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In Martin County

Williamston Young Man Is Hurt In Highway 17 Mishap Early Friday

A Williamston young man, W. E. Ellis, suffered painful back injuries in an automobile accident early last Friday morning, but no one was hurt in a series of minor accidents on highways and streets in this county last weekend, according to preliminary reports released by the highway patrol office Monday morning.

Involved in a minor accident on Williamston's Washington Street about 9:00 o'clock Thursday night, Chevrolet, went out of control few miles south of Windsor. One report stated that the car was wrecked beyond repair. The victim was removed to the hospital for treatment, last reports indicating that his condition is not ser-

Damage, estimated at about \$75 Officer Bill Haislip following investigation, resulted when the 1950 Ford driven by Perlie Thomas Rawls and a Dodge car, driven by Dorothy Swinson Simpson of Dardens crashed at the intersection of Church and Smithwick Streets in Williamston shortly before 2:00 o'clock last Saturday. Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$50 and that to the Dodge at \$25

Driving on Highway 17 about even miles south of Williamston, Rona Shelton Lilley struck a large hog in the road with his 1951 Ford was able to walk away from the car would approximate \$150. Another large hog was struck and injured on the same highway near Williamston during the week-end, it was learned, but the driver of the vehicle did not stop.

A 1949 Chevrolet pick-up truck, RFD 1, Williamston, and a 1951 Chevrolet, driven by N. G. Ellis of Jamesville, crashed at Sunny 11:00 o'clock last Saturday night. to each vehicle would hardly ex-

· While trying to adjust the heat-Harrell lost control of the ma- pressed for her recovery. chine and ditched it on the road between Hopkins' store and Has- tain William and Sarah Elizabeth sell last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 Ellis Bissell, she was born in later. In 1895, the young comtimated at \$100 by Patrolman ago on July 11, 1881, and lived Charlotte store. Narron who made the investiga- there all her life. Devoted to her

One or two other cars were ditched in the county during the good for others and setting an rain Sunday, but no one was hurt and damage was negligible, ac-

Minor Accident On Street Here

Damage, estimated at about \$60, resulted in a minor vehicle crash on Washington Street in day evening. No one was hurt, ac- three free-for-all fights in the Gording to Chief John Roebuck, county last week-end. the investigating officer.

W. C. Ellis started to pull away from the curb and the bumper on have been charged with robbing, liamston Christian Church at a home, 1670 Humphrey Street, his Chevrolet hooked and tore cutting and beating Robert Mar- business session on Sunday mornaway the fender on a 1948 Dodge tin with bricks and sticks at the ing reached an important decidriven by J. C. Irwin, Camp Le- home of T. Taylor in Hamilton sion in the matter of their buildjeune marine. Eilis accepted the last Saturday night. No hearing ing program. It was unanimously damage.

ROUND-UP

Nine Persons were arrested and jailed and possibly an even greater number escaped arrest in a little crime wave reported in the county last week-end. Of the nine falling into the hands of the law, four were charged with drunken driving, two each for assault and public drunkenness, and one for being absent from the army without leave.

Three of the nine were white and the ages ranged from a low of 17 to 47 years warrants were issued.

Few Accidents On Churches Observing World Robert H. Leggett Funeral Monday Streets-Highways Day Of Prayer Here Friday Died Saturday At For J. E. Moore

The World Day of Prayer is so great that a day was set apart being observed this year on Feb- annually. In the early nineties ruary 29. The local services will under the leadership of two outbe held in the First Methodist standing Baptist women, Mrs. Church on Friday afternoon at Henry W. Peabody and Mrs. Hel-4:00 with Mrs. J. H. Saunders, en Barrett Montgomery, a day Jr. of the Church of the Advent, was designated for united prayer leader, and in the Shiloh First for foreign missions. For many between Williamston and Windsor 4:00, with P. T. Hill, leading.

is to unite Christians around the together. In 1920 the women of o'clock. Suffering with a heart world in prayer, and in the Unit- Canada joined them when the ed States to make an offering to first Friday in Lent was chosen support interdominational mis- as the day of prayer for missions, sions at home and abroad.

Baptist Church, on Elm Street at years home and foreign mission groups observed days of prayer The purpose of the observance separately, but in 1919 they came home and foreign, and promoted The observance began in 1887 by the Council of Women for when Mrs. Darwin R. James, Home Missions and the Foreign President of the Woman's Board Missions Conference of North of Home Missions of the Presby- America jointly. Missionaries terian women in the United States spread the idea of a day of prayer to gather in their own communi- and at the request of many ties on a specified day to pray for friends in other lands, it became home missions. The response was the World Day of Prayer in 1927.

