

## Series Of Minor Vehicle Wrecks On County Roads

Only One Person Injured  
And Property Damage  
Reported As Limited

One person was hurt and property damage was limited in a series of motor vehicle accidents on Martin County highways last week-end, according to reports coming from the State Highway Patrol office in the courthouse this week.

Wilbur Vines suffered an arm injury when the truck in which he was riding with James Patrick Wynne went out of control and turned over about three miles east of Jamestown on Highway 64 last Thursday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock. Hauling five cows in a 1947 stake body truck belonging to D. M. Hardison, Wynne said that a car slowed down in front of him, that when he applied brakes suddenly the truck went out of control. The rear end of the vehicle swerved into a ditch and the cab turned over against a tree and was flattened to the hood level. One of the cows' legs was broken. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$300 by Patrolman J. T. Rowe who made the investigation.

No one was hurt when a 1949 Plymouth car, driven by Layra H. Purdy, 60, of Newburg, N. Y., and a 1941 Chevrolet truck, driven by Clarence Tyson of Oak City, crashed one mile east of Oak City on Highway 125 early last Thursday afternoon. Investigating the accident, Patrolman B. W. Parker estimated damage to the car at \$75. The parties settled the damages there and no charges were preferred, the patrolman said.

They hit a wrecking streak in Hassell Sunday noon, but damage was slight and no one was hurt. Before finishing one investigation, Patrolman R. P. Narro, was called to another right there with in the town limits. A 1949 Plymouth driven by George Pender Bullock and a 1941 Ford, driven by James Edward Bennett, crashed at an intersection there, causing about \$50 damage to the Plymouth and about \$25 damage to the Ford, according to the patrolman.

Joyce Downs, driving her brother-in-law's 1939 Chevrolet, lost control and crashed into W. L. Leggett's 1949 Oldsmobile parked in front of the Leggett home in Hassell. Damage to the Olds was estimated at \$50 and that to the Chevrolet at \$10, according to Patrolman Narro.

## Bear Grass Adds Two New Classes

By H. V. Parker, Principal

New teachers, new courses, and improvements have been added to the Bear Grass School this year. The school is fortunate in having Mrs. Francis G. Taylor and Mrs. Thelma M. Smith on the faculty this year. Mrs. Taylor is replacing Mrs. Lucy C. Ayers as fourth grade teacher, and Mrs. Smith is going to teach Social Science and English in the high school. Both teachers come to the school highly recommended, and it is felt certain that their presence will greatly add to the overall program of the school. These teachers have had considerable musical experience and are rated as very good teachers. Their work in music added to the excellent work of Mrs. Edith A. Tarkington, the regular music teacher, should give the students a well rounded music program.

In order to meet the needs of some of the students in high school, two new courses are being added to the schedule. A course on Family Relations and Consumer Economics is being offered. Some of this work is done in Home Economics for the girls, but it is felt that a practical course is needed for both boys and girls. This course is going to be very practical, and it is designated for those boys and girls who do not plan to attend college. The other new course is a shop course for boys. There is no regular Agriculture Department at the school, and there is a great need for some

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## Ask Board For Vote On Drainage Project

YOUNG DEMOCRATS

Martin County's young Democrats will meet in the county courthouse Wednesday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock to elect officers and name delegates to the State convention to be held in Asheville the latter part of next week. It was announced by LeRoy Harrison, president of the unit in this county.

All young Democrats are invited to the meeting. Officers are anxious to have a large representation from each of the precincts.

## Will F. Crawford Died At Home In Everetts Monday

Well-Known Citizen Had  
Been In Declining Health  
For Some Time

William Franklin Crawford, well-known citizen of Everetts, died at his home there Monday night at 6:50 o'clock after a long period of declining health. Despite his condition he continued active until a short time ago when he suffered a slight stroke. He entered a Norfolk hospital about three weeks ago and after receiving treatment there, he returned home. His condition remained about the same until last week-end when he suffered a second stroke and the end was expected momentarily.

