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Several Highway Accidents in The **County Recently**

Two Persons Painfully But Not Badly Injured In **Two Accidents**

Two persons were injured painfully but reportedly not seriously and property damage was fairly limited in a series of highway accidents in this county over the week-end, according to reports released by the State Highway Patrol office. Lizzie Mae Riddick, about 14

years of age, was badly bruised and skinned about her body and suffered a several-stitch cut in her head when she fell out of a moving car last Saturday night. Following overnight treatment in a local hospital she was able to continue to her home. Details of the accident could not be had immediately. It was reported that she was riding with her brother, that the door of the car was not fastened securely and that when she took hold of the latch handle the door flew open and she well out, while the car was moving at about 45 miles an hour.

Jesse V. Peele, colored, was driving his 1940 Dodge on the Jones road over in Williams Township about 10:30 o'clock last Saturday night when something went wrong with the steering mechanism, causing the car to go out of control and into a ditch. Peele was not injured and damage to the machine was limited to about

Driving toward Hamilton on Highway 125 at 3:00 o'clock Sunday morning, Charlie Cherry, Jr., colored of Poplar Point, lost control of his 1949 Chevrolet when he was blinded by the lights of after running off the road to the right, swerved to the left and in turned over about one and onehalf times, coming to a stop on its top with Cherry pinned in it. Persons, living near the scene of the accident, heard his calls for help and before the car could be righted, Cherry broke a glass and crawled out. He was removed to a hospital where he was dischargful bruises and abrasions, it was reported. Damage to the car was estimated at \$500 or more. L. C. Carraway, colored of Durham, was arrested in Williamston about 6:00 o'clock Sunday evening after he allegedly struck a car just this side of Gardner's Creek bridge and continued without stopping. He was passing a car being driven by Elizabeth Smith Horton of Plymouth. Damage to the Horton Studebaker was negli-



Representing towns and communities throughout this section of the' State, seventeen young ladies attended Williamston's sixth annual harvest festival here. From the list of seventeen prin-cesses, Miss Peggy Waters of Windsor was chosen queen. Miss Elizabeth Walker, 1953 festival cesses, Miss Peggy Waters of Windsor was chosen queen. Miss Elizabeth Walker, 1953 festival queen of Enfield, is along in the front row and the new queen is directly behind her in the third row. The names of the other princesses are: Misses Jean Vaughan of Ahoskie, Nancy Ward of Bear Grass, Lois James of Bethel, Miriam Joyner of Enfield, Carolyn Ashley of Edenton, Ann Sty-ons of Jamesville, Mary Waldo House of Hamilton, Eve Russell of Hertford Ina Faye Wells of Ply-mouth, Penn Strandberg of Rocky Mount, Carolyn Chesson of Roper, Trudy Staton of Scotland Neck, Mary Eleanor Tew of Tarboro, Jane Martin of Robersonville, Pat Mayne of Washington, and Patricia Wynne of Williamston.

Farm Bureau-Crop Groups Federation Day To Meet Wednesday Night Held In County Last Saturday

An important meeting of the the meeting and offer resolutions Martin County Farm Bureau to that end. If they have other membership and leaders in the suggestions relating to the farm Bear Grass Has Outstandan approaching car. The machine, CROP (Christian Rural Overseas program, they are invited to at-Program) movement will be held tend the meeting and take part the courthouse Wednesday in the discussions. Agriculture evening of this week at 7:30 o'- Secretary Ezra Taft Benson claims clock, it was announced by Chas. that the farmers do not want gov-L. Daniel, Bureau president, and ernment interference, that they stration Club Women held their ville Cemetery. Mrs. Elizabeth P. Harrison, secre- should be allowed to "go it alone". tary of the CROP committee. The It is generally conceded that Marpublic is invited and religious tin County farmers do not agree leaders are urgently asked to with Mr. Benson. But they must Grass Presbyterian Church with

attend. Preparatory to the holding of they will have an opportunity to by Mrs. Walter Wynne, county ed a few hours later following the State meeting of the North state their position at the meeting the State meeting of the North state their position at the meeting Carolina Farm Bureau convention Wednesday night. Martin County is being asked to in Raleigh early next week, the Martin County unit of the er- contribute 1,000 pounds of peaganization will hear a grass roots nut butter to the destitute vicdiscussion of the farm program, tims of war and poverty over-If Martin County farmers are in- seas. Plans for handling the huterested in the farm program, in- mane and urgent task will be forcluding acreage control and sup- mulated at the joint meeting, it port prices, they should attend was explained. **Native Of County** HOLIDAY

Wednesday, Armistice Day,

is being observed as a limit-

ed holiday here. The banks,

post office and ABC store

will be closed all day, and the

Virginia Electric and Power

Company will close its of-

fices for a half a day, beginn-

Other business will be con-

tinued as usual. No mail de-

liveries are to be made in the

town or rural areas, it was

No program marking the

Armistice Day anniversary

has been planned locally.

