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### Car Accident Takes Life Of County Boy

ROUND-UP

In their week-end round-

up, local and county officers

pointed out that there was a

marked decrease in hatchet

and axe swinging, that half of

the eight persons arrested and

jailed were charged with pub-

lic drunkenness. Two, includ-

in a 31-year-old white woman

of Henderson, were jailed for

drunken driving. One person

was booked for an assault.

With no place else to go, a

mentally-ill patient was plac-

Four of those detained were

white and the ages of the

group ranged from 22 to 75

Hold Funeral For

**Accident Victim In** 

In Washington Hospital

Late Sunday Night

Funeral services will be con-

hospital of injuries received in

ing. The Rev. John L. Goff and

the Rev. Elmore Turner of Wash-

and interment will be in the Rob-

ersonville Cemetery where a mil-

turning home two years ago to

county. During the past year he

had taught a veterans' class in

Bethel and operated a filling sta-

While in school at Wilson he

joined the Christian church, later

moving his membership to Hassell

where the family has made its

Surviving besides his parents

stationed with the Air Force in

**Basic Training** 

James Wynne, son of Mr. and

Their basic training is prepar

CRITICALLY ILL

home for the past eight years.

tion in Hassell.

Antonio, Texas.

automobile accident near

ed in the common jail.

#### Victim Of Second Wreck Reportedly Critically Injured

Leggett Roebuck, Jr., Died Late Sunday Night In Washington Hospital

A Martin County youth, Leggett Roebuck, Jr., 28, of Hassell, was atally injured and four others were hurt, one of them critically, in automobile accidents during the week-end.

The accident which cost young Leggett and two other young men their lives, happened on the Whichard Beach Road in Beaufort County about 1:00 o'clock Sunday morning. Col. William Saunder, 22-year-old marine of Pittsburgh, Pa., stationed at Cherry Point, and driver of one of the death cars, was killed instantly, and a companion, William E. stocks, whose home address could Hassell Tomorrow not be learned immediately and who was stationed at Camp Le- Leggett Roebuck, Jr., Died jeune, died about noon Sunday in a Washington hospital. Saunders and Stocks died of internal injuries, and Roebuck died of a compound skull fracture. He never regained consciousness.

fficers, Roebuck, riding with William Cherry, of Bear Grass, Grass, and Delmus Williams, of this county, was riding in the Washington early Sunday mornfront seat of the Cherry car, having just left a dance at the beach on Pamlico River. Whitehurst, 25, was painfully cut about the face and suffered a shoulder injury. was broken and he was painfully Post in Hamilton will have charge cut about the face. Cherry, in a of the graveside rites. Washington hospital with other A son of Ludie Taylor and Legto have told patrolmen, "All I Williamston 28 years ago on Sepwhen I looked up I saw the head- rious parts of the county, farming sance can be eliminated. lights of the other car coming at in his boyhood. Following his

and Stocks, were identified as Sgt. Store for a year and entered the Robert Langley, owner of the car, service in 1943, serving in the herry Point; and William A. the armed forces, he attended and ing completion. Silva, stationed at Camp Lejeune. was graduated from Atlantic

Reports reaching here stated Christian College, later attendthat both cars were compressed ing the University of North Car-"hunks" of twisted steel, but no olina School of Commerce, Chapdamage estimate was mentioned. el Hill, for several terms. Bonner Paul, Beaufort County's He was with the government incoroner, said no inquest would be spection service for a while, re-

highway accidents were reported Company when that company was by members of the Highway Patrol, one resulting in serious injuries to a 27-year-old Highway

