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## Several Are Hurt In Road Accidents In Martin County

### Property Damage In Six Wrecks Approximates \$3,000 Figure

Several persons were injured, one of them seriously, and a property loss approximating \$3,000, resulted in a series of six motor vehicle accidents on the streets and highways in this county during the past few days.

The wrecks followed a perfect record marked up by motorists on the highways in this county the previous week.

The first in the series was reported by Patrolman B. W. Parker earlier in the week when George Mahlan Edmondson of RFD 1, Palmyra, ran over and killed a large hog on Highway 11 about one mile south of Oak City. The car damage was estimated at \$150. The owner of the loose animal could not be determined immediately, Patrolman Parker explained.

The big week-end rush got underway last Friday night when at 10:15 o'clock Clarence Edwards of Windsor ran his 1947 Ford into the rear of Richard Earl O'Mary's 1947 Ford. Driving west on Highway 64 toward Everetts, O'Mary slowed down to make a right turn when his car was hit and knocked about 45 feet. The O'Mary car turned over, coming to a stop with all four wheels in the air. O'Mary's son was bruised and suffered shock, but his injury was not believed serious.

Saturday morning about 7:45 o'clock, Thad Harrison was driving his International pick-up truck south on Highway 17 when Willie Richard Peden of Macclesfield drove out of Sycamore Street and struck the truck with a 1952 Plymouth at the intersection. The car was owned by R. W. Long of Tarboro. No one was injured, but Officer Chas. R. Moore, making the investigation, estimated the damage at \$750, \$275 to the truck and \$475 to the car.

Damage, estimated at \$350, resulted in a truck-car accident on Highway 64 in Robersonville Saturday afternoon at 5:35 o'clock. Richard Cornelius Bradlet of RFD 7, Whitakers, was driving west on the street near Lane's station in his 1953 Ford when Frank Williams started to make a left turn in front of the approaching car. The vehicles crashed about the center of the street. Robersonville officers and Patrolman B. W. Parker and Cpl. M. C. Byrum of the Highway Patrol, made the investigation.

Two persons were injured, both badly and one possibly seriously, in a crash on Hamilton's main street in front of the theater at 7:00 o'clock last Saturday evening. David Mayo, of Palmyra, was backing his 1939 Chevrolet from the curve and was struck by a 1952 Packard, driven by Grady Keith Lamm and owned by Ruth O'Neal of 607 Harris Street, Greenville. David Mayo, Jr., five years old, was painfully cut on the chin and suffered internal injuries. He was removed to a Williamston hospital where he was responding to treatment, according to last reports. Robert E. Baker, riding with Lamm, had his nose almost cut off, it was reported.

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## Nominating Group Is Chosen By PTA

A nominating committee to select a slate of officers for the Jamesville Parent-Teacher Association was named at the monthly meeting of the organization Thursday night. Named to the committee were G. H. Baker, Jr., Mrs. C. A. Askew, and R. G. Coburn. They will present the slate for approval at the next meeting of the organization.

In observance of Founders' Day, Miss Peggy Barrow, program chairman, gave a talk in which she stressed the cooperation of parents and teachers toward building the child and in making the child understand his responsibilities.

Mrs. Margaret Latham's eighth grade and Miss Kinard's home-room won the attendance prizes. After the business and program, a social hour was held with Mrs. Tom Gaines and Mrs. Georgia Martin in charge.

## Taylor's Dairy Goes Under New Management Shortly

A new manager will be named later this week to succeed Mr. J. W. Howard who, after serving more than a year, is resigning his position with Taylor's Dairy here to go with the industry in Chattanooga, it was learned this week. Mr. Howard, under whose supervision the plant has been developed into one of the most modern in this entire section of northeastern North Carolina, will complete his work here the last of this week, and he will move his family, Mrs. Howard and two sons, to their former home in Tennessee.

The owners, now considering several applicants for the managerial position, are looking forward to expanded operations in this area.

In addition to adding a \$50,000 investment in the plant last year, the owners of the plant have figured prominently in promoting dairying in the county, a business that is absolutely certain to fit into the economy of this section

before too long, according to recognized farm leaders in this State. Just now the plant here is paying approximately \$7,000 a month to Martin County dairymen for milk. While that figure is not of enormous size, it can mean the difference of success or failure, and as industry develops, the plant can mean much to Williamston and this entire area.

