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Two Badly Hurt In Car Accidents On July Fourth

Daniel B. Peel Has Back Broken; Marslender Child Hurt

Two Martin County people, Daniel B. Peel, 54, and Johnny Lewis Marslender, 7, were badly but believed not gravely injured in July 4 automobile accidents. Peel suffered a broken back and the Marslender lad, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harvey Marslender of near Williamston, suffered a broken arm, face lacerations and bruises about the body. Both victims were removed to a Washington hospital for treatment, last reports stating they were getting along as well as could be expected.

Peel, mechanic at the Standard Fertilizer Company, was injured when the car in which he was riding turned over on a dirt road in Pamlico County at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. Another passenger, James Flynn, 65, suffered a broken neck and his condition was reported serious yesterday. According to Mr. Roy Peel, Martin County jailer, the car skidded in a curve and turned over several times.

Joseph M. Heath, Windsor man, was traveling toward Washington when the Marslender child ran into the road about five and one-half miles south of Williamston at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. The little fellow was struck and knocked several feet into the air, landing beside the road. Heath, talking with a riding companion who was on his way to the hospital, said he could not understand why there were so many highway accidents a few seconds later the child was struck by his car. Heath picked up the child and the child's father and carried them to the hospital. Patrolman M. F. Powers investigated the accident, explaining the car was running about twenty miles an hour when it hit the child, that it came to a stop about 7 feet after striking the victim.

The long holiday week-end saw possibly the largest volume of traffic on the highways in this section than ever before. There were no tragic deaths in this county, but the State recorded 23 highway fatalities and several other untimely deaths. In the nation the slaughter toll pushed near the 800 mark, the highway fatalities reaching close to the

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County Board Of Commissioners In Regular Meeting

Recommend State Taking Over Road or Street Near Williamston

With little business other than that of a routine nature on their calendar, the Martin County Commissioners were in session only a short time last Monday. Department reports were received and bills were inspected.

The road program was briefly discussed, the board recommending that the State Highway and Public Works Commission take over and maintain that street near Williamston in West End. The thoroughfare, just a few blocks long, runs from Highway 64 to a point near the old fair grounds grandstand and thence to the Slaughter House or McCaskey Road.

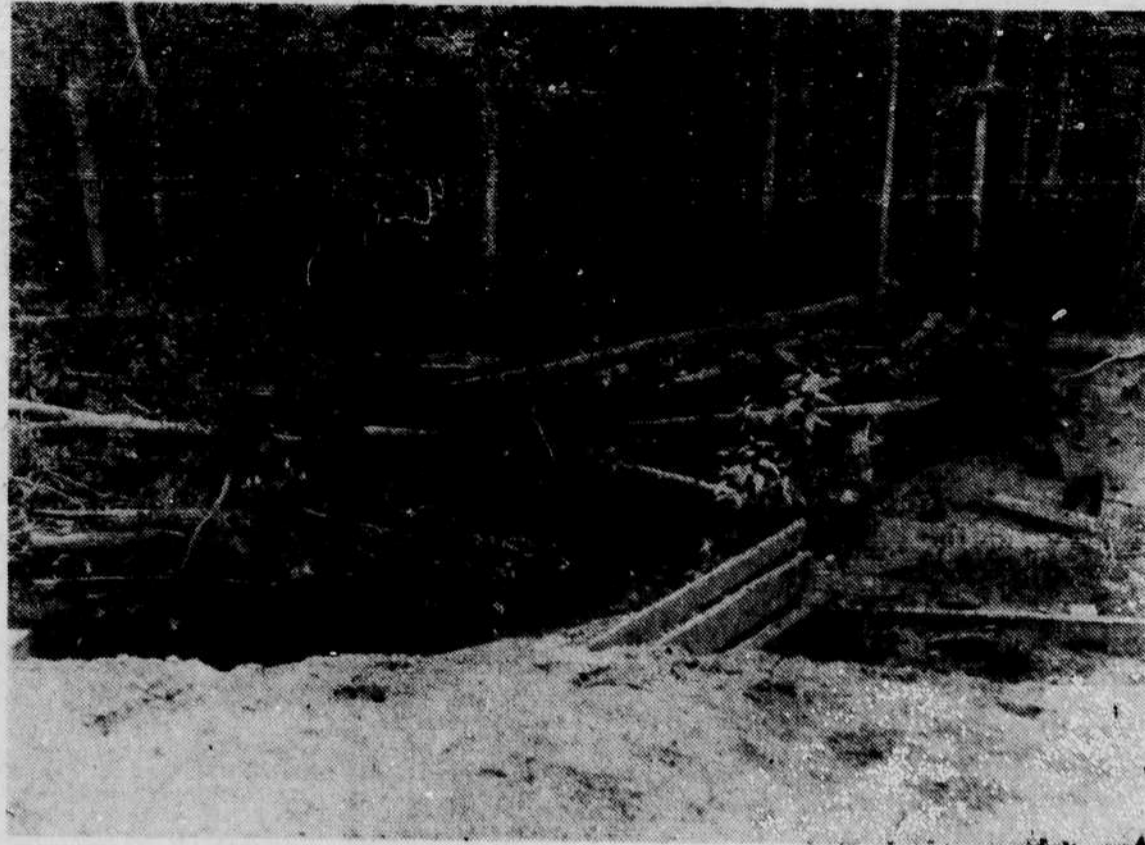
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In Jaycee Beauty Pageant



