

## Ten Accidents On County Highways—Streets Recently

Several Hurt But None Believed Seriously; Loss Figured At \$1,000

Motorists on the highways and streets in this county piled 'em up and tore 'em down in a series of ten vehicle accidents. At least three persons were injured, several painfully but none was believed seriously hurt.

About three-fourths of the ten accidents were reported on newly-paved farm-to-market roads, so many motorists forgetting that the type of road was built for convenience and not speed. Unless those highways are used with greater discretion, more accidents can be expected.

The property loss exceeded \$1,000, according to preliminary reports coming from police officers and members of the patrol making the investigations.

Traveling the newly-paved road from Bear Grass to Everetts last Saturday at 8:15 o'clock, Robert Roberson failed to negotiate a curve and turned his 1934 Model Ford pick-up truck over. The young white man was still holding to his seat when Cpl. R. H. Chadwick reached him and carried him to a doctor. Four stitches were required to close a cut over the man's eye. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$50.

Early last Friday evening, Chas. Harry Branton, III, of Robersonville while traveling a mile out from Oak City on the Hassell Road, tried to miss a small hog and turned his 1949 Ford over. The hog was killed and damage to the car was estimated at \$300 by Patrolman R. P. Narron who made the investigation.

Friday night about 10:15 o'clock Russell Ward Beach of near Everetts failed to make a turn and ditched his 1950 Chevrolet near the BeeBop on the Cross Roads and Greenville - Robersonville Highway, causing about \$200 damage to his car, according to Patrolman Narron following his investigation.

Lawrence Teel, of RFD 1, Robersonville, driving on the Hassell-Butler's Bridge Road at 7:15 o'clock Saturday evening, started to make a left turn into his brother's yard with a 1935 Ford just as James (Mutt) Etheridge of Hamilton and Washington, D. C., started to pass. The cars crashed, Patrolman R. P. Narron estimating the damage to each machine at \$50.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Nathan Ebron of RFD 1, Robersonville, lost control of his 1941 Plymouth and the machine turned over in the dirt road running from Jim Bell's to the Hassell Road. Patrolman Narron estimated the damage at \$100.

Driving inside the Oak City corporate limits on Highway 125, Netsy Koonce O'Connell of 2229 Monticello Ave., Richmond, lost control of her 1950 Ford on the slippery pavement and the machine turned over, causing about \$100 damage to the car. Neither the driver or a companion, Wm. M. Bravick of New Bern was hurt.

## Painfully Injured In Logging Accident

J. B. Nicholson, logging contractor for the Atlas Company, suffered painful and possibly serious injury to his leg in a logging accident last Thursday. The injury is centered around the knee. He is receiving hospital treatment.

## ROUND-UP

Nine persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail last weekend. Three were charged with being drunk and disorderly, one with drunken driving, two with assault, one with disorderly conduct and one with being drunk and resisting arrest.

Three of the nine were white and the ages of the group ranged from 19 to 56 years.

## Leaf Prices Reach New High Peak Here

### JUROR'S PAY

Despite a fairly sizable increase in their pay, members of the current petit jury in the Martin County Superior Court clamored this week to be excused. Four were exempted, W. K. Parker and J. Eason Lilley on account of illness, Elton Andrews on account of urgent work in the log woods, and R. N. Crisp because he and his brother were called from the same farm.

Voted by the county commissioners some months ago, that \$2 per day pay raise goes into effect at this term, placing the daily wage at \$5, plus travel. Years ago, the pay was \$2 a day. It was increased about twelve years ago to \$3 and now to \$5, which is mighty small.

## The China Lobby Scandal Is About To Be Aired Out

### Tens of Millions Used To Line Pockets and Promote The Lobby

The China Lobby scandal is beginning to boil over. For various reasons, the administration has been content to take a slugging, rather than present the American people with a frank statement of the "goings-on" of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his rich relatives and friends.

At first the State Department said it didn't wish to give the Chinese "Reds" effective ammunition. Now it is pleading that it fears criticism because, although in possession of the facts, it has continued to send tens of millions to Chiang—living like an emperor on the island of Formosa.