HEARING

Proponents of a plan to extend U. S. Highway 13 from its present terminus at Windsor via Williamston, Robersonville. Greenville and other points on into South Carolina, will be heard by the N. C. Highway and Public Works Commission in Raleigh on Thursday of this week, according to unofficial information received here.

Opponents will be given a hearing at a later date, it is understood.

Mrs. W. D. Daniel and Williamston and showed car. Investigating the accident, Cpl. M. C. Byrum said the animal Died In Hospital was able to walk away from the accident, that the damage to the Here On Monday

Funeral For Highly Re- his memory. spected Citizen At Hayes Swamp Wednesday

driven by Jos. Carroll Griffin of Daniel, highly respected citizen goods business as a \$5 a month Evereits Sunday of Griffins Township, died in a local hospital yesterday after- duced the policy of selling only Williamston on Highway 17 about an illness about two years ago, younger brother John a half-inshe had enjoyed fairly good Investigating the accident, Patrol- health until about three weeks the first Belk Brothers Company. man R. P. Narron said the damage ago when she was taken ill with The brothers' partnership lasted influenza and entered the hospital for treatment. Complications followed and her condition soon beer on his 1949 Ford, Luther Byrd came critical with little hope ex- ter, S. C., where the firm open-

The daughter of the late Capthe role of a good neighbor, doing numbered nearly 300 in 1951.

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Engage In Free-

No arrests were made in two

O. C. Brown, Arthur Lee Brown,

the scene of action.

William H. Belk Dies In Hospital

William H. Belk, prominent in the South's merchandising for more than half a century and a philanthropist whose aid was extended into many states, died of a heart attack in a Charlotte hospital last Thursday. He was 89 vears old.

While he is remembered here by the store bearing his name, he also figured prominently in Presbyterian launching the Church movement in this county and section. He gave the brick for the churches in Bear Grass personal interest in the movement. He also enjoyed his occasional visits to the store here.

The local store was closed along with approximately three hunstates last Saturday in tribute to

Mr. Belk's death ended a not able mercantile career that be Mrs. Beatrice Elizabeth Bissell the age of 14, he entered the dry clerk. When he was 26, he open ed a store in Monroe and introterest in the store and formed

until John's death in 1928. The beginnings of the Belk mercantile empire were in Chesed its first branch store in 1893. The second Belk Brothers store opened in Union, S. C., one year o'clock. Damage to the car was es- Griffins Township seventy years pany opened the doors of its

family and friends, she played the years. The Belk store group hose. One report stated that com-

Belk was born in Lancaster example in her daily walk county, S. C., June 2, 1862. His through life worthy of others to father, Abel Nelson Belk, was Ditches Car To killed by a marauding group of Federal soldiers in 1865. The following year the widow, Sarah N. Walkup Belk married John H. Simpson. The family moved to Monroe when Henry Belk was 11 For - All Fights years old. Three years later the young farm boy entered the dry goods business with R. D. Heath.

front of the pool room here short-ly after 9:00 o'clock last Thurs-brought, but there were at least Making Plans For New Church Here

James Davis and Oliver Williams The congregation of the Wilwas held in the case immediately. voted by the congregation pre-The second in a series of fights sent to have the entire memberwas said to have started at Bed- ship notified that on next Sundard's store in Poplar Point late day, March 2nd, the congregation estimated at \$25 by Patrolman B. Friday night and came to a con- will vote on which of two Church clusion in Bear Grass early the plans will be accepted and openfollowing morning. According to ed for bids on construction. This the best information obtainable action was made necessary when Injured In Freak here there were about six in the the first proposed site, at the corfree-for-all, but no names were re- ner of North Haughton Street at leased. One of the victims was Church Street, was found to be knocked down and trampled in inadequate for the proposed colored farmer of Cross Roads the face. Another was stabbed in structure. A larger site was then Township, was painfully injured the back while still another was obtained on North Smithwick in a fall on the railroad track knocked winding and cleared from Street which called for a change near Everetts last Saturday night. of plans and construction. J. C. A patient in a local hospital, Another brawl was reported at Manning, chairman of the build- Andrews said he stumbled and Beddard's store early Sunday ing committee, hopes that an an- hit his chin on the "T" iron. Five morning, but no arrests were nouncement for the beginning stitches were necessary to close made. Officers were called but no of construction may be made in the wound. He also suffered a the very near future

Cross Roads Home

Funeral Service Held There Monday By His Pastor. Rev. P. E. Cayton

Robert H. Leggett, farmer and before his death.

