

Youth Loses Life By Drowning Near Hamilton Tuesday

Funeral Service Today At
3:00 O'Clock For
Bobby Ange

Bobby Derrill Ange, Hamilton youth, lost his life by drowning in the E. G. Anderson fish pond near the county town Tuesday afternoon between 1:15 and 1:30 o'clock. It was the first drowning in an artificial fish pond in this county.

The lad with several companions went to the pond early in the afternoon. He was able to swim a little but was warned to stay out of deep water. Investigating the drowning, Coroner W. W. Biggs said the boy was walking on an old submerged dam and either missed his footing or stepped off into deep water. He was able to keep himself afloat for a while, but soon gave out. Dick Raynor, 16, tried to help him out and was pulled under twice before he could free himself.

Bobby Leggett, 15, standing on or near the bank called for help and Dr. G. G. Himmelwright was summoned along with officers and others. Linwood Gay Boyd dived and found the body, but was not equal to the task of raising it. Fred and Sam Bullock lent a hand and the body was recovered within the hour. Artificial respiration was given for more than an hour and medical treatment was applied, but efforts to restore life were futile.

Before they left to attend the funeral of Mr. Calvin Ayers in Bear Grass, the parents had given the boy permission to go swimming, but he did not say just where he was going.

Signs, warning against fishing and swimming in the pond, were posted nearby and several swimmers had been chased out of the pond last week-end. It was said that the youths approached the pond from the rear unnoticed.

The son of Thurman Wesley and Mary Gardner Ange, he was born in Pitt County near Stokes 14 years ago on January 7, 1937, but lived in this county most of his life, locating in Hamilton a few months ago with his family. He attended schools in Bear Grass, Robersonville and Oak City, and was a member of the Community Christian Church near Williamston.

Surviving besides his parents are a brother, Phillip Wesley, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gardner of Aurora.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Hamilton Church of Christ this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. Harold Turner and interment will follow in the Ange Cemetery near Dardens.

Local Young Girl Reported Missing

Lila Jeanette Silverthorne, fifteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Silverthorne of 100 Pine Street, Williamston, ran away Friday morning from Samarcand Manor, a training school at Eagle Springs, N. C., it was reported Tuesday afternoon by her parents.

She has brown hair, brown eyes, light complexion, weighs about 145 pounds.

Her mother believes that she may be in this vicinity and afraid to go to her home, and asks that anyone who sees Lila to get in contact with her.

Three Charged In Liquor Case Here

Charged with the illegal possession of one and one-half gallons of white liquor, Howard Cherry and Jos. and Norman Hollis are tentatively scheduled to face Judge R. T. Johnson in the Martin County Recorder's Court next Monday. Warrants were served on the three men last evening, it was learned.

The liquor was found in Cherry's old model car, meaning there is a possibility that it will be confiscated. "But the old machine isn't worth more than a few dollars," Chief ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck said.

Attend Boosters' Meeting



Retiring president of the Williamston Boosters, Claude B. Clark, Jr., is talking to the speaker of the evening, Wade Marr, just before turning the gavel over to the new president, R. Edwin Peele. The event climaxed a special dinner meeting of the Boosters here a short time ago.

Conduct Inquiry Into Accident In County

RECRUITER

Sgt. Alfred M. Monteith, a native of Burlington, has been assigned here as recruiter for the U. S. Army and Army Air Force, succeeding Cpl. Quinn who is transferring to Rocky Mount.

The sergeant, with a nine-year service record, comes to his new post from Connecticut, and plans to locate his family here just as soon as living quarters can be found.

Miss Jean Bailey Is Chosen Queen

Miss Jean Bailey was chosen Miss Williamston for 1951 at a beauty contest sponsored by the local Jaycees in the grammar school auditorium here last evening. Miss Jean Carol Griffin placed second and Miss Jeanette Thomas was third in the competition.

There were twenty-eight contestants and the competition for top places was keen, the judges finding it a bit difficult to determine their selections.

