

## Kills Man With Bat In Everetts Saturday

### Victim Died In Hospital; Killer Runs and Escapes

#### Second Man Wounded In Head At Piccolo Party In Lodge Hall

Osborne Williams, 27-year-old Williamston Negro, was fatally injured when Lee Bonner, also colored struck him in the head with a baseball bat at Everetts at 12:30 o'clock Saturday morning. His skull cracked and having lost much blood before he could be moved, Williams died in the Martin General Hospital shortly after 8:00 o'clock that morning. He never regained consciousness.

After landing the fatal blow on Williams' head, Bonner ran out of the building and threw a pop bottle through the window, wounding William Edward Wallace, 25, in the head. His wound was closed with several stitches, and last reports indicated he was getting along all right.

Bonner, apparently certain he had killed Williams, ran away and nothing has been heard from him.

Sheriff M. W. Holloman, investigating the attack, said today no clear motive had been established. According to the officer, women figured in the attack that cost one man his life and a painful wound for another. Another version held that Williams went into the Negro lodge hall on the Everetts-Spring Green Highway just outside the town limits and drew a knife. Bonner brought out the bat from "nowhere" and without further ceremony, directed the blow on Williams' head.

Williams, employed by the Martin-Elliott Wholesale Company in Williamston, left his job that afternoon to attend veterans' school in Parmele. After school was out he carried his wife to Rocky Mount where she boarded a train for Philadelphia. He then returned to Williamston, hired a taxi and visited in Robersonville a short while. On the return trip he stopped in Everetts where friends were giving Griffin a farewell party in the Lodge Hall where Murray Wallace operated a pool table and a piccolo. He had been there only a short while when he was fatally attacked.

During the meantime, someone had cut a tire on the taxi, and the trip to the hospital with Williams was delayed until the tire was repaired.

It was reported that Williams had been warned to stay out of Everetts and leave the girls there alone.

Williams was a veteran of World War II, serving several years in the Pacific theater. He was said to have been a capable worker, but indulged in drink at times.

After a long residence in Philadelphia, Bonner returned to this county about three years ago to make his home with his mother. He had been employed by Williams Lumber Company in Williamston for some time. It is believed that he was wanted in

## Revocations Of Licenses Drop

License revocations for drunken driving declined somewhat in July the Department of Motor Vehicles reported today. A total of 450 North Carolina motorists lost their driving privileges during July which is a decrease of 196 from the 646 drunk driving violations recorded in June.

### ROUND-UP

There was considerable activity on the crime front in this county last week-end, the records showing a murder, attempted rape and at least ten other lesser law violations. Ten persons were jailed, six for public drunkenness, two for larceny and one each for attempted rape and assault.

Only one of the ten jailed was white and the ages of the group ranged from 17 to 46 years.

## Report From The Georgia Markets

Most grades offered on Georgia-Florida flue-cured tobacco markets during the fourth week showed declines in average prices as compared with the week before. The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports the majority of losses from \$1.00 to \$3.00. Prices for some grades were unchanged. Volume of offerings continued heavy. Weekly gross sales amounted to 44,363,021 pounds for a general average of \$43.15 per hundred. The poundage was slightly smaller than for the previous week and the average \$6.00 less. The chief reason for this sharp decline was the poorer quality of the tobacco. Season sales were brought to 152,423,282 pounds for \$48.26 per hundred.

Increased proportions of low and common leaf grades and nondescript resulted in the lowest weekly general average reported this season. These grades made up around 60 percent of the baskets sold. The percentage of good and fine grades was about half that of the week before. Sales consisted mostly of common to fair leaf, low to good lugs and nondescript.

Weekly receipts of the Stabilization Corporation, under the Government loan program, were estimated at 7 percent of the sales. Season deliveries are close to 10 percent.

As of August 1 the Crop Reporting Board revised the estimated 1951 production of the type downward to 156,923,000 pounds. The previous estimate was 160,532,000 pounds. Estimated production for all flue-cured types was lowered to 1,399,048,000 pounds. The first estimate was 1,429,542,000 pounds.

## Announce Peanut Support Prices

The Agriculture Department has announced an average support price of \$239.56 a ton for 1951 crop farmers stock peanuts of all types. This was \$14.56 more a ton than the average support price for 1950 crop peanuts.

This new support level is 88 percent of the parity price of \$262 a ton or 13.1 cents a pound prevailing at the opening of the marketing season on August 1.

The base grade support price for Virginia type peanuts (grown in North Carolina and the Old Dominion) containing 65 per cent sound mature kernels was set at \$226 a ton. For runner type peanuts with the same requirements, \$206 a ton; for Spanish type peanuts east of the Mississippi River having 70 per cent sound mature kernels, \$225 a ton.