Pictured above are the winners in the recent beauty pageant, sponsored by the Williamston Jaycees. They are: front row, left to right, Miss Judy Bulluck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bulluck and third place winner; Miss Nancy Woolford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Woolford and "Miss Sweetie Pie of 1950"; and Miss Myra Fisher, daughter of Mrs. Magdaline Fisher, the second place winner in the "Sweetie Pie Contest." Back row, left to right, Miss Susie Manning, 2nd place winner; Miss Lena Price, "Miss Williamston of 1950," and Miss Jeanette Thomas, third place winner in the "Miss Williamston" beauty pageant.

Drainage Is Major Problem In Martin County



Inadequate drainage throughout the county is causing major concern for farmers and others, but there is a definite move under way now to have something done to relieve the condition. In the left picture above are shown the clogged branch in Keeper's Branch between Williams and Griffins Townships. The next picture shows a newly-cut canal



in Corey's Lane on the Roberson farm in Griffins Township. The canal was financed by voluntary assessments and farmers are well pleased there with the work. Extensive projects are being planned in other parts of the county, but little consideration has been given so far to the major streams in the county. (Photos by Royal Photographic Center, Williamston.)

Liquor Dealers Had Day In Court Monday

Seven Defendants Fined \$1,175 For Whiskey Dealings

Lawyers Volunteer To Prosecute Docket In Absence Of Solicitor

Alleged liquor law violators had a regular field day in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday when seven of them bowed before the bar of justice and were fined \$1,175. The day in court climaxed a series of raids conducted by police and county officers.

Sixteen cases were handled at the Monday session, including a trial by six man jury. In the absence of Solicitor Paul D. Roberson, Attorney's H. G. Horton, E. S. Peel and Clarence Griffin prosecuted the docket, the three coming out with a perfect score. Total fines imposed by Judge Chas. H. Manning amounted to \$1,260.

Proceedings: Adjudged guilty of drunken driving, Aaron Council of RFD 1, Bethel, was fined \$200, plus costs. He gave notice of appeal and bond was required in the sum of \$250. He was found guilty by a six man jury.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Victoria James was found guilty of simple assault and judgement was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

William Hobart Bailes of RFD 1, New Bern, was taxed with the costs for speeding.

Pleading not guilty of speeding 50 miles an hour inside the town limits, Floyd Spruill of RFD 3, Williamston, was adjudged guilty and was taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, LeRoy Smith was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$100 fine and the costs. He is not to be convicted of a liquor law violation within five years.

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FIRST BLOSSOM

Finding several earlier in the week, Mrs. Zeno Beddard exhibited the first cotton blossom of the season here yesterday from the Beddard farm in Popular Point.

The cotton crop, like all others, is looking fine in the county, but farmers declare there is a heavy weevil infestation.

OPENING DATES

The local tobacco market along with others in the Bright Belt will open the 1950 season on Friday, August 18. It was announced following a recent meeting of the Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association held in Raleigh.

Georgia will open the season on Monday, July 24, and the Border Belt opens on Tuesday, August 1.

The opening here this year is placed one day ahead of the first sales in 1949.

Farmers in this county are now harvesting a good quality crop and that with a favorable price outlook is cause for optimism in this area.

Oak City Justice Hears Two Cases

Justice J. B. Whitfield bound two defendants over to the county court for trial following preliminary hearings in Oak City last evening.

Elbert Jones, charged with the possession of half-gallon of illicit liquor, arranged bond in the sum of \$250. He was arrested by Officer Garland Bunting.

Johnnie Jones, charged with public drunkenness and abusing the arresting officer, Patrolman R. P. Narron, was placed under bond in the sum of \$150.

Explosion Damages Mixer At Fertilizer Plant Here

Two men were burned, one badly, when fire broke out in the elevator shaft of the insecticide mixing plant at the Standard Fertilizer plant on Roanoke River here yesterday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. An explosion, following the fire, shook the building and threw workmen eight or ten feet.

Gaston Carr, of Parmele, was severely burned about the arms and hands, and Smith Roberson escaped with minor burns. Others were slightly injured. Carr, a patient in the local hospital, was reported to be getting along fairly well this morning.