Add County Fees

To The Treasury

The county fee system, plus

ty court, added \$6,547.04 to the

Martin County treasury last

month, according to reports filed

with the board of commissioners

Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne

turned into the treasury what is

believed to be a record amount.

Fines in the county court during

the month amounted to \$3,305 and

court costs added up to \$1,964.

Miscellaneous fees, those receiv-

ed mostly for recordings, added

Register of Deeds J. Sam Get-

singer also reported a record

amount in fees. More papers are

being recorded this fall than in

any other corresponding period

present purchases of automobiles

service mostly on civil papers.

ing at 12:00 o'clock.

explained.

a few days ago.

\$5,602.29.

ing Club of Year And **Gets Defense Bond**

Martin County Home Demonannual Federation Day on Friday November 6, 1953, at the Bear Farmers To Get register their disagreement and the Bear Grass Club as hostess.

council president. Miss Sarah Wobbleton gave the devotional,

using John 3-16 as her topic. Mrs.

Wynne extended greetings to all

the visiting club members and

Mrs. Cecil Powell, Secretary of

the County Council, called the

roll by clubs, there being over

one hundred club members pre-

sent. Minutes of last Federation

Day were read and approved as

George L. Brown Officers Investigate Carroll Roberson Died In Hospital Saturday Evening County Attack Case Hunting Saturday **Victim Is Attacked**

Monday George Littleberry Brown, retired farmer, died in a local hos-pital last Saturday night at 8:45 Old Farm House o'clock. He had been in declining health for almost two years and Aged Woman Was Hitchhis condition was critical for several months. He was a patient in the hospital for about six weeks. Mr. Brown was born in Conetoe, Edgecombe County, 75 years ago

Funeral Service Held In

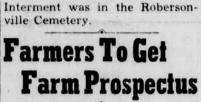
.Community Church

conducted during the past five on June 18, 1878, the son of the late Joseph and Martha Lee days, officers today explained Brown. After spending his early they had been unable to establlife there on the farm, he moved ish a valid lead in the triple rape to Martin County in 1912, locating of a 68-year-old woman between near Robersonville and marrying Mattie Elizabeth Coburn who died Williamston and Everetts last about a year ago. About 1919 he Wednesday afternoon. The inmoved to the Blackstone, Virginia, vestigation is being continued and section, where he continued to more suspects are being brought farm. Returning to this county under watch, Sheriff M. W. Holloa few years later, he located near man said today. Williamston where he continued

Planning a visit with her his farm work until declining daughter near Williamston, Mrs. health forced his retirement. He Jannie Bell started hitch-hiking was an able farmer and a good from her home in Bethel Wednesneighbor.

Surviving are seven sons, Wal- day afternoon. She caught a ride ter, Ernest, Lee, Jesse and Her- to Robersonville, and when it bert Brown, all of Williamston, looked as if she would be strand-Joe Henry Brown of Norfolk and ed there, she started walking to-Harvey Brown, U. S. Army, sta- ward Williamston. After walking fice before Associate Justice M. V. tioned in England; four daughters, only a short distance, Mrs. Bell Barnhill of the North Carolina as the gun was being transferred. Mrs. Martha Nelson Holliday, Mrs. was picked up by a white youth Supreme Court in the hall of the Just about the entire load of the Alice Roberson, Miss Bettie who was driving a nice two-door house of representatives in Ra- No. 5 shot struck the boy in his Brown, all of Williamston, and car of greenish-blue color. A short leigh shortly after 11:00 o'clock right side just below the ribs. A Mrs. Nellie Baggett of Windsor; distances east of Everetts, the last Friday morning, Elbert S. few of the shots pierced the lung, five sisters, Mrs. Bettie Harrell boy turned off Highway 64 into Peel, local attorney, entered upon part of which had to be removed and Mrs. Julia Moore of Scotland a dirt road. Mrs. Bell insisted that his new duties as second district Neck, Mrs. Claude Warren of it was the wrong road, but the solicitor in the Nash County Su- that no other vital organs were Williamston, Mrs. Mollie Moore of boy merely said it was the way perior Court at Nashville yester- badly damaged. Although he lost Rocky Mount and Mrs. Hannah they were going. He drove on day. He is succeeding George Landing of Creedmoor, and twenty-five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conductthe back yard. ed in the Community Christian Church Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. Dallas Ayers.