Early last Tuesday morning. Heber Green of Greenville, lost control of his 1948 Pontiac on "Dead Man's Curve," just this side of Gardner's Creek on Highway 64 and turned the machine over. He was not hurt and damage to his car was estimated at \$300 by Cpl. M. C. Byrum, the are a brother, Joseph V. Roebuck,

investigating ofifcer. Okinawa; and a sister, Mrs. Waleast Friday night about the same place in Highway 64, Grover, ter Jack Taylor, of Bethel. Gene Williams, traveling east, followed the new curve by Gard- Recruits Finish ner's filling station and stopped for traffic on the paved highway. Annie James Bowen of Washington followed the Williams car in her 1950 Buick and plowed into the rear of the Pontiac, causing Mrs. William Wynne of Everetts, about \$100 damage to the front and Linwood G. Boyd, son of Mr. car and about \$150 damage to and Mrs. A. W. Boyd of Hamilton her ewn. No one was hurt, according to Cpl. M. C. Byrum and Pa-basic airmen indoctrination course trolman Travis Register who at Lackland Air Force Base, San

made the investigation. add to accidents. . . . . In a third accident reported on ing them for entrance into Air the highways in this county, Wil- Force technical training and for 576,000 on January 1, 1952. This vas critically injured last Satur- The course includes a scientific day night about 9:00 o'clock. Driv- evaluation of their aptitude and ing toward Bear Grass on the inclination for following a parti-Corey's Cross Roads Road, Rober- cular vocation and career.

son, a State Highway employe, was said to have lost control of his old model car and it literally went wild. After skidding across the highway, it plowed into an mbankment and then turned ov- S. Courtney and Son Furniture

r. Roberson, unconscious for (Continued on Page Six)

#### Here Cleared Of All Obstructions

Town Beer Law Passed To Rule Out Sales On Sundays

The lowly pedestrian, jumping o and fro for his life and weaving nimself around one object after another, got a break from the town commissioners in their regular meeting last evening when an order was issued to the police department, ordering all obstrucions removed from sidewalks. No direct mention was made, but it high school. Farm life, its high dozen in the high school. s understood that vehicles will be ordered back to the streets along with the removal of signs, weight cales, goods and other ware. The action was taken when repeated complaints were lodged with the

It developed at the meeting that ocal beer dealers have been oberving a "law" that wasn't or the books. For seventeen years few beer sales have been made on Sundays, the retailers apparently believing such sales were outlawed. Up until last night, Boy Loses Leg In Sunday beer sales were legal here. But they are not anymore because the board passed an ordinance outlawing the sales on Sunday The action was taken following a recent test case.

While the town is going about the business of clearing the sideducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 walks, it is stepping into a "hot" o'clock in the Hassell Christian sidewalk issue on Rhodes Street. Church for Leggett (Chuck) Roe- For several years, members of the Hubert Biggs farm on the buck, Jr., who died Sunday night Williams Chapel AME Zion Bear Grass Road last Friday afat 11:00 o'clock in a Washington Church have pleaded for a side-ternoon shortly before 6:00 walk on that street, but property o'clock. owners balked. The town board last night posted a \$100 offer for a six-foot right-of-way, with instructions going to the town atcan now be ironed out.

graduation from the Robersonville gutter on West Church Street to amputate the limb Saturday. The Marines, riding in the High School about 1940, he work- from Elm to Roberson Street, was The accident almost cost the boy's world, including Free China, other death car with Saunders ed for the David Grimes Drug presented to the board and filed life, it was reported.

in cronological order. radley Powell, all stationed at iod. Following his discharge from that the current project is near- Hoggard, declaring that there was ing in general.

ported \$40,843.80 cash in banks, gun, that the shooting was acciincluding \$6,809.65 in the sewer dental. Here in Martin County three keep books for the Brown Paving \$734.87 during the month. Taxes well. collected on the 1952 levy amountengaged in road building in this

ed to \$21,457.34 for the month. tendent was instructed to investigate the purchase of an especially equipped tractor for general town (Continued on Page Six)

