

Seven More Road Wrecks Reported In Martin County

No One Badly Hurt; Property Damage About \$1,000, Patrol Says

One person was slightly hurt, at least one other narrowly escaped injury and possibly death, and property damage approximated \$1,000 in a series of seven motor vehicle accidents on Martin County highways over the weekend.

The first of the series of accidents was reported at 4:45 o'clock last Thursday afternoon when Grover B. Lilley, driving a 1948 Ford Truck belonging to the R and S Packing Company of Raleigh, stopped behind a school bus that was unloading children about three miles west of Williamston on U. S. Highway 64. It was raining and the road was a bit slippery and when John Frank Bailey drove up behind with his 1949 Plymouth and applied brakes, the machine skidded into the rear of the truck, causing about \$25 damage to the truck. Damage to the car was estimated at \$200 by Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation. No one was hurt.

At 7:00 o'clock that evening, S. C. Ange started to pass a car on Highway 64 between Jamesville and Dardens, and ran off the narrow road. His car, a 1937 Dodge, turned over, causing very little damage, according to Patrolman John T. Rowe who made the investigation. No one was hurt.

On December 9 at 6:20 o'clock p. m. just north of the Old Mill Inn on Highway 17, George Lester Land ran into a loose mule, fatally injuring the animal, and causing much damage to the car. Alexander Rogers, riding with Land, suffered a two- or three-stitch cut on his face. Patrolman J. T. Rowe made the investigation. Last Saturday about noon, Luther Pilgreen, driving his 1941 Ford east on Highway 64 between Robersonville and Everetts, started to make a left turn just as Johnny Terry of Ellerbe started to pass in his 1949 Ford truck. A crash followed but damage was limited to about \$25 on the car. No one was hurt, Patrolman B. W. Parker said after making the investigation.

Sunday afternoon about 4:00 o'clock, Cecil O'Neal Bowen was driving his 1946 Ford out of the Prison Camp Road into Highway 64 near Williamston. Louis Mobley, driving his 1941 Ford on Highway 64, started to turn into the Prison Camp Road. The left rear fender on the Mobley car smashed the left front fender on the Bowen car, causing about \$25 damage to each, according to Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation.

About an hour later that afternoon, Thomas Sylvester Griffin, driving a 1946 Plymouth station wagon, sideswiped Nathan Cowan's 1939 Ford on the Bear Grass-Williamston Road. No one was hurt and damage was estimated at about \$75 to each car, according to a report released by Patrolman M. F. Powers who made the investigation.

Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock, Mrs. Maggie Bowen was standing across the highway from the county home. After a Carolina Trailway bus, traveling west, had passed she started to cross the road. James Luby Edmondson of Goldsboro, driving a 1947 Ford truck belonging to Statesville Flour Mills of Goldsboro, saw Mrs. Bowen in the highway

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WARNING

Anxious to protect Williamston shoppers in every way possible, Chief of Police J. H. Roebuck and members of the police department today asked shoppers to lock their cars after placing bundles of merchandise in them. Last year, a few rogues invaded unlocked cars and removed valuables. "We'll do everything possible to protect the property, but owners can help a lot by taking precautions against those who would rob and steal," the officer said.

Important Farm Elections In County On December 14

Martin County farmers along with thousands of others will pass on important matters when they go to the polls on Thursday of this week and elect committees to handle their affairs under the Production-Marketing Administration Act and decide the fate of peanut quotas for the future.

The polling places in this county will be open from 8:00 a. m. until 6:00 p. m. in each community and it is expected that a large vote will be cast. While some uncertainty surrounds the future of the peanut, it has been pointed out that the defeat of quotas will virtually ruin the growers in this and adjoining states. Even if classifications are not established, quotas will be necessary if the grower of Virginia type peanuts is to survive. There is a possibility that the program will receive limited support in some of the states, meaning that quotas will be defeated unless growers turn out in numbers in this section and support the allotment plan.

Any farmer, meaning owner, operator or sharecropper, receiving a share in the proceeds from a crop of peanuts produced this year, is entitled to vote in the referendum on Thursday of this week.

If two-thirds of the votes are favorable, then quotas will be in effect for 1951, 1952 and 1953, unless the Secretary of Agriculture foresees an emergency and lifts quotas temporarily. If quotas are voted, then prices will be supported between 80 and 90 percent of parity as of August 1, 1951.

If more than one-third opposes quotas, then prices will be supported at not more than 50 percent of parity.

