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Ben F. Roberson **Dies at His Home Friday Afternoon**

Prominent Griffins Farmer Suffered Heart Attack; **Funeral Sunday** ACRES !

Benjamin Franklin Roberson, prominent Griffins Township farmer and floor manager for the New Carolina and Farmers tobacco warehouses here for eight or ten years, died suddenly at his home there last Friday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock. He had been in declining health for possibly some time, but his condition was not considered serious until last Thursday when he accompanied his wife to the hospital and, at her request, submitted to an examination. Doctors advised him to take his bed immediately and rest. During most of Friday he felt about as well as usual, and Mrs. Roberson left him in bed while she went to the kitchen to prepare the evening meal. Returning a few minutes later she found him in a dying condition as a result of a heart attack, the end coming before medical aid could reach him.

The son of the late Noah and Martha Whitley Roberson, he was born in Griffins Township 49 years ago on June 1, 1901, and lived and farmed there all his life, working on the Williamston tobacco market several months each year

Mr. Roberson was first married to Miss Margaret Manning about 1923. She died in September, 1926, and several years later was married to Miss Irene Coltrain.

He was a faithful member of the Church at Maple Grove, serving as deacon for twelve years. He was a splendid neighbor and citizen, one who worked for the betterment of his community and county through the schools, church and civic organizations. Although he experienced many reverses, he accepted them without complaint, always striving to carry on for what was best for his fellowman and for the finer ideals in life. He gave in full measure to worthy causes and willingly responded to the call of everyone in



S/Sgt. Martel Hardy, Martin County young man, is missing in Northern Korea, according to a message received last Saturday by his mother, Mrs. Nellie Hardy, of Cross Roads Township. Offering few details, the message said that the young man was missing since November 11 (November 10 our time). A veteran of World War II, was an Army Air Force mechanic, but is believed to have been on a mission when he was reported missing. His father; A. Lon Hardy, died a few years ago. The young man is the fourth Martin County man to be included in the Korean war casualty list. The above picture of the young man was taken just a few weeks ago, while the one to the right was taken during World War II.

Montford Griffin Report Downward Trend Is Fatally Injured In Peanut Prices Recently Near Jamesville

ned Under Tractor In Logging Accident

Montford Nelson Griffin, well known farmer of Jamesville from his home at 9:00 o'clock Monday morning. His skull crushed, he died while being moved to a Washington hospital.

Mr. Griffin was puiling a load of pulp wood with a tractor and the load got caught between a stump and a tree. When he increased the speed of the engine. the front of the tractor went up and toppled over backwards, pinning his head down. No one saw the accident, but other workers in the woods heard the crash and rushed to him. Unable to free him with thei rhands, his rescuers had to go for a truck and drag the machine off him. He was never conscious after he was hit.

The son of Mrs. Lottie Ange Griffin and her late husband, John H. Griffin, he was born in Jamesville Township 47 years ago on December 14, 1902. An industrious worker, he lived and farmed at the old family home all his life. A faithful attendant upon its services, he was a member of the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church in Washington County for a long time, and never hesitated to answer a neighbor's call for assistance. Devoted to his family and friends, he spent nearly all his time at home and on his farm. He was married to Miss Nar sissie Ange twenty-nine years ago

Surviving besides his widow and mother, are a son, C. D. Griffin of the home; two daughters Mrs. Leon R. Basye and Mrs Charles Hardison, both of Washington, D. C.; one brother, Earl W. Griffin of Greensboro, and a sister, Mrs. Belmer Hardison of Poplar Point.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home on Highway 171 Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. F. A Lilley, and burial will be in the

School Band Has family cemetery near the home.

Peanut prices, after holding for | en cents, were reported in limita short time to the highest level on ed quantities.

Well Known Farmer Pin- record, started weakening last Buyers, searching fields for peaweek and today are hovering near nuts the early part of last week. or right at government support were said to be holding closer to figures. One or two farmers said home base at the beginning of this

they were receiving small prem- week. Deliveries, after climbing iums for their offerings, but the up to a peak of about 10,000 bags Township, was fatally injured in market, for the most part, remain- daily at this point, were decidely a logging accident about one mile ed a bit bearish with no certain smaller. trend noticeable in any direction. Rains, falling last Saturday, de-The market asserted itself early layed some farmers, but most last week, but early Thursday growers were operating their

several of the larger buyers vir- pickers early Monday. tually went off the market with Asked for a report on the marthe unofficial declaration that 13 ket, a representative of the clean-