Reliable reports show that the dairy is producing a high quality product, tests rating the butterfat content considerably above the general average. It was also learned that the dairy's rating is right up at the top. Rigid inspections are made periodically, and the plant is now rated right along with the best with the promise of expanding into a larger and more valuable industry in the economy of this section.

It was reliably learned this week that once the plant's operations are increased, a divisional laboratory will be located in Williamston.

### NOMINATED



**Mr. Ann Crawford, prominent local insurance man, has been nominated by a special committee for the post of chairman of the Martin County Red Cross Chapter. His nomination is tantamount to election at a meeting of the Red Cross chapter in the courthouse here Friday evening of this week at 8:00 o'clock.**

## Under Bond For Hit-Run Driving

Grady Keith Lamm, young white man, was formally booked for hit-and-run driving, resulting in personal injury and property damage, and operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was revoked, at a preliminary hearing held before Justice Chas. R. Mobley here last evening.

Unable to arrange the \$500 bond immediately, Lamm was returned to the county jail. Arraigned in Greenville Sunday afternoon following the accident in Hamilton the night before, Lamm is booked for trial in superior court during the term beginning March 16.

### TOWN MEETING

Fifteen property owners went before the town commissioners in a special meeting here this morning, pleading for relief against the proposed construction of tenant houses on South Houghton Street, pointing out that the proposed buildings would not be in keeping with other structures in the neighborhood.

A zoning plan and possibly a restraining order are being considered, one report said.

### DEPRESSION

Despite falling farm commodity prices and talk about an uncertain future, things are still sailing along pretty good in this part of the ole world.

A small landowner, one who tills the soil himself, came into the office yesterday to subscribe to The Enterprise and tendered a sure-  
enough \$100.00 bill. That was really an encouraging note in the economy. Oh, yes, it was necessary to go looking for change, but that has been customary in any and all times.

## Special Teacher Describes Class

**Miss Addie Lee Meador Tells PTA Of Work In The County**

A young woman who is obviously very much interested in her work described her occupation to members of the Williamston Parent-Teacher Association last evening. Miss Addie Lee Meador, special teacher of Martin County children with speech defects, held the interest of the group with her outline of the attempts she makes to correct speech difficulties of 134 school children.

Beginning by pointing out an act of the 1947 General Assembly provided funds for special education, Miss Meador said she is one of a group of 100 teachers in North Carolina who work with special children, and as such a teachers she spends 30 minutes each week in all the schools except Williamston and Farm Life which she visits every two weeks. She described types of defects and summarized her plan of work in setting up classes in the county.

She said a thorough explanation of the program to the teachers, a survey of the needs for training, and individual screening were necessary before she planned her schedule and program. After telling of the background work, she described the actual class work briefly and explained that correcting defective speech is a long, slow process requiring both skill and an enormous amount of patience.

She ended her summary by saying, "I consider my work a challenge and I derive a great sense of pleasure from helping the children and watching them respond to my help."

A report from the P-T-A landscape committee given by B. W. Stewart, principal, showed that grounds around the new high school building had been graded and made ready for seeding and shrubbery. Mr. Stewart asked for donations of shrubbery and the use of machinery to complete the work as well as volunteers to help with the planting and seeding.

Miss Grace Talton's first grade received the attendance prize.

## Local Man's Sister Dies In Richmond

Mrs. Charles Lemmon, sister of Mr. Robert Newell of Williamston, died at her home in Richmond late last night following a prolonged illness. Her condition had been serious following a stroke suffered about a week ago. She was a native of Reidsville and the body is being returned there for funeral services Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Episcopal church. Interment will be in the Reidsville Cemetery.

Surviving besides her husband and brother are two daughters, Misses Jennie Wright and Mary Wilson Lemmon of Richmond, and a sister, Mrs. B. F. Cozart of Reidsville.

## Wm. Lee Hopkins Died In Hospital Sunday Afternoon

### Funeral In The Everetts Baptist Church Tues- day Afternoon

William Lee Hopkins, retired employe of the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission, died in a local hospital Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

In declining health for several years, he had received hospital treatment at intervals since February of last year when he was forced to retire from active work. His condition had been serious during most of that time.