DUPLICATES

To make certain that contributions will not be showered on any one person or family while others are overlooked, it has been suggested that those promoting the Christmas Cheer movement clear their plans with some agency. The Martin County Welfare Department has agreed to help clear the gifts in an effort to avoid as many duplicates as possible. It was pointed out this week that at least two church groups had planned to help the same family while another family, equally deserving of aid, had been overlooked.

The department will also receive suggestions for extending aid to needy families. If you know of a needy family, notify the department without delay, and the names will be turned over to those groups supporting the Christmas Cheer movement.

Shooting Match At River Friday

After all kinds of shooting, Bob Monteith, Tom Brandon, "Tootsie" Roberson and Bob Newell walked off with the turkeys at the Kiwanis-sponsored shooting match at the river here last Friday night. There were four 25-shot rounds, three with shot guns and one with rifles.

It was a bit cold before they got a fire going, and the expert marksmen were hardly up to par. Tom Brandon, a hunter from way back, had to shoot three times before he got a feather. Some green horn, firing a weapon for about the third or fourth time in his life, beat the expert in the first round. There was all kinds of shooting, the winners indirectly admitting theirs was more of the accidental kind than any other type. Some of the boys hid their target cards, and one report said Elbert Peel, Joe Thrower and Jodie Woolard had perfect score cards—not a shot in 'em.

Well, they are going to have another shooting match Friday of this week, and the boys say they are going to do better, seeing as how they can do no worse. The public is invited to attend and participate in the match, the proceeds of the event going to the Kiwanis Club's fund for the less fortunate.

Boy Accidentally Shot At Parmele

James Edward Pitt, 11-year-old colored boy, was critically shot in his arm last Saturday afternoon while playing with Gordon Roberson, 11-year-old neighbor. The bone in the arm was broken and much of the meat was torn away.

The boys were said to have been cracking pecans on the barrel of a shot gun when the weapon accidentally fired. Treated at the Robersonville Clinic, the young victim was later removed to a Greenville hospital.

Elect Committees At Polls In The County Thursday

Farmers Will Also Vote On Peanut Quotas For The Next Three Years

In an important election to be held on Thursday of this week between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 6:00 p. m., Martin County farmers will choose their committees to head the farm program for the next year. Nominees were selected at meetings held in the county last Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

The farmers are to elect a chairman, vice chairman, regular member, first alternate and second alternate for the committee in each community, and a delegate and alternate to the county convention which will be held on Friday of this week.

The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes will be the community chairman, the next with the greatest number of votes will be vice chairman, and so on until a regular member, first alternate and second alternate are elected. The nominee polling the largest vote for delegate is scheduled to attend the county convention on Friday and help elect a county committee. The nominee polling the second largest number of votes for delegate will be alternate, attending the county convention in the event the regular delegate is unable to attend.

Polling places will be maintained as follows: Jamesville 1 and 2, Town House in Jamesville. Williams, County House. Griffins, Manning's Store. Bear Grass, filling station in Bear Grass. Williamston-Popular Point, agriculture building. Cross Roads, Everetts. Robersonville 1 and 2, G and S Motor Company. Hamilton, Town House in Hamilton and either in school house or store in Hassell. Goose Nest 1 and 2, Ayers' store in Oak City.

Names of nominees not previously published include: Jamesville 1: Community committeemen, Arthur Modlin, Elwood Brown, Howard Hardison, Arthur W. Lilley, T. W. Holliday, H. A. Sexton, Carl Griffin, Geo. Martin, Edgar Hopewell, Archie Barber, F. W. Holliday and Arnold Modlin, for delegate and alternate, Howard Hardison, Arthur Modlin, C. C. Fleming and Carl Griffin. Griffins: Community committeemen, S. E. Manning, D. Clarence Gurkin, Lester Griffin, Arthur Revels, Justus B. Coltraine, James B. Harrington, Thomas Tice, Robert Griffin, Raleigh Lilley and Oscar B. Roberson; for delegate and alternate, Asa J. Hardison, J. LeRoy Griffin, Robert E. Peel and Archie T. Coltraine. Williamston - Popular Point: Community committeemen, Roy T. Griffin, Gentry Mills, Fisher Harris, V. Urnie Bunting, John W. Gurkin, Mayo Hardison, Minga E.

