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## One Injured In Three Car Wrecks In County Sunday

Charlie Mack Scott Of Near Oak City Suffers A Cracked Skull

At least two persons were badly hurt but property damage was limited in three motor vehicle accidents on secondary highways in this county last Saturday and Sunday.

Charlie Mack Scott, 25-year-old white man of RFD 1, Oak City, suffered a slight skull fracture and severe bruises about both knees when he lost control of his International pick-up truck and plowed into the woods on the newly paved Poplar Point loop road shortly after 1:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Scott was quoted as saying that he ran off the narrow surface and lost control of the machine on the shoulder. He was unable to steer the truck back on the black top and continued into the woods. The machine glazed two trees and then crashed head on into a third tree, rendering the machine worthless, according to Patrolman R. P. Naron who made the investigation. Charlie Mack Bullock, riding with Scott, was not hurt. After receiving treatment in a Williamston hospital, Scott insisted on continuing to his home near Oak City.

One or two other cars are said to have run off the narrow and winding road forming a loop in Poplar Point, but the Sunday accident was the first to have been reported since the road was surfaced.

No one was hurt but property damage estimated at \$250 or \$300 resulted when a 1950 Plymouth driven by James Darrell Tyre and owned by his father, Jimmy G. Tyre, went out of control and turned over on the Farm Life Road, about one-half mile from the Holly Springs Church on U. S. Highway 64. Rain was falling and Tyre, 17 years old, told the investigating officer, Patrolman R. P. Naron, that the machine skidded and then turned over, coming to a stop with the wheels in the air. Tyre said he was driving about fifty miles an hour when he lost control of the car.

Master Wayne Wynne, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wynne of Hassell, was dangerously hurt when he fell out of a moving automobile near the John David Etheridge farm on the Hassell Fountain Cross Roads road last Saturday. Riding with his uncle, Bill Roberson, the little fellow tried to lock the rear door but pulled the handle the

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## Wreckage In Which Two Lost Lives



Two persons, a father and his young son, rode to their deaths in the wrecked DeSoto. Ray O'Neal, 39, and his young son, Jerry Wayne, both of Jamesville, were fatally injured when the car went out of control on U. S. Highway 64 between Williamston and Jamesville Sunday before last. Wilbur Gurganus, formerly of Jamesville and more recently of Portsmouth, continues in a Durham hospital with a broken neck. Last reports stated his condition was improving. A fourth victim of the wreck, James Zerke, was able to leave a Williamston hospital last Friday after receiving treatment for head injuries. (Photo by Royal Photographic Center)

## Serious Shortage Of Labor On The Farms

PRESIDENT



Recently elected, Ben D. Courtney, local business man, was installed as president of the Williamston Lions Club at a regular meeting of the organization last Thursday evening. He succeeds James E. Bullock who completed a successful year as head of the Lions.

## 'Foreigners' Come To The County To Look For Workers

Nearly Eight Hundred Are Placed By Employment Office Last Week

The shortage of labor is seriously threatening the tobacco harvest in this section, according to reliable reports coming from farmers and the county office of the North Carolina Security Commission.

While the harvest goes forward at full speed in most communities, it has been slowed considerably in others. The labor is in such short supply that "foreigners" have been reported scouring this community for workers. Farmers were said to have come into this county and possibly others where the tobacco acreage is large, seeking workers, offering fancy wages and providing transportation. They are said to have procured a few workers during their recruitment, but few details could be learned. It was said they were offering as much as \$9 a day for primers, the hours ranging from 6:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

## First Barn Fire In This County

Fire damaged the barn and destroyed about half the tobacco in it on the Lucian J. Hardison farm a short distance from Williamston on the Jamesville road Monday morning shortly after 7:00 o'clock. No damage estimate could be had immediately, but it was pointed out that the loss was confined mainly to the tobacco.

Neighbors responded quickly and were bringing the fire under control when Williamston's fire fighting equipment reached there and helped finish the job.

It was the first tobacco curing barn fire in the county this year. On July 23 of last year, Mr. Hardison lost a curing barn and all contents. The barn damaged this week was equipped with oil burners, and the curing process was about complete.

Seventeen curing barns were destroyed by fire in the county last year, the first near Dardens on July 6.

## Home Construction Goes Forward Rapidly

Construction work on a modern 7-room brick veneer home for Mrs. Jesse Keel of Everetts is going forward rapidly on Roosevelt Drive next to Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Johnson. The contractors plan to have the new home ready for occupancy in early October.

## Native Of County Died In Richmond Early Wednesday

Funeral At Old Home Last Friday Near Oak City For Mrs. Hyman

Mrs. Ethel Bell Hyman, a native of this county and a resident of near Oak City most of her life, died at the home of her son in Richmond early last Wednesday morning. Suffering a heart attack last January she had been in declining health for several months, but she had partially recovered from that attack and apparently was getting along very well when she suffered another attack and died in her sleep.