The son of the late William and Addie Carraway Hopkins, he was born in Williams Township sixty years ago on June 28, 1892. After spending his early life there on the farm, he moved to Bear Grass Township where he farmed for fourteen years before going to Bertie County where he farmed two years before returning to this county about twelve years ago. After spending one year in the Dardens area and another year near Spring Green he went with the highway commission and located in Everetts about ten years ago. He was a diligent worker and a faithful employe of the commission.

He first joined the Methodist church at Siloam, later affiliating with the Baptist church when he located in Everetts. He was married in 1923 to Miss Lillian Griffin. Surviving are Mrs. Hopkins; four sons, William Cortez Hopkins of the home, Rosby Rudolph Hopkins of Everetts, Billy Bob Hopkins, of Portsmouth, and Cecil G. Hopkins, stationed with Battery C, 150th AAA Battalion of the National Guard in Merchantville, N. J.; one daughter, Mrs. Herbert Leggett of Robersonville; two sisters, Mrs. Ben Daniels of Portsmouth and Mrs. Theodore Mobley of Rocky Mount; two brothers, Howard and Thade Hopkins, both of Williams Township; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Everetts Baptist Church this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, the Rev. C. L. Gatling, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Williamston.

## Holding Man On Forgery Charges

Alleged to have forged four checks, one on his father, Luke Biggs was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Chas. R. Mobley here last evening. Finding probable cause of guilt, the trial justice bound the man over to the superior court for trial in March. Unable to raise \$100 bonds in each of the four cases, Biggs was returned to jail.

Biggs admitted forging a \$19 check on his father, Jim—Henry Biggs, and cashing it at the Williamston Hardware Company here last December 17. Seven days later he is alleged to have forged an \$8 check and cashed it at the Branch Banking and Trust Company. On December 27 he is charged with passing a forged check in the amount of \$10 to Margolis Brothers. His last check, one for \$12, was cashed by Bulluck's.

## Town All Set For Booster Bargain Days This Week

Booster Days, an event offering bargains in everything from apples to zippers for citizens in the Williamston trading area, will begin here Thursday.

Sponsored by the Williamston Boosters, Incorporated, an organization of local merchants and businessmen, the three-day promotion has been heralded as one of the greatest events of its kind in this section of the state during recent years.

Citizens who buy and sell here are urged to look through the special Booster section and to "come a runnin'" to take advantage of the tremendous savings offered. The special customer days will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week and bargains are offered in every type of merchan-

## Explains Aim Of Student Training At State College

### Representatives Of Radio And Newspapers Tour College Campus

Spending the greater part of two days as guests of State College, forty or more representatives of radio stations and newspapers from every section of North Carolina were impressed by the teaching and activities at the Raleigh institution last week-end.

Advancing a down-to-earth study course and a forward-looking research program, the college is definitely leading the way to a brighter future for agriculture in North Carolina.

Going to college should do more than give a student technical training for earning his living. It should also make him a responsible, well-rounded citizen who is active in community affairs.

That's how Dr. C. H. Bostian, director of resident teaching, describes the aims of classroom work in the School of Agriculture at the college. About 3,800 students are enrolled at State College for the 1952-53 school year, with some 800 of them in the School of Agriculture. Another 200 in the School of Education are studying to become high school vocational agriculture teachers and thus take many of their courses in the School of Agriculture.

All 10 departments in the School of Agriculture offer a 4-year course of study leading to a Bachelor's degree and advanced work for a Master's degree. In six of the 10 departments, a student can earn his Ph. D. degree.

In June 1952, about 1000 students received their agricultural degrees. Bostian says that normally about one-third of the graduates return to farms; another one-third go to work for fertilizer, feed, machinery and other agricultural business firms; and the rest become county agents, graduate students, government farm agency officials, Extension Service specialists, and other agricultural workers. At present, however, about one-half of each graduating class is going directly into the Armed Services.

(Other stories about the work at State will follow.—Ed.)

### Fire Department Adds Another New Member

James W. Thrower was unanimously elected to membership in the Williamston Volunteer Fire Department at a meeting of the group held last evening in the fire station. His election boosts the personnel count to twenty-three, two short of maximum strength.

