

Several Injured In Road Wrecks In This Section

Man's Legs Badly Mangled When Run Down Just Beyond River Fill

Several persons were hurt, one badly, in a series of automobile-truck accidents on the highways in this section during the past few days.

In addition to the highway accidents there were three minor ones within Williamston's town limits.

Last Monday afternoon, Rev. Henry W. Tickman of Roper, driving in from Oak City at hardly 12 or 15 miles an hour, failed to negotiate the turn into Hamilton's Main Street and tore into Elwood Boyd's Ford truck parked across the street. The Ford truck was knocked into Bob Sidenstricker's Dodge truck. No one was hurt. A survey of the damage made by Patrolman R. P. Narron listed \$200 on the retired minister's 1941 Plymouth, little or none on the Ford truck, and about \$25 on the Dodge.

Wednesday afternoon about 4:00 o'clock, a front tire blew out on a truck-trailer and the vehicle went out of control, tearing into a cornfield between Hamilton and Oak City. The truck, owned by the Baltimore Lumber Company and driven by a colored man, was heavily loaded with lumber. No one was hurt and damage was estimated at \$200 by Patrolman R. P. Narron who made the investigation.

Wednesday night at 11:00 o'clock the 1939 Chevrolet driven by George Bowers and a 1937 Ford driven by Gus Lynch's son crashed head-on between Hamilton and Palmyra on the River Road. The left sides of the cars were torn away, but no one was hurt. Damage to the Chevrolet was estimated at \$125 by Patrolman R. P. Narron and that to the Ford at \$50, the smaller amount representing just about the full value of the car, according to the investigating officer.

William T. Bonds, 40-year-old colored man, was run down and badly hurt by an automobile shortly before 3:00 o'clock last Sunday morning about three-quarters of a mile east of the end of the river swamp fill on Highway 17. Few details could be learned, but one report said that he was lying in the highway, that a young man from Windsor, driving east on the highway ran over him. The driver picked him up and carried him to Brown's Hospital. It was reported that his right leg was broken and that the left knee was crushed and mangled. Patrolman J. T. Rowe made the investigation.

About two hours prior to that time, Frank Robert Bemis, 19-year-old Navy man stationed on the U. S. submarine Amberjack in a Florida port, was blinded by the lights of an approaching car and ran his 1938 DeSoto into a ditch just outside of Williamston's town limits near Sunny Side Inn on Highway 17. He, nor his passenger, Maurice D. Roman, was hurt but Patrolman M. F. Powell, making the investigation, said about \$100 damage was done to the car.

Cpl. T. Fearing, holding the fort while other patrolmen were stationed in Tarboro, was called to an accident on 17 just south of Williamston at 4:00 o'clock Monday morning. No one was hurt and damage was slight.

Laymen's League Will Meet Here

The Laymen's League of the Christian Church of Eastern North Carolina, will hold a quarterly meeting in the Woman's Club building here tomorrow evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Dr. Mark Rutherford, director of laymen's work throughout the brotherhood, will address the meeting. The ladies of the church will serve dinner, and a goodly number of visitors from other towns in this part of the State are expected to attend along with a large representation from the local church.

Eastern Carolina Beauty At Festival Here



Pictured above is an array of eastern Carolina beauty that featured Williamston's second annual harvest festival parade and harvest ball last Wednesday afternoon and evening. One can understand why the judges called for more time in choosing the queen. The young ladies are, left to right, Misses Faye Walker, Scotland Neck; Lib Cherry, Bear Grass; Leona Hardison, Farm Life; Anne Willoughby, Ahoskie; Rachel Chesson, Williamston; Queen Shirley Graham, Windsor; Reba Tetterton, Washington; Shirley Stevenson, Robersonville; June Gardner, Jamesville; Shirley Roberson, Plymouth; Sybil Cayton, Edenton; and Gladys Everett, Oak City.

Four Are Treated Here For Serious Accident Injuries

Alabama-Florida Cars In Head-on Crash Near Here Yesterday Afternoon

Four persons were injured, one of them believed seriously and the others badly, when their cars crashed head-on in front of the Joyner filling station just east of the Roanoke River swamp on Highway 17 early yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Hunter Brown of Pensacola, Fla., suffered a fracture of the left leg, and Mr. Brown had six teeth knocked out and suffered a leg injury. Frank Haynes of Hodges and Montgomery, Alabama, suffered fractures of both arms above the elbows, one break extending to the right shoulder. Paul Bryan of Decatur, Alabama, suffered neck and back injuries, according to unofficial reports.