However, the lid has been torn off by two Chinese officials, General P. T. Mow and Colonel H. Siang Wei-husan. These gentlemen have been in this country for some time as purchasing agents for the Chiang regime. They allege their work has been impeded because grafters, who have influence with the generalissimo, have been insisting on getting a big "cut" out of all purchases. In other words, they have been grafting.

The story has reached Formosa and the general and the colonel have been called home. They refuse to go, because, they say, compliance with Chiang's orders would mean death for them. They ask that they be permitted to remain in this country and they have refused to turn over to Chiang's representative several millions contributed by Uncle Sam for the relief of the Nationalists.

This sensational story kicked around Washington newspaper offices for some time before it was picked up by the New York "Times" and given about four columns in that conservative journal. The "Times" assigned one of its top men, Anthony LeViero, to the job, and he dug up plenty of facts.

After that, the Washington "Post" took up the cudgels, and in a long editorial headed "Diplomacy in Cookoo Land." It maintains that young Senator Knowland of California is "our leading Chiang-Firer."

It gives a new and interesting account of Knowland's trip to Formosa last November. The senator was supposed to have gone to the Far East to "see the war for himself," but, according to the "Post," the real object of his long journey was to warn Generalissimo Chiang that "the graft had to stop if American aid were to continue."

Senator Knowland didn't say anything like that when he came back, but he continued to boost lustily for the generalissimo. Now, the "Post" insists, there is a movement on Formosa to throw Chiang to the wolves, make a pre-

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## Yesterday's Sale Average Is Over \$56 Per Hundred

### More Than Five and a Half Million Pounds Sold Here To Date

After holding to around the 50-cent figure since the opening on August 21, tobacco prices on the local market zoomed up yesterday to reach the highest peak of the season and remind one of yesterday's sales. The market yesterday sold 296,416 pounds for \$166,573.34, a resulting average of \$56.19 per hundred pounds.

Observers declared that two factors supported the season-peak price. The "break" of tobacco was possibly the best of the year, and there was a definite upward trend in the price, particularly for many of the grades.

The market is passing the five and one-half-million mark today with the average for the season holding well above \$50 per hundred.

Sales continue at a maximum. Today's sale was on the floors by Sunday and tomorrow's sale was filled up by last midnight with tobacco for Thursday's sale waiting its turn to be unloaded. (Pick up state report)

A general report, released by the department of agriculture, reviews sales in the entire bright leaf belt for the past week and season, as follows:

Demand for Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco picked up slightly during the fourth week of sales. Average prices for grades in practically all instances held firm to higher than the previous week. The increases ranged from \$1.00 to \$6.00 per hundred, with most \$1.00 to \$4.00. A heavy volume of leaf was steady to \$2.00 stronger, lugs and smoking leaf gained up to \$5.00, while a small amount of primings ranged to \$6.00 higher. Prices for tobacco most suitable for cigarette manufacture were the best of the season. Individual baskets of best cutters brought up to \$75.00. A few red grades of leaf and non-descript, however, were \$1.00 lower.

Most of the markets in the area had more tobacco on floors than could be handled daily. Gross sales for the week ending September 14 amounted to 56,179,412 pounds averaging \$51.27 per hundred. This was a gain of \$1.59 over the previous week and the highest for any period this season. Through the same date season gross sales totaled 173,146,870 pounds for an average of \$50.44.

General quality of offerings was better than the previous week. More fair to fine leaf, and cutters were marketed. There were fewer baskets of common leaf, primings and non-descript. Leaf continued to predominate the sales by over two-thirds percent. Common to good qualities were outstanding.

Growers delivered only around 6 percent of their offerings to the Flue-cured Stabilization Corporation under the Government loan program. This was the smallest percentage turned over this season. Receipts for the season amounted to nearly 10 percent of gross sales.

### MEET TONIGHT

A regular meeting of the local Woman's Club will be held in the club room this evening at 8:00 o'clock, it was announced this morning.

### PAPER DRIVE

Boy Scouts of Troop No. 27 will make a town-wide canvass of the town on Saturday morning, September 22, for old paper.

The people of the town are asked to cooperate with the lads by saving and bundling their old newspapers, magazines and other old papers for the pick-up Saturday morning.