The daughter of the late Lawrence and Bertha Hyman Bell, she was born in Goose Nest Township near Palmyra 60 years ago on July 6, 1891. She was married in early womanhood to Nathan C. Hyman who died in 1933. Mrs. Hyman continued to make her home in her native community until about five years ago when she moved to Richmond to make her home with a son, Ernest Hyman. She was a member of the Oak City Baptist Church for many years and was held in high esteem in both her native and adopted communities. She is remembered in this county as a thoughtful neighbor and a devoted friend.

Surviving are four sons, Lawrence and Murray Hyman of Oak City, Oscar Hyman of Newcastle, Oklahoma, and Ernest Hyman of Richmond; one daughter, Mrs. Doris Chesley of New York; and two half-brothers, Edward and Lawrence Bell of Rocky Mount.

Funeral services were conducted in the Williams Chapel Methodist Church near the old home last Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Sherman. Interment was in the family plot in the Conoho Church Cemetery.

## New Officers For Local Lions Club

Newly elected officers of the Williamston Lions Club entered upon their duties at the regular meeting of the active civic organization last Thursday evening.

Ben D. Courtney, succeeding Jas. E. Bullock, presided over his first meeting as president. Other officers included:

Bob Welch, first vice president; Clyde Manning, second vice president; Marvin Baker, third vice president; R. E. Tarkington, Lion Tamer; Geo. H. Gurganus, tail twister; Martin P. Moore, secretary, and Fletcher Thomas, treasurer. D. V. Clayton and W. H. Abernathy are the new directors of the club.

## Legion Installs Its New Officers

Officers were installed by the John W. Hassell Post of the American Legion at a meeting held in the hut on Watts Street here last night. Stephen Alford, Legion Department Vice Commander of Elizabeth City, was in charge of the installation. Supper was served.

W. B. Gaylord, Jr., succeeds himself as post commander, and several of the other officers, coming mainly from the World War II veteran group, were re-elected and started new terms last night.

Officers installed: W. B. Gaylord, commander; Garland C. Tice, 1st vice commander; Bruce Coltrain, 2nd vice commander; Alfred Ellis, 3rd vice commander; J. Julian Jackson, adjutant and finance officer; Edgar Gurganus, service officer; Garland C. Tice, athletic officer; James Smithwick, sergeant-at-arms; Theron Gurganus, chaplain; John A. Ward, guardianship and public relations officer; J. Sam Getsinger, historian; Eli H. Williams, membership chairman; H. L. Swain, Boys State, school awards, oratorical contest and publicity committees; Mary L. Taylor, child welfare; W. W. Biggs, graves registration; Robert E. Baxter, Americanism; Thurman Matthews, Boy Scouts; and Charlie Coltrain, sons of the Legion.

Martin County is planning to start a beef herd on the land at the patrol radio station.

## Plead For More Blood Donors

An urgent plea to save the blood program for the Martin County Red Cross Chapter was issued this week by Recruiters V. J. Spivey and Wheeler M. Manning. Unless there is a marked response between now and Thursday when the Tidewater Blood Center sends its bloodmobile here on its second trip, there is a possibility of losing the service, it was unofficially learned.

In late March, donors gave 185 pints of blood when the bloodmobile made its first visit here. More than half that amount has been made available to persons in hospitals in this chapter. The blood was kept on hand here and when the available supply was not sufficient to meet the need, several pints were rushed in by members of the Virginia and North Carolina Highway Patrols in a little over two hours. As many as seven pints of blood were given one person without charge. The patient did not go out and beg for blood donors to meet the emergency and it cost the patient nothing whereas in hospitals where blood is purchased, the price would have added up to \$175.

There have been times when patients almost died because blood was not available on short notice. The Red Cross blood bank is prepared to meet emergencies

of every person in the Martin County Red Cross Chapter, and at the same time make blood available to the armed forces.

The doctor, accompanying the bloodmobile, will not pass any person who, for any reason, should not or is not able to donate a pint of blood. The blood is taken without pain and the time to report to the Legion Hut on Watts Street and donate a pint is short. Refreshments are served.

While the Red Cross is opening new centers from time to time, it is entering into no more agreements whereby all the people in a chapter can depend upon a free supply of blood without delay.

Up until yesterday afternoon only 78 persons in this chapter had volunteered to give blood when the bloodmobile comes here on Thursday of this week. More than 240 volunteered to give blood in March. Most of the farmer volunteers are busy on the farm and cannot report this trip. Others will be out of town, and the need for new volunteers is urgent.

