

Double Funeral Held For Accident Victims

Father And Son Fatally Injured In Car Accident

J. Augustus and Cecil Powell Died En Route To The Hospital Friday

Double funeral services were conducted at the home near Gold Point Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for J. Augustus Powell and his 34-year-old son, Cecil, who were fatally injured in an automobile-truck accident near Bear Grass last Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. R. E. Ferguson, Robersonville Baptist minister and pastor of the young man, and Elders A. B. Ayers and W. E. Grimes of the Primitive Baptist Church, conducted the rites. Interment was in the Robersonville Cemetery. The double service, one of few ever held in this county, was attended by hundreds from all parts of the county and section.

Fatally injured when their car a 1953 Plymouth, and a Dodge freight transport truck crashed head on near Bear Grass, the father and son died in a Biggs ambulance while en route to a Williamston hospital. Four others, including young Powell's daughter, Ellen, four years old, were injured, but they are getting along all right. The little girl, thrown from the wreckage to the side of the road, suffered a severe head injury and cuts and bruises on the arm and other parts of the body. James Sheppard, 21, Zollie Brinkley, 29, and Willie Brinkley, 27, tenants on the Powell farm, were painfully cut and bruised, but they were able to leave the hospital following treatment.

Suffering a skull fracture near the forehead and a broken leg, Mr. Powell never regained consciousness. His son, suffering a skull fracture and internal injuries, was conscious when he was picked up, pointing out that his leg hurt him. After he was placed in the ambulance he asked that the window be lowered.

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Man Booked For Selling Liquor

Jesse James, young colored man recently moved here from Everetts, is to go on trial in the recorder's court next Monday for allegedly possessing liquor for sale.

Visiting James in his bachelor quarters just off White Street last Saturday evening, Officers John Roebuck, Cecil Bullock and Charles Moore found two and one-half gallons of raw liquor in his kitchen. Meeting him at the front door, the officers explained their visit, read the search warrant and followed James to the kitchen. Even before reaching the kitchen, James told the officers he had liquor on hand. In addition to the raw spirits, the raiders found several cases of empty jars just freshly emptied.

Jesse, deserting the way of his namesake reportedly handled liquor wholesale.

RECORD

One of the largest, if not the largest, crowds ever to attend a funeral in this county attended the joint rites for J. Augustus Powell, 74, and his son, Cecil, 34, near Gold Point in Robersonville Township Sunday afternoon.

More than 500 cars were parked in a two-acre plot near the home, and many people walked considerable distances to get near the Robersonville Cemetery, that there were more than 2,500 in attendance upon the rites there.

The cemetery was not cleared until almost four hours after the service. Friends from a number of counties and several states attended the services.

AIR CONDITIONER

Installed at a cost of approximately \$2,428, an eight-ton air conditioning unit was placed in operation in the main auditorium of the Pentecostal Holiness Church here on Houghton Street Sunday morning.

Similar units are being placed in business houses and homes in fairly large numbers, but the church is the first one in this immediately area to install one. The Rev. J. W. Berry is pastor of the church.

Beauty Pageant In High School Tomorrow Night

Winner To Compete In The State Contest Next Week At Beach

Plans are now complete for an elaborate Miss Williamston Beauty Pageant and Little Miss Williamston Sweetie Pie Contest. The annual event, sponsored by the Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of its charity fund, will take place on Wednesday night, June 17th, at 8:00 o'clock in the Williamston High School auditorium.

A lovely array of young girls have been entered in the contest and the competition is expected to be very keen. Following is a list of the girls and their sponsors.

Myrtle Jenkins, Miss Branch Bank and Trust Co.; Lib Cherry, Miss Bulluck's Mens and Boys Wear; Wandt Jones, Miss Corey Plumbing Co.; Janie Coltraine, Miss Williamston Hardware Co.; Joanne Keel, Miss Western Auto Store; Nancy Allsbrook, Miss Sinclair Service Station; Gladys Manning, Miss Manning and Peel Hardware; Peggy Carson, Miss Williamston Motor Co.; Mary Lib Harrell, Miss Margolis Bros.; Jean Mobley, Miss Mathieson Chemical Corp.; Hilda Gray Hardison, Miss Harrison Oil Co.; Erline Perry, Miss Baker Oil Co.; Ann Bunting, Miss Enterprise Publishing Co.; Frances Taylor, Miss Clarks Pharmacy; Janie Rogerson, Miss Peeles Jewelers; Peggy Gardner, Miss Muse Jewelry Co.; Jeanie Hardison, Miss Worrell Appliance Co.; Rhoda Faye Peel, Miss Woolard Furniture Co.; Sallie Roberson, Miss Dixie Motor Co.; Sallie Evelyn Warren, Miss McClees Florist; Marie Griffin, Miss Chas. H. Jenkins Co.

