

## Minor Accidents On County Roads During Week-end

### No One Reported Injured In Latest Series Of Car Wrecks

No one was injured and property losses were held to fairly low figures in the latest series of motor vehicle accidents on the highways in this county during the past several days, according to information coming from the State Highway Patrol office in this county yesterday.

Driving east on Highway 64 about four miles west of Williamston early last Thursday afternoon, Roy Bowers, Jr., of RFD 1, Bethel, started to pass Javin Leggett of RFD 3, Williamston, just as Leggett was making ready to turn left in his 1941 Pontiac. Bowers' 1953 Chevrolet pick-up crashed into the left side of the car, causing about \$100 damage to the car. Damage to the pick-up was estimated at \$150 by the investigating member of the patrol.

Joe Louis Land, colored youth, stopped a county school bus near the Hubert Roberson residence on the Claude Green road about two miles from Robersonville at 7:55 o'clock last Friday morning and Thomas E. Staton, colored man of Robersonville, plowed into the rear of the bus with his 1947 Pontiac. Children were getting in the bus but only one was bruised, and the injuries did not need medical attention, the investigating patrolman explained. Damage to the bus was estimated at \$50 and that to the car at \$250. Staton was cited to the courts for allegedly operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes and reckless driving.

Returning to his home in Plymouth with several companions from East Carolina College about 6:00 o'clock last Friday evening, Leon Gray Sexton, driving a 1950 Mercury, started to pass Arthur Linwood Green of RFD 1, Williamston, just as Green was making a left turn in an empty log truck. No one was hurt. Damage to the car was estimated at \$150 and that to the truck at \$50.

## Youth Arrested For Car Larceny

A true picture of juvenile delinquency was revealed here late yesterday afternoon when a 14-year-old lad, Robert Rawe, was arrested by Officer Chas. R. Moore and booked for the larceny of an automobile in Norfolk.

The lad, a ninth-grader in the Waukegan, Illinois, High School got into trouble at school and decided to run away from his home, leaving his mother and step-father behind. He had little to say about his home life, but he admitted that there was criminal intent behind some of his moves. He rode a bus from Chicago to Norfolk and wandered around the city and Virginia Beach for a couple of days. Yesterday afternoon he said he started looking for a car and found a 1947 Buick at Ward's Corner in Norfolk with the keys in the ignition switch.

Driving here in about three hours, the lad was doing along very well but his inexperienced driving on the main street here attracted Officer Moore's attention and the lad was stopped near the town limits on Washington Street. Asking the officer why he stopped him, the lad, without waiting for an answer, started to run and the officer stopped him. Rawe then admitted the car theft, explaining that he had planned to go to Florida and look for a job.

He is a fine looking chap and doesn't have a criminal air about him. He is being turned over to the FBI.

### NO MEETING

Due to conflict with other activities, the meeting of the Little League organization scheduled to be held in the courthouse here Thursday, is being cancelled. A meeting will be called early in April to complete arrangements for the coming season. Officials are currently busy with plans for the individual teams and the boys are urged to remain in contact with the leaders of their groups.

## Officers Of Laymen's Group



W. Iverson Skinner and James C. Cooke, both Williamston men, were elected president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Laymen's Association for the East Carolina Diocese at a meeting of Episcopal laymen in Kinston Sunday. The meeting was attended by several hundred, including several from the Church of the Advent here. Mr. Bristol, nationally known manufacturer and prominent layman in the church, addressed the group.

## HEARING

A further hearing in the Martin County Drainage District No. 3 is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock in the courthouse. Clerk L. B. Wynne said. A lengthy hearing was held week before last when it was agreed to continue it until tomorrow. Most of the differences have been or will be cleared away, it is believed, except the opposition offered by the Coast Line and N. C. Pulp Company. The district is centered in the Robersonville-Parmele-Flat Swamp sections.

## Robbers Enter Hassell Store

Tearing away the screen and breaking a rear office window, robbers entered the John W. Eubanks store in Hassell during a late Sunday night and carried away an expensive cash register containing about \$1 in change. Nothing else was missed from the store, according to Sheriff M. W. Holloman who with Special Agent Fentress is investigating the case. The robbers, apparently amateurs with a bit of experience, centered their attention on the large iron safe. They knocked off the combination dial and tried to bore through the door. Failing to open the door, they abandoned the safe and turned to the next best thing—the cash register. The drawer of the register was closed, and apparently unable to open it, the robbers walked away with the register. They got by the route they entered the building, Sheriff Holloman said. The safe was opened later in the day and contents were found intact.

