

Painfully Hurt In Truck Wreck Friday Evening

No One Reported Injured In A Second Road Accident Over Week-end

One person was painfully injured, but believed not seriously and a property damage, estimated in excess of \$800, resulted in two motor vehicle accidents reported on the highways in this county last week-end.

Driving a 1953 pick-up truck on the Bear Grass-Everetts road near McDaniel's service station, Milton Bowen, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Toba Bowen, lost control of the machine which plunged into a ditch and turned over. Traveling alone, the young driver, said to have been traveling at a moderate speed, possibly not in excess of 35 miles an hour, was thrown partly through the windshield. While he suffered no broken bones, he was badly cut about the face and neck, one report stating that more than fifty stitches were necessary to close the cuts. Treated in a Williamston hospital, the young man was said to be getting along very well. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$500, according to a report gained from the North Carolina Highway Patrol office in the county courthouse. No other vehicle was involved. It was explained that the vehicle was running down the road, and suddenly swerved to the left and went into the ditch. The accident was reported about 10:30 o'clock Friday night.

Driving a 1950 Chevrolet truck in the Cross Roads section last Friday evening about 5:45 o'clock Charlie Lee Crandall, colored man of RFD 2, Robersonville, started to make a right turn when James Arthur Perkins, of Parmele, started to pass him in a 1953 Oldsmobile. Perkins said the truck moved to its left, apparently to make the right turn into a lane, and that he thought Crandall was leaving the road on the left. No one was injured. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300 and that to the truck at about \$15, according to a report released by the patrol office.

No one was injured and property damage was limited to about \$265 in a truck-car accident below Jamesville on Highway 64 Monday morning about 9:00 o'clock. Driving east, Elbert Manning started to make a left turn in an oil truck just as Wm. C. Creel, Cary man, started to pass.

Minister Falls Dead In Pulpit

The Rev. Samuel David Manuel died suddenly in the pulpit of Barnabas Negro Missionary Baptist Church near Williamston at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Serving the church in the absence of a regular pastor, the Washington minister was in his usual health that morning. Members of the congregation said he had just completed a "powerful" sermon, and announced the closing hymn when he was stricken and fell dead to the floor.

A doctor called to the church, pronounced him dead, and Coroner W. W. Biggs, ruling an inquest unnecessary following an investigation, said the 66-year-old minister apparently died of a heart attack.

Recovering From Wreck Injuries

Dick Levin, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Levin of Williamston, is recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident the early part of last week near Newton. Suffering several broken ribs, the young man was released today from the Satawba General Hospital at Newton.

Accompanied by several other College students and Miss Kerry Jones, Raleigh high school students, all members of Levin's dance orchestra, were returning to Raleigh when an automobile crashed a red light and struck Levin's station wagon. Miss Jones was said to have suffered a broken pelvis but none of the others was seriously injured, according to reports reaching here.

Overrule County Board On Consolidation Plan Order

A Martin County Board of Education order, directing the consolidation of that section between Old Mill Inn and Corey's Cross Roads on Highway 17 with the Bear Grass School, was overruled by the North Carolina State Board of Education in Raleigh last Thursday noon. The action taken by the State body leaves about 25 pupils free to continue their schooling in Williamston. As far as it could be learned here, no mention was made about the county board order, taking away a part of the Williamston district along the Price Mill Road and annexing it to Bear Grass. There's no appeal from the ruling handed down by the State board, it was pointed out.

Farmers Vote On Peanut Program Plan August 29

Propose To Assess Peanuts At One Cent A Bag To Aid Marketing

Going to the polls on Saturday, August 29, peanut growers in thirty-two North Carolina producing counties will decide whether to assess themselves at the rate of one cent per hundred pounds to raise a fund for advancing the cause of the peanut, according to the two directors from this county, Messrs. Sidney Mallory and Chas. L. Daniel, who attended a meeting of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association held in Winton Monday afternoon.

Efforts were made to hold the referendum on the assessment plan on the same date farmers will be asked to decide on acreage quotas, but apparently no such arrangements could be made. Farmers will vote on the allotment or acreage quotas in December. It was explained that the proposed assessment is small, that in reality it will hardly average one cent a bag. In other words, if a farmer has 100 bags of peanuts for sale he will contribute \$1 to the special fund, the directors said.

