

No One Injured In Six Auto Wrecks In Martin County

Property Damage Estimated At \$2,065 During Past Week-end

No one was injured but property damage figures popped up in a series of automobile accidents reported on county highway and town streets during the past few days. At least half of the accidents were centered at street intersections in Williamston and Robersonville, one report said.

In the first of the series of accidents, William L. Rodgers of Rocky Mount lost control of his truck when two rear tires blew out at the same time on Highway 125 within the town limits of Oak City. The truck, loaded with dairy products, turned over, causing about \$300 damage to the machine and cargo. Rodgers was not injured. Patrolman R. P. Narron said following an investigation.

Damage, estimated at about \$200 by Chief Wm. Smith, resulted with the cars of Donnie G. Roberson and Ellis Ray Stokes crashed at the stop light intersection in Robersonville about midnight Saturday. Roberson was said to have been driving north on Main Street and Stokes, driving east on Highway 64, was said to have crashed the light, striking the Roberson 1947 Mercury in the left rear. Stokes' 1940 Chevrolet went out of control, tore down a road sign, hit a tree and came to a stop in Vance Roberson's yard.

A few minutes later the 1950 Chevrolet driven by James Hudgins and a 1949 Pontiac, driven by O. D. Woolard, crashed at the intersection of Williamston's Main and Haughton Streets, injuring no one but causing damage estimated by Officer Willie Modlin at \$1,200 for the Chevrolet and \$300 to Woolard's Pontiac. Hudgins, traveling east on Main Street was struck by the Woolard car which was traveling north on Haughton. The Woolard car turned around twice in the intersection. No one was hurt, officers said.

Driving east on Highway 64 Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, Booker T. Crandall stopped his 1947 Chevrolet for a red light at the Main Street intersection in Robersonville. Charlie Sheppard, traveling in the same direction, crashed into the rear of the Crandall car, causing about \$150 damage to his car and about \$400 damage to Crandall's Chevrolet, according to a report released by Chief William Smith who made the investigation.

Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock J. R. Crandall lost control of his 1937 Chevrolet on a sharp curve on the Claude Green Road near Robersonville and ditched the machine, causing damage estimated at \$50 by Patrolman Narron who made the investigation.

The last in the series of six accidents was reported Monday morning about 8:30 o'clock when Milton M. Hefner, marine stationed at Camp Lejeune plowed into a trailer attached to a tractor on Highway 17 near Macedonia church. Both vehicles were moving south and Hefner started to pass in his 1949 Ford. Apparently misjudging the distance of approaching traffic, Hefner found it necessary to pull back into his line of traffic to avoid a head-on collision. Jasper Woolard, riding on a trailer, was thrown into the air and landed on his back, but he was not hurt, according to Patrolman R. P. Narron who made the investigation. Gainer Edwards, driving the tractor, was not injured. Damage to Hefner's car was estimated at \$100 and that to the trailer at about \$25 by Patrolman Narron.

ROUND-UP

Comparatively few arrests were reported by county and local officers last week-end, the records showing that only four persons were detained in the county jail during the period.

Two were charged with public drunkenness and one each with drunken driving and an assault. Two of the four were white and ages of the group ranged from 21 to 59 years.

Mass X-ray Survey Off To Splendid Start In County

The mass X-ray survey to ferret out tuberculosis was off to a splendid start in this county last week-end when 1,534 persons fifteen years and older had chest X-rays made in various community centers.

Last Friday, the first day the X-ray mobile units were in operation, X-rays were made as follows: Gold Point, 140; Williamston, 434; Everetts, 152; West End, 85, a total of 812. On Saturday, the units reported X-rays in the following centers: Gold Point, 131, a total of 722, or a grand total of 1,534 the first two days.

The units were not in operation yesterday, but the survey is being continued today and health

officials are again appealing to every person in the county fifteen years old and older to have chest X-rays made.