### GIANT COLLARD

W. Harrell Everett is growing them big this year. According to D. W. Brady, assistant county agent, Mr. Everett, whose farm is on Highway 125, brought a collard into his office last Thursday weighing 15 pounds and measuring 40 inches across the top.

Tom Brandon, county agent, said the collard was mighty fine, but there was one thing missing — Mr. Everett brought no backbone to cook with it.

## Make Plans For Red Cross Chapter Drive

### Chapter Asked To Raise \$5,000.00 For Projects This Year

#### Drive Already Well Advanced In Several Parts Of This Chapter

Plans, already well advanced, will be completed at a meeting of interested persons with officials tomorrow evening for handling the 1953 Red Cross Fund Drive in this Martin County Chapter, it was learned today.

Mr. W. Iverson Skinner has again agreed to serve as fund chairman on condition that others will volunteer and extend a helping hand.

The organization is virtually complete in several of the five townships, and Griffins is said to be nearing its goal, following a pledged support by Farm Life Club Ruritans to push the drive in that district. A definite report is due from President Arthur Wallace Lilly of the Jamesville club shortly. Mr. A. B. Ayers is planning the plan before the Ruritans in Bear Grass at their next meeting, and Mr. Floyd Moore has been named chairman for Williams Township.

In Williamston, Mr. R. J. Hardison is serving as assistant to the chairman. Mr. James Bulluck is heading up the employee solicitations. Following the meeting tomorrow night in the offices of the W. I. Skinner Tobacco Company, committee chairman will be announced to handle the special gift solicitations and the canvass in Williamston's residential areas. Other arrangements for advancing the drive are to be made at that time.

A nominating committee, named at a recent meeting of the chapter directors, is submitting at the meeting on Friday night the following names:

For township directors: Jamesville, Mrs. C. A. Askew and Arthur Wallace Lilly; Williams, Mrs. Irving Roberson and Floyd Moore; Griffins, Mrs. J. Eason Lilly and Pete Hardison; Bear Grass, Mrs. Ralph Mobley and A. B. Ayers, Jr.; Williamston, Mrs. R. W. Bondurant and Mrs. W. O. Griffin.

For chapter chairman: Asa H. Crawford, vice chairman, Mrs. A. L. Jameson, and secretary, Mrs. Henry Griffin.

Called upon to supply several million pints of blood to carry on the fight against infantile paralysis in addition to its present blood program, and its regular services, the Red Cross is appealing for additional funds.

The Martin County Chapter, made up of Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Williamston Townships, raised \$4,200 under the direction of Mr. Skinner last year. It is being asked to raise \$5,000 this year.

On that basis the several townships and groups are asked to raise the stipulated amounts, as follows: Jamesville, \$350; Williams, \$100; Griffins, \$250; Bear Grass, \$250; colored citizens in all five townships, \$625; and Williamston, \$3,425.

The 1953 appeal presents a challenge to the people not only in this chapter but also throughout the county. In this county alone, the Red Cross has returned more than it has collected in both blood and money.

### Fatally Injured In Auto Accident

Funeral services were conducted in Ashokie Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Winborne Lee Odum, brother of Mrs. K. D. Worrell of Williamston.

Mr. Odum died in Roanoke Chowan Hospital Saturday morning from a head injury he received about midnight when an automobile ran head-on into the Odum car that was pulling another car out of a ditch.

The Rev. W. P. Milne, pastor of the Ashokie Baptist Church, conducted the services and burial was in the Ashokie cemetery.

### To Speak Here Friday Evening

Daniel K. Edwards, member of the Board of Governors of the American National Red Cross, prominent Durham attorney and World War II veteran, will address a public meeting of the Martin County Red Cross Chapter in the courthouse here Friday evening of this week at 8:00 o'clock.



In addition to holding prominent places in the Red Cross organization, Mr. Edwards served in the infantry for five years, three of which were spent in the Southwest Pacific. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge and Silver Star.

Mr. Edwards is an able speaker and everyone who has contributed in any way to the Red Cross is invited along with the general public to hear him when he speaks in the courthouse Friday night of this week.

### Citizens Gather For Prayer Here

Approximately 100 persons attended the services sponsored here last Friday in observance of the sixty-sixth World Day of Prayer.

