

Four Accidents On the Highways In Martin County

Only One Person Injured But Property Damage Approaches \$1,500

One person was painfully but believed not critically injured in a series of automobile accidents on Martin County highways last week-end. Property damage was estimated at about \$1,500.

Apparently speeding north on U. S. Highway 17 about six miles from Williamston shortly before 11:00 o'clock last Thursday night, Albert Dexter Newbern of Oceana, Virginia, lost control of his 1950 Chevrolet and wrecked it. Investigating the accident, Patrolman B. W. Parker said the machine skidded onto the right shoulder during the rain and went eighty-four yards before swerving across the highway and skidding forty-five more yards, coming to a stop after tearing down a tree stump and turning two flips. The driver suffered a negligible cut on the top of his head, but required no medical attention. Damage to the car was estimated at \$1,100. Booked on a reckless driving charge, the man was fined \$10, plus costs.

The second in the series of accidents was reported at 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning when Willie Ray Taylor, colored man of Gold Point, dropped off to sleep and ran his 1940 Oldsmobile off Highway 125 a few miles out of Williamston and struck a tree. Taylor and his two companions were not hurt. Damage to the car was estimated at \$100 by Patrolman R. P. Narron who made the investigation.

Mrs. Joseph Thigpen was painfully but believed not badly hurt when her car, a 1951 Plymouth, wrecked near the Sherrod farm on Highway 125 about 7:00 o'clock Sunday morning. She was removed to a Williamston hospital for treatment, last reports stating that her condition was much improved. Driving from their home in Ahsokie that morning, Mr. and Mrs. Thigpen stopped in Windsor where he joined a fishing party. Mrs. Thigpen was continuing to Hamilton to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Taylor, when she either dropped off to sleep or "blackout" for a second and lost control of her car. It was reported that she suffered no broken bones, but she was cut on the leg and was bruised on her back. Investigating the accident, Patrolman B. W. Parker said the damage to the car would approximate \$300.

At 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning, Zolly Brinkley, colored of Gold Point, was driving on the Robersonville-Gold Point road in (Continued on Page Eight)

Worker Killed In Logging Accident

Paul Parker, 40-year-old colored man of RFD 4, Windsor, was instantly killed in a logging accident in Devreux Swamp, about 500 yards from the Chesson place in Conoh last Thursday afternoon. His head was split open by a falling tree, witnesses saying that the victim never knew what struck him, following so quickly.

A steam skidder, attached to a log train, was pulling a log out of the swamp. The log hit a comparatively small tree and pushed it over, the top of the falling tree striking Parker who was thirty or more feet away from the base of the tree.

Coroner W. W. Biggs investigated the death and announced that no inquest was considered necessary, that witnesses saw the accident, and that his findings supported their evidence.

The logging operations were in an almost inaccessible location. The body was carried part of the way out of the woods on the train, transferred to a boat and later to an ambulance and delivered to Williamston. It was turned over to a Windsor undertaker a short time later.

Parker, married and father of three children, had been employed in logging operations for the Atlas Plywood Corporation for about two weeks.

Candidates For Harvest Festival Queen



Some of this section's finest young ladies are competing for Queen of Williamston's fourth annual harvest festival tomorrow. Riding in conveyances with chauffeurs, the young ladies will appear in the mammoth parade at 2:00 o'clock and report to the annual ball in the Planters Warehouse that evening when the queen will be chosen by out-of-town judges at 10:00 o'clock. Top row, left to right, Misses Ann Byrd of Windsor, Lynette Coltrin of Farm Life, and Jean Cullipher of Bethel; middle row: Misses Dorothy Henninger of Edenton, Pat Mayne of Washington and Sarah Lee Smith of Robersonville; bottom row: Patricia Taylor of Williamston, Betty Lou Rogerson of Bear Grass and Mary Lou Voirel of Plymouth. Others not pictured here but who are candidates for the title of queen include: Misses Martha Pearson of Ahsokie, Jean Ellis of Jamesville, Cherry Edmondson of Oak City, Mary Beth Perry of Perquimans, Nannette Upchurch of Scotland Neck and Dorothy O'Neal of Tarboro.

Plan Recreation School In County

Lonnie Powell, Recreation Instructor, North Carolina Recreation Commission will conduct a Recreation Leader Training School in the Everetts School auditorium Thursday and Friday nights, October 25th and 26th.

Recreation leaders or representatives of both youth and adult organizations in Martin County are invited to attend.

