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County Youth Is Badly Injured In Fall from Truck

Several Accidents Reported On County Highways Last Week-end

Freddie Brown McKeel, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John McKeel of Williams Township, was badly injured in one of several motor vehicle accidents reported in this county last week-end.

The youngster was riding in Thade James Gardner's 1948 Willys truck and lost his balance when the machine made a turn into Joe Perry's yard. The little fellow landed on his head, and was removed to the Martin General Hospital where he was reported to be responding to treatment. Patrolman B. W. Parker made the investigation.

Sunday afternoon about 1:45 o'clock, Clarence Earl Highsmith of RFD 1, Robersonville, was driving his 1939 Chevrolet south on Highway 903 when the horn stuck. Highsmith applied his brakes and stopped suddenly and Dewey Stalls, of Hamilton, ran into him with his 1950 Ford. Investigating the accident, Patrolman B. W. Parker said Mrs. Stalls suffered a sprained ankle and was treated in the Ward Clinic before continuing to her home. Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$150 and that to the Chevrolet at \$25.

About thirty minutes later, two cars, one driven by Roy Vance Thomas of Newport News and the other by Roger D. Jenks of Zenio, Ohio, crashed at the corner of Highway 125 and the main street in Hamilton, Thomas, according to Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation, making a sweeping turn from Highway 125 into the street. Jenks, in an effort to avoid the crash, turned to his left and the right sides of the cars went together, causing about \$100 to Jenks' 1949 Chevrolet and about \$75 to Thomas' 1947 Ford. Thomas, it was said, accepted the damages. No one was hurt.

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County Board In Uneventful Meet

The Martin County Board of Commissioners held an uneventful meeting Monday, handling little other than routine business. A few roads were discussed and the board recommended that six-tenths of a mile of road running from the Coburn Road in Robersonville Township at N. C. Highway 11 to the Edgecombe County line be added to the State system, looking toward a connection with a road near Roberson's Fork. The board also recommended widening of a road in Bear Grass Township, running from the Bear Grass-Stokes Road near Mrs. Gilbert Rogers' residence via Zack Cowin's, Clayton Cowin's, Roy Harrison's and others to the Leggett Mill Road at Mrs. Gid Harrison's residence.

Tax relief orders were issued: For 1949, James Roy Perry, Williamston, \$3.40; Walter Keel, Robersonville, \$11.20, and dogs charged in error, \$5; For 1950: James Brooks, Jamesville, \$3; F. A. Whitfield, Williamston, \$4.13; Jas. R. Perry, Williamston, \$3.50; J. B. Leggett, Cross Roads, \$2; John M. Leggett, Bear Grass, \$2; Charlie Howell, Williamston, \$2; Walter Keel, Robersonville, \$22.50; Alex Teel, Robersonville, \$2.48; dogs charged in error, \$10.

Tax Collector M. L. Peel reported that \$15,739.82 was due on the \$336,635.00 levy for 1950.

OPENING DATES

Tobacco markets in this section will open the 1951 season on Tuesday, August 21, in accordance with an announcement by the board of governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association meeting in Raleigh last week-end.

The Georgia-Florida belt opens on Thursday, July 19, and South Carolina-Border will open on July 30. Sales get under way in the Old Belt September 17.

Local Rotary Club Gets Charter



As more than one hundred and fifty Rotarians from all over eastern North Carolina look on, Charlie Harris, president, receives the newly organized Williamston's Rotary Club charter from District Governor H. B. Spruill, of Windsor. The charter night meeting was held in the hotel here a few days ago, and was addressed by Edmund Harding, of Washington.

Seek Blood Donors For The Bloodmobile On July 19th

An earnest appeal is being directed to all residents in the Martin County Red Cross Chapter, urging them to pledge a pint of blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile makes its second trip here on Thursday, July 19.

The recruiters dislike to trouble anyone, but they and others are convinced of the great value of the bloodmobile system and they are urging blood donors to pledge their support. Appeals are again being made through the various clubs and organizations, and Recruiters Bill Spivey and Wheeler Manning are working hard to get 185 pints of blood here. It is hoped the record can be equaled on July 19.

Complete reports are not available, but during the month of May alone, forty pints of blood

was given free by the system in hospitals in this county. The blood was ready and in one emergency was sent from the blood bank in Norfolk by Virginia and North Carolina Highway patrolmen.