## Four Wrecks On County Highways During Week-end

### Only One Person Reported To Have Been Slightly Hurt In Accidents

Only one person was reported slightly injured and property damage was limited to a few hundred dollars in a series of four motor vehicle accidents on Martin County highways and streets during the past few days, according to reports coming from the county highway patrol office Monday morning.

The first in the series of accidents was reported by Patrolman B. W. Parker on the Bear Trap Mill Road between Williamston and Bear Grass last Saturday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock. William Garland Peel, driving a 1950 Chevrolet, met Roy Clifton Malone in a 1940 Ford pick up in the narrow road and the vehicles crashed almost head-on, according to the investigating officer. The two vehicles were in a curve and bushes beside the road blocked their view, Officer Parker explaining that neither was traveling very fast. No one was hurt and damage was estimated at about \$150, about \$100 to the car and about \$50 to the truck.

The second accident during the period was reported by Patrolman R. P. Narron on the River Road about seven miles from Hamilton Saturday night at 9:45 o'clock. A 1934 Ford driven by Andrew Jackson Modlin and a 1939 Pontiac driven by Boss Alexander of Jackson, N. C., crashed almost head on, doing about \$50 damage to each vehicle, according to Patrolman Narron. Noah Smallwood of RFD 1, Palmyra, suffered a slight cut on the lip, the officer said, but no one else was hurt.

Sunday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock as she was driving into Oak City from Hobgood, Mrs. Margaret Goodrich Roberson of 606 Fremont Road, Richmond, lost control of her 1950 Hudson and the machine turned over. The driver and her young daughter were not hurt but their little dog was shaken up a bit. Patrolman Narron said. Damage to the machine was limited to about \$200. The patrolman explained that the car skidded on the wet pavement, that the accident was within the Oak City town limits.

The last in the week-end series was reported by Patrolman B. W. Parker at 6:15 o'clock Sunday evening on Highway 17 just south of Williamston near Skewarkey. W. O. Roberson, driving toward Williamston, slowed down for a car ahead of him, and Harry Woolard, taxi driver, plowed into Roberson's 1940 Ford with his 1949 Chevrolet. No damage was reported to the Ford, but Patrolman Parker estimated the damage to the Chevrolet at about \$50. No one was hurt.

## Child Critically Hurt In Accident

Esther Maxine Chance, 15 months old, was critically injured about 6:30 o'clock Monday evening when she was struck by a car in the yard of her home in Cross Roads Township. Her face and neck bruised and skinned terribly and suffering at least five broken ribs and other internal injuries, the little victim appeared unusually bright in a local hospital this morning.

The mother, Queen Esther Chance, had washed the family car and placed the child on the porch. The mother then started to back the car under a tree and the child moved out of the porch and into the path of the machine. The bumper knocked the victim down but apparently the wheel did not pass over her.

## Improving In Hospital After Suffering Attack

Joe H. Roebuck, head of the ABC Board enforcement division in this county, continues to improve in a local hospital following an attack suffered about two weeks ago. Although his condition is improved, it could not be learned when he would be able to return to his home.

## Tobacco Motorcade Making Tour Of County Tomorrow

Williamston's Annual Tobacco Motorcade, sponsored by the Williamston Boosters, Inc., will get underway tomorrow morning, August 15, at 8:30 AM. The Motorcade will form at the tobacco warehouses and will visit many parts of the county. A special feature of this year's Motorcade will be the Williamston High School Green Wave Band, under the direction of Prof. Jack Butler. Many Williamston business and townspeople are going out to visit their neighbors on that date, and favors will be distributed at each stop.

The schedule for the Motorcade is as follows:

- 8:30 AM — Form at Warehouse, leave Williamston.
- 9:00 AM — Hamilton
- 9:45 AM — Oak City
- 10:15 AM — Hassells
- 10:45 AM — Gold Point
- 11:15 AM — Everetts
- 12:00 NOON — Williamston and lunch
- 2:00 PM — Leave Williamston
- 2:30 PM — Bear Grass
- 3:00 PM — Manning & Gurkin Store
- 3:45 PM — Jamesville
- 4:30 PM — Dardens
- 5:00 PM — Return to Williamston

## Committee Cuts Many Millions From Aid Bill

### China Believed To Want To Get Out Of The Korean Muddle

Washington, D. C. — When Chairman James Richards, of the House Foreign Affairs committee, suddenly introduced a foreign aid bill calling for 700 million dollars less than the government-written bill asked, it threw the State and Executive departments into a tizzy. At the time, the Foreign Affairs committee had not approved either the Administration, or the Richards, foreign aid bill.