Also on the agenda for the night will be the revival of the Little Miss Williamston Sweetie Pie contest. This contest has not been held for the past couple of years and this year's contest should prove to be very entertaining and lovely. Following is a list of the little Sweetie Pies entered: Alease Bazemore, daughter of Mr. and

Minor Accidents On County Roads

In addition to the double tragedy near Bear Grass last Friday afternoon there were two minor automobile accidents reported on the highways in this county during the past few days, according to reports coming from the county office of the highway patrol this week.

Calvin Eugene Hassell, 715 Hunter Street, Elizabeth City, escaped injury when his vehicle, a 1952 panel truck skidded and turned over on Highway 64 near Mendenhall's station between Williamston and Jamesville early last Wednesday morning. Damage to the truck estimated at \$100.

Saturday evening about 8:00 o'clock, John Henry Martin, Jr., 703 Second Street, Washington, apparently dozed off to sleep and ditched his car, a 1950 Plymouth, on the River Road between Hamilton and Palmyra. He was able to continue following treatment for lacerations on the head and leg in the office of Dr. Highs in Hamilton. Damage to his car was estimated at \$150.

Bloodmobile For First Time Falls Under Its Quota

Collect 123 Pints During Its Visit To Chapter Last Thursday

For the first time in its nine visits to the local chapter, the American Red Cross bloodmobile fell under its assigned quota here last Thursday. The failure is causing some concern over the future of the program in this area.

Only 137 persons reported to the center and fourteen were found not physically able to donate blood.

Six faithfuls joined the Gallon Club during the day, including Clyde Manning, Cecil Brown, William M. Tetterton, Aubrey D. Ange, Exum Ward and Emmett Mims. Several others gave their eighth pint in March and went on to add a ninth measure last Thursday, including J. C. Coltraine, and Roger Roberts.

The names of those supporting the program, in addition to the canteen workers and volunteers, at the center in the American Legion Hut last Thursday follow:

Dallas A. Griffin, Willie Gray Lee, Jim Daniels, Robert Cowen, M. C. Byrum, Robert W. Newell, Reuben Williams, Emily Wagner, Simon Lilley, K. P. Lindsley, Park J. Hardison, Mrs. Ray Gurganus, J. Kelly Gay, William H. Griffin, Buddy Wier, W. L. Howell, Luther Strickland, Ernest Roughton, Reg Simpson, Leslie T. Powden, Johnnie T. Beacham, R. C. Malone, Mrs. Edna Bonduant, Mrs. Wilford Griffin, J. W. Snead, Clabon Summerlin, John B. Godwin, Norman Everett, Lazarus Williams, Hezekiah Bell, Paul Griffin, William Smallwood, W. H. Harrison, Jimmie Rogerson, Joseph Manning.

William Nelson Long, Rev. T. L. Hastings, Mrs. Pete Biggs, M. C. Beloet, Marvin Britton, Dalmo Bazemore, Mrs. Caddie Roberson, Myrtle Scott, James R. Bulluck, John M. Cherry, Velma Bailey, Joseph W. Griffin, C. B. Bailey, George C. Moore, Lester W. Bryant, Lewis T. Yeatts, Paul H. Peele, W. B. Gaylord, Jr., E. R. Froneberger, Oscar Tice, J. H. Clayton McKeel, W. C. Bailey, James L. Moore, W. D. Jones, Eula Mae Leggett, Wendell Peele, Henry A. Gray, Betty Lou Dudley, William Decato, Vance Lee Clark, James H. McBrayer, Jr., Arthur Roberson, Mrs. Henry Winslow, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Jr., Sam Zemon, Riley Tew, Edwin Hill.