# Morigage Debt

The total farm-mortgage debt I. 1952 amounted to \$108,206,000 -up \$6,938,000 or 7 percent over the farm mortgage debt of \$191, 268,000 on January 1, 1951. Of the January 1, 1952 total debt, Federal Land Banks held \$16,546,000; Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation \$706,000; Farmers' Home Administration \$8,473,000; Life insurance companies \$8,399,000; and individual and other miscellaneous

lenders \$74,082,000. For the country as a whole farm mortgage debt continued to rise in 1951 for the sixth consecutive year, reaching a total of \$6,299, liam Alton (Bud) Roberson, 27, assignment in specialized work, type of debt was 8 percent larger than a year earlier and one of the largest percentage increases noted since 1920. The increase during 1951 lifted farm mortgage debt to about the levels of January 1952, when it totaled \$6,372,277,000. Suffering a stroke of paralysis However, the January 1952 total early yesterday morning, Frank was still well below the \$10,785,-Bell, faithful employe of the B. 621,000 peak recorded on January 1, 1923. Also, the value of mortstore here for many years, con- gageable property in January 1952 tinues critically ill in a local hos- was much higher than in either

ago, there was a decrease of fifty school as a result of consolidation in the over-all count this year in this year, reported a gain of 34 in the nine white schools, 37 in the the elmentary division but lose high and 13 in the elementary de three in the high school. Everetts partments, according to a prelim- picked up five in its elementary inary report released this week by count. Bear Grass lost forty, 26 the office of the county board of in the elementary department and education. The increase in several 14 in the high school. Principal schools, including Williamston and H. V. Parker is searching around Oak City, is traceable in part if in the hope that the figures will not altogether to consolidations. climb shortly and stave off a Jamesville came through with an teacher loss. Robersonville about increase in its elementary enroll- held its own, with a loss of only ment figures, but lost one in the six in the lower grades and half

in school. Parm life, its		GOLC.				
	1951-52			1952-53		
	Ele.	H.S.	Total	Ele.	H.S.	Tota
lamesville	344	109	453	352	108	460
Farm Life	114	58	172	123		123
Bear Grass	240	100	340	214	86	300
Williamston	806	252	1058	810	297	1107
Robersonville	447	234	681	441	228	669
Oak City	205	129	334	239	126	365
Hamilton	163		163	168		168
Everetts	195		195	200	4 1	200
lassell	46		46	**		
delinerated system and in which	9580	000	2449	2547	9.45	3309

\*Farm Life High School consolidated with Williamston.
\*\*Hassell Elementary School consolidated with Oak City.

# **Hunting Accident**

James Henry (Bud) Hoggard, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hoggard of near Williamston, lost his right leg just above the knee in a hunting accident on

The boy, upon the insistence of his good friend, William Earl Harris, 17, quit his working in the tobacco packhouse, and went ington will conduct the service torney to start condemnation pro- hunting for squirrels that had ceedings if the offer is not ac- been damaging Farmer Biggs' Cherry, the driver, suffered a broken thigh and jawbone and broken thigh and jawbone and L. D. Roebuck American Legion the plan advanced for a sidewalk, started to separate at a tobacco parent misunderstanding about hand, returned from the hunt and and it is believed the differences barn near the house. Hoggard took about two steps and just as Thirty petitioners pleaded with Harris started to turn his gun firvictims of the accident, was said gett Roebuck, he was born near the town to investigate flying ed, the entire load striking Hogsaw dust on lower East Main gard in his right thigh just above remember is I lit a cigarette and tember 22, 1924, and lived in va- Street in the hope that the nui- the knee. Just about all the limb lunch in the hotel and cafes. was torn away, and doctors in a A petition, seeking curb and local hospital found it necessary

Harris was said to have main-

rental fund, \$14,723.51 in the street | Hoggard was quite cheerful fund, and \$19,310.64 in the general when he discussed the accident detail about tobacco and expressfund. Parking meter revenue in yesterday afternoon, reports from ed amazement about the price. August amounted to \$574.73 and the hospital at that time stating They frowned a bit when the cost sewer rental fees added up to that he was getting along very side of the picture was explained.