Any one in the chapter may get all the blood he needs without cost in any hospital. Learning about the plan after buying two pints of blood, one resident was refunded his \$50 by a Durham hospital, the Red Cross Blood Bank replacing the supply without cost.

Don't wait to be asked. Pledge a pint of blood today with the assurance that if you ever need blood in any amount it will be furnished free by the Red Cross. See the recruiters or call the Red Cross office, Williamston, and sign up without delay.

FIRST BLOSSOM

There isn't too much cotton in this county, but what little there is has started blossoming.

J. H. Biggs, aged colored farmer, displayed the first blossom—a red one—last Friday. Doubling his acreage this year over his 1950 plantings, the farmer said he had seen no boll weevils, but that he is starting dusting this week, anyway.

Resumes Practice After Undergoing Eye Operation

Recovering from a delicate eye operation performed in Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, Dr. Chas. L. Hutchinson, after an absence of several weeks, will resume his practice on Saturday of this week. The doctor is returning home today after a final check-up in the Baltimore hospital.

New Plan Almost Assured For Controlling Suckers

A new plan for controlling tobacco suckers is virtually assured and is likely to be recommended by specialists within the near future, according to R. R. Bennett, tobacco specialist, who addressed a meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the courthouse last Thursday night.

First tests did not prove very satisfactory, the specialist explaining that mineral oil when used alone caused soft rot. However, when used with a soap in an emulsion, the mineral oil proved satisfactory in controlling suckers without apparent injury to the tobacco plant.

Mr. Bennett went on to recom-

Soldier Moves To A New Location

Pfc. Garland Hardison is seeing much of the country as a member of the armed forces. His latest move was from Wichita Falls, Texas, to Tyndall Field, Florida.

Pointing out that he traveled through several states, the young man said the scenery was beautiful but it still does not compare with North Carolina.

Hardison said he was enjoying his new location, that he was near the beach and had nice living quarters.

Alleged Forgers Are Released Under Bond

The three young colored men who stand charged with forging a number of checks in the county a few days ago, are all now at liberty under bond James Brown and James Rawls furnished bond last week, and Joseph Biggs gained his freedom, temporarily at least, Monday morning.

Mrs. Leona James Died At Her Home Saturday Morning

Funeral Held at Late Home In Griffins Township Last Saturday

Mrs. Leona Wynne James, well-known resident of Cross Roads Township, died at her home there last Saturday morning at 7:10 o'clock. She had been in declining health for about two years, but was thought to be getting along as well as usual until last Thursday afternoon when she is believed to have suffered a heart stroke. She was found in the yard and removed to her bed. Her condition had improved, but apparently she suffered a heart attack Saturday morning, death following a few minutes later.

The daughter of the late James Henry and Sallie Mobley Wynne, she was born in Cross Roads Township 70 years ago and lived there all her life, taking an unusually active part in religious affairs and playing the role of a helpful neighbor and friend. She was a member at Christian Chapel for many years, and contributed willingly to its support even in her declining years.

She was married to Julius T. James and he survives with a son, Gaston James, of Cross Roads. Also surviving are six sisters, Mrs. Don Meeks and Mrs. W. F. Crawford, both of Everetts, Mrs. D. D. Stalls of Williamston, Mrs. W. E. Everett of Robersonville, Mrs. Herbert Roebuck and

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Firemen Get Two Calls In Two Days

Local volunteer firemen were called out twice last week-end, once to the Marvel Package Company plant near the river late Friday night and to a rural home in Poplar Point section of Hamilton Township Saturday morning.

Lightning ran into the package company plant and fired the electrical wiring, doing about \$150 damage to cables and switch boxes. When the firemen reached the plant shortly after midnight, the fire was beginning to spread to the building material.

Said to have started from a kitchen oil stove, fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Windom in Poplar Point shortly after 6:00 o'clock Saturday morning. Built by the Ballard family years ago, the two-story frame building burned rapidly after it got a good start and firemen could render little or no assistance. The loss, estimated at about \$10,000, was partially offset with \$2,500 insurance. The fire company was called out again Sunday night when a burning tree in the Windom yard threatened to spread to outbuildings.