Mrs. Dora B. Rogerson, Landy Griffin, Dorothy C. Stalls, Eugene Bell, William Bridges, Mrs. Abner Brown, Woodrow Holliday, L. E. Coltraine, Lonnie McNicholson, Mrs. Joseph Wynne, Gladys Manning, Ben Daniels, Daisy Manning, William Breeden, J. D. Page, Lela C. Bond, Hugh Hines, Dr. J. T. Llewellyn, Dr. W. H. Gray, Dr. C. I. Harris, Jack Mobley, Mrs. Theron Gurganus, Henry Winslow, Hilton Peele, Raymond Blair, Mrs. Dasha Peele, Henry Griffin, Billy Biggs, Bryant Carstarphen, Mrs. Lela Johnson, Jesse D. Hardison, Freeman Bazemore, John Louis Lee, L. B. Peele, Mrs. Mary Alice Roberts, Wilbur Jackson, Jimmy Page, Evan Griffin, Wilson Corey, Hubert Hollis, Marvin Coltraine, John Earl Roberson, Bernice Ward.

Zeph Roberson, Mrs. B. O. Wynn, Leroy Peele, Julian Jackson, Henry Bullock, Flowers Henry, Coronne Bryant, Spencer Bullock, R. L. Bailey, L. C. Lamb, Tommie L. Roberson, Irving Griffin, and Paul Harrington, Jr.

Charge Man With Entering Home

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Many Visiting Cancer Clinic

The cancer detection clinic, maintained by the American Cancer Society in cooperation with the state and local cancer societies, is handling between 35 and 40 examinations each week in the Rocky Mount Municipal Building, according to Dr. J. Allen Whitaker, chairman of the public relations committee.

A number of local people were at the last clinic, and others from nearly every section in this county and throughout eastern North Carolina have visited the clinic in recent months.

The clinic is held each Wednesday, beginning at 9:00 a. m. in the Rocky Mount Municipal Building.

Town Board Adopts Budget For New Year

Calling For Bids On New Sweeper For Streets Here

Tax Rate Held To The Old \$2 Figure For Coming Fiscal Year

After completing work left over from a long session held the first Monday in this month, the local town commission, in a special meeting last night, approved the 1953-54 fiscal year budget and called for bids on a new street sweeper. The tax rate remains at the old \$2 per \$100 assessed property valuation. Comparatively few changes were made in the budget figures, the board members leaving the salary schedule virtually unchanged. An appropriation for a new street sweeper was made, the budget director estimating that the machine will cost between \$9,000 and \$10,000.

A detailed review of the budget figures will be released within the next few days.

The officials completed the organization of the town departments at the meeting last night when they elected K. D. Worrell mayor protem; C. M. Cobb, treasurer-clerk and R. E. Manning, superintendent of the street and water departments. Chas. H. Manning was re-employed as town attorney, the board fixing a retainer's fee in the sum of \$150.

Reporting a fairly sizable deficit in operating and maintaining Woodlawn Cemetery, the board increased the price of lots there.

Street lights were ordered installed at the corners of Sycamore and New Streets and Main and Edgewood Avenue.

The board discussed the need for a city manager and for commissioners to head the various departments. No action was taken.

Holding a conference with members of the police department, the officials reviewed an incident that took place on May 31. Police said they were called to a home on North Houghton Street to quell a disturbance among family members. The two officers explained that all was quiet in the house when they reached there, that no one would agree to sign a warrant. Declaring they heard nothing and saw nothing that would warrant action on their part, the police stated that they left the scene after remaining there about twenty minutes. Future conferences are to be held with members of the

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Officers Checking Traffic Violators

Local officers are cracking down on alleged traffic law violators here these days, the police blotter showing that five citations were issued last Saturday night by Officers Thomas Chesson and Maurice Whitehurst.

Three, Julian Warren Knowles, Willie Thomas Bryant and Joseph Bryant, were booked that evening for "crashing" red lights on the main street. James M. Ore and Jesse Edgar White were booked for speeding.

Sunday night the officers cited O. K. Harrison (colored) and Edgar Stanley Upton to the courts for violating traffic laws.

PRESIDENT



Mr. John W. Eubanks, prominent county business man, was re-elected president of the Edgemore-Martin Electric Membership Cooperative at a recent meeting of the organization held in Tarboro. The Hassell man has been active in the organization for some time.

W. Waldo Holliday Died Today At His Jamesville Home

Funeral Service Will Be Held In Jamesville Wednesday At 3:30

William Waldo Holliday, retired farmer-timberman, died at his home in Jamesville this morning at 12:30 o'clock following years of declining health. He had been a semi-invalid after a stroke suffered four years ago. He suffered a second stroke about a week ago and his condition had been critical since that time.