Messrs. Porter McNair and Eccles Wall of Tarboro and Mr. Bonner Paul of Washington judged the contest before a packed auditorium. More than 100 spectators were turned away when the auditorium became packed.

Miss Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bailey, will represent Williamston in the contest for Miss North Carolina to be held in Burlington on July 20, and there is a possibility she'll attend the High Point Centennial as a special guest in early July.

All the winning contestants were awarded loving cups.

Bloodmobile To Return July 19

The Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to make its second visit to this chapter on Thursday, July 19, it was announced today.

The people of this area led the entire Virginia-North Carolina district with their response when the bloodmobile visited here several weeks ago, and it is hoped that a similar response will be recorded in July.

Those who would have a part in the valuable program are asked to contact Recruiters Bill Spivey or Wheeler M. Manning or the Red Cross office.

Several Witnesses Heard At Hearing In Robersonville

No Official Report Available Following Naval Questioning Monday

Representing the U. S. Navy, an official from the Marine Station at Cherry Point this week inquired into the deaths of James Garland Manning, Bethel young man, and Paul Helwer, U. S. Navy man, in an automobile accident just east of Robersonville the early part of last week.

Conducted by a captain, the hearing was held in the Robersonville police station Monday afternoon. No official report has been filed or could be had here, but the evidence offered at the public hearing virtually, if not altogether, clears Edwin L. Everett, driver of the tractor-trailer, of blame.

Several witnesses were called but the evidence of only three, Hattie Laughinghouse, George Carlton James and John R. Bunting, was recorded. Patrolman B. W. Parker, investigating the accident along with several other patrolmen, told what he found at the scene of the accident, and another witness merely corroborated the evidence offered by the Laughinghouse woman, it was learned.

Hattie Laughinghouse, believed to be one of only two eye witnesses to the accident, made the following statement at the hearing: "I was in the tobacco patch along side the highway when I saw the car (Manning's old model Chevrolet) come speeding down the wrong side of the road. He was going so fast the rear end of the car was switching back and forth. One of the men seemed asleep with his head out the window, resting on his arm. He appeared to be wearing a white shirt. The truck was coming down the road on its own side, at a reasonable rate of speed. When the car struck the truck there was so much dust I couldn't see much after that."

John R. Bunting, a fish dealer, was at the home of Russell Whitehurst near Robersonville and saw Manning and Helwer there. He made the following statement: "I saw the boys out at Russell Whitehurst's house where I had gone to sell some fish. They drove up the road and I would say it took them ten minutes from

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Drunken Driving Case Too Hot For Jurors To Handle

Mistrial Ordered Wednesday After Jury Took Case Early Tuesday

After interrupting the regular trial schedule, a drunken driving case proved too hot for the jurors to handle and a mistrial was ordered by Judge W. C. Harris in the Martin County Superior Court Wednesday morning. Never in the history of the court has a jury been unable to reach a decision in a drunken driving case, and while he made no comment, it was apparent that the jurist was a bit disappointed if not disgusted with the admitted breakdown in the jury system in the particular case.

"There's a reputable witness for the State, and she testified that she smelled whiskey on the defendant's breath within a minute after the accident. There's the defendant who has been convicted previously of drunken driving and has been involved in other vehicle law violations. And yet the jury can't reach a verdict," the jurist was heard to say as the court waited patiently hour after hour for a verdict.

Earlier this year M. H. Hollis of the Oak City section was booked for drunken driving after his vehicle had been in collision with Miss Catherine Haislip's car near Oak City.

Miss Haislip told the court this week that she smelled liquor on the defendant's breath when she talked to him immediately after the accident. Her father, reaching the scene five minutes after the accident, said the defendant was under the influence of intoxicants. Patrolman R. P. Naron, contacting the defendant within the hour, said the man was under the influence. It was brought out in court that the defendant hardly realized what was happening when the officer placed him in jail.