The administration bill called for 8 1/2 billion dollars to be spent on military and other foreign aid and Richards thought some money could be saved. He thus got his committee staff together for several unheeded-night sessions. No other committee member attended, just Richards and the staff. The staff thought some money could be saved too.

The result was a bill, introduced by Richards, which will save 700 million dollars and in Richards opinion, will not hurt the national or international defense picture. The move was a great shock to President Truman and the State Department because tradition on Capitol Hill has allowed the government immunity from fund slashes in the Foreign Affairs committee.

The long-standing custom, wherein the Foreign Affairs committee let the amount of Administration foreign funds requests stand was thus broken. The custom had been inviolate for decades. The original reason for it was that the committee wasn't supposed to know anything about foreign affairs, but since the 1946 reorganization, when committees were given a staff of experts, the custom has been meaningless.

But it was not until Richards took over the committee that the custom was finally broken. Committee members, both Republican and Democratic, are expected to line up behind the Richards bill in preference to the Administration bill, and further cuts may even be encountered on the floor of the House, where the cutting has traditionally been done.

A number of Congressmen and Senators are eyeing the coming national defense appropriations bills, which will be compiled in the next few months, and which will reach the armed services committees earlier than usual — some will be ready before the end of this calendar year. The thought

## County Minister Holding Meeting In Mississippi

The Rev. E. R. Stewart, county Baptist minister of Hamilton, is conducting a religious meeting in Silver City, Mississippi this week. While there Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are visiting their daughter and son-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Joe. D. Everett.

The Rev. Thurman Griffin will conduct services in the Hamilton church Sunday, Mr. Stewart explaining that he planned to return and meet his appointment in the Everetts church on the fourth Sunday.

## Charge Man With Attempt To Rape Small Girl Here

### Mother Alleged To Have Ignored Daughter's Call For Help

The attempted rape of a nine-year-old child and the sordid facts surrounding the attempt were aired at a preliminary hearing held before Justice Chas. R. Mobley here last Saturday night. Officers are continuing their investigation and all the details could not be learned.

Prince Lynch, 21-year-old colored man just a short time off the county roads, was ordered to jail without bond when the father of the child signed a warrant charging attempted rape.

The pleas of the little victim, Diana Hawkins, nine years old, went unnoticed until her father returned home late Saturday from his job in New Bern. He had the child examined in a local hospital where it was reported the victim had been painfully bruised and injured. It was explained that the attack was not successful.

According to one story, Lynch had been sleeping in the bed with the young girl and her younger brother, for several nights, the girl occupying a place at the foot. The mother occupied another bed in the same room. Lynch entered the home some time after 3:00 o'clock Saturday morning and attacked the girl a short time later. The victim, according to the story she told the trial justice, called to her mother for help but her calls went unanswered. Suffering pain and hardly able to walk, the little victim later in the day was said to have again pleaded for help, but she was cruelly brushed aside.

## Band Concert Here Draws Big Throng

The annual summer concert of the Green Wave Band of Williamston High School which was presented in front of the new high school building last Thursday evening attracted a large throng and drew praise from local and visiting lovers of band music.

Despite the presence of some two dozen youngsters in the band who had no previous concert experience, the unit presented a program of popular tunes and peppy marches after a pleasing fashion and one of its numbers was so popular as to call for a repeat—"You Are My Sunshine." A number which Director Jack Butler remarked that he had been saving for an encore, "Sunmaid March" was one of the most pleasing of the four fine marches presented in the concert.

General comment was that the band made a good showing and gave promise of a fine musical organization as time rolls on. The band will take to the road tomorrow as a part of the Williamston Boosters Caravan which is to visit all sections of the county.

## Opens Used Car Business Here

Davenport Auto Sales Company will celebrate its opening on Saturday of this week, Mr. Oscar Davenport, owner and operator, announced yesterday. He added that while the car lot is now and has been open for business, there are still a few things to be completed by Saturday, the company's official opening date.

The auto sales company, which will deal exclusively in used automobiles, is located on Washington Street beside the B. and W. Tire Company and occupies a sizable lot enclosed by white picket fencing. An office building with reception room and office is situated on the rear of the lot.

Mr. Davenport, who will handle all sales personally, is an experienced car dealer, having been in the business of selling, buying and trading automobiles since 1933. During the past fifteen years he has been associated with Manning Motor Company in Plymouth as assistant sales manager, with Griffin Motor Company and for the last number of years he was associated with the Roanoke Chevrolet Company here.