### to \$21,457.34 for the month. The street department superin- Draw Additional **Jurors For Court**

Assistional citizens were drawn Monday for jury duty during the first of the two-week term of the Martin County Superior Court when Sheriff M. W. Holloman re-Higher In State ported to Commission Board home of her son, Monroe Whitn North Carolina as of January were sick and would be unable to ty only a short time, moving from attend court.

The eight additional drawn this week include: Roland B. Lilley and L. Elbert

Carl Lee Beacham of Bear

Paul T. Norwood, Bill Everett land Neck in 1922. and J. C. Keel of Robersonville. Elwood Everett of Hamilton.

#### LAPSES

The Martin County unit of Young Democrats has withered on the vine, temporarily

When its officers called a meeting recently for the election of new officers and raising funds, only four youthful members o the party appeared. No officers were elected and insufficient money was rasied or pledged to maintain relations with the State organization, it was reported.

#### PREDICTION

Visiting in the county last week-end following a business trip through several Western States, Congressman Herbert Bonner was optimistic over the outlook for the Democrats in the November 4 election. "Most of the big newspapers are for the Republicans, but the voters are for Stevenson," the congressman said, predicting a certain

victory for the Democratic

#### **Foreigners Visit** Tobacco Market

nations, a group, making a special tour of the agricultural sections of the country, spent about an hour on the local tobacco market last Thursday, remaining over for

Although accompanied by two interpreters, most of the group, representing free nations of the Japan, Indian and most of the European countries, spoke enough It was reported that \$12,183.54 tained at first that his gun, loaded English to ask innumerable ques-Lee A. Shoulders and Pvt. Aleutian Islands for a long per- had been on sewer line extensions, with No. 6 shot, was not fired. tions about the market and farm-

no ill feeling between them, said They followed the tobacco auc-Town treasurer C. M. Cobb re- the load of shot came from Harris' tioneer possibly better than the home folks since the jargon sounds a bit foreign.

Several in the group went into

Following the lunch period, the group, traveling in a special bus, started to Norfolk where they were to take a boat for the return

### Dies In County Friday Afternoon

Mrs. Sara Lou Whittington, 69, died last Friday afternoon at the Chairman J. H. Edwards that tington, at Ray's Camp between eight of those drawn in August Williamston and Jamesville. She had moved out of the county and had made her home in this coun-Scotland Neck followed the death noon demonstration will be held jurors of her husband, James E. Whit- at 1:00 o'clock on the Henry Peel tington, September 7, 1951.

wife, was born in Georgia on Jan-

roe and John A. Whittington, 1:00 and at Jethro Parker's, Ham-Harry E. Daniel of Goose Nest. both of this county; two daugh- ilton, at 3:00 o'clock. ters, Mrs. J. L. Gibson of Rich Square, and Mrs. J. S. Pope of die Tharpe, of Pensacola, Fla.

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock dell's, RFD 1, Robersonville. by the Rev. W. D. Morris, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Scotland Neck. Burial was in the Scotland Neck cemetery.

#### Resumed Practice After Months of Recuperation

valescing during the past five home in Bear Grass Township \$16,400,000,000, the army spent and trained physicians in some months form an attack, has re- Sunday after undergoing treat-\$16,400,000,000, the navy \$11,600, fields. The most striking health sumed his practice in his offices ment in a Rocky Mount hospital 000,000, and the air force \$16,900, advance was among babies under on Baltimore Street.

# while several schools reported school consolidated with the Wil- In County Court

Two Defendants Get Terms On the Roads for Deadly Weapon Assaults

Judge R. T. Johnson handled eventeen cases in the Martin County Court before adjourning the tribunal session shortly before noon last Saturday morning.

Aparently recognizing an axehatchet uprising similar to those common among the Indians long years ago, the court provided terms on the roads in one or two deadly weapon assault cases Fines, imposed by the court Saturday, amounted to \$210.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Wm. Lemuel Pollars was fined \$100, plus costs. He lost his driver's license for a year.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the speeding case against Maynard W. Fine of Flushing, New York.

