

Several Accidents Reported In Area During Week-End

One Badly Injured; Property Damage Estimated In Excess of \$1,000

One person was badly hurt and property damage ran up to about \$1,000 in another series of highway and street accidents in this area during the past week-end.

Driving east on Highway 64 last Wednesday afternoon, Bert Gorham started to make a left turn into George Bryant's filling station, about three miles from Williamston, when an Edenton Cadillac started to pass. Gorham suffered a slight shoulder injury. Damage to Gorham's old model pick-up truck was estimated at \$25 and that to the Cadillac at \$100.

Only minor damage resulted when Elmer Parrisher's 1947 Ford and a car driven by Wilmer Whitehurst crashed at the Railroad and Roberson Street intersection in Robersonville last Saturday evening. One estimate placed the damage to the Parrisher car at about \$35. No one was hurt.

Driving a Chevrolet truck on the River Road near the Everett Estate farm, Jasper Harrell started to make a left turn into a driveway just as Joe Whitfield was making ready to pass in his 1951 Oldsmobile. No one was hurt but damage to the Olds was estimated at \$500 and that to the truck at \$25 by Patrolman R. P. Naron who made the investigation.

Sunday morning about 11:00 o'clock, James Benjamin Howell lost control of his 1941 Plymouth on the route from Corey's Cross Roads to Smithwick's Creek and turned it over twice. Haywood Johnson, about forty years old and a tenant on the H. C. Green farm, was said to have suffered a neck injury, possibly a broken neck, in the accident. Said to have been under the influence of liquor, Johnson was lying on the ground when Patrolman R. P. Naron reached the scene. The officer was assured that Johnson was not hurt, Johnson's wife and others saying, "He's just drunk." The patrolman investigated and Johnson said he was all right except he had a pain in his back. Johnson was placed in a car and then said he was all right. After clearing up the wreck, Patrolman Naron rechecked Johnson, asking him if he could walk. Johnson got out of the car and walked about fifty feet and back.

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Employ Forester In This District

Martin County Forest Ranger M. H. Leggett announced today that the Department of Conservation & Development Division of Forestry has recently employed another forester, Mr. John Davis, for this district.

Davis will be located at the district headquarters in Elizabeth City but will be available to help woodland owners of this County with their forest problems. The greater part of his time will be spent on Forest Management work throughout the district. He has had several years experience in this type of work and it is felt that he will be of a great assistance to the people of this area.

County Ranger Leggett urges the woodland owners of Martin County to take advantage of this service. Any one desiring forest management assistance should contact him or write direct to the district forester in Elizabeth City.

FOURTEEN HUNDRED

Canvassers have signed up 1,400 members for the farm Bureau in this county, leaving only six hundred to go before the current goal is reached, it was announced at a meeting of the committee held in the agriculture building last Friday evening.

Another meeting of the committee will be held on November 9, and it is hoped the goal will have been reached by that time.

Jamesville's New Christian Church



Built at a cost of approximately \$20,000, Jamesville's new Christian church was used for the first time Sunday with a full worship and fellowship program. Many former members of the church who had moved away down through the years, including several of its supporters of more than half a century ago, returned for the homecoming-day program and participated in the worship services and enjoyed a bountiful picnic dinner.

Advance Plans To Modernize Taylor Dairy Plant Here

New Manager Is Reporting For Duty Friday; Machine Expected Soon

Plans for modernizing Taylor's Dairy here are going forward rapidly and with the wholehearted support of the people, one of the best plants in this section of northeastern North Carolina will be in full operation by the latter part of this year or early in 1952, according to information released by the owners today.

J. W. Howard, a specialist in the dairy field who has been connected with the industry for eighteen years, is reporting here on Friday of this week to take over the active management of the plant. He is moving his family here from Chattanooga where he managed the United Dairies.

Making a survey of this area a short time ago, Mr. Howard was impressed by the potentialities of a plant here, both from the standpoint of production and distribution. While tobacco income figures prominently in the economy of this section, he sees the dairy and beef cattle industry as holding great promise right here in Martin and adjoining counties. He stressed the value of having a plant available right here at home, declaring that its operation could and will mean a great deal to the community and section.