Given first aid treatment and prepared for travel, Mr. and Mrs. Brown were removed in a Biggs ambulance to Norfolk where Mrs. Brown will enter a hospital to be near to relatives. Bryan and Haynes were transferred in another Biggs ambulance to Duke Hospital, Durham, late yesterday afternoon after receiving treatment in the hospital here.

Driving up from Alabama to attend a convention at Negs Head, Pontiac, turned to his left to avoid striking a third car driven by M. P. Joyner who was making a turn into his station. The Pontiac, according to one report, and the 1949 Lincoln Cosmopolitan driven by Brown crashed just to the center of the road on Brown's right.

The injured were brought to

County Hog Sale Is Disappointing

Holding their fall sale of purebred stock at the old Martin County fairgrounds last Friday afternoon, members of the Martin County Swine Breeders Association were openly disappointed in the prices offered. Assistant County Farm Agent J. W. Sumner stated that twenty-three hogs were offered for sale, but that only twelve were sold. Prices ranged slightly above market figures for slaughter hogs, it was stated.

ROUND-UP

After a week of much activity on the crime front, the people participated in and witnessed a giant harvest festival here without a single person running afoul of the law. And the week-end found peace and quiet reigning, for the most part. Only four persons were arrested and detained in the county jail, two for breaking and entering, one on an old charge and still another for safekeeping for another county.

One of the four was white and the ages of the group ranged from 17 to 49 years.

School Concert Many Years Ago

A program uncovered in some old papers, lists the numbers and characters appearing in the annual Hamilton High School Concert about forty-three years ago. The program lists Mrs. William Edward Gladstone as musical director.

The program lists such numbers as "Persian March," "Shepherd's Evening Song," "Faust," "Cypsy Jane," "The Joyful Peasant," "The Loyal Boston Man," "Gypsy Romance," "Tales of the Evening Leaves," and others.

Part II of the program was the presentation of "The Moon Queen" with the following cast of characters: The Sun, Emma Perkins; The Moon, Estelle Moore; North Star, Edward Matthews; Evening Star, Bettie Lawrence; Morning Breeze, Maggie Belle Jones; Evening Breeze, Lily Bryant; Summer Cloud, Maud Baker; Summer Shower, Susie Johnson; Rainbow, Lou Mayo Brown; Prince Sunbeam, William Grimes; Princess Sunshine, Mary Pender Galdstone; Stars, Fanny Matthews and Fanny Gladstone; Clouds, Castine Purvis and Virginia Bennett; Raindrops, Maggie Peel and Reba Upton; Sunbeams, Lelia Pippin, Annie Jones, Carrie Sherrod and Lillie May Baker.

Medals were presented by Rev. J. B. Gible.

County Farmer Quite Ill In Hospital Here

Suffering a stroke at his home early last Thursday morning, Mr. Jos. Holliday, well-known farmer of Jamesville Township, was removed a short time later to the local hospital where his condition continues serious. He is semi-conscious, and then only at intervals, it was said.

Dillon Simpson Funeral Friday In Statesville

Native Of This County Died At His Home There Last Wednesday

John Dillon Simpson, native of this county and for a number of years a resident of Williamston, died at his home in Statesville early last Thursday morning. He had been in declining health the greater part of eight years, and death was attributable to a heart attack.

The son of the late John D. and Elizabeth Griffin Simpson, he was born on a farm between Williams-ton and Everetts six years ago. After spending his early life there, he moved to Williamston and was engaged with his brother, the late J. Paul Simpson, in the retail furniture and hardware business. When a young man he entered the tobacco business, buying for the Liggett and Meyers Tobacco Company for many years. He was married to Miss Eva Vaughan of South Boston, Va., and later located in Mt. Airy where the family lived until about three years ago when they moved to Statesville. Although he left here more than thirty years ago he is well remembered by many local people as a friend and a true Southern gentleman.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church and a Mason. The Rev. R. M. Bird of C. and S. Church of St. James Episcopal Church in Statesville, conducted the funeral at the home last Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment was in Statesville's Oakwood Cemetery.

Surviving are his widow; two sons, John Dillon Simpson, Jr., of Statesville, and Page Vaughan Simpson, a student at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, and a number of nieces and nephews, including the Simpson and Cobb boys of Williamston. He was the last member of the family of several sons and daughters.

Fifteen Thousand DP's To Arrive In U. S. Ports

Washington.—Thirteen chartered vessels are expected this month in United States ports with 14,900 displaced persons from Europe, the U. N. International Refugee Organization (IRO) here announces. The incoming refugees, who have been selected under the terms of the U. S. Displaced Persons Act of 1948, are scheduled to dock in New York, Boston and New Orleans.

