

Several Injured In Latest Series Of Car Accidents

Drunk Stops Car on Bridge, Puts Out Lights And Goes To Sleep

Several persons were injured, none seriously, in a series of automobile accidents on the county highways over the week-end, reports from the county highway patrol office stated.

The first in the series was reported between Hobgood and Oak City last Tuesday morning when a mule belonging to Edgar Harrell darted out of a cornfield and into the path of a 1948 DeSoto, owned by Beulah Monroe of New Bern, and driven by Isaac Belango, also of New Bern. Two other mules ran into the highway, but the driver of the large touring sedan missed two and killed the other animal then and there. Damage was estimated at \$175 by Patrolman R. P. Narron who made the investigation.

A 1939 Pontiac, owned by Henry A. Roberson and driven by Johnny Roberson, caught fire and burned on a dirt road in Poplar Point Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock, Patrolman M. F. Powers reported. Three tires were salvaged from the fire.

Said to have "passed out", Jeremiah James parked his car on Collie Swamp bridge between Robersonville and Everetts about 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning, turned out the lights and went to sleep. Travelers reported the location of the car and Patrolman B. W. Parker was on his way there when Angelo D. Nociola, sailor of New Jersey and stationed at Portsmouth, crashed into James' 1937 Ford, knocking it some little distance down the highway. James was not hurt, but he was so drunk, the officer said, that he did not know where he was. James said he was on the Smithwick's Creek road.

David Parker, Pat Cooney, Mary Alvis and Wanda Meredith, riding with Nociola, were injured. The Meredith girl was severely cut on the forehead and suffered a concussion. Parker was skinned on his hands, face and knees, and the others were bruised and suffered shock. After receiving treatment in Ward's Clinic, Robersonville, they were moved to Williamston where they caught an early bus to their station and homes in Portsmouth.

Nociola told the patrolman that he dimmed his lights for an approaching car, that when he switched back to the bright lights he saw the parked car too late to avoid striking it. Nociola and his party were on their way to Fayetteville to spend the day with Parker's relatives. James, booked for drunken driving, was placed in the county jail. Damage to Nociola's 1946 Pontiac was estimated at \$300 and that to James' car at \$75.

Robert Earl Raskin, young Tarboro man, was not hurt but property damage estimated at \$250, resulted when he dropped off to sleep, and lost control of his 1947 Pontiac about one-half mile west of Robersonville on Highway 64 Sunday morning shortly before 11 o'clock. The car struck a telephone pole and climbed an embankment and cut a telephone pole in two.

No one was hurt and very little damage resulted when a fish boat struck a telephone pole on Highway 64 Sunday morning shortly before 11 o'clock. The boat struck a telephone pole and climbed an embankment and cut a telephone pole in two.

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Accepts Position With V. E. P. Company Here

Miss Evelyn Hancock has accepted a position with the Home Service Department of the Virginia Electric and Power Company as home economist with district headquarters here, it was announced by District Manager S. P. Woolford today.

A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, and holder of the B. S. degree in home economics, Miss Hancock is succeeding Miss Eleanor Hall who is transferring to the Arlington (Va.) office of the V. E. P. Company.

Before coming to the district office here, Miss Hancock did special work in the medical field, and received special training in home service work at the V. E. P. offices in Richmond.

Missing For A Month, Man Found In Serious Condition

Disappearing the 20th of last month, Lemon Strickland, farmer of near Hassell, was found last week-end, reports stating that he is now in a serious condition in Duke Hospital. Few details could be learned here immediately, but one report stated that he had a brain tumor, that he could not identify himself or any of his relatives, and that he was a sick man. Another report stated that he was to undergo a major operation, but the information could not be verified.

Strickland, 40 years old, took his car to a Williamston garage for repairs on the morning of September 20, explaining that he would return for it in about an hour. He never called for the car and when he did not return

home, relatives contacted officers and his description was released to newspapers and authorities.

It is not definitely known, but it is thought that he spent some time in Washington, D. C., and possibly in other cities. Late last Saturday he was found in Raleigh, and relatives were asked to identify him. He was identified and removed a short time later to the hospital by relatives who were advised to return to the hospital not later than noon Monday.