The son of the late John A. and Courtney Elizabeth Modlin Holliday, he was born in the Poplar Chapel community of Jamesville Township 75 years ago on March 7, 1878. He engaged in farming and the timber business most of his life, moving to Jamesville a few years ago and retiring on account of declining health.

He was a member of the church at Poplar Chapel for many years, and was an accommodating neighbor and helpful friend.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Patricia Holliday. Surviving besides Mrs. Holliday are five sons, Frank Holliday of Bear Grass Township, Dennis Holliday of Kingman, Kansas, Samuel, James and Dallas Holliday.

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Tobacconist Dies In Raleigh Office

William Robert Wilson, 59 well known tobacconist in this State and Virginia, died suddenly of a heart attack in his Raleigh office yesterday afternoon at 1:20 o'clock. Graveside services will be held in the Ash Camp Cemetery at Keysville, Virginia, his home, tomorrow morning at 11:00 o'clock.

Heading the inspection service for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Mr. Wilson had visited the local market on numerous occasions and had made many friends here. He supervised all the federal tobacco graders in the flue-cured territory and rendered the growers a real service.

SEARCHING

Scientists from the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., arrived here yesterday and immediately started a search for certain types of nematodes. While they are checking all types, they are centering their search on the cyst nematode.

No report on their findings has been released.

Clear Few Cases From The Docket In Superior Court

Jury Hears Two Cases; Four Continued; Pleas Entered In Others

Attracting a fair-sized crowd, the one-week term of the Martin County Superior Court was opened Monday for the trial of twenty-six criminal cases and a few civil action. Judge Jos. W. Parker returned from Windsor to preside over his second term of court in this county.

Only a few cases, including none of the more serious ones, were cleared from the docket the first day, and it is quite likely now that the court will continue in session just about all this week.

Two cases were heard by the jury Monday, four others were continued and guilty pleas were entered in several others.

Opening the term, Judge Parker, reporting for duty ahead of time, did not address the grand jury, but thanked the nine retiring members when the quarterly report was submitted that afternoon. Declaring he had enjoyed working with them, Judge Parker added, "And if all goes well, I hope I'll be working with you again."

Appealing from a judgment in the lower court, James Oscar Norton of Ahoskie was found guilty of drunken driving and drew six months on the roads. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$100 fine and costs, and the defendant is not to drive a motor vehicle during the next twelve months or until he has a license.

Pleading guilty of breaking into the home of J. R. Williams near Jamesville last Thursday night, LeRoy Merritt, 25, pleaded for mercy and the court suspended a prison term of two to three years' duration.

The young man was placed on probation for three years, and he is to move from the Williams farm, the court suggesting that the prosecution and defense get together and effect a settlement.

The case in which Dempsey Roberson is charged with disposing of mortgaged property was continued.

During the progress of the trial of the case in which Charlie Ben Daniel and Elbert Keyes were charged with forgery, the court directed a verdict of not guilty as to Keyes. Daniel, under a suspended sentence of 12 months for breaking an entering back in December, 1951, told a story that was not acceptable to the jury and he was adjudged guilty. Last month, the Keyes boy found a pocketbook belonging to Mrs. Mattie Lou Roberson and he showed Daniel some checks in it. It was declared that Daniel endorsed the instruments and tried to

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Farm Insurance Plan Approved In County

BARGAIN

Going through Columbia a few days ago, several local people literally jumped on a bargain in Irish potatoes. They paid 75 cents a hundred-pound bag for a good No. 1 grade potatoes and hauled the bargains home just to learn upon their return that the same potatoes were being delivered right here in Williamston for 50 cents per hundred-pound bag.

Farmers are greatly disturbed over the price of potatoes.

Funeral Held In Church For Miss Lucy Smithwick

Former School Teacher Died In Williams Township On Friday

Funeral services were conducted in the Siloam Methodist Church over in Williams Township Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Miss Lucy Smithwick who died at the home of her sister there last Friday morning at 2:30 o'clock. Her pastor, the Rev. Vance Lewis, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister, conducted the rites, and interment was in the Smithwick family cemetery near the home.

Miss Smithwick had been in declining health since early last March, but she was critically ill only a short time, the end coming unexpectedly.

