

## Series of Wrecks On County Roads During Week-end

### No One Badly Hurt and Loss To Property Small, Patrolmen Say

No one was badly hurt and property loss was held to a fairly low figure in a series of motor vehicle accidents on the highways in this county during the week-end.

Driving on the Bear Grass Road about 6:00 o'clock last Friday evening, Willie Lilley, Jr., 22, ran into and knocked Hildreth Rogerson's cow and calf into a ditch. Reports state that the animals were not hurt, but damage to the car approximated \$200, Patrolman M. F. Powers reported.

Sunday morning about 2:00 o'clock, Oliver Harrison, Jr., was driving on a dirt road about two miles north of J. D. Leggett's home in Bear Grass Township when one of the front wheels locked and caused the 1942 Dodge to turn over. Damage to the machine was estimated at \$100 by Patrolman J. T. Rowe who made the investigation. No one was hurt.

Driving east on Highway 64 Sunday evening, Clarence Taylor of Plymouth started to make a left turn into a driveway just outside of Dardens with his 1937 Ford pick-up truck. Chas. W. Blount, Jr., of Maceys was meeting him, and unable to turn to the left because another car was approaching, Blount plowed his 1948 Chevrolet into the rear side of the truck, causing about \$100 damage to the car and about \$25 damage to the truck, according to Patrolman M. F. Powers who made the investigation.

A colored boy whose name could not be learned immediately (Continued on page eight)

## Governor Pleads For Food Train

In an appeal to all North Carolinians, Governor Kerr Scott recently pleaded for support of the 1949 Friendship Train which is now being made up in this State. Dates for loading a carload of corn in this county have not been announced by Chairman Mayo Hardison of Poplar Point, but the ground work for the task has been laid, and the leaders are waiting for the signal.

Governor Scott's plea, addressed to the citizens of North Carolina, reads as follows:

"The Lord has again blessed us with a bountiful harvest for which we are humbly grateful. Our first thought is to share our good fortune with others; in some instances with our neighbors and friends and oftentimes with our fellowman across the seas.

"We are fully aware of the untold agony and suffering experienced by the aged, the ill, the destitute and the hungry in war torn countries. We want to help them and find that the first coordinated relief program of Catholics, Lutherans and other Protestant churches is a sure method of our commending the needy in hospitals, homes for the aged, sanitariums, orphanages, dispensaries, displaced persons camps, refugee camps, child feeding programs, pre-tubercular clinics, student relief centers, church institutions and broken homes.

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## Jitterbuggers At Harvest Festival Here



Pictured above are a few of the dancers participating in the jitterbug contests held during a harvest festival dance in Washington Street here a short time ago. In addition to the hundreds

witnessing the special dances above, there were large crowds participating in and watching square and round dances in other sections of the same street.

## Hold Funeral At Cedar Grove For Faithful Member

### Mrs. Annie Wynne Edmondson Died at Home In Poplar Point Sunday

Mrs. Annie Wynne Edmondson, well-known resident of Poplar Point Township, died at her home there at 2:00 o'clock Sunday morning. She had been in declining health for a long period but her condition was not regarded as serious until a few days before when she suffered a stroke of paralysis and never regained consciousness.

The daughter of the late Samuel and Esther Linda Purvis Wynne, she was born in this county 62 years ago on March 22, 1887. In early womanhood she was married to Julius Edmondson who died six years later, leaving three children by the union, Mrs. Fate Roebuck, Luther Edmondson and Mrs. Ida Belle Roebuck, all of near Williamston. In 1911 she was married to Mancy Edmondson who survives with four sons, Willie B. Edmondson of Hamilton, Charlie and Lanier Edmondson, both of the home, and William Ed. but speed rehabilitation and build a better world. Especially needed are grains, soybeans, livestock, dairy products, dried fruits, nuts, raw cotton and wool.

"When you are approached to assist in this program, either as a solicitor or for a donation, remember that the recipients of your efforts are the needy in hospitals, homes for the aged, sanitariums, orphanages, dispensaries, displaced persons camps, refugee camps, child feeding programs, pre-tubercular clinics, student relief centers, church institutions and broken homes.

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## Maintain Drive On Illicit Liquor Business In County

Continuing without let-up in their drive against the illicit liquor traffic, both manufacturing and retailing, Martin County officers last week wrecked a large distillery and carried two cases into the courts.