The son of the late William Henry and Clemmie Frances Nobles Crawford, he was born in Pitt County 57 years ago on May 23, 1893, and spent his early life on the farm there. He was married to Vestie Louise Wynne of this county and located in the Cross Roads area two years later in 1919. About twenty years ago he moved to Everetts, making his home in Everetts since that time.

For a number of years he was active in the tobacco business, and more recently operated a sea food distribution business in this part of the State.

He was a member of the Christian Chapel Church at Cross Roads, and was known throughout this section.

Surviving besides his widow are two daughters, Mrs. Raymond Altman of Dunn and Miss Willie Lou Crawford of the home; one son, Herman Crawford who is stationed on the tobacco market at the present time in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, Africa; three brothers, Amos G. Crawford of Portsmouth, George W. Crawford of Norfolk and Wiley G. Crawford, of the U. S. Maritime Service with headquarters in Texas; and three half-brothers, Harry Lee Crawford of Rocky Mount.

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## Respected Negro Farmer Passes

Richard Manning, respected Negro farmer and a leader among his race in this section, died at his home on the old Everetts Road near Williamston last Friday morning after a lingering illness. He was born in Nash County eighty years ago and moved to Martin about the turn of the century, going first to the Watts farm and then to the Wheeler Martin farm before settling on the Keith farm, working with County Tax Collector M. L. Peel for nearly a quarter of a century. He was an able farmer, and was active until about a year ago when his sight failed.

He served the Shiloh Baptist Church as a deacon and treasurer for years, and was a leader in various orders.

Funeral services were conducted at the church yesterday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and burial was in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, the former Fannie Pricess, an dtwo sisters of Nash County.

## Propose Ten - Cent Levy To Finance County-Wide Plan

Plan Studied By County  
Commissioners; Pleas  
For Roads Heard

In a meeting lasting until 1:00 o'clock, the Martin County Commissioners Monday received petitions for a special drainage tax election and pleas for several road projects. The remainder of the session was spent handling routine business.

Nineteen petitions from nine of the ten townships in the county and carrying approximately 700 names were presented to the commissioners, asking them to consider calling a special drainage tax election. The petition reads:

"We, the undersigned voters of Martin County, do hereby petition the Board of County Commissioners that an election be held for the purpose of submitting to the voters of said county the question of whether or not the provisions of Chapter 582, Public Laws of 1949, and Article 12 of Chapter 156 of the General Statutes, relating to the drainage of streams, creeks, or swamps shall apply to Martin County.

"That the cleaning out and such drainage are proposed for the purpose of establishing more effective conservation practices on our lands, increasing crop yields and farm income and advancing the economic welfare and public health of Martin County.

"In the event the voters favor the above statutes, the Board of County Commissioners may annually levy and collect a county-wide tax not exceeding ten cents on each \$100 in value of the taxable property in Martin County."

The petitions were listed as follows, by townships: Jamestown, 116; Griffins, 88; Bear Grass, 70; Williamston, 89; Cross Roads, 33; Robersonville, 70; Poplar Point, 53; Hamilton, 26; and Goose Nest, 78.

After studying the proposal, the commissioners referred the petitions to County Attorney E. S. Peel for further study. Action is tentatively scheduled at the next meeting of the board.

The commissioners, hearing petitions, recommended the widening and stabilizing of two roads in the county, including: Three miles of road in Griffins Township, running via Arnold Roberson's, N. G. Ellis, N. R. Daniel's, and N. T. Daniel's to Highway 171 near Jack Corey's; two and six-tenths miles of road in Robersonville Township, beginning on Highway 903 at a point one-half mile south of Gold Point and running easterly to Highway 64 via C. L. Keel's, O. P. Roberson's farm, C. E. Smith's and others.

The board also recommended the construction of a small bridge on that short link of road between Calvin Ayers' and Roberson Chapel in Cross Roads Township. The board also recommended that the following roads be included in the State Highway system as early as possible: Road in Poplar Point Township, beginning on Everetts-Spring Green Road at the Mack Wynn residence and running thence east to Willie Wynne's on G. W. Taylor farm, a distance of eight-tenths of a mile. Four families live on the road.