LAST COURT

Judge Chas. H. Manning and

Solicitor Paul D. Roberson

held their last session of the

Martin County Recorder's

Court Monday, and both ap-

peared unusually happy when

they cleared the docket at

4:45 o'clock and told members

of the bar, the clerk and a

few friends good bye. Neither

offered any comment, but ex-

plained they hoped to be back

as counsel instead of as of-

While their terms do not ex-

pire until December 4, the

two officials closed the court

down Monday to make way

for a special two-week term

of the superior court. On De-

cember 4, R. T. Johnson will

will take the judge's seat, and

Clarence Griffin will take the

prosecutor's chair.

ficials.

and 13 and one-half cents was too ers said he hardly knew what to much for peanuts. Prices tumbled say, that possibly the market about one cent by the last of the would adjust itself within a few week, and yesterday few sales days. But he would not venture were made above twelve cents. a guess on the size of the adjust-Other sales, grading around elev- ment figure.

Report Twelve Road

Accidents In County

Minimum Of Eight

Persons Are Hurt

But None Fatally

Runs Close To \$4,000

Over The Week-end

By the grace of a kind provi-

dence, no one was killed but at

least eight persons were nurt in

a series of twelve highway and

county during the four-day per-

iod ending Sunday night. At no

time in the history of motor ve-

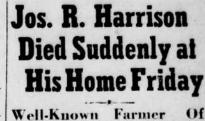
hicle traffic had there been as

streets in this county than were

counted during the period under

definitely determined.

consideration.



Poplar Point Had Been Feeble for Some Time

Joseph R. Harrison, well-known Martin County Farmer, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Poplar Point Township last Friday evening at 5:30 o'clock. He had been in declining health for some months, but following hospital treatment he was thought to be getting along as well as usual. While sitting on the porch Friday afternoon enjoying the warm sun, he was cheerful and active. A short time later he was walking in the back porch, suffered the attack and fell. He was able to walk to his room with the help of others, but weakened rapidly and died before medical aid could reach him.

The son of the late John and Miranda Rawls, he was born in Bear Grass Township 30 years ago on January 9, 1870, and lived and farmed there until 1910 when he purchased a farm and located in Poplar Point Township where he had since made his home.

Mr. Harrison was a kind neigh bor and friend, one who found pleasure in growing crops. He did not care so much for his tobacco, but he got real delight in producing good corn and other food Property Damage Alone and feed crops. He cherished the friendship of his fellowman, and few men could have walked more humbly and sincerely through life than he did. His simple way of life was attractive and appealing, and he could be counted on the right side when things good

street vehicle accidents in this and noble were at stake. In 1892 he was married to Miss Amanda White who died in October, 1918. His second marriage was to Mrs. Annie Edmondson in many wrecks on the highways and 1920.

Surviving are his widow and by his first marriage, five sons, Norman K. Harrison of Williams-All the injured have cleared the ton, Chester Harrison of Ft. nospitals except one and the ex- Wayne, Indiana, Herman C., Raytent of his injuries has not been mond and Milton Harrison, all of the home community; two While the accident count liter- daughters, Mrs. Rose Peaks of

Surviving are his widow; six brothers, Simon, Lewis, Staton, George A., Arnold and Archie Roberson; and four sisters, Mrs. Jesse Griffin, Mrs. Dawson Griffin, Mrs. David Griffin and Mrs. Dock Hardison, all of the home community

Funeral services were conducted in the Maple Grove Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. M. Luther Ambrose, assisted by Elder P. E. Getsinger. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery.

Youthful Pianist Has Fine Record

Ervin Laszlo, Hungarian-born piano genius, will appear in the first series of community concerts in the Williamston High School auditorium Wednesday evening of this week at 8:30 o'clock.

The extraordinary success which Laszlo scored when he made his debut in New York had such an electrifying effect upon the audience and music critics present that the New York Herald Tribune the next day declared Lasizo to be "the most remarkable young pianist encountered in twenty years of experience in reviewing music in this city," while the New York Times immediately ing keyboard artists of the day."

Ervin Laszlo was born in Budapest in 1932. He had his first tal here that evening and underpiano lessons at the age of five from his mother, and, two years later, won his first prize at the Music Academy of Budapest. His first public appearance was made when he was nine and in the ensuing years he gave numerous concerts. The boy won the Fran- |dentally fired, the bullet striking | cois Liszt Prize when he was only fourteen and soon after was awarded the Artist Diploma of the Academy of Music. Later young Laszlo won first prize in the International Music Competition at Geneva over 424 entrants from 40 countries. This led to his

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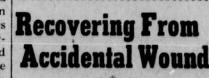


FAIR LUCK

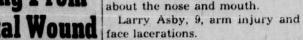
Hunting squirrels in the Roanoke River lowlands, Governor Kerr Scott and his party had fair luck yesterday, but no report on the second day had been received. Ben Roney, the governor's assistant, was top man and Bob Graham of the State Agriculture Department, scored a few hits, but the Chief Executive com-

bined his report in the plural possessive. Governor Scott and his party are guests of the Bill Ab-

bitts. Unable to go to Montana for pheasants on account of weather conditions, the Governor chose this area for hunting.