Martin County agricultural when he saw workmen in a nearby field, got into his car and drove

SATURATION **Three Times Near** A saturation patrol was maintained on the main and

Hiking from Bethel To Williamston

secondary highways in this county last week-end when officers traveled the routes from 6:00 p. m. until 1.00 a. m. Starting last Friday evening, the patrolmen kept up the intensive patrol. Two hours after the intensive patrol was After an extensive investigation ended, there was a wreck on the highways.

During the period the nine patrolmen were in action in the county, fifteen alleged violators of the highway laws were cited to the courts, mostly for speeding and drunken driving.

Other "saturation operations" will be handled from time to time and without advance notice, it was learned.

Starts Duties As District Solicitor

across the gailroad and to a de- Fountain of Tarboro, the district mained conscious until he was put serted farm house, parking in solicitor who was made a special to sleep for the operation. judge and who subscribed to the The aged woman told officers oath of office along with Attorney help and while he was heard,

the young man raped her three Peel. times in the front seat, that she

tried to get out of the car before friends were present when the and did not heed the plea. A few it was stopped at the deserted oath was administered, including minutes later Raymond ran to the spot. After the third attack, Mrs. Bob Peel, Clerk of Court L. B. shooting and collapsed. He was Bell said she got out the door Wynne, Mayor Rob., Cowen, R. J. placed in a local hospital for treat-

suit. The young man turned back stead. Solicitor Peel's new duties will and had to go for more help. He keep him busy about twenty-six was delivered to a local hospital weeks out of the year, making it where he was given first aid treatpossible for him to maintain the ment and prepared for the ambulpartnership with his son, Elbert S. ance trip to Durham. Both the way, a distance of approximately Peel, Jr. However, the firm will young men were said to have been one-half miles, and continued to limit its practice to the civil worried over the condition of each other more than they were of

Youth Undergoes Operation And Is Expected **To Recover** Carroll Saunders Roberson, 14-

year-old farm youth, was critically wounded when accidently shot on the farm of his father, John H. Roberson, in the Roberson Chapel community of Williamston Township early last Saturday afternoon. Removed to Duke Hospital, Durham, he underwent an operation immediately, and reports from the institution this morning pointed to his recovery provided no complications developed.

The young man, large for his age, started out with his brother, Raymond, of Williamston, shortly after the lunch hour to go hunting. When they reached a fairly wide ditch several hundred yards from the house, the older brother, Raymond, jumped the ditch and laid his gun down. Carroll was to relay his gun to the brother and then jump the ditch. Taking his .410 gauge gun by the barrel, the lad handed it to his brother who had barely touched the stock when the weapon fired. Just how it hap-Subscribing to the oath of of- pened, neither of the boys could say. Apparently the safety was not well fastened and slipped just in the operation. It is believed

The older brother yelled for members of the family thought Relatives and quite a few the boys were calling to the dogs Mrs. Peel and sons, Junie and Bill house, reported the accidental and Francis Peel, Mrs. F. M. ment of shock. Members of the road, her attacker in close pur- Manning and Governor Bill Um- family were unable at first to place the wounded lad in the car

The victim, if all goes well and

doctors think it will, is expected

Hearings Held In

Industrial Cases

courthouse Monday afternoon, and

In the Jesse Bonds case, the re-

rightful heirs and they are to re-

the lower part of this county last

the case had been agreed upon, it

Jennis Price, pointing out that

he suffered a burned foot while

employed by the Coastal Grading

Company, asked medical expes-

weeks' time lost as a result of the

accident. No decision was an-

nounced in the case immediately.

BUS STATION

Representatives of the sev-

eral bus lines operating busses

Commissioner Robt. L. Scott

was reported.

heard the cases.

home in about two weeks.

their own.

considerable blood, the victim re-

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Russell W. Conklin, father of the Rev. E. Gordon Conklin of Williamston, died in the Subrahan Hospital Betheda, Maryland, last Friday night about 10:00 o'clock. Suffering with a heart condition, he had been seriously ill since last July.