Held in the Presbyterian church at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, the program was one written by missionaries and Christians in Africa. The music and setting of the program had a decidedly African tone and those attending the program observed it was both different and stimulating. It was led by Mrs. J. W. Berry.

Fifty-one persons attended the services held at the same hour in the Cornerstone Baptist Church with the Rev. G. T. Hill in charge. Topic of the brief talk at the Cornerstone Baptist Church was the power of and need for prayer. The minister pointed out in his talk that most of the world's ills can be solved with daily prayers.

Offerings were taken at the services and will be divided equally between the Division of Foreign Missions and the Division of Home Missions.

### Truck Knocked Into Home By Speeding Freight Train

Westport, Md.—Mrs. Austin Gordon and her four small children narrowly escaped injury when a freight train struck a small truck near their house and tossed the vehicle against the building, ripping out a large section of the front wall. The driver of the truck escaped serious injury.

### ROUND-UP

Drunks and drunken drivers "hogged" the crime front in this county during the past week-end. Of the nine persons arrested and jailed, five were charged with public drunkenness and three were booked for alleged drunken driving. A ninth person was jailed for hit-and-run driving.

Four of the nine were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 26 to 60 years.

Local police declared all was quiet on the "razor-knife" front during the period.

## Slight Decrease In Tobacco Crop On World Front

### Most of Reduction Centered In Flue-Cured Areas In This County

The Office of Foreign Agriculture Relations of the United States Department of Agriculture has received reports from foreign countries which indicate that the world tobacco production for the harvest year, July 1, 1952, to June 30, 1953, will be 2.4 percent lower than year earlier. This estimated world total does not include tobacco produced in countries which is all used domestically and is of little commercial importance.

Official data for Soviet Russia and her Satellites, including Eastern European countries and Red China, are not available. Estimates have been made for these countries by OFAR based upon the best information available which in many cases may not be accurate.

About one-half of the total decrease in world production is accounted for by a reduction in U. S. production. A substantial part of the U. S. reduction was flue-cured leaf. Flue-cured production was also lower in Canada.

Production of Oriental-type leaf was lower in Yugoslavia, Greece and Italy, and about unchanged in Turkey.

Total leaf production was also lower in France, Western Germany and the Philippines.

In connection with immediate foreign market prospects, J. B. Hutson, president of Tobacco Associates, recently said, in part:

"Since the end of the war, the use of U. S. tobacco has been increasing in most foreign countries. The gradual decline in the United Kingdom has been more than offset by increases in other countries. The increased industrial production which has taken place in most countries has been accompanied by an increase in the use of cigarettes. Also, there has been a shift in preference to American cigarettes.

"Stocks of U. S. leaf in foreign countries are small—smaller than a year ago. Supplies in relation to the current rate of usings are well below those of prewar years. These reduced stocks are due in large part to policy changes in the United Kingdom. Before the war, United Kingdom factories tried to keep on hand supplies sufficient for nearly two years' operations. Since the end of the war supplies of U. S. tobacco have been near those required for one year's operations most of the time. Due to the smaller takings from the 1952 crop of U. S. leaf, stocks in the United Kingdom are now well below those of a year ago.

"In recent years, a substantial part of the dollar purchasing power of many of the countries importing U. S. tobacco has been provided by grants and loans made through ECA and MSA programs. There has been a substantial reduction in economic aid to these countries. However, there has been a gradual increase in U. S. imports from many of these countries in recent years. Also, U. S. tourist expenditures were at a record level last year and a new record may be established in 1953.

"In addition, substantial purchases of U. S. leaf have been made by these countries." (Continued on Page Eight)

## Member Of Flood Relief Expedition

Breda, Holland.—Pvt. Benjamin W. James, whose wife, Naomi, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. James, Sr., live at Robersonville, N. C., is on emergency duty in The Netherlands with the U. S. Army's Flood Relief Expedition.

He is a medical corpsman in the 5th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, which is caring for many Dutch victims of the disaster as well as the more than 1300 American soldiers fighting back the flood waters.

The hospital, a self-contained unit readily adaptable for such emergencies, rushed to Holland February 5 from its permanent station in Heidelberg, Germany.

Private James arrived overseas in November 1952. He attended East Carolina College, Greenville, N. C.