Most organizations include type of recreation in their programs. The purpose of this school is to provide leaders with useful ideas which they may use in working with their respective groups.

The school will include actual participation in various group recreational activities. The minimum age for participants is fifteen years, and the size of the group will be limited to about six persons. Friday night's program will be a continuation of instruction started Thursday night.

Any one desiring further information should contact either Ruby Lee Spencer, Ass't Home Agent or S. A. Tuten, Ass't County Agent, N. C. State College Extension Service, Williamston, N. C.

NO ASSESSMENT

Finding the treasury in excellent financial condition, directors of the Martin County branch of the North Carolina Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association have found that no assessment will be necessary this year.

The action was announced this week by Jos. S. Griffin, president of the association in this county.

MAY QUEEN

Miss Eleanor Eubanks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eubanks of Hassell, has been selected 1952 May Queen at Woman's College, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, it was announced this week.

Miss Eubanks is a music major and choir soloist. Her maids of honor will be her roommates, Misses Gloria Anne Mank of Winston-Salem, and Dorothy Hogan of Chapel Hill.

Jaycees Sponsor Freedom Crusade

Sponsored by the women with George Corey as chairman, the drive advanced for funds in behalf of the Crusade for Freedom met with great success in this county recently, according to a report submitted to the group at a regular meeting held in the Methodist Church annex last Friday evening.

Recognizing the great value of such an undertaking, Professor John F. Carson, member of the Jamesville School faculty, headed the fund drive there. Members of the classes, discussing the Freedom Crusade, got out and raised \$101.18. In recognition of a job well done, the Jaycees had as their guests at the Friday night meeting, Professor Carson, Wayne Beard, and Misses Joyce Mizelle, Betty James, Louie Faye Hardison and Frances Ellis who represented the workers.

With a goal of approximately \$300, the Jaycees, according to the latest report, had raised \$501.78 with the possibility that the fund will reach \$600.

Recover Missing Man's Clothing

While no trace of Ransom Whitehurst, 37-year-old colored man, missing since last Saturday morning, has been found, his clothes were recovered beside Sweet Water Creek between the old Watts landing and Highway 64 creek bridge late last night. Officers, investigating the man's disappearance, believe he drowned in the creek which is about forty feet wide and unusually deep at the spot where his clothes were found.

Whitehurst, a logwoods worker, left his home here early last Saturday morning to go squirrel hunting. A taxi carried him to the creek and put him out near the bridge. He has not been seen since. Officers are of the opinion that Whitehurst shot and killed a squirrel, that he removed his clothing to recover the squirrel from the water and drowned. It was said that he had suffered attacks on previous occasions. Officers are dragging the creek today in an effort to find the body.

Whitehurst's double barrel gun was found standing against a tree and his clothes were neatly piled beside it, his pocketbook, containing \$2 in cash and his weekly wage check, untouched. Two empty gun shells were at the spot.

Wins Special Award Offered By Motor Firm

Holding second place among parts salesmen in this district, C. A. Askew of the Williamston Motor Company was awarded a \$250 defense bond as a prize by the Ford Motor Company recently. The award was made at a banquet held in the Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach.

Sales Breaking All Records On Tobacco Market

Just About Twelve Million Pounds Been Sold Here So Far This Year

Sales on Williamston's tobacco market are nearing the twelve-million mark today, placing the market in position to break all previous records for both pounds and income.

Prices, going into the high brackets about the first of this month, continue to hold firm. Last Thursday the market sold 177,470 pounds for an average of \$62.66. On Friday, \$290,388 pounds were sold for an average of \$61.75. The 247,874 pounds sold yesterday averaged \$61.15 per hundred. Up until this morning, the market had sold a total of 11,696,136 pounds for \$6,458,615, a resulting average of \$55.22 for the season to date.

Market observers would venture no guess as to market prospects the next few days, but it is fairly certain that the twelve million mark will be reached shortly, that sales will likely climb to a point some where between the twelve and twelve and one-half million-pound mark.

Sales on the market today are comparatively light, an early morning report estimating the deliveries at about one hundred thousand pounds.

A report on operations in the entire Bright Belt follows:

Average prices for most offerings on Eastern North Carolina's flue-cured tobacco markets last week continued firm at the previous week's quotations. The general quality of a fairly heavy volume of sales was slightly lower.