## Face Liquor Law Violation Charge

Ben Ward and Willie Bullock have been booked for trial in the Martin County Recorder's Court on March 29 for alleged violation of the liquor laws. ABC Officer Cecil Bullock, Deputies Dennis Roberson and Officer Chas. Moore picked up between two and three quarts of white liquor in a five-gallon jug at the Ward home on West Warren Street last Saturday night, and found sixteen pints of taxed liquor in Bullock's car on the night of the raid. The officers made several other raids during the evening but found only dry bars.

## Essay Contest Is Being Held Here

A district essay contest, sponsored by the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, is being held in the local high school this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Coming here from several counties in this section of the State, the speakers have for their subject, "Government's Place in Agriculture." The winner of the contest here today will go to Raleigh to compete in the finals later this month. The State winner is to be awarded a college scholarship and \$100 in cash.

## Reviews Activity Of The Red Cross In Blood Program

### Bloodmobile Will Be Here At Legion Hut Thursday Of This Week

The Red Cross blood program in this chapter is hanging in the balance. If the quota of 150 pints is met when the bloodmobile comes here on Thursday of this week it is certain the program will be continued, for a while at least. If the quota is not met, it is possible that the program will be discontinued in the chapter. There is still an urgent need for more blood donors, and volunteers are asked to contact the Red Cross office in the town hall, Mrs. Lucille Cowen, secretary. Just yesterday, the Red Cross blood program activities were reviewed, as follows for the county:

Every 20 seconds last year some hospital patient received transfusion of blood supplies by his fellow Americans through the Red Cross, E. Roland Harriman, ARC chairman, reported. "And if the country's ill and injured are to continue to be provided with the blood they will require this year," he said, "one of every 20 persons between the ages of 18 and 60 will need to make at least one blood donation in 1954."

During 1953, Harriman reported, Red Cross collected blood for civilian use at the rate of 145,000 pints a month. The organization also provided blood for defense purposes at the rate of 167,000 pints a month, including approximately 30,000 pints collected monthly by community blood banks, which cooperated through August 31 in the defense collection program. Red Cross blood is made available without charge for the product.

In addition, the Red Cross provided the Office of Defense Mobilization with more than 9,000,000 cc's of gamma globulin during 1953 to be used in the treatment of measles and infectious jaundice, and as a weapon against paralysis from polio. The entire Red Cross Blood Program is costing \$17,071,800 in the current fiscal year, Harriman stated. For the 1954-55 fiscal year—for which funds are now being collected—\$14,667,600 is budgeted.

Every minute around the clock, Harriman said, 36 patients check into the nation's hospitals. One in five needs a pint of blood. Of an estimated 4,000,000 pints of blood used for this purpose, the Red Cross last year supplied about 40 percent. The remainder (Continued on page eight)

### ROUND-UP

With the exception of a robbery at Hassell, the crime front last week-end in the county was about as quiet as it has been in any similar period during recent months. Only four persons were rounded up and jailed, one each for vagrancy, drunkenness, assault and issuing a worthless check. All of the four were colored, including one woman, and the ages of the group ranged from 22 to 49 years.

## Mrs. N. T. Daniel Died Sunday In A Local Hospital

### Funeral Being Conducted This Afternoon At Home In Farm Life

Funeral services are being conducted at the home in the Farm Life community of Griffins Township this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Mrs. Sallie Anne Manning Daniel who died in a local hospital at 10:30 o'clock Sunday night. Her pastor, the Rev. W. B. Harrington, is conducting the rites, assisted by Elders P. E. Getsinger and A. B. Ayers. Interment will be in the Daniel family cemetery near the home.

Mrs. Daniel had been in declining health for several years. She had received hospital treatment at intervals during recent months, and had been a patient in the local hospital for ten days during her last illness.

The daughter of the late Benjamin Mc. and Zora Brown Manning, she was born in Griffins Township 61 years ago on September 21, 1892, and spent all her life there. She was married to Noah Thomas Daniel in September, 1913. A faithful member of the Piney Grove Baptist Church for many years, she possessed high Christian ideals, and played the role of a devoted wife and mother. She was an understanding neighbor and one who always stood ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. She held a noble outlook on life, and her friendly disposition and cheery smile endeared her to all. Her walk through life was gentle and humble, and in her daily living she set examples worthy of others to follow, examples that lent encouragement during trying times as well as during good days.

Surviving besides her husband are seven children, three sons, Felton Daniel of the home and Thomas and Benjamin Daniel of Williamston; four daughters, Mrs. George Jensen of Norfolk and Mrs. Chris B. Heath and Misses Hannah and Helen Daniel, all of New Bern; three brothers, J. O. John A., and Elbert N. Manning, all of Williamston; five sisters, Mrs. N. T. Daniel Taylor, Mrs. Clyde Hughey of Raleigh, and Mrs. N. R. Daniel, Mrs. Herbert Lilley and Mrs. M. H. Leggett, all of Griffins Township; two grandchildren, and a foster brother, Oscar Bland, of Williamston. A sister, Mrs. C. C. Coltrain, died a number of years ago.

