

Former Resident Is Fatally Injured In Norfolk Wreck

Funeral Arrangements For Mrs. Leon Stalls Not Yet Completed

Mrs. Daisy Gurganus Stalls, 48, was killed instantly in an automobile accident at a street intersection in Norfolk last night at 10:30 o'clock.

The daughter of Mrs. Ida Glisson Gurganus and the late Henry Gurganus, both of Martin County, Mrs. Stalls was born in Tarboro.

Surviving besides her mother and husband are six children, three daughters, Mrs. Russell Compton of Norfolk, Mrs. Dorothy Jones of Virginia Beach and Mrs. Libby Hogshire of the home in Norfolk.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed early today, but it is expected that the last rites will be conducted in Norfolk tomorrow and that burial will follow there.

Johnny E. Bland Died Suddenly Near Hamilton

Funeral Service To Be Held Wednesday; Burial In Robersonville

Johnny E. Bland, well-known farmer of Hamilton Township, died suddenly at his home there at 7:45 o'clock Monday morning following a short illness.

The son of John and Mamie Knox Bland, he was born in Pitt County 46 years ago on January 23, 1906, and spent his early life there.

He was married to Miss Annie Leggett and she survives with eight children, six sons, Hubert Bland of Williamston, Robert, Edsel, Guernsey, James and John Bland, and two daughters, Sarah Frances and Ellene Bland, all of the home; four grandchildren; a brother, Hosea Bland of Hassell, and a sister, Mrs. Foy Rogerson of Robersonville.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Hassells Holiness Church Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with the Rev. E. A. Killeite, Free Will Holiness minister of Pikeville, officiating, assisted by the Rev. R. H. Murray, Free Will Holiness minister of Rocky Mount. Burial will be in the Robersonville Cemetery.

Maintain Drive Against Typhoid

The relentless drive against typhoid fever is to be started in this county next Monday by the health department, it was announced this week by Dr. J. W. Williams, health officer.

County Board Sounds Stern Economy Note

Holding Welfare Budget For '52-53 To Same Figures

Officials In All-Day Session Monday Handling Regular Business

The Martin County Commissioners sounded a stern economy note in their regular meeting Monday when they withheld an increase proposed in the 1952-53 welfare department budget.

Provisions were made to care for 350 old agers, and extend aid to 100 dependent children families and to fifty partially and permanently disabled persons.

The board is expected to meet in special session later in the month to study and adopt the new budget for all departments.

The board appropriated \$250 toward the erection of a jail in Oak City with the provision that county prisoners are to be cared for there when necessary.

A contract was entered into with Frank Butler for auditing the county books for \$600.

The board went on record as favoring the Abandonment of the old road running from the Slade fishery to the paved road near the North Carolina Pulp Company plant in Jamesville Township.

Large Vote Cast In Martin County

Martin County, while setting no new record, piled up one of its largest primary election votes last Saturday, the count exceeding the most liberal predictions by several hundred votes.

According to unofficial but reliable reports, the county cast 3,848 votes in the last Saturday primary, including three or four cast in the Republican column.

Table with columns for Precincts, 1948, and 1952. Lists precincts like Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, etc.

Town Board Holds Regular Meeting Here Last Evening

Call For Paving Estimates On Several Of The Town Streets

Holding their regular meeting last night, the local town commissioners crowded much business into a short session and took leave of absence for another month.

A petition was received for the incorporation of several homes in West End, including several on the west side of Edgewood Avenue.

Street lights were requested at the corners of Simmons Avenue and Harrell Streets, Sycamore and Hyman Streets and on Harris Avenue.

Paving estimates were called for on Sycamore and Railroad Streets and School Drive. The board was advised that no money may be borrowed for the projects in anticipation of revenue from the highway fund next October.

The board appropriated \$300 for colored recreational facilities, the amount being about one-third of the entire ad valorem tax take from colored property owners.

Treasurer C. M. Cobb reported approximately \$11,570 on hand in the regular fund, \$10,731 in the sewer rental fund and \$14,300 in the street fund.

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County Settled Politics For Another Two Years Saturday

Representative Fined \$50 In Obscene Picture Case

Jesse Robert Henderson, representing the Steede Amusement Enterprises of High Point, was fined \$50 in the recorder's court Monday for causing an obscene moving picture to be shown in a drive-in theater near Williamston last March 15.

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Many Gather For Election Returns

A record crowd gathered at The Enterprise office to get the election returns last Saturday night, and at one time almost blocked the main street.

The office was swamped by persons calling in for information early in the evening, and the task of compiling the returns was delayed considerably.

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Miss Second Race For The House By A 29-Vote Margin

Judge R. T. Johnson Led The County Ticket With 2844 Votes

Going to the polls in greater numbers than was expected, Martin County voters last Saturday settled their politics for another two years in an election that waxed warm in spots.

The settlement just was effected when A. Corey, Jamesville candidate, polled a majority of only 29 votes over his opponents, E. G. Anderson of Robersonville and Elmer N. Modlin of Jamesville in the race for the State House of Representatives.

R. T. Johnson, candidate to succeed himself as judge of the Martin County Recorder's Court, led the ticket with 2,844 votes, and LeRoy Harrison of Bear Grass followed closely with 2,754 votes in the four-way race for places on the Martin County Board of Education.

The winners on the county ticket include: A. Corey for the State House of Representatives, R. T. Johnson for judge of the Martin County Recorder's Court, Jimmy C. Garkin of Griffins for county commissioner from the Griffins-Bear Grass District, LeRoy Harrison of Bear Grass, C. U. Rogers of Williamston, and Cecil Powell of Gold Point for places on the Martin County Board of Education.