## Go To Grass Roots For Program Plans

### OPEN ALL DAY

In accordance with an agreement entered into last spring, Williamston stores will remain open all day tomorrow and each Wednesday thereafter, it was announced today.

## O.P.S. Is Making Survey In Area

Raleigh—A survey to determine compliance by retail firms handling consumer goods covered by Ceiling Price Regulation 7 is under way in eastern Carolina by the Office of Price Stabilization, it was announced today by Enforcement Director James F. Latham.

In conjunction with a nationwide drive to check the filing of price charts on the part of retail dealers in apparel, furniture, household wares, radios, television sets and related fields, special agents of the OPS Enforcement Division will call on an estimated 1,200 firms here in eastern Carolina within the next week.

In outlying areas, calls by special agents will be coordinated with the services of business analysts from the Price Section, who are instructed to give help and information. This additional effort is being made in areas where the availability of technical assistance has been limited, and where it was felt there had been an inadequate distribution of explanatory material.

The survey is to check on the actual filing of charts, and not for technical errors on the part of retailers, the OPS announced. Approximately 2,600 price charts have been filed with the OPS in Raleigh. At the conclusion of the survey, OPS will have a record of compliance for each retail establishment in the district, Latham noted.

## Engineers Inspect Power Line Route

Chief Engineer George M. Tatum and Supervisor of Electrical Equipment and Production J. A. Rawls of the Virginia Electric and Power Company are here this week checking the preliminary survey for the construction of a 110,000-volt power line through this immediate area.

It was explained that the first lap of the high-powered line is being energized from Roanoke Rapids to a point between Aulander and Ahoskie within the next day or two. It is proposed to extend the line from that point to Windsor, Williamston, Washington, Greenville and connect with the Carolina Power and Light Company at a point near Farmville.

Unless the survey is changed, Vice President R. H. Goodman announced yesterday that a substation would be constructed on Highway 64 near Radio Station WANI to connect with the present 33,000-volt line now serving points between Tarboro and Plymouth.

## Body On Its Way Home From Korea

The body of Sgt. James H. Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nat G. Ellis of Farm Life, is on its way home. The body of the young soldier who was killed in action in Korea last January 15, reached San Francisco on the U. S. Lynn Victory Sunday with the bodies of 504 other Americans who lost their lives as a result of the fighting in Korea.

It is not known just when the body will reach here, but it is expected the latter part of this month.

## Mobilization Unit To Hold Meeting Wednesday Night

### Asking Farmers What Part Of Farm Program To Keep Or Reject

Administrators of the United States Department of Agriculture programs are going to the grass roots this week to find out what parts should be eliminated, abolished or retained.

The first step in the movement will be taken in this county Wednesday night of this week at 8:00 o'clock when the Martin County Agricultural Mobilization Committee meets with interested citizens and maps plans for holding the grass roots meetings in the several communities in the county, it was announced.

The public is cordially invited to attend the preliminary meeting in the courthouse Wednesday night, but representatives of the various State and Federal farm agencies comprising the mobilization committee are to attend and discuss plans for the community meetings with business leaders, civic groups, church organizations and farm leaders.

After an open discussion of the program and policies now in effect, the farmers at the community meetings will be asked to report their thinking as to what part of the United States Department of Agriculture programs should be retained and continued, what parts should be eliminated or abolished, any new changes they recommend and any new programs which they think should be considered to meet the needs of family farmers.

Extending a cordial invitation to the public to attend the Wednesday night meeting, Roy T. Griffin, chairman of the Martin County Agricultural Mobilization Committee, stressed the need for mobilizing Martin County's resources, human and material, to protect our free way of life and our family farm units. He said, in part:

"Our Nation is mobilizing its resources, human and material, to defend the free way of life however long it may take. Farmers have a job in this national mobilization - the job of producing the food and fiber needed, and to go on producing it in the long future to come.

"The ideas—democracy and communism—are pitted against each other in a vast world struggle.

"Six persons out of 20 in the world now live in communist-dominated lands.

"About 5 persons out of 20 live in economically 'developed' lands outside the communist circle. They constitute the effective opposition to further communist expansion.

"The remaining 9 persons out of 20 in the world live in underdeveloped lands. It is for their allegiance that democracy and communism are struggling today. Upon their ultimate choice depends much of mankind's chance for future peace and freedom.

## Opportunities In The South Cited

The South, long regarded as the nation's red-headed economic stepchild, was described as a region of "unlimited" industrial opportunities and capabilities by top-ranking industry spokesmen in talks at North Carolina State College.