Wm. Henry Harris Died Thursday In Local Sanatorium

Had Been In Failing Health Long Time But Critically Ill Short Time

William Henry Harris, retired farmer and for a number of years a country merchant, died in the Martin County Sanatorium last Thursday afternoon at 5:45 o'clock. He had been in failing health for a long time, and his condition was critical for about three months. He was a patient in the sanatorium for more than two weeks.

The son of the late James and Minton Rogers Harris, he was born in Bear Grass Township 68 years ago. He spent most of his life on the farm, making his residence in Griffins for a number of years. Retiring from the farm, he opened and operated a little country store on the Griffins Township road in Bear Grass Township. He had experienced declining health ever since he was attacked and robbed in his store several years ago.

In early manhood he was married to Marina Lilley and she survives with a son, W. B. Harris of Williamston; four daughters, Mrs. James V. Harrison of Suffolk, Mrs. Claudia Lilley, Mrs. Marvin Griffin and Mrs. Luther Modlin, all of Williamston; one brother, Ben Harris of Edenton; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home in Griffins Township last Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister. Interment was in the family cemetery near the home.

County Farmer Ends Life Near Parmele

C. D. Andrews Kills Himself With Gun And .22 Rifle

Well-Known Farmer of the Parmele Section Had Been Ill Some Time

In one of the most determined acts ever recorded in a coroner's book in this county, Columbus D. Andrews well-known farmer of near Parmele, ended his life at his home at 9:15 o'clock Monday morning. Failing to kill himself with a shot gun and after losing it to his wife, he got a rifle and finished the job while his wife called for help.

Mr. Andrews had been in declining health three years, spending the last six months confined to his home. He had brooded over his poor health and declared that if he had the nerve he would end it all. While Mrs. Andrews was in the garden Monday morning shortly after 9:00 she heard a gun fire. Rushing into the house she found him sitting in a rocking chair with most of his right ear and a goodly portion of the side of his face shot away. The load of shot fired from the gun is believed to have fractured the skull, but most of the shot tore into the ceiling.

He told his wife not to try and stop him, that he had to finish the job. Mrs. Andrews took the gun and ran with it into the yard where she started ringing the farm bell for help. William Q. James, a neighbor who was working in a nearby field, had started to the home after hearing the first shot. During the meantime, Andrews went to a back bedroom.

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ROUND-UP

Only four arrests were reported by the sheriff's office last week-end. Two of those arrested were charged with public drunkenness and two with assaults.

One of the four was white and the ages of the group ranged from 27 to 37 years.

Telephone Company Outgrows Quarters

Move Treasurer's Office To Building Across The Street

Intertoll Dialing System Is Being Installed By Carolina

Its operations increasing by leaps and bounds in its exchange here, the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph has found it necessary to move its treasurer's office out of the building to another one across the street, preparatory to enlarging the mechanical equipment in the plant. The treasurer's office, handled by Miss Elizabeth Burras, is now located in the front part of the building formerly occupied by Dr. J. T. Llewellyn and more recently by Del-Mar's beauty parlor. The beauty parlor continues in the building, but entrance is gained by a side door.

Explaining the plans for enlarging the mechanical equipment, Manager W. E. Thornton said that intertoll dialing would be made available within the course of a few months. A partition wall, throwing one entire side of the building into one big room, is being removed and the new equipment will be placed in that space until recently occupied by the treasurer's office.

Preparing for future demands for telephone, the company is in-

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DIFFICULT

It is not impossible but the curing of mixed types of tobacco is indeed difficult, according to R. R. Bennett, tobacco specialist for the Extension Service.

Asked about mixed curing at a meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the courthouse last Thursday night, Mr. Bennett said that any farmer who can cure 'em both at the same time and get a good cure all the way through is a past master at the business.

"It is advisable to make separate cures, but where the tobacco is mixed, it would prove profitable to put the old variety in the barn a day ahead of the 101," Mr. Bennett said. Farmers, planting the new varieties for the first time are almost certain to find it advisable to talk with the county agents before curing their crops.

Hail Damage In Several Sections

While there was no concentrated damage, hail and wind were reported by about seventy-five farmers in this county last week. Most of the reports came in after the Wednesday night storm.

It is believed the wind damage will exceed the loss resulting from hail. Adjustments are being made this week and so far no damage estimate is to be had.

Young Man Booked For Assault With Shot Gun

Melvin Glisson, white man, was booked for an assault with a shot gun near his home in Bear Grass Township Sunday afternoon. Said to have been drinking, the young man fired into a passing car. The driver, a Stokes man, did not tarry long and his name could not be learned immediately. No great damage was done to the car.