Local People Will Figure In Event

Williamston is being well represented at the 46th annual session of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Order of the Eastern Star, now under way in Durham. And several of its citizens will figure prominently in the event. Mr. V. J. Spivey is to be installed as Worthy Grand Patron.

Murfreesboro where he had a Mrs. Clyde G. Harrison is to be installed as Grand Esther of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, O. E. S., for the year 1953-54.

Scattered Rains In This County

While many sections of the State reported heavy rains Sunday and yesterday, most parts of this county had only little sprinkles during the two days. However, the limited rain did much good, but early today farmers and others were anxiously awaiting more showers.

Mr. Hugh Spruill, keeper of the rain gauge here, reported a total of .19 of an inch yesterday. There were slight traces of rain the early part of last week, but there has been no rain to talk about since May 20 when .53 of an inch was recorded at the weather station on Roanoke River here.

Incomplete reports state that that good showers fell up in Poplar Point, parts of Hamilton and Goose Nest Townships. The fall was also heavier in the Jamesville area, but over in Griffins hardly enough rain fell to wet one in his shirtsleeves.

Martin County Property Values Show Sizable Gain And Send Total Pass Twenty-Six Million Mark

ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUATIONS IN MARTIN COUNTY — 1952-1953

Township	1953 Real Estate	1952 Real Estate	Gain	1953 Personal Property	1952 Personal Property	Gain	1953 Total Gain
Jamesville	\$ 1,193,782	\$ 1,171,133	\$ 22,649	\$ 2,935,412	\$ 2,796,832	\$ 138,580	\$161,229
Williams	348,951	339,960	8,991	205,719	177,916	27,803	36,794
Griffins	589,804	585,862	3,942	470,591	465,194	5,397	9,339
Bear Grass	623,536	600,002	23,534	474,249	447,513	26,736	50,270
Williamston	3,656,844	3,404,792	252,052	2,745,885	2,724,507	21,378	273,430
Cross Roads	593,090	570,434	22,656	340,901	320,010	20,891	43,547
Robersonville	1,990,224	1,928,422	61,802	1,826,188	1,698,431	127,757	189,559
Poplar Point	319,739	323,172	*3,433	216,474	220,598	*4,124	*7,557
Hamilton	895,687	875,705	19,982	538,316	527,140	11,176	31,158
Goose Nest	1,014,869	1,007,785	7,084	617,146	609,978	7,168	14,252
Total (white)	\$11,226,526	\$10,807,267	\$419,259	\$10,370,881	\$ 9,988,119	\$ 382,762	\$802,021
Jamesville	\$ 149,435	\$ 144,891	\$ 4,544	98,070	87,365	10,705	15,249
Williams	43,890	43,637	253	29,748	29,854	*106	147
Griffins	15,436	14,921	515	27,805	33,787	*5,982	*5,467
Bear Grass	30,138	28,053	2,085	47,571	44,971	2,600	4,685
Williamston	348,823	334,834	13,989	228,862	205,901	22,961	36,950
Cross Roads	38,284	34,917	3,367	37,313	37,771	*458	2,909
Robersonville	232,740	226,840	5,900	260,718	258,966	1,752	7,652
Poplar Point	6,237	6,237	0	17,611	21,766	*4,155	*4,155
Hamilton	120,042	115,218	4,824	152,873	153,027	*154	4,670
Goose Nest	206,428	205,176	1,252	169,535	170,804	*1,269	*17
Total (col.)	\$ 1,191,453	\$ 1,154,724	\$ 36,729	\$ 1,070,106	\$ 1,044,212	\$ 25,894	\$ 62,623
Grand Total	\$12,417,979	\$11,961,991	\$455,988	\$11,440,987	\$11,032,331	\$ 408,656	\$864,644

*Denotes Loss.

CARDS

Farmers, selling surplus peanuts left over from their plantings, are reminded that marketing cards are needed to complete the transactions. Quite a few farmers have their left-over seed peanuts for sale without submitting their marketing cards. In those cases, the farmers found it necessary to recover and present the cards.

Firemen Answer Call On Friday

Idle more than two months, local volunteer firemen went into action last Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock when they were called to the Emma Harvey home on North Sycamore Street. A gas stove went out of control and smoked up the house a bit before neighbors rushed in, cut the gas supply off and checked the fire.