Many of those who are volunteering for Thursday of this week gave blood in March, doctors saying that it is perfectly all right for a person to give a pint of blood every six weeks or two months. It has been nearly four months since the bloodmobile

## Timber Prices Reach New Peak In County Saturday

Timber prices are believed to have reached a new all-time high in this county last Saturday when approximately 180 acres of virgin trees were sold at public auction for \$84,300.00.

The timber, belonging to the Geo. Roberson estate, is located, 140 acres in Griffins and about forty acres in Bear Grass Township, and is rated among the best in this section of the state. Many of the trees, it was reported, will produce 1,000 feet of lumber. It was also reported that the land had never been timbered, certainly not within the past three-quarters of a century.

The first tract of 140 acres brought an individual offer of \$72,000, and the second tract of

approximately 40 acres brought \$12,100. The two tracts were offered jointly, and the first bid, made by a Wilson man, amounted to \$84,200. A representative of the Eureka Lumber Company of Washington increased the bid to \$84,300 to get the property.

Interested lumber men from all over this section of the State and several from Virginia attended the auction.

Bidding started at a slow pace, but, after getting under way, it went up by leaps of a thousand dollars.

The purchasers have two years to cut the timber, and cuttings are to be limited to twelve inches in diameter and twelve inches above the ground.

There are twelve heirs.

## Declare Chinese Disgusted With Korean Escapade

Strength of UN Forces and Communists In Korea Is Compared

By Edward H. Sims

Washington, D. C.—Up to the time of truce talks in Kaesong, United Nations forces in Korea had ballooned to approximately 650,000 men. The enemy was estimated at approximately the same strength, though having a larger percentage of his troops in combat organizations. Reports from Korea in recent months, even those dating back to last November, about Red troop strength, have been often exaggerated.

The North Korean army is estimated at a maximum strength of 250,000 men. One Chinese army has been chewed up by the U. N. army since November when it entered the fight. Another Chinese army, the First Field Army, is reported to be taking up positions in Manchuria and North Korea at present. The remnants of the old Chinese army and the new probably total 400,000 to 500,000 soldiers, probably nearer to 400,000.

Thus an enemy ground strength of something like 650,000 men is a fair guess, and a guess is about what U. N. forces have to accept. Enemy strength could be 550,000 or 800,000. It is almost definite that U. N. strength is over the 600,000 mark. U. S. forces in Korea probably total close to 300,000. South Korean forces total about the same, though effective combat forces are estimated at 160,000. The rest of the United Nations army totals about 35,000 troops.

The largest outside contributors are: United Kingdom—12,000 troops, 10,000 naval personnel and undisclosed number of ships, and 2 squadrons of the Royal Air Force; Canada—8,500 troops and 3 destroyers; Philippines—5,000 troops; Turkey—5,000 troops; Australia—1,100 troops, 3 destroyers, and one air fighter

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## Booster Days In Town This Week

Booster days will be great bargain days in Williamston on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Prices have been slashed to new low points, and thrifty shoppers, despite the rush on the farms and in other places, are expected to find time to literally "cash in" on the bargains.

The following business firms are participating in or are supporting booster days:

Williamston Boosters, Inc., Belk-Tyler's, Ann's, B. S. Courtney, Darden's, Heilig Meyers, Lindsley Ice Co., Bulluck's, Woolard Furniture, Western Auto, Leder Bros., Williamston Hardware Co., Royal Photographic Center, Harrison Shoppe, Proctor Shoppe, Williamston Motor Co., Margolis Bros., Charles H. Jenkins and Willard's Shoe Shop.

## Continues Ill At Home In Oak City

In declining health for some time, Mr. Luther Davenport, well-known county citizen, continues confined to his bed at his home in Oak City. However, he continues jovial and enjoys company.

ROUND-UP

Seven persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the Martin County jail last week-end, but by Monday the ole hoosegow was empty. It was one of the few times this year that there were no "guests" in the county "hotel".

Four were charged with public drunkenness, two with drunken driving and one with an assault.

One of the group was white. The ages ranged from 20 to 41 years.

## Opening Used Car Lot Here

Oscar Davenport, formerly associated with the Roanoke Chevrolet Company, will open within the next 15 days a used car dealership on Washington Street in Williamston.

Mr. Davenport said a formal notice announcing the opening will be made soon. The used car lot will be located in front of the Throver Appliance Company and next door to the B. and W. Tire Company.

IT'S BESSEMER

Through error the home town of Coach Carroll Blackery was listed last week as Tuscaloosa when it should have been Bessemer, Ala., a city near Birmingham.

It was learned over the week-end that at least one promising line prospect of last fall will be back for another try after dropping out early last fall.

George Harris, quarterback on the Green Wave before sustaining a shoulder injury, last fall, will also be back out for football this year. Leroy Peele, a determined lineman who sustained a broken leg in the Washington game last fall, probably will want to try it again but it is doubtful if doctors will approve.