The road in Griffins Township, forming a loop around the Pleny Peel old home.

That road in Jamestown Township leading off Highway 171, five miles south of Jamestown and running five-tenths of a mile to Arthur Modlin's, serving three families.

Tax relief orders, based on double listing and other errors, were issued, as follows:

Farmville - Woodward Lumber Company, Jamestown Township, \$87.84; Howell-Holding Company, Williamston, \$1.09; Louisa Bryant, Williamston, \$1.65; LeRoy Godard, Williamston, \$2; E. K. Edmondson, \$2.

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## Grover G. Goddard Dies At His Home Here Last Sunday

Funeral This Afternoon For  
Retired Farmer At Riddick's Grove Church

Grover Francis Goddard, retired farmer and well-known county citizen, died at his home here on Warren Street at 7:20 o'clock Sunday morning. He had been in declining health for several months but was fairly active until a few days ago. He suffered a stroke at his home last Saturday and his condition had been critical since that time.

The son of the late George and Sallie Williams Goddard, he was born in Williams Township 61 years ago on December 25, 1888, and lived and farmed there nearly all his life. He retired and moved to Williamston in 1946, engaging in the tobacco business for short periods each year.

He was married in 1913 to Mamie Gums who died in 1918. A son, Grady Goddard of Williams Township, and a daughter, Mrs. Leonard Hawkins of Roanoke Rapids survive that union. In 1922 he was married to Stella Andrews of Roanoke Rapids who survives with two sons, Melvin Goddard of the home and Leslie Goddard, U. S. Army stationed at Fort Gucker, Michigan; and three daughters, Mrs. Arthur Green of Williams Township and Emma Jean and Sybil Goddard of the home. Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Roy Hudson, of Williamston.

Mrs. Goddard was a faithful member of the Baptist church at Riddicks Grove for a long time, and was active in its service and support. Funeral services are being conducted there this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, assisted by Rev. E. R. Shuller, local Methodist minister. Interment will be in the Goddard family cemetery in Williams Township.

## Instructions For Pupils Announced

Local school officials today issued instructions to pupils entering the primary and elementary departments Wednesday of this week at 1:30 o'clock.

All first graders are to report to Miss Grace Tilton's room. The second graders are to report to Mrs. Rosalie Fronberger's room. Third grade pupils will go to Miss Ruth Manning's room, and the fifth graders are to assemble in Mrs. Velma Coburn's room. Pupils in the sixth through the twelfth grade are to assemble in the high school auditorium. From those points the children will be assigned to their home rooms, it was explained.

All children who did not report to the pre-school clinics and are entering the local school for the first time are asked to report to the elementary school office at 1:00 o'clock Wednesday. Those children entering the local school regardless of age or grade from 1 through fifth, are asked to report to the office in the elementary building at 1:00 o'clock.

Fees as announced today will be: 1st through 8th grades, \$2.00; high school, \$4.40; typewriter, extra \$9.00; home economics, extra \$1.00. There will be an extra fee for agriculture but it was not definitely listed today. Students are to bring these fees either Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning.

## ROUND-UP

In addition to working on a robbery case, county, local and State officers had it busy rounding up alleged law violators last week-end. Fourteen persons were arrested, five for drunkenness, two for drunk driving, and one each for careless driving, assault, disorderly conduct, forgery, trespassing, violating parole and issuing a worthless check.

Seven of the 14 were white and ages of the group ranged from 21 to 69 years.

## Tobacco Price Record Broken On Market Here Last Friday

Ready To Open Schools In  
Martin County Wednesday

All's in readiness for opening the nine white schools in this county tomorrow, officials explaining that all teachers have reported and all details handled.

The eighteen colored schools in the county started the new term today, preliminary reports indicating that enrollment figures did not come up to expectations. No details on the opening could be had immediately.

There's some uncertainty about the enrollment prospects in the nine white schools. Officials are looking for little or no increase over last year's figures. They point out that pre-school clinics,

that the enrollment this year will break all records. When the term gets fully under way, it is likely that the nine white schools will show an enrollment of approximately 3,600 and the eighteen colored schools, a count of about 4,150.