While the board of education members are appointed by the legislature, the nominations made in the primary have been recognized down through the years, and there is reason to believe the appointments will follow in due course about next February or (Continued on Page Eight)

Irving D. Coltraine Died In Hospital Here Early Today

Funeral Wednesday Afternoon In The Riddick's Grove Baptist Church

Irving D. Coltraine, well-known young farmer and a leading citizen of Williams Township, died in a local hospital this morning at 3:45 o'clock. He had been in declining health for a long time, suffering with a heart condition.

The son of Joshua L. Coltraine and the late Mrs. Martha Peele Coltraine, he was born in Williams Township 48 years ago on May 29, 1904, and spent all his life on the farm there.

Mr. Coltraine was a member of the Riddick's Grove Baptist Church since boyhood, and was faithful in its support and in attendance upon its services.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Riddick's Grove Baptist Church Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock by his pastor, the Rev. W. B. Harrington, and interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Option Taken On Extensive Timber Acreage In East

Second Large Land Deal In Eastern Carolina During Recent Weeks

Following the proposed sale of thousands of acres in Dare County to the west Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, an option has been taken by the Continental Can Company on several hundred thousand acres of other lands in western North Carolina, according to a story appearing recently in the Virginia press.

The majority holdings of the Roper Realization Company, Inc., representing approximately 270,000 acres of cutover and timber lands lying principally in Eastern North Carolina, have been taken under option by the Continental Can Company for possible purchase at \$17.50 an acre.

Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$500 by the officer. There were two other accidents in the county during the weekend. There was a minor one on Church Street here Saturday afternoon at the alley between Oscar Davenport and a Peaks boy. Damage to the vehicles was less than \$100.

Murt In Sunday Night Accident

Irving Bembridge, young white man, was painfully but apparently not seriously injured in a motorcycle accident on Whiteley's Bridge in Poplar Point Township late Sunday night. He suffered cuts and bruises on the front and back of his head.

Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$700, resulted when two cars crashed at a street intersection in Robersonville late last Saturday night. No one was reported injured.

Umstead Wins By Margin Of 25,000

William B. Umstead, carrying 62 of the State's 100 counties — Martin not included — won the North Carolina gubernatorial nomination by a margin of approximately 25,000 votes in the primary election last Saturday.

The Durham attorney trailed his opponent, Judge Hubert Olive of Lexington, during the early returns, but gradually took over the lead early in the evening and late Saturday night victory was assured.

Luther Hodges, retired industrialist of Leaksville, led the ticket for lieutenant governor. Waldo Check, popular State Insurance Commissioner, won easily over his opponent, John N. Frederick, Charlotte insurance man, and R. Hunt Parker led the ticket for associate justice.

It is not certain that there'll be a second state-wide primary, but two contests, those of lieutenant governor and supreme court justice, were without majorities.

Kiwanians Crash Win Column In Little League



Winning their first victory last Thursday evening, the representatives of the Kiwanis Club in the local Little League have served notice they're still in the loop.

HEARING

A fairly sizable delegation is forming and making ready to go to Raleigh to appear before a full meeting of the State Board of Education in behalf of the Farm Life High School. Headed by the local committee and with Attorney Clarence Griffin as its spokesman, the delegation is to be heard Thursday, it was reported.

An appeal had been directed to a sub-committee, and this is the first time a hearing has been scheduled before the full board.

Man Fatally Shot Playing 'Cowboy' With Young Niece

Coroner W. W. Biggs Completing Investigation In Whitehead Death

Willis Hubert Whitehead, 30, was fatally shot in the home of his sister, Mrs. Jamie Copeland, in this county and not far from Palmyra, while playing with his 15-year-old niece, Janice Parker, about 6:30 o'clock last Saturday evening. It was the only tragic accident reported in this county during the long Memorial Day week-end.

According to a preliminary report released by Coroner W. W. Biggs, the shooting was accidental, but no final report is expected until following the completion of his investigation later in the week.

Whitehead and his niece, residents of Arlington, Va., were visiting in the Hobgood community and came over to Martin County to spend Saturday with his sister, Mrs. Copeland. Whitehead and his niece were playing cowboy, and the girl reached for a .38-caliber pistol, and called him to "stick 'em up." Whitehead raised his hands and was quoted as saying, "I'm dead now." A second or two later, the pistol fired, the bullet plowing through the body in the region of the heart and striking the wall before dropping to the floor. Whitehead died almost instantly. Coroner Biggs said.

Funeral services are being conducted in Scotland Neck this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for the victim, and burial will be in the family cemetery near Hebgood. Henry Cantwell, Jehovah's Witnesses minister of Brooklyn, is conducting the rites.

Whitehead, son of Mrs. Mary Simmons Whitehead and the late (Continued on page eight)

Suffers Broken Ankle While Chasing A Dog

Mr. W. G. Peele, local insurance man and agriculturist, suffered a broken right ankle at the old family home in Bear Grass Township early Sunday evening. The break was limited to a small bone, and he has been fitted with a walking cast.

A dog was about to attack some children, and Mr. Peele ran to chase the dog away and turned his ankle over, breaking the small bone. He is confined to his home at present.

Unofficial Vote — Democratic Primary In Martin County, May 31, 1952

Large table with columns for House of Representatives, County Judge, County Com., Bd. of Education, Governor, Lt. Governor, Inc. Com., Sup. Ct. Short Trm, Supreme Ct., Regular Term. Lists candidates and vote counts for various precincts.