The plant was mixing sulphur dust for peanuts at the time. Approximately 1,200 pounds were in the mixer, but only 150 pounds had been dumped into the elevator hopper. Carr said he had just

Faculty Changes Are Announced In Local Schools

Teacher Line-up Is About Complete for Term, Principal Says

Several changes in the local school faculty were announced last week-end by Principal B. G. Stewart. Several places, made vacant by resignations, have been filled, the principal explaining that apparently the teacher line-up is all set for the 1950-51 term with the exception of an agriculture teacher.

Miss Anne Royster of Henderson is succeeding Mrs. Beecher Patterson as public school music teacher. Mrs. Patterson recently resigned to go with the Charlottesville, Va., public schools as music director. Miss Royster was graduated in public school music at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, a short time ago.

Miss Harriet Tucker of Ahsokie has been elected librarian for the high school, a new position. Miss Tucker taught in the Laurinburg schools for three years and was full-time librarian at Roanoke Rapids last year. She is a graduate of Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Miss Lillian Joyner of Greenville is succeeding Mrs. D. W. Brady who resigned as second grade teacher. A graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, Miss Joyner taught in the Hopewell, Va., schools two years and in Winterville last year.

Mrs. W. H. Abernathy, who pitched in to help relieve the situation during the teacher shortage.

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Blow Dealt Whiskey Business In County

Fourteen Plants Wrecked During The Past Month

Several Large Stills Taken During Latter Part Of Last Week

Flaring up for some unexplained reason, the illicit liquor business was dealt a telling blow during the past month by ABC officer J. H. Roebuck and deputies.

Fourteen stills were wrecked and four persons were arrested for alleged violation of the liquor laws during the period. Two have already been tried and convicted. Road sentences amounted to 21 months and fines total \$300. The officers poured out 3,850 gallons of sugar mash and twenty-two gallons of white liquor.

Sizable stills were taken during the last few days of the month. On Tuesday of last week, Officers Roebuck, Roy Peel and Raymond Rawls invaded that section in Griffins Township not far from Batts Cross Roads and wrecked a large plant. It was equipped with a 200 gallon doubler, large coolers, five 200-gallon fermenters.

The raiders poured out approximately 1,000 gallons of sugar mash and confiscated 45 gallons of fuel oil and all kinds of equipment used in the manufacture of the white lightning.

On June 28, the officers found a 100-gallon copper kettle at a plant near Gold Point in Robersonville Township and wrecked two 300-gallon capacity fermenters.

Going into Bear Grass on the 29th, the officers took a 100-gallon submarine type still and arrested Baldy Rogers who was "massing in" for another run. In the county court on Monday, July 3, Rogers was sentenced to the roads for nine months. The road sentence

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ROUND-UP

A dozen persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail last week-end by local, county and state officers. Nine were charged with public drunkenness, two with disorderly conduct and one with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Two of the twelve were white and the ages of the group ranged from 17 to 50 years.

Jas. Robt. Everett Died In Hospital Here Late Monday

Funeral Conducted In The Church of The Advent At 3:30 Yesterday

James Robert Everett, well known local man and retired farmer, died in the hospital here at 10:25 o'clock Monday night after a long period of declining health. Suffering with a heart condition, he had been confined to his home the greater part of the time during the past five years. His condition became worse the early part of last week and he was removed to the hospital where little hope was held for his recovery.

He was born in Popular Point Township, near Williamston, 56 years ago on October 13, 1893, the son of the late James Arnold and Roland Ora Taylor. After finishing the local schools he attended the Warrenton High School and State College in Raleigh, later studying in a Norfolk business college.

In early manhood he was married to Hannah Victoria Fowden who died on October 26, 1922. Two daughters, Mrs. Horace A. Ray and Mrs. J. O. Manning, Jr., both of Williamston, and a son, James Robert Everett, of Williamston survives that union. Also surviving are two brothers, Wm. Harrell Everett of Williamston, and Jos H. Everett of Norfolk, and a sister, Mrs. B. C. Swam, of Norfolk; a grand son, Horace A. Ray, Jr., several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Everett located in Williamston in 1924, but continued his farming interests until ill health forced his retirement. He also operated a contract hauling business for a number of years before retiring.

A member of the Church of the Advent here for a long number of years, he was possessed of a kind and generous heart and was most thoughtful of others. He was well known in this section of the State, but in recent years he lost during his declining years touch with the public except a few close friends who visited in his home.

Funeral services were conducted in the Church of the Advent yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Thomas Hastings, and interment was in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Among those from out of town attending the funeral were, Mrs. Warren Everett, Miss Elizabeth Warren and Rev. Sidney Mat-

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Beauty Rings The Bell



Pictured above is Miss Lena Price, "Miss Williamston of 1950," ringing the replica of the old Liberty Bell while it was here week before last in the interest of the Savings Bond drive. Miss Price represented the town at the Jaycees' State Beauty Pageant held in Wrightsville Beach earlier this week.