Possibly completing a vacation, owners of a plant started to resume operations at a plant in Bear Grass Township, not far from the Harris Millpond, when ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel interrupted the plans last Friday. The 100-gallon copper kettle, used previously, had just been bricked up again, the officers stating that the brick mortar was hardly dry. Capturing the still, the officers wrecked six 50-gallon fermenters and found 100

pounds of corn meal and 100 pounds of rye meal. Switching to the retail end of the illicit business, the two officers went to the home of Oscar Biggs just off Highway 17 in the newly paved Bear Grass Road and found a goodly number of "drunks" and confiscated three and one-half gallons of raw liquor. Biggs and his wife, Amanda, are to appear in the county court on December 5.

While the ABC officer and deputy were working near Williamston, Sheriff M. W. Holloman and Deputy Raymond Rawls invaded Parmele and booked James Arthur Perkins, colored, for allegedly operating a gambling house and possessing illicit liquor.

### OPENINGS

Its ranks reduced to a minimum by deaths and address changes, the Williamston Fire Department is receiving applications for membership. Anyone interested in rendering a public service without little or much hope for pecuniary reward may procure an application form from Fire Chief G. P. Hall or Department Secretary Julian Harrell.

## Native Dies At Virginia Beach

Dalma Mobley, native of this county, died at his home in Virginia Beach Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock, the victim of a heart attack.

The son of Mrs. John Lilley of this county and the late Chas. Mobley, he was born in this county 33 years ago. For the past eight years he made his home in Virginia Beach where he was employed by a taxi company.

Surviving besides his mother are one sister, Miss Marie Mobley of Williamston; a brother, Gilbert Mobley of Plymouth; a half-sister, Miss Louise Ray Lilley, and a half-brother, John Lilley, Jr., of this county.

Funeral services were conducted in the Fairview church in Williamston Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Preston E. Cayton, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister. Burial was in the Siloam Methodist Church Cemetery in Williamston.

## Short Course For Farmers In State

Beginning early in January, State College, Raleigh, will offer a four-week course in dairy, cattle and crop production, Assistant Farm Agent D. W. Brady announces. The courses are open to any farmer who has had eight or more years of schooling and the cost, covering board and room and incidentals, will be limited to \$97.50.

Agent Brady, pointing out that the course offers a splendid opportunity to every farmer who would take advantage of the instruction and practical experience, is receiving applications. GI's will be extended aid and applications must be filed not later than December 15.

Several young farmers are planning to attend the course and others interested in the program are directed to contact Agent Brady.

## Organizing Junior Order Chapter Here

Lt. McColl, national field representative of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, is here working to reactivate a chapter here, it was announced yesterday. A free supper meeting for those interested in the organization will be held some time during next week when officers are to be elected.

A patriotic fraternal organization, the JOUAM is numbered among the oldest orders in the country. Persons, over 16 years of age and who are of good moral character, and believing in a Supreme Being, are eligible for membership in the organization.

## Big Black Bear Invades Hamilton

A black bear, described as a huge animal, invaded the outskirts of Hamilton Monday morning about 8:30 o'clock, and apparently got the scare of his life along with members of Howard Williams' family.

Two children, playing in the yard, supposedly were chased into the house by the bear. The children reportedly did not tarry long inside, but moved out and toward B. B. Taylor's filling station, followed closely by their mother and five or six other children. It was a hectic time there for a while, and some minutes were said to have passed before an account of what happened could be told.

The bear had wandered around the barn about 25 yards from the house, but when he saw the children running out of the house he moved away ahead of the townspeople who hurried there for a hunt.

## Bodies of Father and Son Reburied Recently

The bodies of Mr. Jesse Clark and his son, Henry Norman Clark, were moved from the family plot on the Clark farm near Everetts recently and reburied in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

## To Address Woman's Club Meeting Tonight

Mrs. Charles G. Dusk, executive secretary of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, will address a joint meeting of the local and Jamesville Woman's Clubs in the club room here this evening at 8:00 o'clock.

## Local Girl Has Part In College Club Play

Miss Bernell White, local girl, is playing a leading part in Shakespeare's comedy, "Twelfth Night," in the A. C. College auditorium this week. Active in dramatics since she entered the Wilson college, Miss White scored a hit when she played in "The Glass Menagerie" at the college last year.