He was born in Cross Roads Stallings Cemetery. Township 47 years ago, the son of Although he had been in de H. W. Leggett and the late Bessie clining health for about two

Preston E. Cayton, of Edenton, worse. and interment was in the Rogers

brothers, Paul and Silas Leggett of Cross Roads; three half-brothers, William and Hilton Leggett of Cross Roads, and Lt. L. Nelson Haywood Stalls Leggett of the U.S. Army in Korea; three half-sisters, Mrs. Irvin dred others throughout a dozen Roberson of Greenville, Mrs. Herman Rawls of Richmond, and Mrs. Stuart Critcher of Raleigh.

gan in Monroe in 1876 when, at Firemen Called To

The Robersonville and Wil-Side, near the city limits of noon at 3:15 o'clock. Overcoming for cash. In 1891, he gave his liamston fire departments were o'clock Sunday afternoon when Mrs. Sam Manning of Robersonfire threatened the Vernon Wynne ville, Mrs. Virginia Matthews of the several townships in the chaphome there. The trips were made Norfolk, Mrs. Peggy Hopkins of ter and he is appealing to the lo in a heavy rain.

Starting around what was said to have been a defective kitchen Kenneth and Dillon Ray, all of tial sections with the good posflue, the fire was brought under control by neighbors and other sisters, Mrs. Perlie Bland of Norfriends before the fire-fighting folk, Mrs. Sally Merritt of appeals out in the rural areas. equipment reached there. Ripping Jamesville; two brothers, Tom No quotas have been assigned the Physics Department of North the fire in the attic and brought The organization grew through it under control with a garden the Baptist Church in Hamilton at Skinner explained. paratively little damage resulted.

Miss Hound Dog Prowlers Enter

Returning from a Florida vaca tion, Emilio Jarrobino swerved his car to miss a common ole about 1:00 o'clock.

The dog, untouched, continued night. friend could continue to their the house. Swampscott, Mass.

Mrs. Jarrobino was thrown to the house apparently for hours. the foot of the back seat and covered with oranges when the car went into the ditch, but she and her husband and friend were not hurt. Damage to the car was W. Parker who made the investigation.

Accident Saturday

James Andrews, 29-year-old

Near Jamesville

Merchant Died At Home Of Mr. Jesse Martin Late Saturday Afternoon

Funeral services were conductwell-known citizen of Cross Roads ed in the Cedar Branch Baptist Township, died at his home there Church near Jamesville Monday last Saturday afternoon at 3:05 afternoon at 2:00 o'clock for Julius E. Meore, well-known business man of Jamesville Towncondition, he had received hospital ship, who died at his residence in treatment during recent weeks, the Jesse Martin home near but was thought to be getting Jamesville late last Saturday afalong very well until his condi- ternoon. His pastor, the Rev. W. tion became critical a short time B. Harrington, conducted the rites and interment was in the

Leggett. With the exception of years, he continued active right time spent in the U. S. Navy, he up until the day of his death. He lived and farmed in his native suffered an attack shortly after community where he was a mem- closing his store last Thursday ber of the Christian Chapel night, but recovered sufficiently to work the following day. Sat-Funeral services were conducted urday he was up and about his at the home Monday afternoon at duties, but he was forced to his 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, the Rev. bed when his condition became

family cemetery, near the home. Mary Emily Coltrain Moore, he Surviving are Mrs. Leggett, the was born in Griffins Township County's Chapter former Miss Ethel Fulford of Pas- 72 years ago on March 28, 1879 quotank County; three sons, Bruce After spending his early life or E. Leggett of Williamston, and W. the farm there, he was employed Henry and Bobby Leggett of the by the Dennis Simmons Lumber home; three daughters, Mrs. Company in Jamesville. After the Llewelyn Knox of Cross Roads, company suspended operations Mrs. James Edward Peele of Bear he went to Georgia where he re-Grass, and Pattie Lou Leggett of mained about fifteen years and the home; a grandchild; his fath- where he married to Ida Ingram er and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. who died in 1943. Returning to H. W. Leggett of Cross Roads; two this county about 1930, he operat-(Continued on Page Eight)

Dies In County

Haywood Stalls, retired farmout drive to get under way the er, died unexpectedly at his home early part of next week. near Hamilton Monday morning at 6:00 o'clock, after seven years of declining health.