to their homes by early evening. The injured: Bruce Lilley, 13, cut in forehead and bruises. Arthur Lilley, Jr., 8, injured



Ben Roberson, 40-year-old Robersonville man, is recovering from pital for treatment until Sunday. ville Township. Each plant was an accidental bullet wound replaced him "among the outstand- ceived while fishing in Gardners apparently getting along all right. oil drum. At one plant the offi-Creek late Sunday afternoon. He entered the Martin General Hospieye injury.

> went an operation, late reports tional Biscuit Company truck of ters, but found no mash. stating that he was getting along

While fishing from a boat, the around for his foreign-make .25 and was fined \$100 in Court Mon- plant. caliber pistol. The weapon acci- day.

and lodging in his right thigh.

Firemen Called To Grass Fire Friday Afternoon

Firemen were called to a grass fire just off Elm Street, near the Shiloh Baptist Church, last Friday afternoon at 1:35 o'clock.

very well.



NBC Bread Truck Initiate Deputy In Hits School Bus Method Of Liquor Near Jamesville Law Enforcement

Nine Distilleries Wrecked **Only One of Five Children** In County During Early **Detained In Hospital** Part Of Month **For Treatment**

Going with the Martin County Five school children and a Alcoholic Beverages Control truck driver were painfully but Board's enforcement division the believed not badly hurt in a school first of this month. Cecil Bullock, bus-truck accident just east of former game protector, has been Gardner's Creek near Jamesville thoroughly initiated in the ways last Thursday afternoon about of enforcing the liquor laws dur-3:30 o'clock. The injured were ing that time.

treated in a local hospital and all Working with Enforcement but one were able to continue Chief J. Roebuck, Bullock has helped wreck nine illicit liquor distilleries, and that is just the beginning for the full-time team. Two men were recognized at one plant and were booked for hear-

> In their first raid early in the month, the two officers wrecked

Jasper Barber, 12, hip injury. two plants a short distance from The lad-was detained in the hos- N. C. Highway 11 in Roberson-He was out and in court Monday, equipped with a crude 50-gallon Bettie Lou Griffin, 14, right cers poured out 100 gallons of

mash, and at the other they George Allen, driver of a Na- wrecked three 50-gallon fermen-

Greenville, received an eleven- In their second raid, they stitch cut in the forehead when wrecked an oil drum still and he butted out the windshield. He poured out 150 gallons of mash. victim saw a snake and reached pleaded guilty of reckless driving Two men were recognized at the

On Monday of last week the Others in the school bus were raiders invaded Bear Grass Townjarred a bit, but were not listed ship and took a 50-gallon copper

among the injured. kettle, wrecked eight 50-gallon Leaving the Jamesville school fermenters and poured out 250 about the usual time with his hu- gallons of mash.

man cargo, Fred Griffin, 17, was Returning to Robersonville driving toward Williamston when Township the next day, the ofhe slowed down to make a stop ficers destroyed a 50-gallon oil and discharge some of his passen- drum and wrecked five fermen-(Continued on page eight)

Firemen Answer Two Calls Here

weather, oil stoves in two homes a trip to Durham for the Wake ally hit in the thigh by a bullet ren and eleven great-grandchildhere went out of control over the Forest-Duke football game, the from a .25 caliber pistol. week-end.

to the W. R. Cherry home in North last week-end.

Smoke caused some damage, but there was no fire loss

ROUND-UP

Attention, for the most part, shifted from plain ole crime to accidents in the county, but officers, representing the State, county and towns, said they found four drunks and a suspicious character. The five arrests were the smallest for any week-end patrol period in the county during the past month.

Two of the five were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 31 to 37 years.

leased this week.

Work contemplated will include moted.

Starting with a parade Friday hurt when a tractor turned over on two sisters, Mrs. Nora B. White-

afternoon for the district Ameri- him in the logwoods, and another hurst of Washington and Mrs. Fired up during the recent cold | can Legion meeting and ending in eather oil stoves in two homes a trin to Durbam for the Wake

Williamston High School Green Following the Jamesville school Mr. Harrison was a faithful Volunteer firemen were called Wave Band had a busy time of it bus-truck accident on Highway 64 member of the Everetts Christ-End last Saturday morning about After the parade Friday after- ton, popular drum major for the the church at Macedonia more 7:00 o'clock. Yesterday morning noon they went to the high school Williamston High School band, than sixty years ago. Funeral serthey were called to the J. D. Eve- grounds and at 6:00 o'clock joined suffered a chipped ankle bone at vices were conducted by Rev.

rett Funeral Home, corner of Syc- the Ahoskie band in practicing 6:15 o'clock that evening when J. M. Perry, pastor of the Roberamore and Railroad Streets. for the half-time show to be given his motor scooter and a truck sonville Christian Church, assisted that night at the Ahoskie-Wil- driven by Chas. Cullipher crashed by Rev. Olin Fox, Christian minliamston football game. Then fol- at the stop light corner on Wil- ister of Hassell, and Rev. E. R.