### ROUND-UP

Although officers were active in various parts of the county and one or two fights were unofficially reported, few persons found their way into the county jail during the week-end.

Only five persons were detained, one for issuing a worthless check and four for public drunkenness. One of the five was white, and the ages of the group ranged from 20 to 37 years.

## Peanuts Moving to Market In Quantities This Week

Delayed by rains earlier in the season, peanut marketing is rapidly getting under way here, unofficial reports stating that approximately nine thousand bags were delivered to millers and other buyers here yesterday. A peak in marketing activities ordinarily is reached with the daily delivery of about 18,000 to 20,000 bags of the goobers. However, marketing is advancing a little more slowly this year, but even then it is possible to handle between 14,000 and 15,000 bags daily without too much delay.

While the market today is hardly as "bullish" as it was the middle and latter part of this week, prices are holding strong, and

buyers appear anxious for the crop.

As more and more farmers complete the threshing of their crops, reports on the yield become more disheartening with some few exceptions. In some areas, the crop borders on failure, the yield exceeding no more than three or four bags per acre. In other areas, the yield is holding up, while on the Taylor Boys' farm near Williamston, 25 bags per acre were picked from one crop. It is liberally estimated that the crop for the county will average hardly more than ten bags to the acre. Quality, however, is coming up to expectations with very few of the goobers being rejected on account of high moisture content.

## Eb. N. Hardison Dies In Hospital Monday Morning

### Funeral At Home Tuesday Afternoon at 2:30 Near Jamesville

Ebenezer N. Hardison, well-known farmer of Jamesville Township, died in Brown's Community Hospital Monday morning at 3:30 o'clock after a long period of declining health. His condition had been critical following a stroke suffered at his home not far from Jamesville six weeks ago. Since that time he was a patient in the hospital, but little hope was held for his recovery from the beginning of his last illness. He never regained consciousness.

The son of the late Thomas and Mary Griffin Hardison, he was born in this county 72 years ago on August 17, 1877. A farmer all his life, he was a diligent and hard worker. Humble in his walk through life, Mr. Hardison was not at all pretentious, valuing the trust and friendship of his fellowman and lending a helping hand to others.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Della Gardner and she survives with six children, Mrs. Noah Hardison and Miss Ann Hardison, both of Williamston, and Mrs. Willie H. Modlin and Mrs. Dennis Modlin, both of near Williamston, and a son, Howard H. Hardison of near Jamesville. Miss Isolene Gardner of Williamston who entered his home when a small child at the death of her mother, was reared as one of his own children.

Mr. Hardison was a member of the Cedar Branch Baptist Church and his pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, will conduct the service at the home near Jamesville this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Williamston's Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Elect Additional Primary Teacher

Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Jr., was elected a few days ago to teach in the fourth section of the first grade in the local schools. She is tentatively scheduled to enter upon her new duties within about a week or ten days.

Holding an A certificate, Mrs. Saunders taught a few years in the Mississippi and Louisiana schools before going with the Civil Aeronautics Administration. At the present time she is an operator in the CAA office here.

The first grade has an enrollment of 137, or almost 46 pupils for each of the three teachers. Even with the creation of a fourth section, the per-teacher load will continue to hold to a high figure.

## Store Celebrating 30th Anniversary

Margolis Brothers, operating the town's oldest established mercantile business, are celebrating their 30th anniversary with a special sale, beginning tomorrow and lasting for eleven days.

Marked reductions have been effected and the store owners are inviting the public to celebrate the event.

### PROGRESSING

Started just a little over a week ago, work on Williamston's new 44 bed hospital is progressing rapidly. The concrete foundation has been completed, but late delivery of brick is delaying work on the walls temporarily. Considerable amounts of other building materials have been placed on the lot on Liberty Street near the high school, and the delivery of thousands of brick is expected momentarily.

## Orphanage Appeal For Thanksgiving

Thoughts of the large family at the Oxford Orphanage begin to turn towards the Thanksgiving season when thousands of Masons and other friends annually give generously of their means to the welfare of boys and girls who need and so well deserve them. This is of the utmost importance in these young lives.