It looked as if the firemen at one time would have to get a search warrant to find the fire. The call directed them to 602 Sycamore Street, but no direction as to north or south was given. The truck driver, going purely by guess, turned north on the street, went within one block of the Harvey home. A person, questioned there, said he knew of no fire and did not know where the party lived. Turning around, the firemen went to the other end of the street just to learn that the Harvey woman lived on the far north end.

The firemen were called out twice last Saturday afternoon when fire, starting in a pasture that had been dried out by the long dry spell, caught fire and threatened to spread to buildings just West of Main Street between Brown's Community Hospital and the railroad. Little or no damage was reported.

A fourth call in as many days was received yesterday afternoon when defective electrical wiring fired the house owned by R. S. Critcher and occupied by James Barnhill just off Hunter Street. The electric cable shorted out around a piece of tin, and blew a transformer fuse. Damage was negligible.

Farm Bureau To Meet Thursday

Members of the Martin County Farm Bureau, meeting in the county courthouse Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock, will discuss the possibility of putting the organization into the insurance business, President Chas. L. Daniel announced. Gordan Maddry, president of the State Bureau, will attend the meeting.

Not to be confused with the company bearing its name, the Farm Bureau is now operating an insurance place in several states.

Repeating Urgent Call For Blood Donors Thursday

Another final and urgent plea for blood donors was issued today by the local Red Cross Chapter. The bloodmobile is due here on Thursday of this week and just a few over 100 persons have signed up to give blood, meaning that the list is between 75 and 80 short if the 150-pint quota is to be met.

An appeal was made last week to local civic clubs. Up until this morning only two persons had returned their pledge cards. It is hoped and believed that the response will improve by tomorrow. Others are being asked to contact Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Jr., at Martin General Hospital, or Mrs. Lucille Cowen, Red Cross Chapter secretary, in the Red Cross office in the town hall or at her home on West Main, and pledge a pint of blood.

This chapter is still using more blood than it is giving. If the quota is not met the program hardly can be expected to sustain itself.

Opening Summer School On Friday

Professor Carlyle Cox, principal of the Farm Life School and a former member of the local faculty, will open a summer term in the local high school on Friday of this week, it was announced today by Principal B. G. Stewart. The school, carrying a nominal fee, is open to any student desiring to make up any work in the high school department. No school is being conducted for the elementary grade pupils, it was explained.

Those interested in taking special work may contact Principal B. G. Stewart at the high school any day this week. The school this year will operate from 8:00 a. m. until 12:30 p. m.

Members of the local National Guard unit signed up last night, but a complete report could not be had immediately.

AT FOUR TODAY

Recreation Director Roger Thrift is asking all children of school age who are interested in participating in the recreation program here this summer to meet with him at the Williamston Athletic field this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. He wants to talk over plans with them and get an idea of what type of recreation they will be interested in.

About 5:00 he wants to talk with the boys who are in the Pony League age bracket.

Parents are invited to come with the children if they can and any adults who can aid in the program in any way are urged to volunteer their assistance as often as possible.

Illicit Liquor Business Dealt Heavy Blow In This County

The illicit liquor business was dealt a heavy blow in this county last week, the effectiveness of the strike to be determined in the weeks to come.

Raiding in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township, Bear Grass, Williamston, Griffins, Goose Nest and Robersonville Townships, Chief Enforcement Officer Cecil Bullock and Deputies Wiley Craft and Joe Smith wrecked twelve plants, not including one found and destroyed just across the line in Beaufort County. Three of the plants were equipped with copper kettles and with one exception all the plants were operated on a comparatively small scale, Officer Bullock stated.

Man Bad Hurt In Shot Gun Attack

Charlie Grimes, 33-year-old Oak City Negro, was badly wounded in a shot gun attack there last Saturday morning about 11:20 o'clock, the attack climaxing a feud existing for some time between the victim and Alexander "Duke" Savage.

According to one report, Grimes' right ankle was just about torn away by the shot blast which was fired at close range.

Officer Garland Bunting said the two men had some trouble several weeks ago, that Grimes knocked out several of Savage's teeth in a fight. Saturday morning Savage claims his brother-in-law moved in on him with a bottle. Running into his home, Savage got the gun, returned to the road on the edge of Oak City and shot Grimes who was removed to a Williamston hospital for treatment.