No report is yet available on the findings during the first two days of the survey, but it is fairly certain that somewhere in the group a few cases of tuberculosis, unknown to the victim, will be found.

The survey is to continue through Saturday, February 2. Check the survey schedule and have a chest X-ray made either in your own community or any place it is convenient to have it made. Only a couple of minutes are needed to have a chest picture made and determine your health standing.

Wins By One Vote In Jamesville Election

PROTEST

According to unofficial but reliable information received here shortly before noon today, at least one and possibly others low in the voting, will protest the municipal election held in Jamesville yesterday.

No specific acts have been in mention, but alleged irregularities in and around the polls likely will be charged. The appeal will go to the county board of elections where the allegations are to be weighed.

Losers were said to have contacted local attorneys today.

Named Chairman Bank Directors

R. G. Harrison, Sr., a Martin County man, was named chairman of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Henderson last week. He was also named to the position of chairman of the board of the bank officers. Mr. Harrison has been with the Henderson bank for a number of years ably serving it as executive vice president for a long time.

In his annual statement as executive vice-president to shareholders of the First National Bank, Mr. Harrison described the year 1951 as one of the best in the bank's history. Reporting a number of new depositors during the year, he declared deposits increased fifteen percent over the year 1950. Profits were listed as the best in years.

As of the close of business December 31, 1951, a report of the bank's condition showed resources totaling \$6,077,708.06.

Cheek Announces For Re-Election

Politics is coming gradually out of hibernation on the State front with the announced candidacies of several seeking office anew or reelection.

The latest to enter the race is Waldo C. Cheek, an able official, who seeks reelection as Commissioner of Insurance.

Justice Irmous Valentine of the State Supreme Court announced his candidacy some time ago. There are three candidates for governor with W. B. Umstead holding the spotlight at present. Brandon Hodges has announced to succeed himself as State Treasurer.

Officers Wreck Still In County

Raiding in Williamston Township not far from the town of Williamston, ABC Officers J. H. Roebuck and Cecil Bullock Monday afternoon wrecked a small liquor distillery and poured out about 200 gallons of inferior mash. The plant, the sixth one wrecked in the county so far this year, was equipped with an old oil drum which was used for a still.

Story Of March Of Dimes Is Told At Cherry Point

Little Fellow There Is Now Recovering From Attack Of Paralysis

Cherry Point.—Little Donald Tooley, of Havelock, N. C., is a lively, typical youngster today—but at this time last year he was waging a battle for his health and perhaps his life.

His fight was against infantile paralysis, the dreaded crippling and killer that all too often picks on little boys and girls like Donald.

Donald seems to have won his battle now. Nothing more than a few weak muscles remains to remind him and his parents, Major and Mrs. J. J. Tooley, of last year's crisis with polio.

The disease struck little Donald in November, 1950, some five months before his third birthday. If there hadn't been a strong friend ready and willing to help, his story might not have the happy ending that it does.

The friend that stepped in to insure happiness instead of possible tragedy was the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, working through the Craven County Local Chapter. The Craven chapter's personnel knew what to do when they learned about Donald's case, and Major and Mrs. Tooley firmly believe that the prompt action by the chapter gave Donald his chance to regain his health and to be able to run and play like other children today.

It was on a Sunday afternoon in November, 1950, that Donald developed a slight fever, which his parents thought was a symptom of a cold. He was taken to the base infirmary for a check-up and treatment the next day. By the end of the day, Donald was limping. By Tuesday he couldn't walk.

"To our dread, his illness was diagnosed as probable polio," Mrs. Tooley recalls. "The Medical Officer advised that he be moved to a hospital for more definite tests and treatment."

Mrs. Tooley called the Craven County local chapter that night to seek advice. The local chapter immediately investigated Donald's case, arranged for treatment, and by Wednesday morning the boy was in a patient in Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital, where competent, trained doctors and nurses began helping him back to health.