Taking the stand, the defendant said that he had not had a drink all day prior to the accident. He explained that he was nervous and right after the accident he went home and took two drinks or all that he had in his possession, and went on to admit that he was under the influence when the officer reached him. He maintained that he had not had a drink prior to the accident, however.

It was also brought out by the State that the defendant had told the officer he had not had anything to drink prior to the time he (the officer) reached him, that he merely got down on his hands and knees so he could steady his hands and get his driver's license out of his billfold.

The case was called in the court Monday afternoon. The remainder of the day was spent hearing the evidence, the last witness completing his testimony Tuesday morning. Arguments by defense attorneys and Solicitor Geo. Fountain were heard and Judge Harris completed his charge and turned the case over to the jury at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. The jury argued until 1:00 o'clock that afternoon and returned at 2:00 o'clock to argue some more. Somewhere along the way the jury reached a deadlock and shortly before 5:00 o'clock Judge Harris asked them how they stood. The answer was seven to five, but it was not explained.

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Planning Tobacco Field Inspection

Friday, June 29th at 9:00 A. M. a Tobacco Field Day will be held at the Upper Coastal Plain Experiment Station, it was announced by R. McK. Edwards, Negro County Agent, today.

The following demonstrations will be observed: Source of Nitrogen, Fertilizer experiment, Minor elements, Topping and Suckering, Variety test, Residue test, and Rotary Hoe Cultivating.

Farmers interested in any of these demonstrations should plan to be at the Station by 9:00 A. M. The demonstrations will last about two and one half hours.

Lend Money For Farm Buildings

The Farmers Home Administration is authorized to make loans to farmers to construct new buildings, repair and remodel old buildings, that are essential to the operation of the farm. This can be a new dwelling, new tobacco curing barn, pack house, stock barn etc.

If a farmer has a building partially complete but needs help to finish it this can be done. In addition he may wish to do repair work to other buildings at the same time. This can also be included.

This housing assistance can be extended to a land owner to build tenant houses, operator houses, and one for himself, or a combination of these. For instance an owner may want to build a house for himself and several tenant houses. This can be handled under the Farm Housing Program.

This is a 4 per cent loan and can be made repayable over a period of 33 years, however, if the farmer is able to repay this sooner the repayment schedule will be made for a period of less than this.

Another feature about this housing program is that a person working in town but living on the farm is eligible for the loan. For example, a man clerks in a store and lives on the farm. On this farm he has a garden, hogs, poultry, and some field crops. He is eligible for the housing loan.

There is no limit to the amount of the housing loan as long as the farm mortgaged is worth the amount of the loan. A mortgage is required on the farm; however, it is not necessary that it be a first mortgage so long as the farm is worth the amount of the first and second mortgages.

It might be well to point out here that the building restrictions do apply. This is not a law peculiar to the Farm Housing Program but applies to all construction.

For further details contact the Farmers Home Administration office in the Courthouse, Williamston, North Carolina.

Local Man Hurt In Car Accident

Joseph D. Hodgins, local man, was badly injured in an automobile-truck crash at a cross roads near Belford in Pitt County Tuesday. Reports reaching here stated the victim was being treated in a Greenville hospital for a possible skull fracture and other injuries.

Hodgins' car crashed with a truck driven by Wilbur Brewer, 38, of RFD 1, Tarboro.

Hodgins was working on a contract in Goldsboro.

Scouts To Rent Seat Cushions At Ball Park

Purchasing two hundred cushions from war surplus, Boy Scouts of Troop 27, will rent the cushions to fans in attendance upon the Martin County League games in the local park, it was announced this week.