The daughter of Edgar and Mary Hadley Smithwick, families prominent in the early history of this county, she was born in Williams Township 74 years ago on October 1, 1878, and lived there all her life. Completing her education, she taught in the public schools for twelve years, three years in Washington County and nine years in this county. She was a faithful member of the Siloam Methodist Church more than sixty years, and was a leader in her community down through the years, playing the role of a Christian woman and as a friend to all.

She never married and is survived by one sister, Mrs. Stewart J. Tetterton with whom she made her home.

Editor Beasley Dies In Monroe

Roland F. Beasley, editor of the Monroe Journal and a great liberal leader when it took courage to play that role in North Carolina, died last Saturday. As a country newspaperman he commanded respect from the high and mighty in the profession and in many other fields in this State.

Mr. Beasley, 82, was married to Miss Clyde Dowell, daughter of the late Rev. George Dowell who pastored the Baptist church here for many years. She was a perfect member of a team that figured prominently in advancing the better and nobler things in North Carolina for so many years.

Strikes A Pole To Miss A Truck

Following a westward traffic line on Main Street here yesterday morning, James Taylor Perry of 222 Albemarle Street, Edenton, steered a one and one-half ton truck into light pole in front of the fire station to miss plowing into the rear of a truck that had stopped in line for the red traffic light at the corner of Main and Smithwick Streets.

Driving a truck owned by J. F. Waff of Edenton, Perry explained that the brakes failed to take hold and that he chose to crash the pole rather than pile into another vehicle. It was said that the brake fluid line had broken. The pole was moved about an inch in solid concrete and damage to the truck was estimated at \$300 by investigating officers.

Plan To Organize Company In State Early This Fall

Farm Bureau President Explained Plan At Meeting Last Thursday

Following a meeting held in the Martin County agriculture building last Thursday evening, the board of directors of the Martin Farm Bureau Saturday afternoon unanimously approved a proposal to create a farmers' insurance company to write full coverage on automobiles and trucks for Farm Bureau members. While there are many obstacles to be overcome, farm leaders are going ahead with plans to have the company organized by early fall.

In the absence of President Chas. L. Daniel who missed his first meeting since he was elected about ten years ago, Vice President S. H. Everett presided over the meeting last Thursday evening when State Farm Bureau President C. Gordon Maddrey of Ahoskie explained the proposed plan in detail.

Taking the plan under advisement, the board of directors of the county unit, including Messrs. G. A. Oglesby of Hamilton, Henry Early of Goose Nest, Mayo Hardison of Poplar Point, D. V. Clayton of Williamston, G. H. Forbes of Cross Roads, S. H. Everett of Robersonville, C. L. Daniel of Williams, G. C. Griffin of Griffins and Carl Griffin of Jamesville, approved the plan.

Explaining that he first opposed the plan, Mr. Maddrey said that he changed his mind after hearing the details discussed, and added that every county in the State where the program had been explained went on to approve it. It was pointed out that the voting delegates from the several

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Firemen Called To Prison Camp Road

Starting from a spark or a defective flue, fire threatened the humble home of Mrs. Essie Beacham on the Prison Camp Road at 10:40 o'clock last Friday morning. The fire was detected soon after it started, and personnel from the prison camp and others brought it under control. The local fire department was called there, but the on-the-spot volunteers had the fire out when the equipment reached the scene. Damage was negligible.

Local firemen were called out a second time Friday when trash piled on a truck caught fire near Sunny Side Market at 4:30 o'clock. The fire was confined to the trash and no damage resulted. A third call in as many days was answered Sunday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock when an electric lamp caught fire in the Claude Cherry home, 101 Cherry Street. Little or no damage resulted. Directed to 101 Rhodes Street, firemen were unable to find the fire.

FIRST CURING

Farmers Frank Jordan and Sam Reason really stole the march on the tobacco farmers in this county Monday when they harvested the first of their 1953 tobacco crop on the Lassiter farm near Dardens.

Transplanting the first of their crop on April 13, the farmers struck the seasons just right and harvested almost four hundred sticks from about four acres Monday. The harvest, with favorable seasons existing, will hardly get under way on any appreciable scale in this county before week after next or early July.

Mr. Jordan stated that the crop was ripe and ready, that some damage was done to it and other crops in that section by a hail storm early last Saturday morning.