S. 17, and a link in the Jamesville-Washington road—would be charged against the county's part in the bond money. It was hoped the approximately 12 miles would be financed by regular state

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Few Minor Auto Wrecks Reported

A few minor motor vehicle accidents were reported on the highways and streets of the county over the week-end, but no one was hurt and damage was slight.

Tajmadge Selby, driving his brother's 1936 Plymouth, escaped injury when he was forced off the road just this side of Sweet Water Creek early Saturday evening. The car turned over on its side, but no damage estimate could be had immediately. The reckless driver of the other vehicle escaped.

A large truck belonging to the Norfolk Tallow Company and loaded with dead animals turned over on the Jamesville road near Bethlehem church early Sunday afternoon. No one was hurt and damage was said to have been slight.

Yesterday morning G. P. Whotley of Durham snagged the right fender on his Buick sedan when he started to pass Farmer H. U. Peel in front of the agriculture building on East Main Street here. Damage to the Whitley car was estimated at \$58 and none to the Peel car. No one was hurt.

APPLICATIONS

Application forms for claiming national service life insurance dividend will be available at post offices and veterans' offices on August 29 and a big rush is anticipated, according to Edgar Gurganus, veterans service officer for this county.

The application form is very simple. It is in the form of a card and requires very little information, including veteran's name and address, service serial number, insurance policy number, if available. The applicant fills in the simple form, saves one card for himself and mails the remainder of the claim to the government. The claimant will be advised if the claim is received and the money is to be expected some time early next year.

A big rush for applications is certain on and soon after August 29.

Dies Suddenly In Robersonville

(Robersonville Weekly Herald)

While getting into the car of her son, Ernest Coltrain, here last Saturday evening at 7:35 o'clock, Mrs. Lucy Lee Coltrain was fatally stricken, dying a short time later. She suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Sixty-seven years old, Mrs. Coltrain lived with her son, Ernest, in Ahoakie. She is a native of this section, having been born and reared near Robersonville.

Accompanied by her son, she came to Robersonville last Saturday for her granddaughter, Cecelia, who had been visiting in the home of Mrs. Lewis Wells Melton for several days.

Following the death of her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Manning, last March, Mrs. Coltrain went to Ahoakie to make her home with her son.

A kindly character, Mrs. Coltrain had many friends in Robersonville and community. She reared her own children, two step-children and assisted in the care of those outside her immediate family. She was always kind, considerate and thoughtful of others. Truly a Christian, she was admired and held in high esteem by all who knew her.

The body remained in the Robersonville Funeral Home here until an hour before the funeral which was held in the local Christian church Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. James M. Perry, officiated, and burial was in the old Robersonville Cemetery.

Surviving are her son, Ernest Coltrain of Ahoakie; a daughter, Mrs. George Silverthorne of near Williamston; two step-sons, John Coltrain of Williamston, and Charlie Coltrain of Robersonville.