Fifty-three years old, he lived collecting program the Red Cross in the Robersonville community is asking this chapter to raise most of his life, locating near \$4,300, an amount about \$240 larger than the quota of \$4,057 last Hamilton a few years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Ethel year. Oak City, Evelyn Stalls of the cal Woman's Club to handle the home; four sons, Henry, Bobby, canvass in Williamston's residenthe home; six grandchildren; two sibility that the faithful regulars Funeral services are being held at if the goal is to be reached, Mr 3:30 p. m. today by the Rev. R. E. Ferguson of the Robersonville Baptist Church Burial will be in the Roebuck Cemetery near here.

Woolards' Home

Breaking a panel glass in a side 'hound dog" and ditched the ma- door and reaching in to unfasten chine a short distance from here the lock, prowlers entered the G. on Highway 17 Monday afternoon G. Woolard home in West End here sometime during last Friday

on his way, but a wrecker was No definite items were missed called to free the Jarrobino car immediately, but the prowlers before he, Mrs. Jarrobine and a ransacked nearly every room in

> No one was at home at the time. and the prowlers had the run of

ABSENCES DROP

Absences at the Williamston schools today were the lowest since the onset of the influenza epidemic and all signs pointed to a steady drop in the rate of illness.

Principal B. G. Stewart said only 15 percent of the high school was absent today and the situation was improving in the elementary school. It was believed the threat of a school-closing epidemic was

Absences totaled 164 Monday and 127 today. Ninetythree of the absences were in the high school today as comparad to 112 Monday

First Reports Show Large Williamston Boy Gain In Property Listings

Make Plans For Red

First reports released this listings is traceable mainly to M. L. Peel show a fairly sizable gain in county property listings over those for 1951.

to complete its listings, reported Carolina Pulp Company has not an over-all gain of \$68,993. Real submitted its listings, but it is estate values there jumped from expected that its holdings will \$606,729 in 1951 to \$628,055 this year, a gain of \$21,326. Most of In Williamston, List-taker O. S. the real estate gain is traceable Anderson said that he had a \$100,to the construction of new tobac- 000 loss to overcome, but that he co barns, it was explained. Per- felt certain the listings this year sonal property values, listed at will show a gain over those of a they can cite facts and figures to \$444,817 in 1951, jumped to \$492,- year ago. The loss is traceable 484 this year, a gain of \$47,667. to the reduced amount of peanuts evident resurgence of the oyster The gain in personal property in storage as of January 1.

Iverson Skinner Is

To Head Drive In

Five Townships In Area are

Asked To Raise \$4,300

During March

Preliminary plans have been

ompleted for launching the an-

nual Red Cross fund drive in this,

he Martin County Chapter, it was

innounced yesterday by W. Iver-

on Skinner, who is heading the

Calling in Clarence Griffin,

Pete Austin and V. J. Spivey as

assistant chairmen, Mr. Skinner

planned to start the drive with

a canvass for special gifts the lat-

ter part of this week with the all-

With increased needs to be met

including the financing of a blood

will be asked to again make the

said that the response was encour-

that the people of the chapter

would meet the challenge with-

tion is asking for this year. In ad-

tended other special services to

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Farm Accident

Eye Injured In

still see with it.

out trouble.

campaign this year.

week by County Tax Supervisor new automobile and new tractors, the supervisor said.

ported their 1952 listings, but the work is about complete in all of Bear Grass, the first township them, Mr. Peel said. The North show a sizable gain

CHAIRMAN

Recently appointed. W.

Iverson Skinner is complet-

ing plans for launching the

annual Red Cross Fund drive

in this chapter. Receiving no

remuneration whatever, the

chairman is appealing for sup-

port in the drive to raise \$4,-

300 during the next few weeks

for the organization and its

Engineers' Club

committee yesterday, Mr. Skinner North Carolina, on February 27.