It was said that he had about \$100 in cash and some identification papers on his person at the time of his disappearance, but officers said nothing was found on his person when he was picked up in Raleigh.

Last Tobacco Sales Are Held On Friday

Paid \$4,371,162.10 For Nine Million Pounds This Year

Average of \$49.05 Received on Market Here Higher Than Belt Average

Williamston's tobacco market lowered the final curtain on the 1949 marketing season last Friday about noon after selling 8,910,898 pounds of the golden leaf for \$4,371,162.10, an average of \$49.05 per hundred pounds. The season—45 actual selling days—was one of the shortest, if not the shortest, on record. Last year the market sold in forty-nine marketing days 9,185,020 pounds for \$4,449,356.50, an average of \$48.44 per hundred pounds.

Weather conditions materially affected the poundage in this section, and then possibly a third or nearly half million pounds of tobacco moved to the border markets before the season opened here because the crop was earlier in this area than it was a year ago. The market had a very successful season. Prices continued firm until the last pile was sold, and farmers who followed the market from beginning and continued with it until the end, declared they made money by doing just that.

A report on the belt sales as released by the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture follows:

Activity in the Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco belt during the ninth week was marked by a light volume of offerings, fairly steady average prices by grades and lower quality than in the previous week. Six markets completed sales for the season.

Gross sales for the week ending October 21 amounted to \$5,583,580 pounds and averaged \$51 per hundred. This volume was around twelve and a quarter million pounds below the previous week. The average was off \$1.20 from the previous week's quality marketings. Season gross sales now total 388,610,669 pounds for an average of \$48.74. The Flue-Cured Stabilization Cooperative Corporation received approximately 1.5 percent of weekly gross sales. Season deliveries amounted to slightly over 4 percent.

ROUND-UP

The number of arrests recorded on the county jail blotter over the week-end set a new record for the season. Fourteen persons were arrested and temporarily detained, three for assaults, three for speeding, two for disorderly conduct, two for public drunkenness, and one each for non-support, violating the liquor laws, drunken driving, and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Four of the fourteen were women, six were white and the ages of the group ranged from 19 to 55 years.

SAMPLING

More farmers are having their cotton sampled and classified this year than in possibly any other year, according to unofficial but reliable reports reaching here.

It is estimated that about ten percent of the approximately 1,000 bales of cotton ginned in the county up to October 15 had been sampled and classified, making the owners eligible to apply for government loans at or above the price offered on the open market.

Cotton ginneries are bonded to sample cotton and have it classified, the government offering a 24-hour service. The service has proved profitable, the report said.

Conduct Funeral For Mrs. Roberson Monday Afternoon

Native of Bear Grass Died At Daughter's Home Early Sunday

Mrs. Nefie Elizabeth Green Roberson, member of a family long prominent in the history of this county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Manning in Pitt County at 12:25 o'clock Sunday morning. She had been in declining health for a number of years but her condition was not considered critical until about ten days before her death.

The daughter of the late Kelly and Patsy Anne Taylor Green, she was born in Bear Grass Township eighty-two years ago. Following her marriage in early womanhood to Luke Lanier Roberson, she made her home in Williams Township for a number of years, and in 1906 located in Williamston where the family lived for about eight years while Mr. Roberson served as deputy sheriff under the late Sheriff J. C. Crawford. The family then moved to Parmele and more recently she had made her home with the children.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Flat Swamp in Pitt County for many years, and the funeral was conducted there Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Elder A. B. Ayers, Bear Grass minister, and Elder Mewborn of Snow Hill. Burial was in the Robersonville Cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Stephen L. Roberson of Roanoke Rapids and William K. Roberson of Richmond; two daughters, Mrs. Beulah Mizelle Edwards of Snow Hill, and Mrs. B. F. Manning of near Robersonville; fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A son, Nicholas Roberson, died in Parmele some months ago. She was a brother of the late Marion Green of Robersonville, and she leaves a number of nieces and nephews in this county.

Man Accidentally Drowns In River Saturday Evening

Ellis Wilson Asby Loses His Life At Fertilizer Company's Dock

Ellis Wilson Asby, 35-year-old barge captain, was accidentally drowned when he fell into the Roanoke River at the Standard Fertilizer Company dock here last Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock, the tragedy, police said, climaxing a drinking party. The body was recovered about forty-five minutes later, and Jeffrey Michaux (Little Bear) applied artificial respiration for almost an hour without success.