Glisson was arrested by Deputies Rawls and Peel.

Another Forged Check Traced To Three Men

After accounting for four checks, representing a total of \$83, the county sheriff's department received a fifth spurious paper allegedly forged by Jos. Biggs, James A. Brown and James Rawls last week.

The check, written in the amount of \$29 and carrying the same signature placed on the other checks, was chased by Darrell Taylor at Taylor Brothers' in Everetts last Tuesday.

Ask Workers To Register For The Tobacco Harvest

J. Kelly Gay, manager of the local employment office of the Employment Security Commission, today called upon farmers to forecast their farm labor needs for the green tobacco harvesting.

The local employment office staff is seriously concerned over the prospect of a shortage of farm hands and is gearing its efforts to recruit labor for the harvesting of green tobacco in the local office area, Gay said.

"If we know what the farmers expect of our facilities we can make advance preparations," Gay asserted. "With the labor supply short and with the certainty that manpower problems are going to become increasingly difficult, it is urgent that the local Employment office know rather accurately within the next few days what the farmers' needs will be for the harvesting."

Gay urged farmers to contact the office and advise the days that they will need workers and the type workers needed - shelter hands, primers, loopers, etc. (The local Employment Office is lo-

Action By Board Calls For West End Annexation

Slight Increase Allowed In Salaries Straight Across The Board

In a three-hour meeting last night, Williamston's town commissioners voted to go ahead with plans for the annexation of a small area to the west of the town limits, the proposed boundary to go to Sunset Drive with some few exceptions of the drive itself. Another petition was submitted to the board by George Corey, Benjamin Powell, Jesse Curtis and George Wynne, asking that their property of the four be annexed to the town. The petition was accepted conditionally; that is, the four parcels will be included with the understanding that services will be extended there just as soon as possible. Action on other petitions, seeking boundary line extensions are being delayed.

The board last night approved the expenditure of just about the last dollar of the \$200,000 sewer and water extension program, including approximately \$8,000 held in the sewer rental fund. The lines are to be extended to Peel Street at Geo. Peel's market and into Martin Heights. Petitions for service connections are to be met from current funds in the future in order they are received.

After electing K. D. Worrell as mayor pro-tem, the board reappointed Chief of Police John Roebuck at a salary of \$3,380 per year; R. E. Manning, superintendent of the street and water departments, at a salary of \$4,030; Policemen Chas. Moore, \$57.50 per week; Arthur Perry, Bill Haislip, \$55 per week; Willie Modlin, \$50 a week; Emmett Hines, \$45 a week, and Wilson Wiggins, \$45 a week, the latter to qualify for a raise at the end of six months' service. Marion Cobb was reappointed treasurer-clerk at \$3,510 per year. All other experienced employees are to receive a \$2.50 per week increase, and all inexperienced labor regularly employed is to get \$1 week increases.

Chas. H. Manning was reappointed town attorney with a retainer's fee of \$150.

Treasurer Cobb reported a cash balance of \$21,638.60 in the banks, including \$8,135 in the sewer rental fund.

A contract was tentatively entered into with the B and W Tire Company and the Sinclair Service Station for the purchase of tires at 30 percent discount off prevailing list prices. The orders are to go to the bidder with the lowest prevailing list price.

The price of water taps was increased from \$25 to \$35 for 3-4 inch piping. The cost for a similar tap outside town was increased from \$37.50 to \$47.50. It was explained that the actual cost, including meter and meter box, runs around \$50.

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Small Airplane In A Forced Landing

Losing his way on a trip from Boston to Greenville, Bennett Joanis landed his small airplane in Farmer Jesse Williams' peanut field near Robersonville late Sunday afternoon. The pilot and Mrs. Joanis were not hurt and no damage was done to the crop plane. Only minor damage was done to the peanuts.

Leaving the plane in the field, the couple caught a ride to Greenville, returning next morning and flying the machine out without any trouble.

TOBACCO CURING

The 1951 tobacco harvest is getting under way in this county, but on a limited scale. The task is expected to go forward rapidly next week.

Joseph Coburn of the Station Leggett farm near Robersonville housed the first barn Friday. Farmers John Jones of near Everetts, Bill the harvest on Monday. Others plan to start housing the crop later this week.