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Native Of County Dies In Virginia

Mrs. Mittie Roberson Barnhill died at her home in Stanston, Virginia, this morning at 7:30 o'clock after a long period of declining health. The daughter of the late Noah and Sallie Peel Roberson, she was born in Griffins Township, this county, on May 8, 1875, and was married in early womanhood to Harry Barnhill who died some years ago. She made her home in Richmond for nearly fifty years.

Surviving are two sons, Edwin and Earl Barnhill of Richmond, a daughter, Mrs. F. G. Spencer of Sandston; two brothers, George E. and James A. Roberson, and a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Harris of Williamston. Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but interment will be in the family plot in a Richmond cemetery.

Funeral Today for Mrs. C. B. McKeel

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McKeel and Mr. C. McKeel are attending the funeral of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Charlie Ben McKeel, in Lumberton this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. McKeel's death was attributed to pneumonia, she was ill only a few days. Mr. McKeel is a former citizen of Martin County and he and his wife had been married only three years. She was 38 years old.

Firemen Called To Center Street Home

Those attending the Wilson meeting included: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Revels, Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Lindsley, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, and Messrs. C. B. Burroughs, Robt. Haislip, John House, George Ayers and P. C. Edmondson.

Starting with a defective chimney, fire slightly damaged the Navin Hawkins home on Center Street, near Woodlawn Cemetery, at 6:00 o'clock last evening. Firemen answered the call.

Limited Operations Started At New Texas Company Terminal

Plan To Try Five Divorce Cases At Session Tomorrow

All Five Actions Are Based On Grounds Of Two-Year Separation

Five divorce cases have been placed on the calendar along with two civil actions for trial in the Martin County Superior Court Wednesday morning, provided the criminal docket is cleared by that time. All five of the divorce actions are based on two-year separation grounds, and were brought to tear asunder the bonds of matrimony accepted in one case as far back as 1930.

In his case against Rosa V. Spruill Moore, the plaintiff, John Sam Moore, says they were married on June 1, 1930, that they separated on September 6, 1935. The two children born of the union, aged 19 and 17 years, are now self-supporting.

C. M. Burden, suing Estelle Burden for divorce, says they were married on April 15, 1948 and separated three months later on July 15. No children were born of the union, and the defendant now lives in Hertford County.

In the case of Lillie M. Harris against Howard Harris, the plaintiff says they were separated on April 6, 1946, after life with the defendant became intolerable. The defendant, when the papers were served him, was in Mt. Alton Hospital, District of Columbia.

Vinoo Woolard, suing Willie Woolard for a divorce, says they were married December 24, 1936, and separated in July, 1947. No children were born of the union. The defendant resides part time in this county and part time in Michigan.

Cpl. Bennie Bland Killed In Korea

Cpl. Bennie Bland, brother of Mrs. Luther O. Strickland of Williamston, and a former local resident, was killed in action on November 3, his mother, Mrs. W. T. Bland of Halifax County, was advised a few days ago.

A veteran of World War II, he worked in Williamston a short time before re-enlisting in the army. At the time he was killed he was serving in Company H, 9th Infantry, Unit 1.

A native of Halifax County, he was 26 years old. Besides his sister here he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. J. H. Lane of Speed, Mrs. Norman Rogers of Hobgood, Mrs. Otis Radcliff of Scotland Neck and Mrs. Ronnie L. Smith of Sumter, South Carolina; one brother, William E. Bland of Hobgood, and one half-brother, Thomas Bland of Williamston, and his mother.

A Martin County boy, Woolard Strickland, was reported killed in Korea on November 18.

Cars Crash Here At Intersection

Miss Mildred Byrum, teacher in the local schools, suffered a side injury, believed not to be serious, when her car, a 1949 Ford, and a 1940 Plymouth, crashed at the Houghton and Academy Street intersection last evening about 6:00 o'clock.

No official estimate could be had immediately, but local police, making the investigation, said that the damage to the Ford would amount to approximately \$250 and that the Plymouth would be about \$150.

The accident was the eighth reported on the streets and highways in this county over the week-end.

PAID TRIBUTE



A fitting tribute was recently paid the memory of the late Pfc. Grady Burroughs Hardy, son of Mrs. A. L. Hardy and the late Mr. Hardy of this county, by the Desert Chemical Depot, Tooele, Utah. Young Hardy lost his life in World War II.

It is irony of fate that the correspondence, announcing the honor, should have been addressed to a brother, S/Sgt. Martel Hardy, who is missing in Korea.