Asby was said to have been trying to board the barge when he fell into the river. Night Watchman Furney Howard heard him when he fell and tried to reach him with a stick, but the man was said to have been unable to make an effort to catch hold of it.

The watchman notified the police department, and several officers, including deputies from the sheriff's office, went there. The officers found him a few minutes later lodged against a dock piling, the man's head sticking partly out of the water.

The man's wife, said to have been under the influence of liquor to such an extent that she could offer no details on the drowning, was placed in the county jail, officers explaining that she was placed there for drunkenness and not in connection with the drowning.

The son of the late James R. and Gertrude Cutler Asby, he was born in Beaufort County on July 7, 1914. He had made several runs up the Roanoke as a barge captain.

Surviving are his widow, three brothers, Paul Asby of Washington, William Asby of Ohio, and Gilbert Asby of Plymouth, and two sisters, Mrs. A. R. Morris of Washington and Mrs. Rowell Lane of Kings Mountain.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon in Zion's Episcopal Church, near Washington, by Rev. Stephen Gardner. Interment was in the family plot in the churchyard.

Education Board Holds Meeting

Holding a special meeting Monday, the Martin County Board of Education discussed several matters but took no action in any of them.

The purchase of four or five acres for a play ground at Jamesville was considered, but no agreement on the price was reached. It was reported that the owners had offered five acres for \$10,000, and that the board countered with an offer of \$6,500 for four acres.

Discussing State insurance for school properties, the board called upon the division of insurance of the State Board of Education for cost figures. During the meantime, it has been rumored the old-line companies have or are considering reducing their rates by 25 percent.

Two Cars Crash On Street Here

One person was slightly hurt and property damage, estimated by Officer C. R. Moore at \$300 resulted when two cars crashed at the intersection of Park and Warren Streets here last Friday morning shortly before 9:00 o'clock.

Mrs. David Bowen, riding with her husband who was driving, was thrown against the windshield and suffered a slight head injury, the officer said. No one else was hurt.

Luther Modlin, operating his 1948 DeSoto, was driving south on Park Street and Bowen, operating a 1936 Pontiac, was driving east on Warren Street when the two vehicles crashed at the intersection.

Expect Fifteen Thousand For Second Harvest Festival Here

Farm Bureau Six Hundred Members Short Of Its Goal

The Martin County Farm Bureau is approximately 600 members short of its membership goal for the year 1949-50, a report from the secretary last week-end revealed. And the time for completing the drive is short, it was explained.

Meeting in the courthouse last Thursday evening, ten of the canvassers reported that they had signed 1,354 members up until that time, that possibly the other canvassers had signed but not reported about forty or fifty members.

Always in the front in support of farm program and good farm practices, Mr. Van G. Taylor reported last week that sixty members on his farms had joined the organization, that they could be counted on to support the Farm Bureau. Farmer Billy Cratt, small farm operator, last week signed nine members in his family to set a record for an individual farm. Several other family units of seven have come forward to support the organization.

Another meeting of the membership committee is to be held on Thursday night of next week when it is hoped that the goal will have been reached. Leaders point out that a farm program is assured for next year, but that before another membership drive is launched a strong organization will be needed to insure a continuance of the program.

Safety Of Child Dependent Upon Attitude Of Adult

Guy Langston Brings Safety Message To Parents and Teachers Last Night

The question of child safety is largely dependent on the matter of the safety of the attitude of their elders, the members of the Parents-Teachers Association of Williamston schools were told by a group of speakers in the Grammar School auditorium last night as they conducted a symposium on the subject, "How Safe Is Your Child?"

The increased use of petroleum products on the highway and in the home were responsible for the warnings on safety from two of the speakers, Williamston Fire Chief G. P. Hall and Guy Langston, former highway patrolman who is now working with the safety division of the State Highway Commission.

Chief Hall's one big warning to the assemblage was against the practice of refilling and relighting oil heaters while they are still hot. "If the fuel burns out of your heater while it is being used, let the heater cool before turning oil into the burner and attempting to relight it," he said, declaring that to let fuel or pour into a hot stove and strike a match to it, was one of the most certain ways to set off an explosion.

