

Local Man's Car Found on Norfolk Street Thursday

No Word Heard From Walter Barr, Missing Past Two Weeks

The 1941 green Plymouth belonging to Walter E. Barr, Williamston man who has been missing for two weeks, was found parked in the 600 block of Malby Avenue, Norfolk, last Thursday, but no word has been heard from Barr who was last seen with Mrs. Mamie Smithwick when they left their Norfolk boarding house the evening of October 3 to attend an open-air theater in the Virginia city. The discovery of the car and the findings therein have led Norfolk police to believe that Barr met with foul play.

Mrs. Smithwick's body was found floating in Lake Smith on October 13. Chips of human teeth, found in the blood spattered and bullet-pierced automobile of Barr's, could have been from the mouth of Mrs. Smithwick, a pathologist was quoted as saying.

Believing Barr had been murdered, Norfolk police, Princess Anne County officers, State police and the Coast Guard dragged the bottom of the lake but did not find his body.

Barr's automobile, a 1941 green Plymouth sedan, is now at the Norfolk City Garage.

Investigations have disclosed that the rear seat and the right front seat bore bloodstains. There was also a bullet hole in the roof over the rear seat. Police say it had been made from the inside.

Whether or not the teeth chips also found in the back seat are those of Mrs. Smithwick is not definitely known.

Dr. A. F. Strauss, of the De Paul Hospital, who made the autopsy, said, "They could be, but don't have to be."

He disclosed that several of the woman's teeth were missing, where her jaw had been beaten and broken.

The bullet hole in the car is also a mystery.

Dr. Strauss said that no vital organs in the woman's body had been pierced by a shot. He did say, however, that the decomposed condition of the woman's body would have made it possible for a bullet wound to have been overlooked in some sections of the body.

Norfolk City Police report that Patrolman C. E. Carlson has made a fingerprint examination of the car, but would not disclose what, if anything, the examination revealed.

Previously, aerial photographs had been taken by investigators in an effort to locate the automobile in the densely wooded area around the lake, and conferences were held with several members

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Former Teacher Died Saturday

Miss Nannie Shield Lamb, 56, a teacher in the Williamston schools back in the early twenties, died at her home in Scotland Neck, a niece, nephew and an other short illness.

She was a daughter of the late Gideon and Lily Shields Lamb. Following her teaching here, she returned to Scotland Neck where she taught for almost a quarter century.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Mary Lamb White of Scotland Neck; a niece, nephew and an aunt.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in the Trinity Episcopal Church by the Rev. John W. Drake, a former rector of the Scotland Neck Church.

ROUND-UP

Six persons were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail last week-end. Four of the six were booked for public drunkenness, and one each for larceny and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

The ages of the group ranged from 17 to 36 years. Two of the six were white.

State Officials Expected Here Today For Hunt

Enjoying several hunts in this area during the past two or three years, Governor Kerr Scott is expected here late this afternoon for another hunt. He is being accompanied by Dr. Henry Jordan, chairman of the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission, and they'll be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Abbot on Grace Street. Their hunting grounds have not been announced, but they plan to start early tomorrow and limit their hunt to squirrels.

The Governor was expected here early yesterday, but his Winston-Salem trip delayed him. He was further delayed in Raleigh and postponed the trip until late today.

UNUSUAL

For the first time in a number of years, Fire Prevention Week was observed here without a fire. Maybe, all the fire prevention appeals paid off this year.

During the prevention week last year, Williamston's fire department received two calls to fire the first day of the observance. As far back as most of the volunteer firemen here can remember at least one call could always be depended upon during fire prevention week. One hundred percent observance all the year around is the goal.

Offer Air Force More Money Than It Could Spend

Eisenhower Question Still Has Them Guessing In Political World

Washington—Though the Senate tried to give the Air Force five extra billions of dollars to speed expansion of the air service, the Defense Department and the powers that be prevailed, and Congress was told the money could not be spent this fiscal year. Thus the Senate voted only about an extra one billion dollars for the Air Force.