## Committees Listed For P.-T. A. Work This School Year

### Busy Season Ahead For Organization with Old and New Problems

With most of its old problems still around and some new ones shaping up the Williamston Parents-Teachers Association will begin its work for the 1951-52 scholastic year with a meeting of the executive committee composed of the officers and the chairmen and vice chairmen of the various committees, in the library room of the high school at 7:45 Thursday evening, it was announced today.

Committees for the coming year have been named as follows: Program: Miss Mary Whitley, chairman, Mrs. D. R. Davis, vice chairman, Fitzhugh Fussell, Mrs. Joseph Griffin, Miss Lamina Baker and J. D. Page.

Membership: Mrs. J. C. Cooke, chairman, Mrs. Urbin Rogers, vice chairman, A. J. Manning, Mrs. W. I. Skinner, Mrs. W. E. Thornton, Mrs. W. T. Ross and Mrs. R. L. Coburn.

Hospitality: Miss Margaret McDaniel, chairman, Mrs. J. D. Page, Mrs. O. D. Stalls, Mrs. B. G. Stewart, Mrs. Marvin Britton, Mrs. D. C. McLawhorn and Mrs. William Everett.

Publicity: Mrs. W. R. Glover, chairman, Mrs. J. Edward Corey and Mrs. D. V. Clayton.

Finance: Mrs. Irving Margolis, chairman, Mrs. R. W. Bondurant, W. H. Sessoms, Mrs. R. D. Elliott, J. C. Eubanks, and Mrs. W. H. Carstarphen.

Publicity: F. M. Manning, chairman, B. G. Stewart and Mrs. W. H. Abernathy.

Transportation: Mrs. W. M. Baker, chairman, Mrs. A. J. Manning, Mrs. C. I. Harris, Mrs. Harrell Everett and Mrs. J. H. Harrell.

Other committees will be set up following the meeting of the executive committee Thursday evening.

The two top officers of the association have been in casts because of broken bones or under doctor's care for other ailments a majority of the summer. Officers are: Lee Reynolds, president, Mrs. John L. Goff, vice-president, Mrs. Hoke Roberson, treasurer, and Mrs. Asa Crawford, secretary.

The first meeting of the association will be held on Monday evening, September 24, at 7:45, in the Grammar School auditorium, a get-acquainted social period with refreshments to follow the brief business session.

The association meetings were well attended on an average last year and all parents and friends of the school are urged by the association leaders to join the movement for better school-home relations and the general advancement of the school program.

## Work Progressing On River Bridge

Work on the rebuilding of the Chowan River Bridge is progressing fairly well, according to Superintendent Goodrich, Martin County man, who was pulled off the job this week to serve as a member of the superior court jury.

Mr. Goodrich said that plans are being made to block both highway and river traffic there for four days, beginning October 2. The route will be closed to traffic while the large draw is shifted to traffic while the large draw is shifted to a new site, about 250 feet away, where it will be used while a new draw is erected. The present draw will not be dismantled, Mr. Goodrich explaining that it will be loaded on barges and floated to the temporary site.

## Has Eye Removed In A Durham Hospital

Minga E. Rogers, farmer of near Williamston, had his left eye removed in a Durham hospital last Friday. The eye had been giving him trouble for some time, the sight having faded out about fifteen years ago.

He is recovering and is expected home the latter part of this week.

## Freedom Crusade Motorcade Comes To County Friday

### Will Make Short Stop In Williamston That Morning

The Crusade for Freedom Motorcade will arrive in Williamston Friday morning September 21 at 10:30 and present a 45 minute program telling the citizens of Martin County of the work that is being done. The free winds of Williamston will launch one of the scientific balloons which are being used to send messages of freedom to Red terrorized people in Europe and Asia. Radio Station WIAM will broadcast from the motorcade.

The Motorcade which is composed of a Chevrolet station wagon, furnished by the courtesy of General Motors, equipped with a public address system, portable microphone and turn table and a 1951 Ford flat bed truck, compliments of the Ford Motor Company, will stop in front of Roanoke and Dixie Warehouses. The Motorcade is being sponsored by the entire membership of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce. The national Crusade for Freedom is headed by General Lucius Clay. George Corry is local chairman for the Jaycees.