While Mr. Langston made the principal address, Chairman W. H. Carstarphen of the local Red Cross Chapter, spoke of safety in the home and out of it, too, in urging the further spread of first aid teaching and aquatic safety. He offered the services of an instructor for a course in first aid in the schools if the course was desired. Attorney R. L. Coburn closed the symposium with a few remarks on safety legislation, declaring that there will be a great many bills in the next legislature to clear up highway laws and improve the safety of the roads in respect to school buses. He said the care with which school bus drivers are selected and trained was good, but urged a constant check on them to see that they maintained a safe attitude in their work, drawing from Cpl. Fearing of the highway patrol the information that all school buses and drivers are being checked one time each month of the school year—from now on. One of the greatest hazards of the school bus routes today is being corrected as rapidly as possible he said by the widening of roads that now make passing almost impossible.

The burden of Mr. Langston's remarks to the parents and the instructors of their children was that the older folks are responsible for the safety attitudes of the children. He declared that one of the most dangerous things that a child can do now and one that is illegal and denies him the protection of the law in case of a mishap is to ride a bicycle on the

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SPEED ZONE

Martin County's first speed zone was established yesterday when a 35-mile limit was ordered on all motor vehicles operating on U. S. Highway 64 beginning near the Bamby garage in West End and maintaining right on into Williamston.

Signs have been posted, and motorists are warned about the limit.

The speed zone was created after petitioners had appealed to the authorities about a year ago and the district highway commissioner and others had made a study of the traffic hazard in that area.

Boy Scouts From Several Counties In Camporee Here

Nearly One Hundred Boys Take Part In Three-Day Camporee

Seven patrols out of 13 won first place blue ribbons in the fall camporee of the Boy Scouts of America held here Friday through Sunday on the high school grounds, with 80 boys attending. Five patrols earned second place red ribbons and one didn't qualify.

Patrols winning the ribbons were: blue; Beaver and Wolf Patrols, Troop 29, Williamston; Indian Patrol, Troop 27, Williamston; Whippoorwill and Bob White Patrols, Troop 72, Robersonville; Bob White Patrol, Troop 78, Hamilton; Wolf Patrol, Troop 84, Plymouth; red; Bob White Patrol, Troop 27, Williamston; Cherokee Patrol, Troop 72, Robersonville; Flaming Arrow Patrol, Troop 122, Russell; Rattlesnake Patrol, Troop 84, Plymouth; Lion Patrol, Troop 104, Windsor.

During the campfire ceremonies, Saturday night, the boys of Troop 28, Williamston, and Troop 29, Williamston, received second class badges; Hugh Lindsley, of the same troop received a first class badge; Ben Andrews, Jr., of Troop 27, Williamston, was given swimming and safety merit badges.

Highlighting the three-day camp was the council campfire program on the athletic field Saturday night, attended by all the scouts and approximately 100 visitors.

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Local Schools To Suspend Classes Early Afternoon

Senator Frank P. Graham To Speak Immediately After The Parade

All details have been handled and everything put in readiness for Williamston's second annual harvest festival, opening tonight at 8:30 o'clock with square and round dancing in Washington Street between Main and the railroad.

No changes have been made in the program, and all the chairmen of the various departments are really optimistic as they prepare to enter the home stretch with one of the greatest parades ever seen in this section. With fair weather, Director Al Sweatt is fairly certain that between twelve and fifteen thousand people will be here for the parade and Senator Frank P. Graham's speech.

Only the street dance is on the schedule this evening, but starting at 1:00 o'clock Wednesday there'll be plenty stirring in the town. The parade will start forming by early afternoon on the north side of Main Street, mainly on Hassell and Academy Streets and Simmons Avenue. Owners of vehicles are asked not to park their cars on those streets, and officers, including police and eight or ten patrolmen will clear Main from Watts to Haughton and Watts Street from Church to Main. It was also pointed out that through traffic will be routed off 17 and 64 down South Haughton to Marshall Avenue and down to Watts and thence to Main Street, and vice versa, and that it will be advisable for local vehicle owners to help keep the streets clear.