Adjudged guilty of assaulting Hattie Rascoe with a stick or folding chair and doing about \$17.50 damage, Girlene Smith was given a suspended judgment upon the payment of the costs and the doctor's bill of the prosecuting wit

Rubin F. Bland of Robersonville was taxed with the costs for speeding.

William Ruffin, pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to the roads for six months. Mack Hardy, pleading not guil-

ty, was adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, and drew ninety days on the roads.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case in which Saunders Sherrod was charged with an assault. Pleading innocent, Jesse White-

nurst was adjudged guilty of bastardy and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$2.50 a week to report for further judgment at two gallons of blood during the and ripe when pulled, is selling the end of twelve months.

Maylon Price, 18-year-old member of the Air Force, was adjudg-

a driver's license. Pleading guilty of public drunk-

enness and violating the liquor \$25, plus costs.

Wm. M. Pate, pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, were

Pleading guilty of speeding, (Continued on Page Six)

#### **Tobacco Grading Demonstrations**

Roy R. Gordon, tobacco grading pecialist for the State Extension Service, will conduct a series of tobacco grading demonstrations in the county this week.

The first of the demonstrations

will be held on the farm of Julius Daniel Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Wednesday afterfarm, RFD 1, Williamston, and Mrs. Whittington, daughter of at 3:00 o'clock on the Roosevelt the late Andrew Kimbrell and Hassell farm, RFD2, Williamston. Demonstrations Thursday will uary 9, 1883, and located in Scot- be held at F. D. Cherry's, RFD 1, Hobgood, at 10:00 o'clock; at Eli-Surviving are two sons, Mon- jah Fields', RFD 1, Palmyra, at

On Friday, demonstrations will be conducted at 10:00 o'clock at Halifax; and one sister, Mrs. Bud- John Andrews', RFD 2, Robersonville; at 1:00 o'clock at C. W Funeral services were held in Slade's, RFD 2, Robersonville, and Scotland Neck funeral chapel at 3:00 o'clock at Roosevelt Cran-

> Returns Home After Stay In Hospital

Dr. Chas. L. Hutchinson, con- Commissioners, returned to his partment reports. The army spent spite inadequate hospital space

### Order Sidewalks Enrollment in County Schools Seventeen Cases Tobacco Sales Pass enrollment increases this term over the opening day figures, a year ago, there was a decrease of fifty liamston school, gained nine in its elementary enrollment figures. Saturday Morning Three Million Mark

#### DEMOCRATS

While the Young Democrats in this county have about petered out, organizationally speaking, the old liners are making ready for a big district rally in Robersonville on October 23. Plans for entertaining Democrats from fourteen counties in the First Congressional District have not been announced, but Jim Gray, chairman of the Martin County Democratic Executive Committee can be depended upon to arrange for a big event in a big way.

Congressman Herbert Bonner was in the county last week-end making preliminary plans for the rally which will attract prominent State figures and others from over the district.

### Bloodmobile Fell **Under Its Quota**

To Make Next Visit Here In December

years, the American Red Cross Bloodmobile did not get its quota when it opened the center in the if they were ripe and a bit fluffy, American Legion hut here last Thursday. The quota had been reduced, but even then it was not met, Red Cross workers explaining that only 118 pints were donated during the day.

The Bloodmobile had hardly left town before hospitals started calling for blood for accident victims and falling in the non-descript and other patients. Highway pa- class are still without friends. Totrolmen rushed in approximately bacco, with any color and body

Red Cross officials withheld any clare. comment, but it is a fairly estabgive blood, the program can be lows: James Alexander Hardison and bys declare it's hardly fair for ferings was lower. will receive a greater support on gains of \$1.00 to \$2.00. the part of all when it makes the

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#### **Brief News Notes** On World's Front

nounces total American casualties pounds for \$50.17. in the Korean war of 114,684, including 18,079 killed and 12,586 the proportion of leaf offerings.