"He received only the best of care," Mrs. Tooley said. "Naturally, we soon became worried about the tremendous cost of treatment, hospital care, and the services of doctors and nurses. But when we contacted the Craven County local chapter again and offered to begin monthly payments toward the expense, we were told that every cent would be paid from funds raised in the 1950 March of Dimes."

Major and Mrs. Tooley agree with thousands of other parents that it's a wonderful feeling of security to know that an organization like the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis stands ready to protect anyone afflicted with polio, especially since its victims are so often small children.

Funds from the National Foundation provided the latest scientific equipment and treatment for Donald, including the famous Sister Kenny treatment and physiotherapy which didn't have to live in an iron lung during his treatment, but one of the miraculous machines would have been provided if needed.

"We could not have borne the expense," Mrs. Tooley said.

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VANDALISM

Two or more vandals raided the Burroughs-Spring Hill colored schoolhouse not far from Vernon Church last week-end and did considerable damage.

Several windows, including glass and sash, were knocked out, but property on the inside was not damaged.

An estimate on the damages could not be had immediately. The damage was found Monday morning when Professor James Buffalo went there to open school.

Venire Called In This County To Hear Beaufort Murder Case

Officers Rounding Up 125 Citizens for Special Jury Duty

Order Issued Late Monday Afternoon By Judge Clawson Williams

One hundred and twenty-five Martin County citizens are being summoned today to report to Washington Wednesday morning at 9:30 to form a jury to hear the first degree murder and kidnapping charges against Lafayette Miller, 22-year-old Negro man, who shot and killed Harvey Boyd, 21 and then kidnapped Mrs. Boyd at Chocowinity last Thanksgiving Eve.

Miller, not too long paroled from prison, was arraigned in the Beaufort County Superior Court Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. An indictment for kidnapping was not preferred against Miller immediately, but if prosecution on the murder charge fails, then it is fairly certain he will be charged with the second crime. Miller, after killing Boyd, took Mrs. Boyd and forced her into the trunk of her husband's automobile. Patrolmen making a routine check, found her and arrested Miller a short time later.

The special venire was drawn this morning shortly after 9:00 o'clock, and includes:

Jamesville Township: Mrs. George L. Cooper, Llewellyn Barber, Dempsey Williams, Alva R. Roberson, James R. Williams, Bonnie L. Ange, J. C. Kirkman, L. C. Gardner, David Mizelle, A. R. Hardison, L. D. Ange, John H. Cabarrus and O. W. Hamilton.

Williams Township: Vernon W. Griffin, R. J. Hardison and Atwood Gurganus.

Griffins Township: John A. Griffin, J. Eason Revels, J. LeRoy Griffin, Roland B. Lilley, David F. Griffin, N. T. Daniel, S. D. Roberson, Bruce L. Peel, Gilbert H. Ward, and R. Sherrod Corey.

Bear Grass Township: Leonard Bennett, Clyde Revels, Frank Holliday, William J. Sheppard, Dalton Roberson and Ophus Bailey.

Williamston Township: Leslie K. Roberson, W. O. Griffin, Jessup Harrison, John Evans, S. C. Bailey, H. E. Allen, Rosevelt Ruffin, D. D. Stalls, Jr., C. E. Jenkins, Jesse H. Rogers, H. H. Brown, A. P. Purdy, Robert L. Harris, C. Fisher Harris, Sam Pate, Delores Long Beard, Fernando G. Bowen, James Arthur Gurganus, C. D. Bullock, Hoke S. Roberson, Hewett Edwards, W. O. Abbutt.

Cross Roads Township: Roosevelt Crandall, J. Marion Griffin, Elisha Crandall and W. C. Faulkner.

Robersonville Township: Claude Jones, J. Henry Roberson, W. T. Hurst, Charles Carroway, Paul T. Norwood, W. C. Chance, James H. Highsmith, James A. Roberson, James H. Gray, Jr., James E. Bullock, Will L. Spruill, B. L. Stokes, Walter L. Baker, Maggie Ward, Harvey Warren, R. H. Edmondson, R. K. Adkins, John Pitt, C. L. Wilson, W. A. Hines and Tom Clay.