Jas. R. Harrison Died Wednesday

James R. Harrison, retired farmer, died last Wednesday morning in Butner Hospital after several years of declining health.

A son of the late Mary Ann Bullock and Reuben Harrison, he was born in Bear Grass Township 63 years ago and spent most of his life on the farm in this county.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Mary Stokes; five sons, Frank and Paul Harrison of Williamston, Buck and Norman Harrison of Robersonville, and James R. Harrison, Jr., of Stokes; five daughters, Mrs. W. L. McFarland and Mrs. Robert Stillman of Norfolk, Mrs. James Hollis of Robersonville, Mrs. Leonard Gilsen of Stokes and Mrs. H. L. Raymond of Nyssa, Oregon; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted last Friday afternoon at the Oliver Harrison home in Bear Grass by Elder A. B. Ayers and interment was in the old Harrison family cemetery there.

Attend Funeral Here Yesterday

Among those from out of the county attending the funeral of Miss Estelle Crawford in the Methodist Church here yesterday afternoon were:

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Lynch, Mrs. C. H. Henderson, and Messrs. W. D. McPherson, K. R. Bradley, E. A. Wright, B. F. Wilson and T. H. Harvey of Norfolk; Mrs. Cecil Wilkerson and Mrs. J. H. Davenport of Pantego; Mr. and Mrs. Robt. D. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Purvis, Mrs. Wilbur Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Midgette, Mrs. Lovie Taylor and Mrs. Edna Ward Justice, of Belhaven; Mr. Walter Gresham of Beulaville, and son, Billy, of Chapel Hill; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Goodman of Greenville; Mrs. Leslie Turner, Mrs. Gardner Edwards, Miss Kate Murrill Boggs, Mrs. J. D. Sandlin, Mrs. Gordon Muldrow and Mrs. Lanier, of Beulaville, and Mrs. Edwin E. Holding of Rich Square.

Grass Fire In West End Last Friday Morning

Volunteer firemen answered their second call to a grass fire in West End last Friday morning shortly before 10:00 o'clock. Centered in a block of the old fair ground site, the fire was said to have been spreading rapidly when it was brought under control.

Three Car Wrecks On Local Streets During Week-end

Little Fellow Had Most Of His Clothes Torn Off When Hit By Car

Three or more persons were hurt, one painfully, in a series of three vehicle accidents on Williamston Streets Saturday evening and Sunday, according to reports coming from the police department.

Charles, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gurganus of Watts Street, was bruised about the body and had most of his clothes torn off when he ran out into the street and into the side of a car driven by Melvin Davis, school garage mechanic. The little fellow had just got out of his father's truck and started across the street to the Marco Theater on South Haughton Street. He was not touched by the wheels, officers adding that the car was traveling very slowly at the time.

Nannie Hill, colored woman of RFD 1, Greenville, was painfully hurt when the car driven by her husband, Alonza Hall, went out of control, ran off the street just beyond the hospital on Highway 64 and turned over twice down an embankment. Hall, stating that they were on their way to church about 11 o'clock Sunday morning, told officers that the steering wheel came loose and he lost control of the car. No one else was hurt and it could not be learned.

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James Bulluck Buys Business

Purchasing the business of Pittman's, clothiers here for several years, James E. Bulluck took over operations there yesterday, and will operate under the firm name of Bulluck's.

Mr. Bulluck is adding several nationally known lines to his stock, and will feature men's and boys' clothing exclusively. The new business owner-operator has had much experience in both the retail and wholesale mercantile business, having been associated with the Martin Supply firm here for a number of years and more recently with a wholesale firm in Norfolk.

Retiring from the business on account of his health, Mr. C. D. Pittman, former owner, has not announced his plans for the future.

PEANUTS

Peanut threshing, after getting off to a slow start, was interrupted by heavy rains over the week-end in this county. However, peanut shelling and cleaning mills are now operating with light deliveries from that portion of the crop picked last week.

With a return of fair weather, pickers are expected to resume operations and go forward on an intensive schedule.

Plans Shaping Up For Taking 1950 Census In Nation

Services of 150,000 People Will Be Needed To Handle The Task

The Bureau of the Census will hold the mirror up to the nation and its progress next Spring when it conducts the 17th Decennial Census.

A variety of interesting and important facts will be collected concerning the population and the economy, all testifying to the nation's remarkable growth and expansion. But of even deeper significance in view of the trend of the times, the Census will provide fresh evidence of the dynamics of a free and democratic society, and will thus represent a tribute to what the American people have accomplished by self-reliance, enterprise, hard work and thrift.

