

Victim Of Korean War To Be Buried In Cemetery Here

Pvt. Robert L. Cobb, Native Of Edgecombe, Killed On July 20, 1950

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the home of his father on North Houghton Street for Pvt. Robert L. Cobb who was killed in action in Korea on July 20 of last year. The Rev. N. J. Ward, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, will conduct the rites and interment will be in Williamston's Woodlawn Cemetery. Military rites will be conducted at the grave with a firing squad from the John W. Hassell Post of the American Legion taking part.

The son of Lee W. Cobb and the late Pattie Rice Winston Cobb, he was born in Edgecombe County nineteen years ago on January 28, 1932. After attending the West Edgecombe School, Rocky Mount, he located with his family in Murfreesboro and while there at the age of seventeen years he volunteered for service in the army, training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He sailed on Christmas day, 1949, from Seattle, Washington, with occupation forces, landing in Japan a short time later. Following the outbreak of war on June 25, 1950, he continued to Korea, landing there on July 1, and was killed fifteen days later. He was with the Army's 35th Division.

Pvt. Cobb was the last of five children, a brother having lost his life in a construction accident at Wilson last year.

His body is the first to be brought to this county from Korea for burial. It is reaching Tarboro today and will be carried to the Cobb home this afternoon.

The body of the first Martin County boy, Pfc. Johnnie R. Bullock, killed in action in Korea, is also on its way home from Korea. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa P. Bullock, formerly of RFD 1, Robersonville but now of Tarboro, he lost his life in Korea last September 10. Funeral arrangements for Pfc. Bullock have not been announced.

Youth Charged With Car Theft

Fred Brown, 14-year-old colored boy, was arrested late Sunday night for the alleged theft of Marvin Hardison's 1951 Mercury that afternoon.

Brown drove the car from its parking place back of Belk-Tyler store and met Officers John Roebuck and Chas. R. Moore at the corner of Smithwick and Railroad Streets. The officers suspicioned something was wrong and they pulled in behind him. When he reached East Hatton Street, the lad jumped out and escaped, the officer making the arrest about five hours later.

The young driver had a minor accident during his short ride, but did no damage. A hearing is to be held before Judge L. B. Wynne.

Special Appeal Made For Victims Of Midwest Flood

The American National Red Cross a few days ago directed an urgent appeal to all Americans in behalf of tens of thousands of flood victims in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Illinois. It is estimated that five million dollars will be needed to offer even minimum relief. The damage toll, aside from the loss of human life, has been estimated at almost one billion dollars, and other millions will be lost in unemployment during the period of rehabilitation.

Nearly 46,000 families were affected by the flood, about half of whom turned to the Red Cross for relief. More than 17,000 persons were given protection in eighty

Red Cross shelters and 43,000 have been and are still being fed by the organization. More than 300 Red Cross workers, including 150 nurses from all parts of the country, moved into the devastated areas to take a hand in relief and rehabilitation work.

The President and other high officials, after a visit to the stricken areas, supported the Red Cross appeal for special funds. No solicitations will be made in this chapter, but contributions will be received by the Red Cross office or the chapter chairman, W. H. Carstarphen, at the Harrison and Carstarphen insurance office and forwarded to the stricken areas. Don't delay, give today.

ROUND-UP

Following a period of much activity on the crime front in this county, officers said yesterday that few persons were arrested and detained in the county jail last week-end. Only five persons were jailed, two for assaults, and one each for drunken driving, public drunkenness and carrying a concealed weapon.

Two of the five were white and the ages of the group ranged from 18 to 51 years.

Tobacco Harvest Is Well Advanced

Despite heavy rains during the past few days, tobacco continues to ripen rapidly and the harvest is now believed to be more than half completed. Possibly by the end of this week, the harvest will be approximately two-thirds complete with some few exceptions. Two or three farmers are said to have harvested their lugs only last week.

For the most part, the crop is measuring up to expectations in this county, but a few farmers are of the opinion that the weight will measure up a bit short. In some sections, farmers declare they are curing the best tobacco they had ever seen.

Blood Donors To Red Cross Listed

In addition to those listed last week, the following persons were among the blood donors at the Red Cross bloodmobile recently: Mrs. Abner Brown, Calvin Warren, M. K. Harrington, Taylor Whitley, J. O. Daniel, Alvin Peel, Staton Griffin, Paul H. Peel, Daniel Peel.