Poplar Point: J. S. Beach.

Hamilton Township: Leslie Salsbury, Richard Raynor, N. D. Beach, Rufus T. Chance, Neil

Firemen Get Call Saturday Night

Williamston's volunteer firemen were called out at 8:00 o'clock last Saturday evening when an automobile caught fire in the 100 block on South Haughton Street. Rudolph James explained that he had unconsciously driven the Plymouth car with the emergency brake on, that the car ran hot and caught fire.

The owner and companions had the fire out upon the arrival of the fire-fighting equipment and little or no damage was reported.

Call Seventy-Four Men for Pre-Induction In February

With its manpower supply just about exhausted, the Martin County Draft Board is making unusually heavy pre-induction calls the latter part of this month and in February. Thirty-seven men are being notified to report on January 28 for their pre-induction tests, each for thirty-seven men. One group is to report on February 7 and the other is to leave on February 26th. A final induction call has been received for ten men to report on February 12. There is some doubt if the final induction call for ten men on the 12th can be met.

County Offices Report Income

The fee system, including fines in the county and superior courts, added a tidy little sum to the Martin County treasury last month, according to reports filed by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger, Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne and Sheriff M. W. Holloman.

The sheriff's office collected and turned over to the county \$275.50 in fees, derived mostly from arrests and papers served.

Register of Deeds Getsinger reported \$591.70, derived from recording papers, issuing licenses and various certificates.

Clerk of Court Wynne reported a total of \$4,427.23 to boost the total for the month to \$5,294.43. The clerk of court's office accounted for \$2,360.00 in fines and \$1,689.20 in costs from the county recorder's court. Fines and costs from the December term of the superior court amounted to only \$71.15, and miscellaneous fees totaled \$306.88.

Report Openings In Civil Service

Fourth U. S. Civil Service Regional Office, Washington, D. C., needs Civil Service Investigators to conduct personal investigations for loyalty, suitability and security in connection with federal employment. Entrance salaries are \$5,060 for Investigator and \$4,205 for Investigator (Trainee). Trainees will be promoted to the higher salary upon satisfactory completion of one year of service.

Duty stations are in Washington, D. C., and throughout the States of Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia, and considerable travel may be involved.

A written test is required. Applicants are being accepted by the Fourth United States Civil Service Region, Temporary "R" Building, 3rd and Jefferson Drive, S. W., Washington 25, D. C.

Application forms and complete information may be obtained from Julian Jackson at the local post office.

Drainage Group Meets Wednesday

Meeting last Friday morning representatives of the Martin County No. 2 Drainage District commission took no action, looking toward the advertising for bids on the drainage project located for the most part in Robersonville Township. It was agreed at that time to hold another meeting in Williamston Wednesday evening of this week at 7:30.

The commission, composed of Messrs. J. R. Winslow, Henry Roberson and Rufus Taylor, will discuss the project with engineers and consider advertising for bids on the project, it was learned.

Politics - Economy Are Key Words In The New Congress

Legislation Between Now And Next June To Center Around Politics

By Stanley James

Washington—Politics and economy will apparently be the key words in the second session of the Eighty-second Congress, which is getting under way here now. "Corruption" will be heard often, too.

Every one of the 435 members of the House, and more than a third of the 96 Senators, must face the voters this year and all are keenly aware that there will be a presidential election, also, in November. So they will guide their votes accordingly.

This indicates that Congress will:

1. Try to cut President Truman's budget, even some of the previously sacrosanct items of defense.

2. Try to avoid raising taxes or running into the red ink.

3. Grant only the foreign aid as will be proved absolutely necessary, and that with strings attached, requiring the European recipients to do more for themselves.