The Oxford Orphanage for three-quarters of a century has specialized in every phase of properly rearing orphaned children. Its contribution of more than 6,000 well-equipped and worthy young men and women to good citizenship is a living testimonial to the importance and usefulness of the institution whose sole object is to serve.

The Grand Lodge of Masons owns and operates the Oxford Orphanage, but has never restricted its service to the children of Masons. Eighty-nine percent of the children in the institution are of non-Masonic parentage. At Oxford the question of parentage yields to the need of the child. That is the decisive argument.

The need of Orphanages today for greater support is pressing. They must have more money—or else. You know what that means.

Superintendent Gray is forced by circumstances to stress increased donations this Thanksgiving. The expense of operating the Oxford Orphanage has been growing every year and now is at a peak. When one thinks of the multiplicity of service the institution must perform, it is not enough to open the hearts and purses of benevolent men and women. Here is a partial list of the kinds of service imperatively demanded: shelter, clothing, food, recreation, heat, light, books, school supplies, health programs, athletic equipment, staff of trained workers, vocational training in several departments, laundry, repairs and upkeep of grounds, buildings and equipment, experienced case work, and so on.

There is no economy in neglect. When we do not pay from the heart, often we have to pay "through the nose." Juvenile delinquency is an acute problem of the times. Its prevalence is deplorable. The Orphanage helps materially in the solution of this social problem by rearing and training children who otherwise would not have a chance. If it did no more than this, the Orphanage would justify its existence. As a taxpayer and public-spirited citizen you are vitally interested in it.

"Gratitude is a species of justice." (Continued on page eight)

## Reactionary Work Of 80th Congress Checked Recently

### Truman Wins Foreign Policy and Advances On The Domestic Front

By Alfred M. Green  
Congress has adjourned. Its members, most of them at least are at home to get the lowdown from their constituents, or trying to. President Truman had a word of praise for them when they adjourned. Even his foes conceded the session was far from being total loss from the administration standpoint.

When the ballots were counted last November, the returns showed that in a "miracle election" Truman had won out and the Democrats had recaptured control of both houses of Congress. It was thought the President would be able to put over the program which had been promised to the people.

But within a few weeks after the solons settled down in Washington, the Taft-Republicans, with an overwhelming majority on the G. O. P. side of both House and Senate, and the Byrd-Democrats had formed a coalition.

This gave them an actual majority in both houses, and control of many important committees in House and Senate.

This must have been a shock to the gentleman in the White House. But he refused to yield an inch; instead he insisted on pushing every phase of his program. For a time he didn't make much progress, and the followers of Taft and Byrd cheered lustily when they succeeded in blocking repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act.

But after a while the tide began to turn, and when the final gavel fell this was the score:

Foreign Policy Decisions—This was the field in which Congress made its best showing, approving Truman's policies in practically a clean sweep, from ratification of the Atlantic Pact in the early months of the session to appropriating on the closing day funds to help our allies.

What the Farmers Got—Adequate price supports for farm crops were assured, at least for the immediate future, in the farm bill passed in the closing hours of the session, but there were many other important enactments.

One of the major crimes of the 80th Congress, a crime for which former Congressman Roger C. Slaughter, Missouri Republican, was said to have been well paid, was corrected when government funds were provided for grain storage facilities. Payment of support funds is limited to grain "in storage" and lack of storage space meant many growers had to sell last year's crop for what they could get. That is just what the grain gamblers and millers, for whom Slaughter was working, wanted.

The 81st Congress also authorized loans to expand rural telephone service, and for construction and repair of farm homes; continued and expanded the crop insurance program; continued authority to control imports of farm products.

How Workers Fared—The "Unholy Alliance" of Southern and Northern reactionaries succeeded in preventing repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, and delayed a Social Security reform measure for this year.

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## Painfully Hurt In Peanut Picker

Hildreth Rogerson, young Bear Grass farmer, was painfully but believed not seriously hurt when his arm was caught in the machinery of a peanut picker on his father's farm last week.

The young man reached into the picker to clean out some trash when the machine was idle. Someone, not knowing he was near the picker, started the machine. His shoulder was injured, but he was able to snatch his arm out without serious injury to the limb. After receiving treatment in Brown's Hospital, he returned to his home Thursday, but continues in bed.