The Motorcade will demonstrate to the public how the freedom weapons in the struggle against the Communist tyranny actually do pierce the Iron Curtain. Radio Free Europe and the "Winds of Freedom" balloons will be shown.

The need for each American citizen to have the opportunity to do something for freedom personally originated the Crusade for Freedom. Last year 16,000,000 Americans signed Freedom Scrolls and contributed \$1,317,000. This money has paid for Radio Free Europe in Munich. A World Freedom Bell in Berlin bearing Lincoln's inscription of "That this World, under God, shall have a new birth of Freedom" has been placed.

Plans for a Radio Free Asia are being made with the 1951 contributions. These broadcasts in Europe and Asia are giving the truth to the people and truth is Communism's deadliest enemy. The Crusade is a non-profit organization and is backed by the leading men of our nation. President Truman has said, "I hope all Americans will dedicate themselves to this critical struggle for men's minds." General Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "In the battle for Truth, you and I have a definite part to play through the Crusade for Freedom."

Twenty five million members and 31-2 million dollars are needed for the 1951 Crusade. When asked to give, remember freedom of men's minds is being offered for sale.

## Escapes Injury In Sunday Accident

Lawrence Eason Lilley, Martin County young man, and five companions escaped injury when their car, an Oldsmobile, was wrecked beyond repair near Wilson Sunday afternoon.

Returning to Camp Stewart after spending the week-end at home, the group was riding along when a car pulled out of a side-road and caused the wreck. A hand aid was used to cover a minor scratch. The boys were supplied with a second car and they continued the journey.

## Hunt Club Hires Game Protector

State Game Warden S. W. Rogerson of the upper end of Martin County has been engaged by the Conine Hunting Club to assist County Game Protector C. A. Manning in patrolling the river and land in the club's preserves.

The contract was entered into and became effective Monday evening. It was also announced that Dr. Jas. H. Rhodes, Jr., Dr. C. I. Harris, Jr., and R. J. "Bob" Peel, Jr., have been elected to membership in the club.

## Judge Raps Drunken Driving And Perjury

### Russell Williams Succeeds Bulluck As Jury Foreman

### Judge Henry Stevens Makes Long Charge To Grand Jury Monday

In an address, lasting more than an hour Monday morning, Judge Henry Stevens, presiding over the current term of the Martin County Superior Court, left no doubt in the mind of the eighteen members of the grand jury and a packed courtroom as to his stand on certain things. The jurist, making his third tour of this, the second N. C. Judicial District rapped drunken driving and perjury, the judge explaining that the law against lying was his pet one.

Russell Williams, Robersonville business man, was named foreman of the group to succeed James Bulluck who recently completed a year of service as a member and later as head of the body. Nine new members were added to the jury, as follows:

Nathaniel Coltrain, Winford Mobley, Rome Rogerson, Jr., C. D. Pittman, S. C. Cowin, W. E. Everett, Milton James, J. D. Mason and Ernest Knox. They are to serve for a year.

Reporting at 11:00 o'clock and after chatting with members of the bar for about ten minutes, Judge Stevens recalled the pleasant relations he had with the last Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and declared it was a pleasure to return to Martin County.

"I'll not talk about the 'State of the Union'," the judge said, explaining that he did not know the state of union and that few do. "But it is good to be Americans, where trial by their peers is possible regardless of whether one is rich or poor, white or black," Judge Stevens declared, pointing out to the jurors they are a main cog in the judicial system and have an important job to do.

The judge outlines the duties of the jurors, declaring they were bill finders and inspectors. He went into detail in outlining those duties, and expressed pleasure when he learned there is still a home in this county for the aged and infirm. He said he was not in favor of closing county homes and farming out the indigent at \$30 a month, an amount not sufficient to feed a mule. "The inmates there have committed no crime, and they are there on account of circumstances beyond their control, and but for the grace of God it could be you or me," the jurist said. It was explained that no inspection of various offices was necessary and delayed a call for inspection of the schools. He instructed the jury to call for a detailed report on the condition of the school buses.