4. Possibly renew the price, wage and rent controls, but with weaker enforcement powers instead of the stronger ones requested by Mr. Truman.

5. Talk a lot about civil rights for political purposes, but probably pass nothing, since the Southern Democrats are openly avowing their determination to filibuster any such bills to death.

The Southern Democrats and the Republicans are in control of the Congress as tightly as they were in the first session. They will certainly bottle up most of the "Fair Deal" legislative proposals of the President.

However, most of the Southern support the administration's foreign policy, and so do many of the Republicans, and the result will be a continuation of the aid to Europe, the North Atlantic Treaty powers' military build-up plus a stronger front in Asia.

Robert A. Taft of Ohio wants to make foreign policy an issue in the campaign, but they are staging an up-hill fight. The supporters of General Dwight D. Eisenhower for President will have to back up the administration's actions in Europe, because these are Ike's actions, too.

One thing all Republicans can agree on, from the left wing of Senator Wayne Morse to the right wing of Senator Joe McCarthy, is the issue of corruption. They are all agin' it. They are against sin, and for home, mother, and the flag.

So are the Democrats. Mr. Truman, after defending some of his erring brethren, has turned around now and declared his intention to clear the rascals out. So there is a great race on, now, to see whether Mr. Truman can clear them out before the Republicans get a chance to do it. The Democrats apparently think that if they can remove the source of the odors before election day, the voters will forget the smell.

Then the Democrats can hammer home their theme song—that only the Democrats are the "Positivity party."

They would like to couple "Peace" with "Prosperity" but of course, this cannot be done until there is at least a truce in Korea. No matter what its official name, the war in Korea is considered a "war" by the voters, and any attempt to call it something

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Miss Della Lilley Died Here Sunday

Miss Della Gray Lilley, 32, died at the home of her brother, J. Daniel Lilley, on North Haughton Street here Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock. Her condition had been critical only a few days. However, she had been an invalid all her life and blind since she was four years old.

The daughter of the late George Stubbs Lilley and Lyda Lilley, she was born near Williamston in June, 1919, and had made her home here with her brother following the death of her parents some years ago.

Surviving besides her brother is a sister, Mrs. Maurice Gardner, of Jamesville.

FORESTRY PROJECT

James H. Phillips, District Extension Forestry Specialist, will conduct a forestry planting demonstration on the farm of Mr. R. A. Haislip, Oak City, commencing at 2:00 P. M., weather permitting, Thursday, January 17th.

Approximately three fourths of an acre will be set with red cedars. The plantation will be a 4-H Club Forestry Planting Project which is being conducted by Miss Lynette Haislip.

Anyone interested in forestry planting is invited to attend.

Mr. Haislip's farm is located about two and one half miles southeast of Oak City on the Oak City-Hassell road.

Austin Successor In School Named

Larry Hodges, a native of Stokes, was named by the local school committee last Friday evening to succeed Pete Austin as head of the vocational department in the Williamston High School, it was learned yesterday.

Mr. Hodges, a graduate of Stokes High School, recently completed his degree work at State College in Raleigh and did his practice teaching at Middlesex. He was in the service forty-two months during World War II.

He will report here the latter part of this week, and Mrs. Hodges, now employed in Raleigh, will join him within a short time. They will make their home in the teahouse.

Professor Austin tendered his resignation a short time ago to become effective next Monday. Coming here in July, 1950, he has ably led the department and his resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. Austin is going with the Beik-Tyler Company as assistant manager of the company's store here. He and Mrs. Austin are now at home in the Harris apartment on North Watts Street.

There's still much moving in the county, and it's not yet over, it was learned.

MISS DELLA LILLEY

MARINES

About two-thirds of the young men who left this county last week for final induction into the armed services, went into the Marine Corps, according to reports reaching here this week. It could not be learned immediately where the seven men chosen for service in the marine corps are receiving their basic training. Most, of not all the other sixteen men are at Fort Jackson for their basic training, it was learned.