## Seniors to Present Play On March 17

A three-act farce-comedy, "The Professor Goes Haywire," will be presented by the Senior Class on Wednesday, March 17, in the high school auditorium.

Scott Bunting, a young, handsome, dignified science professor, who lives with two old maid aunts, is pursued by all the young college girls, but one is particularly attracted to him—Taffy Farrell, the daughter of the dean. Competing with Taffy for the professor's attention are Elicia, who advocates the intellectual approach and Abby, a silly, giggling young girl.

The plot begins to unfold when Scott is mistakenly taken for a champion pugilist. The elimination of this false conception is undertaken unsuccessfully. Under the introduction of several other characters and complications in the plot, a bout is staged between Scott and Socko Sullivan, a boxer who is the sweet heart of Jennie, the Bunting's cook. For the results of this fight come to see "The Professor Goes Haywire," presented by the Senior Class.

## Hamilton Holds Day Of Prayer

World Day of Prayer was observed in a union service held in the Methodist Church at Hamilton last Friday afternoon. The several churches there cooperated in the service which was attended by a large group, including a goodly number of men and young people. The service was one of several held in various parts of the county, all of which were well attended.

## Divorce Cases On Docket For Trial In Superior Court

### All Are Based On Two-Year Separation Grounds; None Contested

Nine divorce cases have been placed on the calendar for trial in the Martin County Superior Court during the second of the two week-term opening on Monday, March 15. The divorce cases are the first ones on the calendar for Monday, March 22, the entire first week of the term having been set aside for the trial of criminal actions. A comparatively few civil cases are scheduled for trial during the first four days of the second week.

All the divorce cases are based on ground of two years of separation, and none is being contested. Judge Chester Morris of Coinjock is to preside over the term, returning to the county for the first time in five years to preside over a term of court.

Divorce cases on the calendar include the following: Auradis Woolard against Ervin Woolard, the plaintiff saying that they were married in April, 1938, and separated in August, 1940, and adding that no children were born of the union.

In the case of Eleanor Brown Ballou against George Ballou, the plaintiff says they were married August 25, 1945, and separated March 12, 1951, that the one child born of the union is with and supported by her.

William A. Davis in his case against Emma Davis, says they were married in January, 1946, and separated in January, 1948.

Sadie R. Joyner of Bertie is suing George W. Joyner of Martin for a divorce, stating in her complaint that they were married November 30, 1947, and separated February 15, 1948, and that no children were born of the union.

In the case of Mamie A. Wynne of this county against George H. Wynne of the State of Connecticut, the plaintiff says that they were married June 2, 1948, and separated May 3, 1950, that a son, born of the union, is in her custody and is supported by her. She is asking permanent custody of the child, alleging that the defendant is not a fit and proper person to rear the son.

Suing Joseph Paisley Corey for a divorce, Mollie O'Neal Corey says they were married September 8, 1951, and separated January 10, 1952, that no children were born of the union.

Mamie Griffin in her divorce action against Emmett Alvin Griffin, points out in the complaint that they were married August 1, 1947 and separated August 18, 1951. The plaintiff is asking permanent custody of the one son born of the union. The plaintiff added that the child is with and is supported by her.

In the case of Cleopatra Andrews Tyner against John M. Tyner, the plaintiff says they were married October 3, 1934, and separated April 10, 1950, that no children were born of the union. (Continued on Page Eight)

## County Boy Hurt In Auto Wreck

Alfred Craft, young Martin County man, was painfully but believed not seriously injured in an automobile accident near Seeland Neck over in Halifax County last Wednesday night about 10:00 o'clock.

The young Oak City man lost control of his 1953 Ford on the wet pavement in a curve and the machine turned over. He suffered painful cuts about the face and a fractured left knee. The car was demolished, it was reported.

The detection clinics are held each 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9:00 o'clock in the Rocky Mount Municipal Building. The clinics are open free to all, but are financed by medical societies, the State Board of Health and the money raised in cancer fund drives.

## Bloodmobile Short Thirty-Five Donors

### Last-Minute Plea Made To Meet The Goal On Thursday

In response to urgent appeals repeatedly advanced, one hundred and sixty-five persons have volunteered to give blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile makes its quarterly visit here on Thursday of this week. The response leaves the list thirty-five short, and a last-minute appeal is being made in an effort to meet the goal.