All the districts, including the Atom Project during World War

colored citizens, did a splendid II. Dr. Beck is now in charge of

and with the benefits of a blood lum and the nuclear reactor at

It has been explained that the The topic of his talk before the

blood program alone saved the East Carolina Engineers Club will

people in this chapter more than be 'Current Trends in the Atomic

twice the amount the organiza- Energy Program in this Country.'

dition to that life-saving service, Respess James' Barbecue Place in

the Red Cross handled hundreds Greenville, North Carolina, at the

of messages in the chapter during junction of U. S. Highway 264 and

the past twelve months and ex- 11 at 7:30 P. M.

To Hold Meeting

Oyster Industry

Bill Ellison Carrying on Experiments At University Research Station

Helping Save the

The once lowly Tar Heel oyster s showing signs that, given an opportunity to survive and thrive, it will in time become a real fac-

of students of marine life along as an economic factor.

sum up the reasons for the inervision" and "protection" of the Fund Drive yster industry under the rehabilitation program that was begun by the North Carolina Departopment through its commercial fisheries division in 1947

That was the year that the North Carolina General Assembly set out to do something about the rehabilitation of the ovster indusacted to provide not only for the rehabilitation of the oyster industry but also to rehabilitate the clam, scallop and other bivalve resources as well.

Consequently, stricter vision is being given the oyster industry and, probably even more important, protection is now being given the ovster, the like of which this so-called laziest specihad before in this State. As a rethe hardy oystermen along the coast are reportedly making more money than they ever did before. C. D. Kirkpatrick, fisheries of Conservation and Development, beams as he discusses the current oyster along the Tar Heel coast. For the current season, he said, is thus far the best one the oystermen have enjoyed in many years, and he cites proof for his statement.

For example, oystermen for the first three months of this season have paid the State tax on 111,690 1-2 bushel tubs of oysters as against the tax on 68,155 bushel tubs for the similar period in the first part of the 1950 season. Not only has there been increased production of oysters in this State. but they are currently bringing Dr. Clifford K. Beck, head of about \$1 per bushel tub more than they did last year, Kirkpatrick said. Most Tar Heel oysters now to the various districts, but they Carolina State College , will be bring \$2.75 to \$3 per bushel tub. the volunteer fire fighters got to Stephen Stalls of Robersonville. will have to be increased slightly the principal speaker at a meeting So far this season approximately of the East Carolina Engineers 500 boats have been licensed by Contacting the special gifts Club to be held in Greenville, the fisheries division to engage in oyster dredging. This total is about 150 more than were licensed Dr. Beck is widely known for last year.

aging, and that he was convinced his work in atomic projects, and Kirkpatrick said the quality of was connected with Columbia the Tar Heel oyster has improv-University's famed Manhatten ed. He thinks such improvement is due in large measure to the rehabilitation program that is giving the oyster a better opportunob last year, it was pointed out, the nuclear engineering curriculity to thrive in the well-supervisprogram, it is certain an even bet- State College which are the first State to many oystermen along ed bottom areas leased by the ter job will be reported this year. of their kind in the United States. the coast.

The Institute of Fisheries Research, an agency of the University of North Carolina, is providing considerable technical assistance in the rehabilitation of the oyster industry as well as for other members of the shellfish family. Headed by W. A. Ellison, Jr., director, the institute is constantly carrying on experiments and making investigation of the fe and habits of the shellfish Director Ellison feels that after

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With the U.S. Forces in Japan -Cpl. James E .Barnhill, whose wife, Ruby, lives at 120 Pine St., Roy Martin, Bear Grass Town- Williamston, N. C., has left Japan ship farmer, suffered a serious to return to the United States for

This meeting will be held at

Soldier Returning

From the Far East

at his home last Friday morning Barnhill was assigned to the shortly before noon. Part of the neuro-psychiatric section of the pupil in the eye was damaged and 141st General Hospital at Camp was removed in an operation at a Hakata. He entered the Army in Washington hospital, last reports March 1948, joined the 141st at explaining that while the sight Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in Febwas greatly impaired he could ruary 1950 and came to Japan with the unit in October 1950.

Mr. Martin was working on a His decorations include the Kocar wheel to attach a pulley for rean Service Ribbon and the a meat grinder when the chisel Army of Occupation Medal for slipped and struck him in the Japan. He attended Robersonville

left eye injury in a farm accident discharge.

DEEP WELL

The town's eighth deep well now being dug at the municipal water plant on Sycamore Street, struck bottom at 470 feet yesterday, and the drillers are making ready to place the casing in the hole measuring 21 inches in diameter.

Engineer Simmons said they struck about forty feet of water bearing sand, that the well should produce at least 300 gallons of water per