Crowded conditions will continue to exist in several schools, and private properties will be rented to relieve the congestion in some instances. In other schools, crowding will continue the order of the day. Williamston's high school is running head on into an expansion program, and operations are certain to encounter many difficulties.

## Native Of County Fatally Injured In Car Accident

Funeral Near Williamston  
On Sunday Afternoon  
For Cecil B. Taylor

Cecil Beacham Taylor, four years old, was struck by an automobile and fatally injured on U. S. Highway 17 between here and Windsor about noon last Friday. His skull fractured and leg broken, the little fellow, a native of this county, died in a Windsor doctor's office about an hour later at 1:15 o'clock without regaining consciousness.

Reports reaching here stated that the child was playing beside the road with two other children, that the three of them ran into the path of a car driven by Mrs. Sam D. Adsit of Norfolk. The driver was said to have swerved the car and missed two of the tots, but the third one was struck by the fender. The first two children were not hurt.

Accompanied by her husband Mrs. Adsit picked the child up and rushed him to the doctor.

The victim was the son of Roy and Lillie Beacham Taylor. He was born on October 24, 1945, in Popular Point Township, this county, and was living with his parents on the John A. Manning farm about half way between here and Windsor.

Surviving besides his parents

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## To Probe Use Of Surplus Materials

Washington. — Congressman H. C. Bonner today called a special meeting of his Inter-Governmental Relations Subcommittee to investigate the continued disposition of "surplus material" from World War II.

The subcommittee will meet at 10 a. m. Thursday to question representatives of the Department of Defense, Federal Security Agency, General Services, and probably the General Accounting Office.

The investigation will be centered on the "donable educational aid program." Under this program the government gives surplus equipment to non-profit educational agencies. The sale of surplus military equipment has already been halted by the Department of Defense.

Mr. Bonner called the subcommittee into session after reading of the continuation of the donable program in the newspapers. One newspaper claimed the government is giving away some of the same type equipment it is now having to purchase for military expansion.

"I realize the donable educational aid program was in operation before the Korean disturbance, but with this present conflict I want to see just what is being given away as surplus and whether or not it is going to have to be replaced," Mr. Bonner explained.

## Sales Pass Three Million Mark On The Mart Today

Sold 384,596 Pounds Last  
Friday For Highest  
Average Of Season

All-time tobacco price records were set on the local market in the strongest buying wave of the season last Friday when 384,596 pounds were sold for official average of \$58.74. In no other year in the history of the local market have prices climbed to such a high level, exceeding the 1919 figures by large margins and beating the previous record set on Monday of last week by nearly 50 cents a hundred pounds.

Prices were up from \$1 to \$5.50 per hundred pounds and included about fifteen government grades. The market today went over the three million-pound mark and the day will close with a fairly sizable block on the floors. More farmers are selling on the local market than ever before, and despite a drop in production, the poundage this year bids well to equal that of 1949.

With company redrying plants choked, selling hours have been cut back an hour from five and one-half to four and one-half. The short selling period will be in effect until the companies can catch up with their redrying. It was announced that some of the companies would be forced to go off the market unless the selling period was shortened.

By early yesterday morning, a full-day sale had been placed on the floors here, and tobacco was placed at intervals all day yesterday and early today for sale tomorrow.

Through last Friday, the market here had sold 2,992,142 pounds for \$1,703,870.21, a resulting average of \$56.28 per hundred pounds.

Yesterday, Labor Day, was a holiday for the buyers, but there was much activity on the part of the farmers and warehousemen. Operations were going forward rapidly this morning.

The sale last Friday was the largest of the season, and has only one equal as far as the records show. On opening day last year the market sold 386,150 pounds, but the average then was only about \$48.00 per hundred.

A review of sales in this belt through last Friday as reported by the U. S. and State Departments of Agriculture, follows:

Strong demand continued for Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco during the second week of sales. Average prices for grades sold in heaviest volume moved up from the high levels set opening week. Growers marketed a heavy volume of offerings. Quality, however, was slightly inferior to sales the first week.