Its operations interrupted for a while, the new owners are making every effort possible to re-establish it and carry to completion the plans of the late V. G. Taylor who wanted to see this county come into its own in the dairy field. "We have encountered many obstacles, but we are doing our best to meet them to the community and section."

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Bountiful Feasts Served In County

Bountiful feasts—spiritual and material—were enjoyed in various sections of the county Sunday when religious groups got together for worship services and picnic dinners.

At Smithwick's Creek, the church concluded a three-day association, the event attracting ministers from at least three states and a large crowd for the service and fellowship Sunday.

Other services and picnics were held in Hamilton, Everetts, Jamesville and Fairview, reports declaring that the attendance was large and the preparations were ample to provide for crowds two and even three times the size of those present.

WOUNDED

Pfc. Alfred Hollis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Hollis of near Williamston, was wounded in Korea on October 13, according to information reaching here a few days ago. A personnel letter to a relative stated that he was hurt in the leg and that he hoped to get out of the hospital sometime in early November.

Answering a draft call, the young man went overseas soon after he finished his basic training and was in the thick of the fight a few days later.

Alton L. Sheppard Stabbed To Death In County Sunday

Castannie Sutton, Admits Attack and Claims Self-Defense

Alton Lee Sheppard, 20-year-old Negro, was stabbed to death by Castannie Sutton, 35-year-old colored woman, in the Sutton home near Parmele about 12:15 o'clock last Sunday morning. Using an ice pick, the woman drove the blade into a main artery near the victim's heart and he walked a few feet before falling to the floor dead.

The killer was arrested by Robersonville and county officers at her home and placed in jail to await a preliminary hearing before Justice Chas. R. Mobley in the courthouse Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Sheriff M. W. Holloman said the woman admitted the attack, but claims she acted in self-defense.

According to the officer, Sheppard, a roomer in the Sutton home for the past few months, and the Sutton woman dined that evening at a picnic joint operated by Thomas Clay on the Parmele Bethel Highway. Sheppard had some friends down from New York and he wanted the Sutton woman to accompany them to some other night spot. She refused to go with them and returned to her home with someone else. Sheppard followed in another car. Upon reaching the house, he dragged her into a bedroom.

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Man Dangerously Cut Here Saturday Night

A dangerous attack was made by Levi Jones on Warren Griffin, both colored, on Washington Street here last Saturday night. Few details of the attack could be had immediately, but officers said that 35 stitches were necessary to close the knife wounds in Griffin's body.

County Boy Hero In Fight To Take Korean Hill 851

Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harrison Passes The Ammunition

By Cpl. Chuck Francisco, Combat Correspondent

With the 7th Infantry Division, U. S. Army, in Korea.—Hill 851 is a burned and barren landmark in the mountains of central North Korea. Unlike the mountains which surround it, Hill 851, has no vegetation except for a few charred stumps of once-lush trees.

Until recently, GPs of the 17th Infantry (Buffalo) Regiment, referred to the peak as "Old Baldy". Now 851 is called "Blood Hill" or the "Million Dollar Hill."

This is the story of one battalion's gallant struggle on 851's bloody slopes. This is a story of death and unbelievable courage. This is the story of the 17th's third battalion as told to me by five North Carolina men who survived one of the bloodiest battles of the Korean War to date.

Corporal Odell H. Pugh, Asheville, knocked out two heavy Chinese bunkers with direct hits from his 57mm recoilless rifle. Private Ersell Kearney, Henderson, kept his 60mm mortar tube red hot. Private Eli D. Harrison, Williamston, dodged death time and again bringing up the ammunition. Corporal Clyde L. Walker, Roxboro, and Private Clarence H. Hill, Raleigh, fought with bayonets when their ammunition supply gave out.

This is their story! For 73 days in succession, the jagged heights of 851 had been hit with artillery, napalm, and 500-pound bombs, but the Reds were not even fazed in their heavy fortifications. Another American Army regiment had suffered heavy casualties in an earlier attempt to wrest the peak from the fanatical Chinese. And now it was a must! The "Buffaloes" had to take that fortress if the UN forces were to control the region.

It was a cool, rainy fall morning.