Funeral services were conducted in the Rockville, Maryland, Baptist Church yesterday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. J. H. Gamble. Mr. Conklin was born in Mid-

dleburg, New York, 57 years ago and moved when a young man to Maryland where he made bis lines and forfeitures in the coultterstate Commerce Commission. Besides his son here he is survived by his wodow and a son. Warren Conklin, of the home.

ROUND-UP

Thirteen persons were arrested and jailed during the week-end round-up by local, county and State officers. Six were booked for public drunenness, and one each for breaking and entering, speeding, drunken driving, reckless driving and speeding 90 miles an hour, hit-and-run driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. The thirteenth man was arrested and jailed for Pitt County authorities.

Only one white man was included in the group. The ages of the 13 ranged from 17 to 56 years.

After the singing of "Song of **Dies In Nashville** Peace", Mrs. Wynne introduced Mrs. V. I. Hockaday of Roanoke

read

guests.

Rapids, 21st district chairman of Funeral services were conduct-Federation of Home Demonstraed in the Nashville Baptist Church tion Clubs. Mrs. Hockaday gave yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'a very interesting report on her clock for Mrs. Annie Robbs Arm- recent citizenship and education strong, a native of Martin County, meetings held at the United Nation Building in New York. She who died at her home there last also told of her sight-seeing tour, said. Saturday night. The Rev. Durwhich brought back many memham Ipock, assisted by Dr. W. R. ories to the fifty Martin County

Cullum of Wake Forest, officiated. women who toured New York in Interment was in Pineview Ceme- the early summer. Lunch was served in the Suntery at Spring Hope.

day school rooms next to the Mrs. Armstrong was born in church. After lunch, Mrs. Thad Hamilton 82 years ago, the daugh- Harrison, the home agent, led the

ter of the late Martin County group in singing several selec-Superior Court Clerk James A. tions. Mrs. June Harris, Mrs. Seth

Hobbs and wife, Debbie Long Davis and Mrs. Williams gave the county report. Mrs. Julia Mizelle Hobbs. In early womanhood she read a report and Mrs. Harrison was married to Frank Armstrong gave out the awards. Bear Grass and later made her home in Hob- Club, solveded as the autstanding of the Atlante, Dave Clark Lo

heart condition developed.

strong

well of Washington.

in years. Most of the papers re- Home Demonstration Club.

good for many years. She also club for the third consecutive lived in Virginia a short time, but year, was awarded a \$25.00 war will conduct the meetings. in late years she had made her bond. Mrs. Harrison extended an home in Nashville with her invitation to all the women to invitation to all the women to visit her new home, at the close Scout Citation daughter, Mrs. Itimous Valentine. She had been in feeble health for

(Continued on Page Eight) some time, but was fairly active until a short time ago when a

she visited Williamston often Rains Relieving when her father was clerk of **Drought in Area** court, and came here for a last

visit for the premiere showing of up to \$332.79, making a total of "12 O'clock High", a war picture While the prolonged drought 1953-54 budget. which was centered around her has not been broken in its enson, Major General Frank Armtirety, rains since last Thursday morning have greatly relieved the munity having the largest percent Mrs. Armstrong was a faithful situation. Slightly more than an of increase in the number of dol-

was active in North Nashville Thursday and Friday morning, to any previous year. Mr. Ayers and appliances, it was learned. whom she had made her home up to about 1.38 inches this month. statuette was presented to R. F. Earl James of Murfreesboro. He The register's office reported for a long time, and her son is \$645.25 in fees during the month. now stationed at Barksdale Air day dropped the river at this point paign chairman.

Spruill said.

workers and leaders will get the away latest information on what to ex-Mrs. Bell told Sheriff Holloman

pect on the farm front next year that she walked back to the highat a meeting to be held in the courthouse, Friday, November 13. F. B. Brandon, county agent for

her daughter's home. Her daugh- courts. the State College Agricultural ter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Extension Service, said today that Dave Bowen, carried her to a a series of 101 meetings will be held in 99 of the state's 100 countreatment. She had lost right ties this month, "to give the farm people information that will help and her clothes were torn, the them adjust to the farming picofficer said.

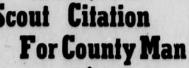
ture next year." Brandon said meetings will be held in every county except Craven.

The meetings will be conducted the following day. by five teams of farm management and marketing specialists from State College under the supervision of C. B. Ratchford, in charge of extension farm management and marketing, the agent

The outlook for tobacco, cotton, feed, feed grains, wheat, peanuts, soybeans, forest products, beef, hogs, sheep poultry, dairy ing, fruit and nut trees, vegetables, farm costs, home furnishings, housing and household equipment, will come in for dis-

cussion, according to Mr. Brandon. The five teams of specialist,

made up of Ratchford, D. D.