Manufacturers of cortisone, the lugs declined. Common and low hormone used in arthritis, burns, quality marketings increased in and other ailments, have reduced ratio. Bulk of sales consisted of their prices, according to items in common to good leaf, low and fair the daily press. One company reduced the wholesale price from \$16 to \$9.60 a gram. Other cuts were of similar proportions.

The Office of Price Stabilization announced on August 19 the granting of higher ceiling prices on many steel products and slight- Marked Decline ly higher-an estimated one percent-ceiling prices on automobiles. In announcing the higher ceilings, Price Stabilizer Arnall said the O. P. S. had been deprived of "any independent discretion nearly forty-five percent during or authority in connection with the past fifty years, according to steel prices.'

ordered \$44,900,000,000 worth of tion. The report shows that the The victim of a heart attack, equipment, supplies and constructed death rate decreased from 17.2 Mr. W. M. Harrison, member tion during the fiscal year which for each one thousand of the popof the Martin County Board of ended June 30, the Defense de- ulation in 1900 to 9.6 in 1950 de-

#### Market Had Best Sale So Far This Season Yesterday

**Buyers Really Waded Into** The Tips In Big Way Here Monday

Williamston's tobacco market, although off to a good start from the very first, continues to pick up momentum. The best sale of the season in both pounds and prices was recorded vesterday when 324,556 pounds were sold for an average just under \$52.00 per hundred pounds. A week ago today, the market sold 324,554 for an average slightly under \$49 per handred pounds. On the corresponding day last year, the market sold 325,889 pounds for a \$49.76 average. Including today's sales, the market is almost certain to pass the three million-pound mark.

Possibly the quality was a little better yesterday, but the firmer Here Last Week price was traceable to a stronger demand for certain types. The buyers, especially Mr. Mack Lamb Get 118 Pints Thursday; for the American, waded into the tips and literally ate 'em up. If the tips were ripe they brought what many declared were the highest For the first time in nearly two prices for that particular type of tobacco ever received. It made little difference if the tips were dark brown or plain red, they sold punctuated with freckles of vary-

Possibly some of the best cigarette smoking tobacco will be found in the tips this year, and that is believed to be supporting

The vari-colored lugs, lifeless all right, market observers de-

A report on the entire belt as ed guilt; of careless and reckless lished fact that unless more citi- released by the Federal and State zens in the chapter volunteer to Departments of Agriculture, fol

Edward Goss, pleading guilty, expected, sooner or later, to fall Steady to slightly lower averwas fined \$25, plus costs, for op- through. Possibly no more than age prices were paid for most erating a motor vehicle without 400 persons altogether have sup- grades of Eastern North Carolina ported the program out of an esti- flue-cured tobacco last week as mated 15,000. While it does not compared with the week before. impair one's health to donate a Volume of sales was heavy aclaws, Manuel E. Harris was fined pint of blood as often as every cording to the Federal-State Marsix or eight weeks, the old stand- ket News Service. Quality of of-

them to keep repeating when oth- Around half of the grade averers could help fill in and meet ages declined. Most losses amounteach fined \$25 and taxed with the the quotas. Recruiters have been ed to \$1,00 to \$2.00 a hundred disheartened in their work, but pounds. Practically all grades of realizing the volume of the pro- primings were lower. A fairly gram, they have plugged along. large number of grades remained It is hoped that the Bloodmobile unchanged, with several showing

Sales for the four-day period ending September 5 totaled 42,-423,703 gross pounds and averaged \$49.40 per hundred. The average was 91 cents under that of the prior week. So far this year 82,-001,750 pounds have been sold for an average of \$49.79. Gross sales for the corresponding period last The Defense department any year amounted to 91,830,324

A large increase occurred in The percentage of primings and primings, fair lugs and nonde-

Receipts of the Stabilization Corporation, under the Govern-(Continued on Page Six)

### In Death Rate

America's death rate declined a report of a nationwide survey The United States armed forces issued by the Brookings Institu-