According to the Federal-State Market News Service gross sales for the week ending October 19 amounted to 49,323,484 pounds for an average of \$59.92 per hundred. The average was \$1.43 below the all-time high of \$61.35 paid the previous week. Volume dropped about 2 million pounds. Season gross sales totaled 433,202,213 pounds at an average of \$54.95. Gross sales on eleven of the seventeen markets in the area have passed those for the full season last year.

Prices for a few better cigarette tobaccos were slightly below those of the previous week but about as many lower quality grades showed slight increases. Variations in averages were held mostly to \$1.00 a hundred pounds. Over two-thirds of the offerings (Continued on Page Eight)

Annual Harvest Festival Will Get Under Way This Evening

Sweet Potato Rating High In Income List This Season

Spurred by many farmers and little noticed by the public for years, the sweet potato is really coming into its own in this section this year. Preliminary reports declare that the potato is now keeping company with tobacco as an income producer.

With the current market averaging between a strong \$2.50 and \$3.00 per bushel, Farmers Ira and George C. Griffin hit the jack pot, literally speaking, last week, according to Myer M. Levin, secretary of the Martin County Yam Growers Association.

Harvesting an acre of the sweets a short time ago, Farmer Ira Griffin received \$813.96 on

the local market. The yield was 278 bushels. Producing 241 bushon slightly less than one acre, Farmer George Griffin received \$697.68 on the market here a few days ago.

While the price schedules are little changed from last week, demand is believed a bit stronger at the present time. The crop is beginning to move in larger volume, but the peak period is yet uncertain. Up until this week few potatoes were offered for storage, but farmers are now making arrangements to store at least a part of the crop, anticipating a good market for the cured product later this year or early next year.

Clowns Will Take Over The Town At 1 P. M. Tomorrow

Eleven Bands and Fifteen Princesses and Floats To Be In Parade

All is in readiness for Williamston's Fourth Annual Harvest Festival, according to Al Sweatt, Managing Director of the Williamston Boosters, Inc., sponsors of the annual event. Barring bad weather and major catastrophes, the Harvest Festival this year should prove to be the biggest, best and by far, the most successful in Williamston's history.

The festivities get started tonight with a big free street dance on Washington Street, with both round and square dancing. A special section will be set aside for the colored folk and dancing will be from 9:00 PM to midnight.

Tomorrow will be the big day, with the "Clown Alley" taking over Main Street at 1:00 PM. The street will be closed at 12:30 PM and cleared of all vehicles. Following the appearance of the clowns, promptly at 2:00 PM, one of the largest parades ever seen in Eastern Carolina will get underway. In addition to many floats, clowns, princesses and other exhibits, eleven bands will participate, including the one from the following high schools: Ahsokie, Edenton, Plymouth, J. J. Clemmons of Roper, Scotland Neck, Tarboro, Washington, Williamston White and Williamston Colored and the colored band from P. S. Jones High School in Washington. Also participating in the parade will be the popular Farm Life School's Rhythm Band, riding in a tremendous "shoe-float".

For the benefit of those who will not be able to get to Williamston to witness the big parade, special broadcasts will be carried over Radio Stations WCPS, Tarboro; WRRF, Washington and WIAM, Williamston. These broadcasts will begin at 2:00 PM and continue until 3:00 PM.

As mentioned above, the Main Street will be closed to traffic starting at 12:30 PM and will remain closed for one-half hour following the parade, or until about 3:30 PM, to allow some of the expected throng to disperse. Most Williamston firms are planning to close for two hours, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, to allow the clerks and employees to see the parade. Several of the schools of the county are planning to close their classes at 12 noon on Wednesday.

Wednesday evening, in the Planters Warehouse on Haughton Street, the Annual Harvest Ball will be held. Music will be by Dick Levin and his State College Orchestra and dancing will begin at 9:30 PM, continuing until 1:30 AM. The selection and crowning of the Queen of the Harvest will begin at 10:00 PM, and the Queen will be presented with a beautiful (Continued on page eight)

Association At Smithwick Creek

The Eastern Carolina Primitive Baptist Association will convene with the church at Smithwick Creek on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 26, 27 and 28, and a large representation is expected from the sister churches and from other denominations.

Several ministers from Georgia, Virginia and western North Carolina are planning to attend and participate in the three-day meeting, it was announced by the pastor, Elder P. E. Getsinger, who is extending a cordial invitation to all to attend.