The Administration reaction to the sudden increase voted in air power funds was that the Defense Department's original requests were about all the services could take care of in a year. In the case of the Air Force, it was argued, the planes and equipment just could not be obtained any faster, whether or not more money was voted. The Air Force did not deny the Administration argument, and therefore, the Senate effort to increase the size of the air service faster than the government plans failed to a large extent.

One naturally wonders if this is the same old story again, when the Administration refuses to change its armament program despite an obvious disagreement with Congress. The Air Force would be much stronger today had not President Truman refused to give more money, actually voted by Congress several years ago to

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Declare Sympathy For Dry Raleigh

Giving way under the heavy traffic, a water line cracked on the main street here yesterday afternoon and for hours water flowed over the streets in several directions from the Washington Street intersection. Tens of thousands of gallons of clear water were lost before the entire water system was shut off and workmen repaired the line at midnight.

People, passing by the flooding waters would pause long enough to say, "It's too bad some of the water could not be piped into dry Raleigh."

A large pipe carrying water to a flush tank was cracked when a manhole cover was pushed down on it by heavy traffic on the street.

Beloved Resident Died At Her Home Sunday Afternoon

Funeral Service Being Held This Afternoon For Mrs. Roberson

Mrs. Della Brown Roberson, beloved citizen, died at her home here on Park Street Sunday afternoon at 1:20 o'clock following a long period of declining health. She had suffered with a heart condition and complications for some time, and while her condition was serious at the time she was not forced to her bed by her last illness until three weeks ago. Her condition became critical last Friday, and no hope was held for her recovery.

Mrs. Roberson, daughter of the late Alexander and Sallie Ann Lilly Brown, was born in Jamesville Township 77 years ago, on September 17, 1874, and spent her early life there. Following her marriage to Mr. H. Thad Roberson February 19, 1896, she made her home in Griffins Township until January 1, 1919, when he was made sheriff of Martin County and the family located in Williamston. Mr. Roberson died on November 22, 1947.

Mrs. Roberson, a devoted mother, a kind neighbor and thoughtful friend, was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Smithwick's Creek for more than a quarter century, exemplifying its teachings in her daily walk through life down through the years. Her pastor, Elder P. E. Gettinger, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister, will conduct the funeral service at the home this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment will be in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. M. Luther Peel, of the home; two sisters, Mrs. N. R. Manning of Jamesville and Mrs. E. E. Robinson of Hopewell, Va., one brother, P. H. Brown, and a grandson, M. L. Peel, Jr., both of Williamston.

Child Run Down On Local Street

Joseph E. (Peter) Leggett, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Staton Leggett of Pine Street, was run down by a pickup truck on a local street and painfully hurt but believed not seriously hurt about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The youngster, skating with other children in the 500 block on Haughton Street, was said to have darted into the path of the small truck driven by O. L. Spivey, Jr., 21-year-old Windsor man. Removed to a local hospital, the victim was treated for a head injury, bruises and shock. The vehicle apparently did not run over the lad, one report stating that it knocked him a few feet to one side.

Spivey stopped and asked that an ambulance be called. Neighbors picked up the child, placed him in a car and carried him to the hospital. Spivey, returning from a visit with friends on Pine Street, followed the car down Grace Street, became frightened and turned right into Smithwick and continued to his home in Windsor. Local officials, after witnesses identified the vehicle, issued papers against the young man, charging him with leaving the scene of an accident without giving his name, address and other details.

Spivey returned with his father shortly before midnight last night after arranging bond in the sum of \$500.

Mock Conference In Local Church Friday

Beginning Friday night, the Williams Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church will conduct a "Mock General Conference" in the church on Rhodes Street, it was announced today by the pastor, the Rev. J. H. McMullen.

Bishop H. T. Medford, A. M. D., of Washington, D. C., and presiding Bishop of the Twelfth Episcopal District, A. M. E. Zion Church, will preach the closing sermon Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Robbers Make Big Haul At Country Store Near Here

Loss Runs Into Hundreds Of Dollars, Incomplete Inventory Shows

Believed to have been traveling in two automobiles, robbers broke into Harris Brothers filling station-store on Highway 16 near Williamston early Sunday morning and carried away merchandise valued possibly in excess of a thousand dollars. The exact loss has not yet been determined, officers explaining that only a preliminary inventory had been completed.