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Lonesome Soldier Asking For Mail

In a short letter, Pvt. James David Lilley, Jamesville young man, went right to the point, explaining that he was in Korea and that "it gets mighty lonesome". He added that letters from home and friends would be greatly appreciated. His address: Pvt. James David Lilley, U. S. 53052216, Co. B, 79th Engrs. Cons. Bn., APO 301, Care PM, San Francisco, Calif.

Hundreds Attend Services In New Jamesville Church

Building Just Completed Is Used For First Time Sunday Morning

With representatives of all the denominations in the community and a goodly number of former members and friends from several states participating with them, members of the Jamesville Christian Church and their pastor, the Rev. Harold Tyer, occupied their new church home there Sunday morning for the first time.

A full program was planned, including Sunday school, morning worship, a bountiful picnic dinner, a fellowship service that afternoon and that evening the first in a series of revival services was held.

Following the Sunday school hour, the church was filled to overflowing for the morning worship service. The Rev. Mr. Tyer chose for his sermon topic, "A House Big Enough for God." Special music was rendered by Jasper Holliday and Giles Stallings with Mrs. A. J. Holliday at the piano.

The entire community joined the membership in preparing and spreading a bountiful picnic dinner which was enjoyed by possibly more than 500 visitors and friends.

That afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Giles Stallings and Arthur Wallace Lilley whose grandfather was instrumental in establishing the first church for the denomination in Jamesville more than sixty years ago, led a fellowship service. Mr. Stallings sang, "It Is Well with My Soul," and Mr. Jasper Holliday sang, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." An impromptu quartet composed of Messrs. Jasper, Macon, Monroe and Andrew Holliday, Jr., sang, "In the Garden."

The Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the Williamston Christian Church, preached that evening, opening a series of services which will be held each evening through Friday of this week.

Among those from out of the county, including many members who had moved away, returning for the special event, were:

Mr. and Mrs. Leon S. Bray of Roper, Mrs. C. C. Rawls of Suffolk, Mr. and Mrs. Odin A. Brown of Norfolk, Miss Betty McAllister of Roper, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Griffin of Goldsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Aber, Jr., of Greenville, Miss Angeline Leggett of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Russ of Greenville, Henry Leggett of Fort Jackson, Miss Wyni Everett, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hardison, Jimmy Mitchell, Ted Bowen and Mrs. J. B. Mitchell of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Corey of Wake Forest, J. H. Riddick of Plymouth, Mrs. R. C. Abbe, Sr., of Greenville, Miss Jeannette Toulouse of Boston, J. F. Hardison of

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Gus Hooper Died Sunday Evening

Gus Hooper, respected colored citizen of this county, died at his home near Jamesville Sunday night. He had been in declining health for some time.

Hooper, 74 years of age, was employed by the Jamesville fishery for many years, and had many friends in the Jamesville community.

Surviving are his widow and several children.

WRONG STATE

A report in the last Sunday New York Times caused considerable excitement in the commercial world in these parts, but it was cleared away when it was learned that the paper had the wrong state.

The Textron Corporation, the paper said, was planning to build a plant in Williamston, N. C. After several papers called here for information, including one or two in Virginia, it was found that the paper referred to Williamston, South Carolina.

Final Hearing Held In Drainage District

Project In the Ross Swamp Estimated To Cost \$61,782.00

Differences Ironed Out In Most Cases At Hearing Monday Afternoon

Following a final hearing Monday afternoon in the courthouse, everything is now just about set to launch a second drainage project in this county, according to a representative of the approximately 170 petitioners.

Only a few asked to be heard when the two viewers, Messrs. G. A. Oglesby and J. H. Lillard, attorneys, engineers and about forty interested citizens met in the courtroom. One report stated that much misunderstanding was cleared away and differences were ironed out, leaving only a very few in direct opposition to the plan. It is possible but not likely, according to one report, that those few will carry their cause to court.

If there is no court action, it is likely that assessments will be figured within the next few days, opening the way for bids on the project. Included among those asking to be heard were, O. P. Roberson Estate, G. C. Taylor, J. Johnson, John D. Roberson, Mrs. Wm. Gray, Mrs. J. T. Taylor, Mrs. Emma Powell, Mrs. Lida Congleton, Mrs. Mary Woodard, H. B. Roberson, J. E. Matthews and Claude Smith.