According to the Federal-State Tobacco News Service increases ranging from \$1.00 to \$6.00 per hundred were shown for the majority of grades. Most gairs were from \$1.00 to \$5.00. A much larger proportion of leaf grades brought prices \$1.00 to \$4.00 higher. Cutters were steady to \$1.00 stronger while lugs, primings, and non-descript gained up to \$6.00.

During the week ending September 1 gross sales totaled 60,296,278 pounds and averaged \$57.17 per hundred. The gain over the previous week was limited to 44 cents because of the large amount of tips sold. Sales for the first ten days of the season amounted to 117,753,843 pounds for an average of \$56.96. Gross volume is running around 8 million pounds greater than for the comparable period last year with the general average \$12.72 higher.

Well over one-half of all marketings consisted of leaf grades with the proportion of common to fair quality increasing greatly. The shift was mostly from lugs and primings. Bulk consisted of leaf, lugs, and primings with low to good qualities predominating. Deliveries to the Flue-cured Stabilization Corporation, under

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## Note Increase In Marriage License Sales In August

Twenty-Two Couples Call at  
Register of Deeds Office  
In County Last Month

While the number of marriages in this county underwent a slight increase in August no record issuance was recorded for the particular month, according to information coming from the office of the register of deeds. The issuance was the second largest for any month this year, the count trailing the June issuance by two.

Register of Deeds J. Sam Gettlinger issued twenty-two licenses last month, ten to white and twelve to colored couples, as follows:

**White**  
Archie Hertford Badgett and Inez Ange, both of Jamestown.  
David E. Sawyer of Shiloh and Jean Holliday of Jamestown.  
David A. Kurkland of Scotland Neck and Georgia L. Hardison of Williamston.

George Robert Bullock and Lois Pilgreen, both of Robersonville.  
James Hubert Mullins of Cesa-peak, W. Va., and Ernestine Gardner of Jamestown.  
James Robert Smith of Hamilton and Elva O'Neal Hardison of Williamston.

James Edward Peele, RFD 1, Robersonville, and Faye Leggett of Williamston.

Johnny Pittman Taylor and Dorothy Louise Gurganus, both of Williamston.  
William Charley Dudley and Annie Myrtle Parvin, both of Washington.

James Eason Barnhill of Everetts and Ruby Estelle Bunch of Williamston.

**Colored**  
Aaron Dallas Andrews and Angeline Bullock, both of Parmele.  
Jesse V. Peele and Connie James, both of Williamston.  
John Mason of Durham and Lottie V. McNair, RFD 2, Robersonville.

Sherman Williams of Robersonville and Mary Mallory of Hassell.

Levorn Webb and Doris Lee Alston, both of Robersonville.  
Junius Watson and Lola Mae Rascoe, both of RFD 1, Windsor.

Milton Williams and Annie Lee Barnhill, both of Hamilton.

David Benjamin Figgins of South Hill, Va., and Daisy Elizabeth Chance of Hassell.

Willie Little of Robersonville and Mary Lee Carr of Oak City.  
James Daniels, RFD 1, Jamestown, and Arville Moore of Jamestown.

Robert E. Taylor and Helen Scott, both of Williamston.  
Herbert R. Highsmith and Thelma Whitehead, both of Robersonville.

## Local Swimmers In Recent Meet

Several local swimmers won places in the annual swimming meet held in Tarboro last Saturday under the auspices of the East Carolina Boy Scout Council.

Jimmy Page took first place in the comic diving contest. Ralph Parker was third with the elementary side stroke. In the four-man medley race, the team of Sam Zemon, Dickie Clayton, Ralph Parker and Tommy Cooke took second place. In the rescue race, Leary Forehand and Charles Edwards were third, and Dickie Clayton took second place with his elementary back stroke.

A goodly number of Scouts from this county attended the swimming meet.

## Accepts Position With Guard Unit

Needham Irving Hyman, Jr., has accepted the position of administrative assistant with the local National Guard unit, succeeding Thad F. Harrison, resigned. Hyman's appointment is subject to approval of State headquarters, it was explained.

Hyman, a member of the unit, served as company clerk several years in the army during the past war.