Another report stated that Savage had inquired about how much time he could expect if he shot a man. Told that a sentence could run from ten to twenty years, Savage was quoted as saying, "Well, I am going to shoot a man."

Navy Promotes Jas. A. Rogerson

Washington, D. C.—The Bureau of Naval Personnel has announced an advancement in rating for James A. Rogerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rogerson of Route 2, Williamston, N. C., to metal-smith third class, USN, at the U. S. Naval Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

The advancement came as a result of a world-wide competitive written test which consisted of questions testing military and professional skills. To be eligible for the written quiz, Naval personnel had to exhibit proficiency in the on-the-job phases of their ratings.

Increase In List Expected To Hold Tax Rate In Line

Estimate Property Listed At Not More Than One-Third True Value

With an increase of \$864,644 in 1953 tax values over those recorded for 1952, the Martin County Commissioners will have a little larger financial foundation to support them in their tussle when they meet next Tuesday in special session to study the proposed 1953-54 budget. While the increase is slightly less than half the size of the record chalked up last year, the gain in values is expected to offer strong support in holding the general county and school tax rate in line at \$1.35 per \$100 assessed property valuation.

If corporations listings—yet to be certified by the State agency to the county—remain about the same, the county will have one of the highest tax property valuations in history—\$26,019,644. In a report on the 1953 listings, Tax Supervisor M. L. Peel said that the real property listings this year added up to \$12,417,979, an amount \$455,988 greater than the \$11,961,991 value placed on real property listings last year, all amounts being exclusive of corporation listings. The 1953 personal property holdings were valued for taxation purposes at \$11,440,987 as compared with \$11,032,331 recorded a year ago, a gain of \$408,656. Corporation listings last year were figured at approximately \$2,160,678.

The over-all gain in tax values last year was \$1,733,200, a record for any one year in recent years. When listings got under way last January, Tax Supervisor Peel was almost willing to compromise with a hold-the-line figure. However, a quarter-million dollar gain in Williamston's real holdings, and more than a \$100,000 increase in the personal property listings in Jamesville and Robersonville Townships pulled up the total to a pleasing figure for the tax supervisor.

Only one township, Poplar Point, reported a drop in real property listings. The district lost Abbot's mill which was destroyed by fire last June, and that accounts partly for the drop in real property valuations there. The district also lost \$8,279 in personal property listings, \$4,124 less in the white list and \$4,155 in the colored list.

Little Williams Township while coming through with a sizable gain in real and personal property values to the tune of \$36,794 among the white property owners lost \$106 in its personal property listed by colored owners. Other losses in the personal property values listed by colored owners were centered in Griffins, Cross Roads, Hamilton and Goose Nest. All told, the decrease in values was limited to about \$17,000 which amount was absorbed, leaving a total gain of \$864,644 in values over those recorded a year ago.

An unusual feature in the listings is found in the values given in by colored owners in Poplar Point where the real holdings remained constant at \$6,237. Mr. Pugh, explaining that milk does more for the human body than any other food and does it more cheaply, went on to cite other interesting facts about the dairy industry, as follows:

If the annual production of Fluid Milk were in quart bottles side by side, the bottles would extend around the earth 140 times. Enough butter is produced annually to generate more energy for humans than the Hoover Dam. The man in the moon would have a cheese complexion one inch thick if all the cheese produced annually were spread over all the moon. As for ice cream, America's favorite, the annual ice cream output could be snapped into a pyramid bigger than the largest one ever built by the Egyptians. All the cans of evaporated milk put end to end would form a cable to the moon from the earth.

Fees Adding To County Revenue

Approximately \$3,730 was added to the Martin County treasury last month by the fee system, according to a report released by Auditor J. Sam Getsinger. The county court reported the greatest income, \$2,885.30, including \$885.00 in fines. The clerk of court also reported \$228.78 in miscellaneous fees. The register of deeds accounted for \$465, including \$379.15 for recording papers, \$56 for marriage licenses and \$30.50 for death and birth certificates. The sheriff's office reported \$151.50 in fees. Income from the various sources was considerably less than the amount reported in April.