Fans are assured of a comfortable seat as they pull for the Martins.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Figures in Martin County's accident record book took a tragic turn during the 24th week of the current year, and in cold reality show two deaths, five injured and a property damage estimated at \$2,000. It has been well established that the two deaths were attributable to drunken driving.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

24th Week				
Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge				
1951	5	4	2	\$ 2,000
1950	0	0	0	00
Comparisons To Date				
1951	116	51	3	\$27,270
1950	69	35	0	15,750

J. Evans Gets 10-20 Years For Murder

Father On Stand With A Plea For His Son's Killer

Silence Prevails When
Dead Boy's Father Says
There Was No Malice

A rather dramatic scene developed in the Martin County Superior Court early Wednesday afternoon when a father got on the stand and showed there was no malice in his heart for the man who had killed his son. Possibly it was not the first time that Judge W. C. Harris had witnessed such Christian forgiveness during his long years on the bench, but he addressed the father and expressed the wish that there was something "I could do to bring your son back." The judge added, "the evidence here shows your son was a good boy, and even the defendant has never been in court in his 46 years. It just goes to show what gambling and whiskey will do, and we can't sit idly by and do nothing about such causes," the judge said as he imposed a sentence of not less than twelve and not more than twenty years in prison upon James Evans for the May 6 murder of William Henry Everett, young Williamston colored man.

Although the case was scheduled for trial Wednesday, it was called unexpectedly just before noon when another defendant failed to appear for trial. Defense attorney, Elbert S. Peel, tendered a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree and the plea was accepted.

Solicitor Geo. Fountain called Dave Melton as the first witness, but the witness threw little or no new light on the case. The witness, on the spot at one time himself, mumbled his way through, admitting certain facts only after the prosecuting attorney literally "pulled" the information out of his mouth. Melton, for whom the load of gun shot was intended all the time, said he found Evans sitting on his porch at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon of May 5, that Evans was drinking. Melton said he put him out twice and actually claimed he gave Evans a quarter to go off and buy liquor. He admitted striking Evans once and explained that William Henry Walston carried Evans away, presumably to some place on Washington Street. The last outburst took place between 8:00 and 9:00 o'clock, Melton explaining that Evans returned soon after midnight. "I told him he could not come in, that he had caused too much trouble and to go away," Melton said, explaining the position in which the Everett boy was standing when he was fatally shot.

Melton said he saw Evans leaving with the shot gun, and said he was at the police station when Evans said the whole load was intended for him. He said Evans was drunk and expressed the belief that Evans had not intended to hurt or kill Everett.

Officer Willie Modlin, the next witness, said he heard Evans re-

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Wreck Victims Much Improved

Critically injured in an automobile accident near here on U. S. 17 last Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Costello are much improved following treatment in a local hospital. Mrs. Costello is able to be up, but Mr. Costello, suffering with broken ribs and a knee injury, continues in bed.

Impressed with his surroundings, Mr. Costello is said to be planning to remain here until he is able to travel on his own. It is likely he will continue in the hospital another ten days or two weeks.

Their daughter, Little Miss Sandra Costello, who lost her life in the tragic accident, was buried at the home near Philadelphia yesterday.

ON WET SIDE

While sufficient rain has fallen in every section of this county some areas are getting on the wet side, according to reports reaching here.

Fairly narrow streaks in Bear Grass, Griffins, Williams and Jamesville Townships reported heavy rains yesterday afternoon, and although the crops are holding up, several farmers said that plowing is out for another day or two. Grass is growing rapidly, but the crops are looking all right, as a whole.

Darrow Addresses Rotary Club Here

Carter Darrow, official of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company of Tarboro, addressed the regular meeting of the local Rotary Club last Tuesday noon, choosing for his topic, "International Service."

Darrow declared that war and strife were traceable to misunderstanding, and to eliminate that misunderstanding "we must increase our knowledge of other peoples here and throughout the world."

The speaker declared that most people are good, and that "while we increase our knowledge of other people by reading and listening, it is important to tear down the barrier to understanding," adding that traditions and customs of other peoples must be considered.

"Our minds are full of prejudice and we are selfish. We must wipe out all prejudice and try to look at ourselves as others would look at us," Mr. Darrow said.

Concluding, Mr. Darrow said, "I don't know any good thing about Russia, but I don't doubt that there are good people in Russia and we must work for good will and peace as individuals as well as a nation."