Robert Modlin, James Smithwick, Phillip Barnes, Lawrence Coltrain, Jesse Edward Lee. Geo. Williams, Jr., Irving Outlaw, Hezekiah Bell, James Bullock, LeRoy Smith, Joseph Little, Louis Williams, Jr., Sylvester Scott, Lazarus Williams.

Most of the group listed here came from the Standard Fertilizer Company personnel and made up the largest block to come from any one business in the chapter.

Prices Not Up To Expectations On The Border Belt

Georgia Markets Last Week Reported Upward Trend In Leaf Prices

The \$49-\$55 price average reported for the first sales on nine South Carolina tobacco markets Monday did not measure up to expectations, even though the price range was said to have been steady to slightly higher than the opening-day figures last year. On the opening last year, the price average was \$55.15 per hundred pounds. It had been predicted that the price average would climb to about \$58 per hundred pounds.

The government accounted for approximately twenty percent of the purchases on opening day as compared with about five percent a year ago.

All but two markets in South Carolina opened the season Monday. Those two markets along with the Border Belt markets in this State will open on Thursday of this week.

The first full week of sales for the 1951 Georgia-Florida flue-cured tobacco crop was marked by improved prices for most grades and an extremely heavy volume of offerings. According to the U. S. Department of Agriculture gross sales for the period ending July 27 totaled 45,267,176 pounds for an average of \$50.63 per hundred. The average was \$2.24 less than reported for the two days making up the first week of sales. The decrease was chiefly attributed to large proportions of out of belt low quality tobacco sold on some of the markets. Season sales amounted to 62,473,011 pounds for \$51.25.

Most gains in average prices for grades were \$1.00 to \$3.00. Lugs and cutters were steady to \$1.00 stronger generally while some leaf and primings had slightly higher increases. Some grades showed slight declines. The practical top price was \$65.00, although during the latter part of the week occasional baskets of better grades brought \$66.00 per hundred.

The general quality was a little lower than previously reported because of smaller proportions of good and fine lugs. More low and fair leaf was offered. Sales were made up principally of low to fine lugs, low and fair leaf, low cutters and nondescript, in that order.

Through July 26 receipts of the Stabilization Corporation, under the Government loan program, were slightly over 8 million pounds. This represented around 15 percent of gross sales through that date. The percentage of consignments has shown a gradual but steady decrease since opening day.

Marketing has been in progress for seven days. In 1950 the seventh day of sales fell on August 1. At that time 57.4 million pounds had been sold for an average of \$51.47 per hundred. To date the sales are running about 5.1 millions more than for the same period last year. The general average is 22 per hundred pounds lower.

Second District Bar Group Held Meeting Saturday

Umstead, Potential Candidate For Governor, Addresses Session

Bill Umstead, unannounced but a potential candidate for governor, addressed the annual meeting of the Second District Bar Association in the Martin County courthouse last Saturday morning. Speaking on the Constitution of the United States, the former United States Senator said it was all right to remain liberal and progressive but warned that what is done should be done within the limits of the Constitution. The speaker said he favored helping other nations, but declared that we should not lose our own freedom in over-extending aid to others.

He said we must adhere to the Constitution as it guarantees liberty, and advised leaving it alone unless the document is properly amended. The speaker explained that while he was in the United States Senate he voted against submitting the proposed change that would limit Presidents to two terms. He explained that any amendment to the Constitution should not be handled by the legislatures, but that the people should pass on any proposed changes.

While Mr. Umstead made no official announcement as to his intentions, friends expressed the belief that he would run for the office.

Attorney Clarence Griffin, retiring president of the association, presided over the meeting. Ike Thorpe of Rocky Mount was elected president for the new term. Other officers elected at the meeting were, Cyrus Lee Wilson of Wilson, vice-president; W. L. Thorpe, Jr., of Rocky Mount, secretary and treasurer.

Edgar Garganus, Williamston attorney, was named a member of the executive committee.

The thirty-five members attending the meeting were served lunch in the Woman's Club hall.

Water Tank Unloaded For Town This Week

Four of the five railroad cars carrying the town's new 300,000-gallon capacity water tank were unloaded this week. The fifth car, delayed by a damaged wheel bearing, is expected to reach here today or tomorrow. Construction is being delayed until the fifth car reaches here, it was learned.

SUFFERS ATTACK

Suffering a slight attack yesterday morning, Mr. Joe H. Roebuck, Martin County ABC enforcement officer, entered a local hospital a short time later for treatment. The attack was not thought to be a serious one, and the popular officer was said this morning to be resting very well.