Two automobiles were seen parked at the station-store between Saturday midnight and about 3:00 o'clock Sunday morning. Travelers told officers they saw the cars there, that it was thought one of the machines had broken down and that someone was working on the motor. Apparently the scene was arranged to make it appear there was car trouble and to take attention away from the robbery.

The robbers prized iron bars apart and entered a rear window, and completely ransacked the store. The robbery took on the appearance of an amateur job when the safe was found with the combination and hinges knocked off but the door unopened.

According to the incomplete inventory, the following merchandise was missed: \$400 worth of watches, including two men's wrist watches; twenty cartons of cigarettes, half dozen boxes of gun shells, twelve dozen pairs of nylon hose, several boxes of boys' sweaters, half dozen pairs of men's work shoes, several pairs of overalls a number of ten-pound bags of flour, a number of work shirts, and various other items. Much of the stock was torn from the shelves and papers, including invoices and records, were scattered all over the floor.

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Festival Plans About Completed

Visitors to Williamston's fourth annual harvest festival next Tuesday and Wednesday, October 23 and 24, are assured of having the best times of their lives, according to Al Sweat, Managing Director of the Williamston Boosters, Inc., sponsors of the annual event.

The festivities get underway on Tuesday evening, October 23, with a free street dance, featuring both round and square dancing. The following day, Wednesday, October 24, at 1:00 PM, the main street will be closed to traffic to allow the appearance of a score of clowns in "Clown Alley". This has proven to be one of the more popular features of the annual affair and is being repeated again this year.

Following the appearance of the clowns, one of the most spectacular street parades ever seen in this section will get underway. In addition to the participation of the fourteen "Princesses" previously announced, there will be a twenty-piece band, a brass band, a torchy club, boy and girl scout troops, the Atlantic Coast Line caboose exhibit, and, ten bands. The bands who will definitely appear are from high schools in the following towns: Edenton, Plymouth, J. J. Clemmons of Roper, Scotland Neck, Tarboro, Washington, Williamston White and Williamston Colored. In addition, it is expected that the band from Ahoskie High School will also appear, although definite word has not as yet been received. Smaller bands to participate include the Rhythm Bands from Farm Life and Hassell schools.

On Wednesday evening at the Harvest Ball in the Planters Warehouse, the selection of the new Queen of the Harvest will take place. The selection will be made from fourteen "Princesses" and the winner will be awarded a beautiful Columbia ring from Peele's Jewelers. Dancing will be from 9:30 PM to 1:30 AM; with the selection and crowning of the Queen taking place at 10:00 PM.

Defendant Loses Smile In The County Court

Booked under the name of "Smilin' Jack," Christopher Columbus Eborn of Goose Nest wore anything but a smile on his face in the county court Monday when he was charged with an assault with a pop bottle.

Eborn \$10 and taxed with the cost. Eborn had one of those forlorn looks with a sour base.

Highway Post Office For Section Planned

Operate Between Norfolk-Raleigh Six Days A Week

COSTLY

Passing school busses while discharging or taking on human cargoes can be costly as well as dangerous business in this county.

Gus Lee Sheppard found out the hard way in the county court Monday when he was fined \$100, plus costs, for passing a bus while it was stopped to discharge passengers on Highway 125 between Williamston and Hamilton. Sheppard said the brakes on his car were no good, that his brother snatched the wheel and ran the car by the bus on the left instead of the right side.

Sheppard explained the white patches all over his head covered wounds put there during a "friendly" argument with a member of his family.

Jamesville Fair Last Week Rated Best Ever Held

Exhibits Equal Any To Be Seen Anywhere; Large Crowds Attend

Jamesville's third annual community fair last week possibly was the climax in the series, reports declaring that the event attracted more and better exhibits and was attended by larger crowds than either of the other two. While the entertainment program was stressed more this year than last, the other departments still maintained a rapid pace to make the fair a real agricultural event. As far as agricultural is concerned, nothing finer can be seen at the State fair in Raleigh this week.