The parade is slated to start moving promptly at 2:00 o'clock. During the meantime, Doctor Gene Rice and his group of fifteen clowns will take over at 1:00 o'clock and they have their stunts all planned. They will work for

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Charles E. Cory Dies In Hospital

Charles E. Cory, 78, died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Asheville, yesterday morning at 10:00 o'clock following an operation performed last Thursday. He had been in declining health for some time.

A native of Lafayette, Indiana, he toured various parts of the world as a talent scout for Barnum and Bailey for a number of years. Following his retirement he located in Florida, and about five years ago moved to Hendersonville to make his home.

Surviving besides his widow are three daughters, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., of Williamston, Mrs. David Pepper of Miami and Mrs. Ralph Stowman of Lafayette, Ind.; one son, James Cory, of Idaho.

Mr. Cory with Mrs. Cory had visited Williamston on several occasions and made many friends here.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed early today.

Funeral services will be held in Lafayette tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, and interment will be there.

COSTLY

The dumping of sweet potatoes into baskets and offering them for sale green without even a pretense at grading will prove costly to the growers, according to reports coming from the markets.

Prices have ranged as low as \$1.40 per bushel for potatoes that had not been field graded, while the price climbed to \$2.25 a bushel for good quality potatoes that had been field graded with a degree of care.

Peanuts Begin To Move To Markets In Martin County

Moisture Content Exceeds Maximum Allowed In Number of Cases

Peanuts are beginning to move to the markets in this county but in limited quantity, reports stating that sizable deliveries are hardly expected within the next ten days or two weeks.

A quality trend cannot yet be established definitely, but it is believed that the farmers will market a better crop this year than they did last, provided favorable weather prevails during the threshing season. However, it was fairly evident, judging from the few scattered deliveries made so far, that some farmers dug their peanuts too early and that some are picking the goobers before they are properly cured.

Quite a few shriveled peanuts were found in the first samples, and moisture content as high as 15 percent has been found. However, moisture content found in other samples was well within the average maximum of 10 and 1-2 percent.

An official report states that one sample, offering a good appearance in the shell, contained right many nuts that had shriveled apparently because they were harvested too soon, and very few extra large. The sample graded right at nine cents a pound, or about one cent below the normal.

Marketing cards have been distributed to Martin farmers who did not plant in excess of their allotments. Those farmers planting in excess of their allotments are to receive red marketing cards just as soon as the excess plantings can be checked.

The support price this year, based on 65 percent meat, average moisture content and allowed foreign matter, is \$199 per ton as compared with \$235 last year. Additional payments of \$3.10 per ton will be made for each full one percent of sound mature kernels in excess of 65 percent and deductions will be made at the same rate for each one percent or fractional part thereof below 65 percent sound mature kernels. Premiums will be paid at the rate of 50c per ton for each full one percent of Extra Large kernels in excess of 15 percent. Other additions and deduction for each full one percent will be as follows:

Foreign material, 50c per ton deduction for each full one percent foreign material in excess of 3 percent but not in excess of 15 percent, and \$1.00 per ton for each full one percent foreign material in excess of 15 percent; damage, \$3.00 per ton deduction for each full one percent damage in excess of one percent; additions and deductions for moisture, there will be added to the above prices 1-2 of 1 percent for each full 1-2 of 1 percent moisture below 8 percent, and there will be deducted from such prices 1-2 of 1 percent moisture above 8 percent. (The Government will purchase no peanuts containing more than 10 1-2 percent moisture in the Virginia-Carolina area.)

Designated agencies of the Government are authorized to purchase peanuts from excess acreage by any non-cooperating producer provided that such excess peanuts when purchased can be properly identified by an excess marketing card form Peanut 110, in effect for the farm on which such peanuts were produced, and by a certificate issued by the county agricultural conservation committee showing the maximum quantity of peanuts produced on such farm which may be purchased at the support price rate for excess peanuts. The support price for excess farmers stock peanuts produced by non-cooperating producers which are purchased for the

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Accepts Position With Revenue Department

J. D. Woolard, Jr., recently accepted a position with the Federal Revenue Department. A graduate of Duke University, the young local man is now stationed in Greensboro, but is expecting an assignment in this section of the State.