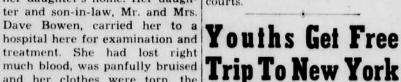


A. B. Ayers, Jr., of Bear Grass, was recently given a citation by the East Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America for his work in support of the Council's

He was awarded an especially farming. engraved statuette for the com-Surviving besides Mrs. James

are two daughters, Mrs. W. G. Robert Grady of Kinston has member of the Baptist Church and inch-1.14 to be exact-fell last lars collected in 1953 as compared Monsees of Yorktown, Va., and accepted a position with the Wool-Mrs. W. T. Williams of Murfreesard Furniture Company here and Another quarter of an inch of rain was not present at the recent boro; two sons, William Edward entered upon his new duties last Besides her daughter with fell last night to bring the total meeting of the Council, and the James of Conway, and Robert week.

A graduate of East Carolina A storm off the coast last Satur- Lowery, Wasmarty District Cam- also leaves six grandchildren; one College, the young man is a sister, Mrs. W. B. Peele of Green- brother of Ed Grady, executive Sheriff M. W. Holloman report- Force Base, Louisiana, she is sur- to 2.2 feet, the next lowest reading It was announced at the meeting ville; and three brothers, Sollie secretary of the Williamston Boosed \$299.50 in fees,; representing vived by a sister, Mrs. J. D. Ho- on record, Bridgekeeper Hugh that 89 percent of the Council's James, Zeno James, and Jasper ters, and was with a radio'station budget of \$73,174 had been raised. James, all of Stokes. in Kinston before coming here.



Henry Handy, Jr., and Billy Excited, sick and upset, the vicim and members of the family Marshall, two local newspaper did not report the attacks until carriers, leave tomorrow afternoon on a free trip to New York. Sheriff Holloman said that no Each of the two lads added forty A representative of the North

defenite license number of the new subscribers to their list dur- Carolina State Industrial Comcar could be had, the officer ex- ing a recent contest conducted by mission held two hearings in the plaining that the victim was so their paper. The boys will be picked up here investigated others.

badly upset she could offer few facts to support an investigation. tomorrow afternoon by a repre-

sentative of the paper and go to presentative declared the five Suffolk where they are to board children of the deceased were the **Former Resident** a special coach about 7:25 o'clock. When the boys get off the train ceive approximately \$7,320. Bonds **Of County Passes** at 6:25 o'clock Thursday morning was fatally burned while working they will be moved by special at the Nello Teer asphalt plant in

conveyance to their hotel where Funeral services were conduct- they are to make ready for three March 31. He died in a Plymouth ed in the Ashely Grove Baptist big days in the city. The schedule hospital July 22. Other issues in Church near Murfreesboro last calls for extensive tours over the Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock city, including stops at the Em-

for Willie Oscar James, former pire State, broadcasting studios, Martin County resident. The Rev. Statue of Liberty, a ride across Brown, Charles Williams, Guy R. E. Johns, pastor, conducted the harbor, Radio City Music Hall, Cassell, G. S. Abshier, J. M. Hunt-the rites, assisted by the Rev. a swim in an indoor salt water the rites, assisted by the Rev. a swim in an indoor salt water the rites, assisted of Conway. Burial pool, Chinatown. Following a television show Saturday night, the

was in the church yard.

The son of the late Alonzo L. boys will leave by train at 12:30 and Louisa Crandell James, he o'clock, reaching Norfolk at 10:55 was born in Pitt County 57 years o'clock Sunday morning. ago. When a young man he came Henry and Billy are anxiously to Martin County and located in looking forward to the trip which,

the Everetts community where he promises to be a big event in their was married to Miss Estelle Mob- young lives. Quite a number of boys in other years, he was employed by the sections of eastern North Carolina late J. S. Peel in the mercantile and Virginia are making the trip

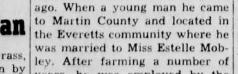
> Accepts Position With Local Furniture Firm

though here are looking for a terminal today. It is hoped that some arrangements can be made to provide temporary service, at least. During the meantime the

traveling public is being exposed to the elements at the open-air station on South Elm Street.

An appeal was made to the Utilities Commission last Friday, and members of the commission were shocked to learn about the condition that has existed here for weeks.

business at Everetts before going with the two from Williamston.



to Hertford County about twenty ago to engage in business and