He went on to define crime groups, placing them in the assault, larceny and statutory group. Reaching the latter group, Judge Stevens opened up on the violations surrounding the transportation system, especially as it centers around the automobile. "Despite all the pleasure it affords, its utility and value in our way of life, the automobile is the most dangerous instrument we have today. Many are riding to their deaths," the jurist said, pointing

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## MEETING

More than one hundred State leaders are planning to attend the Democratic Women's meeting in Washington tomorrow, according to Mrs. Chas Meakins of Williamston who is chairman of the event.

Governor Kerr Scott and Comptroller Lindsay C. Warren and others will address the meeting which will be held at 12:30 o'clock in Knotty Pine Inn. Martin County is to be well represented, it was learned.

## First Criminal Case Is Cleared In Court Today

### Solicitor Fountain Plans To Call First Of Three Murder Cases Today

With one of the largest dockets facing it in several years, the Martin County Superior Court was off to a slow but determined start yesterday morning, but it only cleared the first criminal case shortly before noon today. The action came after eight other cases had been continued, including the following:

Walter Barnes, non-support; Dallas Johnson, non-support; Lester L. Whitfield, drunken driving, John Lewis Andrews, assault, Luther G. Leggett, Jr., drunken driving and hit-and-run; Collins (Rudy) Smith, breaking and entering; Elbert Willis Midyette, drunken driving; M. H. Hollis, drunken driving.

Opening court at 11:00 o'clock Monday morning, Judge Henry Stevens of Warsaw addressed the grand jury for an hour and nine minutes, and by the time nine new members were drawn for the grand jury and excuses were heard from the petit jurors, a recess for lunch was ordered at 12:40 o'clock.

The case in which William Richard Williams stands charged with drunken driving was called for trial soon after the noon recess at 2:30 o'clock and at 5:00 o'clock Monday afternoon testimony was completed, and an overnight recess was called. Argument to the jury was heard this morning and Judge Stevens delivered a strong charge to the jury.

Trailing considerably behind its prepared schedule, the court at noon today could tell little about when order would be restored to the schedule. Solicitor George Fountain said that a plea was expected in the murder case against James Henry (Slick) Williams, young Negro who is charged with brutally stabbing his wife to death in Williamston on August 26. It is expected that a plea of murder in the second degree will be accepted if such a plea is tendered, and it is likely that the defense will jump at such a plea. Williams goes into court with a bad reputation for knife assaults and was released from the roads on the very day he is alleged to have stabbed his wife to death. It was rumored that he had written his wife, advising that he planned to kill her just as soon as he got off the roads. The prosecution, aided by Attorney Clarence Griffin, has been unable to find the letter.

While the court itself was making little progress, the grand jury was grinding out true bills in numbers, including the following: James Arthur Brown, Joseph Biggs and James Rawls, forgery. The three are involved in several cases, the State maintaining that they drew or aided and abetted in drawing checks on a Williamston bank and purportedly signed by H. A. Bowen and Horton. Checks were drawn and cashed in the amounts of \$25, \$12, \$29, \$20 and \$26.

Robert Bland and Elton Taylor, larceny of 1,900 burlap bags, valued at \$1,000.

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## Suffers Foot Injury At Home In Griffins

Mrs. Claude Hardison was painfully hurt when she stuck a fairly sizable stick almost through her foot at her home in Griffins Township last Saturday. She is undergoing an operation in a local hospital.

## Williamston Boy Relaxes In Japan

Following mock invasion operations aboard the attack cargo ship USS Skagit, Robert G. Harrison, ship's serviceman seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Harrison of 122 Simmons Ave., Williamston, N. C. is now enjoying a brief period of relaxation and liberty in a Japanese port.

The Skagit participated in the amphibious operations in the Far East under simulated battle conditions. Elements of the 160th Regimental Combat Team of the 40th Infantry Division were landed on beaches under aerial screening provided by land-based fighter planes from fields close-by.

The operations were staged through the combined efforts of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

## ENCOURAGING

An encouraging report on the recent band fund drive was released today by Treasurer D. V. Clayton. It was explained that three-fourths of the \$2,000 goal had been raised and reported, that thirty canvassers are yet to report. The treasurer is confident that when all reports are submitted, the drive will have reached its goal, possibly with a little to spare.