Presiding over the meeting, President Chas. I. Harris said that arrangements were about complete for charter-night which will be held in Hotel George Reynolds next Monday evening. Edmund Harding of Washington is to be the main speaker.

Opening Drive-In Theater Friday

The Twilight Drive-In Theater, located about two miles west of Williamston on U. S. Highway 64, will hold its formal opening tomorrow evening at 7:45 o'clock, it was announced today by the management.

Owned and operated by Mr. Johnny Mobley of Everetts, the theater is strictly modern and will accommodate 200 cars with individual microphones available for each car.

Accepts Position With Company In Williamston

Mr. Jab Roberson, formerly associated with Hendrix-Barnhill in Greenville, N. C., has accepted a position with Lindsey Ice Company in Williamston, it was announced yesterday.

Mr. Roberson will work as outside salesman for tractors and farm machinery and his territory will include the Robersonville district.

CANNERY OPENING

Prof. V. B. Hairr announced today that the Jamesville cannery will be open on Tuesday and Friday of each week, beginning next Tuesday, June 26th. Cans will be available at the cannery and the facilities are available to all who wish to use them.

Ten persons came by yesterday to do some canning while Professor Hairr was getting ready for the regular opening on Tuesday.

Nearing End Of Criminal Docket In Superior Court

Alleged Bootleggers Were
In Convention Yesterday Afternoon

Bringing order out of confusion, the Martin County Superior Court today was reported nearing the end of its criminal docket with the possibility that adjournment will come late this afternoon or early tomorrow. Adjournment depends to a large extent upon the course rape cases against Sammie and Pete Hardison and Clarence McCool take in the court when they are called today. The rape charges have been complicated by the marriage of one of the defendants and one of the prosecuting witnesses, Solicitor Geo. Fountain admitting that he did not know what course the prosecution will take. "We'll have to wait and see," the solicitor said.

After begging down, literally speaking, in drunken driving cases the early part of the current one-week term, the court moved ahead yesterday, clearing a second-degree murder case, a non-support action and a liquor charge from the docket before recessing for the day. A convention of alleged bootleggers was scheduled for yesterday afternoon, but only one case was reached, and a second session is being called today. Proceedings not previously reported:

James Elmore Bonds, charged with drunken driving, was found guilty. Judge Harris, presiding over the term, pointed out that the defendant had lied, and offered the opinion that the action will hang over the defendant the rest of his life. Baker drew four months on the roads.

Roland Thompson, pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, was sentenced to the roads for twelve months, the court later changing it to six and providing for it to run concurrently with one imposed in the county recorder's court the early part of last year. He is to pay a \$100 fine. The 410-pound man was given until today to make payment.

Marvin Brantley, facing two forgery counts, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for twelve months in each case, the second sentence to run concurrently with the first.

Robert Savage, charged with the larceny of a hat, was found not guilty.

Luther W. Respass, charged with the larceny of a tractor-trailer and a big load of lumber, was found guilty of temporary larceny and drew six months on the roads. The young man, an orphan and one who has leaned toward over-indulgence during week-ends since he was discharged from the service, was convicted on a signed confession. However, it was said that he was agreeable under all conditions and signed the confession without knowing what it was all about.

Facing three counts—assault, non-support and drunken driving—Walter Barnes was adjudged guilty on his own statement in the assault case and drew twelve months on the roads. The court suspended the road term upon the payment of the costs and he is on probation for three years. The non-support case was continued, but the defendant is to pay \$30 a month to his wife, give her a deed to their house and lot. The drunken driving case was dismissed.

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Premature Baby Goes To Hospital

Its life hanging by a thread, the two and one-half pound daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitley of Hamilton Township was removed to a Wilmington hospital yesterday afternoon.

Born earlier in the day, the baby was placed in a carrier incubator and was carried to the hospital by the father accompanied by Mrs. Wm. E. Decator, public health nurse.

Scheduled for a stay of four to six weeks in the hospital, the child was getting along all right when the father and nurse left it for the return trip.