> the visiting band members as spe- Streets. The young man is to wear ilton. Interment was in Williamscial guests. The half-time show a cast around the injured limb ton's Woodlawn Cemetery. was next and after the game a vic- for five or six weeks. He is able

tory celebration. Saturday morn- to be out on crutches, and attendtory celebration. Saturday morn- to be out on crutches, and attend-ing they were up about 5 o'clock ed the Ahoskie-Williamston foot- Man Found Dead and left for Durham about 6:00, ball game the following night. They returned home about 9:00 on Early Friday afternoon, Billy Saturday night. Baxter Harrison, driving his fath-

Local folks saw the fine half- er's 1950 Ford, lost control of the time show at the game here and car in a sand bed in a curve of reports from Durham are that the the Bear Grass-Corey's Cross near the Gaines and Kirkman band gave an excellent account of Roads road and ditched it, doing lumber mill at Jamesville late itself at the big game there. It about \$300 damage to the body, Monday afternoon, Acting Corohad a larger part this year than in according to an estimate released its last appearance there and in by Patrolman John T. Rowe who the words of Director Jack Butler made the investigation. "The kids were great all the way.

not far from Dewey Perry's store. Receive Bids On Drainage fic, crashed in to the rear of a Project On November 29th

Bids on an extensive drainage posed in this county. While there project in parts of Bear Grass and has been some expressed opposi- by Farmer Howard Coltrain and railroad and continuing to his Cross Roads Townships will be re- tion with the possibility that driven by Handyman Orange Peel, home, he wandered straight ahead some differences will be aired One of the mules was badly and apparently became lost. He ceived and opened in the office in the court, the project bruised, Patrolman John Rowe, fell into a shallow ditch beside

Superior Court at 10:00 o'clock, parties, headed by Chairman Syda. m., on Wednesday, November ney Beacham, recognize the need Saturday morning had hardly parently struggled to get out. 29, according to information re- for the project and they have worked diligently to have it pro-

fifteen and one-half miles of can- age District No. 1, the project will lost control of his 1937 Ford when body and notified officers. als. The project anticipates the re- be centered in Bear Grass Town- he tried to turn off Washington moval of 273,204 cubic yards of ship, but it will extend into Cross into South Pearl Street in Wil- Home, the body showed no scars dirt and the clearing of slightly Roads. Several similar projects are be-

more than 112 acres of land. The project is one of the most ing proposed in other parts of the extensive of its kind ever pro- county

of the clerk of the Martin County has strong support. The interested investigating, said. come into being before the wreck-

ers were at work again. Shortly construction of approximately Known as Martin County Drain- of 114 Hill Street, Williamston,

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ally ran wild on highways and Everetts, Mrs. Buck Howell of A Busy Week-end ally ran wild on highways and Everetts, Mrs. Buck Howell of streets, a prominent farmer in Poplar Point; one brother, Orlan-Jamesville Township was fatally der Harrison of Beaufort County; ren.

Thursday afternoon, Bobby Clay- ian Church, having affiliated with lowed the big picnic supper with liamston's Main and Haughton Stewart, Baptist minister of Ham-

At Jamesville

Vance Brooks, Jr., 40-year-old Negro, was found dead in a field ner Billy Biggs stating that the man apparently died of exposure. Brooks, employed by Leslie

At 5:40 o'clock Friday evening Hardison, was last seen about 7:00 o'clock Saturday evening walking McDonald Hardison, Jr., blinded toward his home near the lumber by the lights of approaching traf- mill. Said to have been in a drunken condition, he turned off Hightwo-mule wagon on the Griffins way 64 at the old hotel in James-Township Road, causing about ville and walked several blocks \$300 damage to his 1949 Chevro- down the street. Instead of turnlet and \$30 to the wagon owned ing to his right after crossing the

the path where according to That was all for Friday, but Sheriff M. W. Holloman, he ap-

Going to his hog pasture Monday afternoon for the first time after midnight, Aubrey Williams since last Saturday, Farmer Arthur Wallace Lilley found the

Examined in Everett's Funeral liamston and crashed into a pole, Biggs ruled that the death was accidental and that no formal inquest would be held.

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