The letter, signed by Col. R. T. Beurket, commanding officer, Headquarters, Desert Chemical Depot, Tooele, Utah, reads, as follows: "I am grateful for the opportunity to advise you that as a lasting and living tribute to your brother Grady B. Hardy, who gave his life for his country during the recent World War, it has been decided to name one of the streets on this military reservation in his memory. The street named in honor of your brother will be known as HARDY STREET and will for all time be carried as such on the official records of the Department of the Army."

Although this honor is in itself small compensation for the loss suffered, it expresses the gratitude of the Chemical Corps of the Army and of the entire Nation to one of the members of the Armed Forces who made the supreme sacrifice to maintain and preserve our democratic form of government.

Old County Firm Is Selling Out

Operating one of the oldest mercantile firms in this county, Mr. John W. Eubanks announced today that he is selling out his entire \$200,000 stock of merchandise and fixtures in Hassell and would devote his entire time to the sale of fertilizers, and farm implements and to the purchase of farm products, including cotton, peanuts and potatoes.

Everything in the store must go, Mr. Eubanks explaining that prices are being reduced to below cost figures. The sale gets underway on Friday of this week and special prizes are being offered.

The business was established in Hassell back in Civil War days by R. H. Salsbury, Sr. Entering the employ of the firm, Mr. Eubanks five years later in 1910 was taken in as a partner, and in 1941 bought out the other partners. Arrangements are complete for handling the sale.

Williamston Boy In Korean Area

Sgt. Redden L. Leggett, Jr., is with the American forces somewhere in Korea, landing there the 31st of August.

In a letter written sometime in November, the young man said he had picked up a Russian-made rifle and added that he was getting along all right.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Redden Leggett of RFD 3, Williamston, and is one of quite a few Martin County men in the Korean theater.

Handle Few Cases In Superior Court During First Day

Norman Worsley, Charged With Rape-Murder, Not Yet Returned to County

With no long cases on its docket, the Martin County Superior Court is nearing the end of its criminal docket today, after handling a few cases Monday.

Judge Walter J. Bone of Nashville is presiding over the term. Effecting an exchange with Judge John Jay Burney, Judge Bone was assigned to the court by Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy, the assignment being the first to this county under the provisions of the recently approved amendment to the State Constitution.

Charged with rape and murder, Norman Worsley has not been returned from New York where he was arrested a short time ago. It was thought one time that the man would be returned to this State in time for trial this week, but if he is brought in now he'll likely have to wait until the March term before going on trial.

Opening court Monday morning, Judge Bone talked to the grand jury hardly two minutes, explaining that he had given them detailed instructions at the September term, and suggested that if further instructions should be needed he would gladly help any way he could.

Two or three jurors were excused, including Virgil Lilley, on account of the illness of his father. Oscar Ayers, after serving Monday, was excused to make a trip to the doctor.

No final judgment was entered in the two cases in which Marvin Brantley is charged with forgery. At the last session of the court, judgment absolved on his \$251 bond was entered in the records. It was brought out that the defendant is temporarily detained by authorities in another county, and the judgment was ordered delayed until next March.

The case charging Booker T. Lloyd with bastardy and Geo. Clemon with possession of stolen goods were not pressed when the prosecuting witnesses did not appear in court, some of them having failed to report for the second time.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, Willie Moore pleaded not guilty. He later pleaded guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. The plea was accepted and Moore drew twelve months on the roads. Facing a similar charge, Oliver Peel also pleaded not guilty. At the conclusion of state's evidence, the court with the approval of the solicitor, directed a verdict of not guilty.

Frederick H. Sayre, Jr., 16-year-old Summit, N. J., boy pleaded guilty of the larceny of a car and was sentenced to the roads for 18 months. The court suspended execution of the sentence and execution of the sentence and placed the lad on probation for three years. The boy, apparently taking a wayward step in under dire circumstances, gave the judge a frank and true account, and gained leniency.

Earl Goodwin, charged with nearly beating his common law wife to death, was sentenced to the roads for two years.

Charged with breaking and entering, John Brady was found guilty of public drunkenness and was sentenced to the roads for thirty days.

Just before noon today the court was working on the case in which Jake Woolard is charged with cruelty to animals. The court is

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ROUND-UP

Five persons were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail last week-end, officers pointing out that, for the most part, there was little activity on the crime front.

Two were arrested for assaults, two for public drunkenness and one for drunken driving. Two of the five were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 21 to 51 years.