The proposed project, for the most part, is centered in a more or less direct line between a point in the railroad running between Everetts and Robersonville and a point in the railroad running between Parmele and Hassell, making a distance of about six miles. Then there are two laterals, one starting in Ross Swamp at or near the O. P. Roberson farm and branching off almost to the town of Robersonville, and the other branching off the same swamp above the Robersonville-Gold Point Highway and extending almost to the R. H. Salsbury farm, west of Gold Point. The entire project is about ten and one-half miles long.

It is estimated the project will cost \$61,782.00. There are 8,229.2 acres in the project known as Martin County Drainage District No. 2, the No. 1 project being centered in the Bear Grass section where work is well advanced.

The tentative survey, subjected to question at the final hearing Monday, shows 197.5 acres of

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Mother Is Charged With Drunkenness

Queenie Hawkins, the mother who deserted her eight-year-old child in superior court in September when a man was charged with assaulting the daughter, was in the justice of peace courts last night, booked for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

The mother told fantastic stories, but admitted that she had not one penny left from the \$40 she had last Saturday and that there was not enough food in the house to feed her children. It was also brought out at the trial that neighbors had gone to the home and washed the children's clothes while the mother was in a drunken condition.

Welfare authorities declared that something needed to be done to correct the pathetic condition. Justice Chas. R. Mobley sentenced the woman to jail for thirty days. The jail term was suspended upon the payment of the costs, and good behavior. The defendant had to borrow money to meet the costs.

Jailed Saturday, the woman was released Sunday when it was learned that her brother, Matthew Williams, had fallen down a second-story stairway and suffered a broken neck, and that she wanted to try to get him into a veterans' hospital.

Tobacco Sales On Market Here Pass 12 - Million Mark

No Date Mentioned for the Market To Close The Current Season

Williamston's tobacco market, breaking all records for both pounds and money, passed the twelve million-pound mark last Friday and pushed on up to 12,161,018 pounds at the close of sales yesterday.

Prices, while not up to the record figures maintained for nearly a solid month, continue to hold firm. A report released late yesterday stated that 78,486 pounds were sold for \$45,543.17, a resulting average of \$58.03.

The 12,161,018 pounds sold so far this season on the local market averaged right at \$55.30 per hundred pounds.

Light sales are certain during the remainder of the season. While no closing date has been mentioned, it is well understood that very little tobacco remains in the growers' hands in this section, and that the season's end can't be far away.

A report released for the eastern belt by the departments of agriculture, follows:

Prices by grades for Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco held fairly steady during the tenth week of sales. Quality of the offerings was slightly lower as many farmers in the belt completed marketing their crops. Volume of sales was fairly heavy for the week as a whole.

The Federal-State Market News Service reports gross sales for the week ending October 29 totaled 40,895,682 pounds and averaged \$57.91 per hundred. The general average dropped to the lowest point in four weeks of sales and was \$2.01 below the previous week. Season gross sales were brought to 474,097,895 pounds for an average of \$55.21. Last year for the full season gross sales totaled 448,247,035 pounds at an average of \$56.47.

Average prices by grades as compared with the previous week showed a few scattered losses of \$1.00 and \$2.00 among some of

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Find Missing Man Drowned In Creek

Missing since the early morning of October 20, Ransom Whitehurst, 40-year-old local colored man, was found drowned in Sweet Water Creek between the old Watts landing and the bridge on U. S. Highway 64 last Friday morning.

A search was started Monday when Whitehurst did not return home from the hunt the previous Saturday. Monday night his gun, leaning against a tree, his clothes neatly piled and two empty gun shells on the ground were found on the creek bank. The creek bottom was dragged for hours, but the search was handicapped by submerged logs and tree limbs. Friday morning the body surfaced and was said to have been in fair condition.

Investigating the death, Coroner W. W. Biggs found no sign of foul play and ruled an inquest was unnecessary.

It is fairly certain that Whitehurst shot a squirrel and that he removed his clothes to recover his game which apparently fell on the other side of the creek or possibly in the water. The body surfaced on the far side of the stream.

His death was the second untimely one reported in the swamps in this section during a period of about one week.

ROUND-UP

Six persons, three of them women, were arrested and placed in the county jail last week-end. One each was booked for murder, public drunkenness, disorderly conduct, assault, liquor and health law violations.

All six were colored and the ages of the group members ranged from 20 to 49 years.