The fair was opened officially with a parade at 12:30 Friday, and State Representative Wayland Spruill of Bertie made the formal address on an open-air stand. "Cousin Wayland" got his animals mixed up when he said that as he approached Jamesville he heard the frogs croaking out a warm welcome to Martin County. It was a prize milch cow that belatedly welcomed the speaker, outlined the purpose of the fair and listed it as one of the projects sponsored by the Jamesville Ruritan Club in cooperation with the Woman's Club here. J. B. Holliday was master of ceremonies and he expressed appreciation to all who in any way helped make the fair a success.

While all the exhibits were up to par, possibly the home-farm exhibit by J. C. Griffin attracted the most attention with the J. B. Holliday display holding a close second. On display and attractively arranged were grapes, carrots, pears, apples, eggs, a beautiful ham, cabbage, collards, cotton, tobacco, squash, peppers, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes.

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Program Listed For P.-T. A. Meet

A film entitled "Your Children's Sleep" and several numbers by the High School Glee Club are features of the program to be presented before the Williamston Parents-Teachers Association in the High School auditorium next Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

The Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Anne Royster, will offer: "Moonlight Bay" by Wenrich, "My Buddy" by Donaldson, "I Love A Parade" by Arlen, and "Listen to the Lambs" by Dett.

The film deals with the importance of the attitudes and atmosphere in the home at the time children, or grown-ups for that matter, retire for their night's rest and sleep. It is a part of the safety program of the P.-T. A. Miss Mary Whitley is chairman of the program committee this year.

Market Has Sold About 11 Million Pounds This Year

Total of \$5,825,908 Paid To Farmers Through Yesterday

Williamston's tobacco market, traveling in high gear for several weeks, was today pushing on toward the eleven million-pound mark with prices holding firm. Farmers are marketing their crop just as rapidly as they can grade and move it. Possibly another million pounds are left on the farms in this area, making it fairly certain that the market will sell between eleven and one-half and twelve million pounds. It is believed the season will have ended by the early part of next month. Final sales last year were held on October 31.

Yesterday, the market here sold 270,858 pounds for a \$62.37 average, the day's receipts pushing the total to 10,669,322 pounds and the cash paid farmers to \$5,825,908.43. The price average for the season through yesterday is \$54.31.

Sales today are comparatively light but the prices continue to hold firm.

A review of all the markets in the belt by the departments of agriculture follows:

Prices by grades last week for Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco held generally steady to slightly stronger as compared with the high averages set the previous week. General quality of the offerings continued to improve. Volume of sales was the heaviest of the season on Monday but some lighter the rest of the week.

The Federal-State Market News Service reports that as a result of the better prices and quality a new record weekly general average of \$61.35 per hundred was paid for gross sales of 51,340,411 pounds. This average was 92 cents over the previous high established the week before.

Increases of \$1.00 to \$3.00 per hundred were noted principally for medium quality leaf, lugs and lower smoking leaf, primings and nondescript. Most of the gains were \$1.00 and \$2.00. Better offerings held about firm. There were a few scattered losses of \$1.00 and \$2.00 which were more than offset by gains.

Season gross sales through October 12 amounted to 383,878,729 pounds for an average of \$54.31 per hundred. The U. S. Crop Reporting Board as of October 1 estimated that production in this type would reach 483,610,000 pounds. This was an increase of more than 7 million pounds over the September 1 report. Based on this estimate and after allowing for resale the crop to date is nearly 75 percent marketed. Total flue-cured production was placed at 1,412,141,000 pounds, slightly

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Robbers Reported In Laundry Here

Robbers entered the local laundry sometime during last Thursday night and carried away a few clothes, including several shirts and coats and possibly one or two suits. The operators explained that it was difficult to complete an inventory check until all the bills had been examined.

It is thought that the robber secreted himself in the plant late in the day and was locked there at closing time.

The thief was a bit choicer in his selections, a report declaring that he ripped the bagging or covering from a number of clothes bundles and numerous suits before finding any to fit his size and taste.

CHANGES DIET

Forrest West, the fellow who was booked as a "chicken eater" at the clip-joint carnival near here last week, changed his diet during his stay in jail.

West did not appear in the county court Monday for trial, and his \$125 bond was forfeited.