The official starting date for the count is April 1, but it will actually get underway earlier in Alaska so that those who live in remote regions, like Eskimos in their villages above the Arctic Circle, can be reached before the Spring thaw. The overall cost is estimated at about \$85 millions, over double the cost of the 1940 Census. Much of this increase is due to the rise in the price level since prewar.

Back in 1790, when the first Census was taken, the job was done by 17 U. S. marshals and 600 assistants. At that time the infant Republic, which had won its freedom from Britain less than a decade before, consisted of only 16 states and two thinly-settled regions, the Northwest and South-west Territories. Florida and the whole area west of the Mississippi River were "foreign" country. The total population was less than 4 million, of whom about 700,000 were listed as slaves. The economy was predominately rural and agricultural.

This time the census job will require 150,000 persons to ring door-bells and father the facts alone, a number 3 1-2 times the size of America's biggest city 160 years ago, Philadelphia, then the nation's capital as well. The population is expected to number about 150 millions, nearly 40 times the 1790 total. Our society has become primarily urban and industrial, and in all fundamental respects such as national wealth, productive power, living standards, and average individual well-being, the United States has far ahead of its contemporary nations of the late 19th century.

The first Census asked five simple population questions. This time there will be about 60 questions, plus some 200 additional questions concerning agriculture. In reality, there will be three censuses next year—Population, Agriculture and Housing.

Changes in the censuses and their scope over the years give a picture of how the nation has grown. The first two censuses were limited to the population alone. In 1810 the first Census of Manufactures was taken, indicating its increasing importance. Thirty years later, in 1840, came the initial Census of Agriculture. In 1929 the first Census of Business was taken to survey the nation's system of distribution, and the year 1940 saw the first Census of Housing. Furthermore, a decennial Census of Religious Bodies was started in 1906.

Thus six complete censuses are conducted every decade, with those of Manufactures and Agriculture.

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Estelle Crawford Died In Hospital Saturday Evening

Funeral Yesterday In Methodist Church For Well-Known Teacher

Miss Estelle Crawford, faithful teacher in the local schools for a number of years, died in the hospital here last Saturday evening at 7:20 o'clock after a lingering illness. Undergoing an operation in a Richmond hospital last year, Miss Crawford suffered a relapse the early part of this year and entered the hospital last February 15. Little hope was held for her recovery at that time, but she nobly fought to live. Although her condition was critical at times over a period of months, the determination to live was there until the early part of last week when she no longer could take nourishment.

The daughter of Mrs. Fannie Bateman Crawford and J. C. Crawford, late sheriff of this county, she was born in Williamston on May 26, 1903. After her graduation from the local schools, she attended Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, for two years, earning her A teacher's certificate at Chapel Hill in subsequent summer session.

She first taught in the school at Hassell, transferring to Everetts before leaving the county to teach several terms in the schools at Belhaven. She returned home and joined the local school faculty in the fall of 1926, continuing there until declining health forced her retirement.

More than 1,000 youths came under her care in the school room, where she unselfishly devoted every energy to their preparation for life's journey. Miss Crawford was more than a teacher for she often acted at the expense of her time and means in promoting the welfare of her little charges, always stressing the importance of education and the finer, nobler ideals in life. To her task she gave the full measure of her life, and her handiwork lives today and will go on living for years to come in the being of the hundreds of young people who sat in her classes during the past twenty-seven years, twenty-three of them in the school here.

Despite her infirmities, she could and did cheer those who happened by her room during the long months she spent in the hospital. Almost until the last she wore a smile on her face and her words, although measured by weakness, were encouraging ones.

She was devoted to her home, loved ones and friends. A member of the Methodist church for many years, she was regular in attendance upon its services, taking a leading part in its work. She was a charter member of the local unit of the Eastern Star, holding one of its offices until forced into retirement. Few gave more freely and willingly of time than she did to her work and civic responsibilities.

Surviving are her mother; one sister, Mrs. Harold Clark of Jacksonville, Fla.; two brothers, Roland C. Crawford of Norfolk, and W. Thomas Crawford of Williamston; three nieces and a nephew.

Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. E. R. Shuller, and interment was in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Fire Inspection Report Winners

Participating in Fire Prevention Week program, nine pupils in the local schools came through as winners with fire inspection reports. They prepared and submitted reports on fire prevention practices and precautions, it was explained.

The winners were, Edgar M. Delamar, Jr., Billy Dudley, Ann Gresham, Sandra Dawn Gardner, Glenda Faye Wells, Billy Woolard, Susie Griffin, Katherine Spruill and Lois Rayne Beach.