Elders J. A. Mosnes of Atlanta, J. H. Daily of Sherrysville, Va., W. G. Fletcher of Strasburg, Va., C. W. Miller of Arlington, Va., A. F. Sudduth of Kimball, Va., T. M. Moore of High Point, and C. T. Mabe of Lawsonville, N. C. are expected to attend and have parts in the program.

REPEAT

The Martin County Ministerial Association will sponsor again this year the Alcohol Educational Program that was so agreeably received last year by the students and faculties in eight high schools throughout the county.

The program presents the scientific approach of harmful effects of alcohol upon the human body.

The Association will present the first program in November and another in the early part of the new year, it was announced by the Rev. J. Don Skinner, secretary.

Hold Funeral For Mrs. Hardison At Jamesville Home

Respected Citizen Died In Williamston Hospital Thursday Night

Mrs. Della Florence Gardner Hardison, respected citizen of Jamesville Township, died in a local hospital last Thursday night of a heart attack. She had been in declining health for about a year, her condition becoming critical only a short time before she was removed Thursday afternoon to the hospital where she suffered the attack and died a few minutes later at 9:15 o'clock.

The daughter of the late John and Kate Waters Gardner, she was born in Jamesville Township 70 years ago on June 19, 1881, and spent all her life there. She was married in 1901 to Ebenezer N. Hardison who died on November 14, 1949.

Mrs. Hardison was a faithful member of the Cedar Branch Baptist Church for about twenty years. She was devoted to her home and family and was a cherished friend in her community.

Surviving are a son, Howard Hardison of near Jamesville; four daughters, Mrs. Noah Hardison and Miss Ann Hardison, of Williamston, and Mrs. Willie H. Modlin and Mrs. Dennis Modlin, both of near Williamston; twelve grandchildren, and an adopted daughter, Miss Icelene Gardner of Williamston.

Funeral services were conducted at the home near Jamesville Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock (Continued on Page Eight)

Young People In Religious Rally

More than two hundred and fifty young people, representing churches throughout northeastern North Carolina, participated in a fall religious rally at the Presbyterian church here Sunday afternoon and evening.

The meeting centered around the themes, "Deepening Our Faith," "Widening Our Circle of Influence" and "Heightening Our Fellowship."

Lunch was served the large group in the Methodist Church recreational building.

FARM BUREAU WEEK

This week has been designated Farm Bureau Week in Martin County, and leaders of the organization are appealing to farmers and others to advance a strong support to the current membership drive.

Approximately 1,200 have joined the Farm Bureau since the drive was launched a short time ago, and it is hoped the 2,000 member goal may be reached within the next few days.

Hold Funeral For Cpl. John Garrett Sunday Afternoon

Williamston Young Man Was Killed In Action In Korea April 30

Funeral services were conducted in the Macedonia Church near Williamston Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Cpl. John H. Garrett who was killed in action in Korea on April 30, 1951. The young man attended Sunday school at Macedonia as a child, and the pastor, the Rev. P. E. Clayton, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, conducted the service. A detail from the John W. Hassel post of the American Legion and a firing squad from Fort Bragg were in charge of the military rites at the graveside in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The young man entered the service in October, 1948, and soon after completing his basic training at Fort Jackson he was transferred to Japan as a member of the occupation force, going from there to Korea immediately after war broke out there. He was a member of Battery B, 31st Field Artillery Battalion, and was in the thick of the fight in and around Seoul and in the Yalu River sector. In a last letter written in the front line to his father, he said a transfer to Japan was coming up, and that he looked forward to returning home.

A son of Carl R. Garrett of Williamston and Tove Bell Beryhill Garrett, late of Cooke County, Georgia, he was born in Lenox, Georgia, on June 8, 1930. When about three years old he moved with his parents to this county, his father's native home. After attending the Williamston schools, (Continued on Page Eight)

Pullet Show And Sale Thursday

Seventy N. C. pullorum clean certified New Hampshire pullets will be offered for sale to the highest bidder Thursday, October 25th, 10:00 A. M. at the agriculture building in Williamston. These pullets were grown by members of the Martin County 4-H Poultry Chain. They are six months old.

Most of the pullets are in production. This sale will offer a fine opportunity for someone to get some good pullets and support Martin County's youth program, it was announced by R. McK. Edwards, Negro County Agent.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

The struggling United Nations, all but snowed under by perplexing problems, will go by virtually unnoticed in this quarter tomorrow which has been designated as United Nations Day. No observance, supported by prayers of all people, has been planned here, but the day will be observed in many parts of the world.