Although he wasn't feeling well early in the day, the officer reported for duty but soon reported to his doctor.

Disease Big Problem In Tobacco Culture

Rotation Plan Is Found Necessary For Latest Types

Effectiveness of Dixie 101 Reduced By Another Bad Disease

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During the past three years, tobacco disease control has become a number one problem among tobacco growers in Martin County. Fortunately, methods are known whereby the diseases can be reasonably controlled, however, the problem is by no means solved. Heavy individual losses are occurring this year where no control practices were carried out. There are some losses even among the estimated eighty percent of growers who attempted control measures.

This appraisal of the situation is not intended to be a reflection on any grower's judgment of misfortune but rather to present the facts as they are available. Also to call attention to a new threat ROOT KNOT and certain control practices.

Through the cooperation of this newspaper and two local tobacco growers, pictures are included to illustrate two specific disease situations. Picture number one (left bottom) was taken on Mr. Perlie Lilley's farm, Griffins Township. The rows of tobacco on the right and left are Dixie Bright 101 variety which is moderately resistant to black shank. The row in the center was planted in the 402 variety which is non-resistant. At the time the picture was made, the 101 variety was growing normally, while every stalk of 402 had been killed by black shank. Seldom does one see a more striking example of a resistant variety compared to a non-resistant variety.

The second picture (right bottom) was made on Mr. Urnie Bunting's farm, near Williamston. He has a rotation problem which is also a problem for many growers. Last year his best tobacco land became infested with black shank. His second best field, although good for corn and other crops, was a bad risk for tobacco, so he used the same field this year and planted Dixie Bright 101. The tobacco did not grow well and several weeks ago, a large portion of the tobacco started dying with what was easily identified as black shank, but the local Extension Agents were not satisfied with the diagnosis, so a tobacco specialist was called to inspect the field. Another disease ROOT KNOT was found and it is believed that this disease so weakened the tobacco that it became more susceptible to black shank damage. Thus a situation has developed on Mr. Bunting's farm which could just as easily develop on any number of farms in this area. He said that he was

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Two Persons Hurt In Series Of Car Wrecks In County

Train and Large Truck Figure In One Of Six Accidents Reported

Six motor vehicle accidents were reported on Martin County highways, streets and railroads last week, according to information released this week by the Highway Patrol office in this county. However, only two persons were injured, one of whom was said to have been badly but believed not critically hurt.

Miss Lois Edwards, 17, of RFD 1, Chocowinity, suffered extensive cuts on her legs and body and Mrs. Katie Hazel Cutler of 219 Gladden Street, Washington, received painful lacerations and bruises about the body when their car went out of control and turned over on Highway 17 at the East Side Station a few miles south of Williamston about 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The victims, treated in Brown's Community Hospital, were reported to be improving.

Mrs. Cutler, driving a 1950 Ford toward Williamston, failed to make the curve near the station and drove on the shoulder about 230 yards before the machine turned over one or more times. Investigating the accident, Patrolman R. P. Narron said the car damage would approximate \$1,500.

The first in the series of accidents took place in Parmele early last week. Wilford V. Boyce of Elizabeth City was driving a tractor-trailer truck west on U. S. Highway 64. Boyce told Patrolman B. W. Parker, the investigating officer, that he did not see the warning signals at the rail-highway crossing, that when he heard the train whistle he was too close to the tracks to stop. Increasing his speed, Boyce swerved the vehicle to one side, the train engine striking the right rear of the trailer and dragging it about 75 feet before the truck pulled free from the train. Patrolman Parker said no one was hurt and that damage was limited to about \$150 on the trailer and about \$25 on the train engine.

Driving from Everetts toward Robersonville last Tuesday afternoon about 2:15 o'clock, Robert Roy Burgess of Burlington started to pass a car and lost control of his 1950 Chevrolet about two miles east of Robersonville. After skidding on the wet pavement about sixty yards, the machine turned over, injuring no one and causing about \$50 damage, according to Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation.

Last Thursday afternoon W. M. Ward was turning around the Blue Star Cleaners' Willys station wagon just outside of Williamston on the Hamilton Road when LeRoy Wright crashed into the side of the machine with the Williamston Supply Company's 1941 pickup Chevrolet truck, causing about \$50 damage to each vehicle. Ward said the road was clear when he started to back around, that the motor choked down and before he could get out the way, the pickup struck him. No one was hurt.

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Various And Costly Diseases On Rampage In Martin County Tobacco Fields (See Story)