Mrs. Lucille Cowen, Red Cross secretary in this chapter, released the names of those who have volunteered to give blood on Thursday of this week and reviewed the record of several blood donors in the past, as follows:

Henry Gray Corey, R. J. Harrison, Leslie Godard, Fred Hardison, Melvin O'Neal, William Lanier, Clyde Barber, Mrs. Clyde Barber, Aris Lyons, Luther Modlin, J. C. Coltrain, Emmett Minis, George Bonds, Dalmus Bazemore, V. J. Spivey, Lester Bryant, Bill Beacham, Harry Laneir, Lela C. Bonds, James E. Bulluck, Johnny L. Beacham, Lee Reynolds, Mrs. Lee Reynolds, Bruce Whitley, C. R. Whitaker, Sylvester Wynne, Willie C. Wynne, Mrs. William S. Peele, Mrs. Archie Coltrain, Gilbert Long, Dalmer Gurkin, Joe Nichols, Simon Lilley, Jr., Mrs. Ollie Keel, Elliott Bullock.

Mrs. Willford Griffin, Paul Griffin, J. Paul Lilley, Clabon Summerlin, Emily Wagner, Exum L. Ward, James Harrington, Ben H. James, Gary Davis, Melburn Harrison, William H. Brown, Harry Jones, Jr., Mrs. J. C. Gurkin, Mrs. B. D. Wynne, Charlie I. Terry, Johnnie Pollard, Zeph Roberson, Miss Mary Louise Taylor, Wendell Peele, Nancy Johnson, James Manning, Garland Anderson, Woodrow W. Holliday, Joe Manning, Miss Daisy Manning, Robert Loyd Sexton, William Tetterton, Julian Jackson, Leslie T. Fowden, Clayton Revels, Worth Mobley, Jim Manning, Wheeler Manning, Mrs. Carlyle Langley, K. P. Lindsley.

Willie Gray Lee, William Nelson Long, Walter Johnson, Walter Jones, Mrs. Ruth Alcox, Wilbur J. Jackson, A. L. Jameson, J. D. Hines, William H. Harrison, Archie Holly, J. S. Hodges, Mrs. Victor Brown, W. Jesse Griffin, Arthur B. Gurganus, Rev. John Goff, Edgar Gurganus, Ernest W. Griffin, N. D. Griffin, Norman Everett, William H. Griffin, James S. Griffin, Henry Griffin, George Corey, Roger A. Critcher, Dr. Sidney Christian, Mrs. D. V. Clayton, Leroy Everett, Cecil Batts, V. U. Bunting, Floyd Stalls, Mrs. Velma Bailey, Doc Bullock, Wilbert R. Bender, Paul Bailey, Henry Bullock.

Miss Reba Boone, Aubrey D. Ange, Mrs. Martha Ward, Mrs. Ernest Carraway, Lazarus Williams, Jaywood Peaks, Darrell Taylor, Melvin Whitfield, Alfred Hollis, Sylvester Leggett, Mrs. T. W. Ange, Janie Leggett, Robert Lee Manning, William H. Riddick, Billy Edmondson, Mrs. Annie E. White, Anna Edmondson, Mrs. Evelyn Rawls, Rufus S. Gurganus, Jessie Council, Mrs. Walter Wynne, Jack W. Wynn, Arthur Simpson, Mrs. Caddie Robertson, James R. Gurganus, Miss Melba Manning, Mrs. Louise Gurkin, Rufus Harrison, Calvin Warren, John H. Lynch, James Everett, Anoxies Peele, Jay Ayers, Mrs. Jasper Jones, R. L. Bailey, Helen Moore, Mrs. Doris Gurganus, Mrs. W. H. Abernathy, Mrs. Edna Bondurant, A. J. Lassiter, Mrs. Grady Godard, Grady (Continued on Page Eight)

## Free Milk For Blood Donors

The S and V supermarket is offering a free quart of milk to each person donating a pint of blood to the Red Cross blood bank when the bloodmobile visits here on Thursday of this week. A coupon, placed in the hands of the donor at the Legion hut on Watts Street, will be honored at the S and V, it was announced by the management today. The store operators are storing 150 quarts of milk and are looking forward to giving every drop of it to the blood donors.

### ARMY CALL

A call was received Monday by the Martin County Draft Board, instructing it to send twelve men to the army center in Raleigh on Thursday, April 1, for pre-induction examinations. A final induction call for five men is pending and will be answered on April 14.

## See Four Trends In Mechanization Of State's Farms

### Greater Use Of Electricity And Irrigation Along With Tractors

We'll see four major trends in mechanization of North Carolina agriculture in the immediate future, Howard Ellis, head of agricultural engineering Extension work at State College, told a newspaper-radio session in Raleigh recently.

They are: (1) more tractors and tractor equipment, (2) greater use of electricity for farm power, (3) an even faster swing toward irrigation and (4) more farm buildings designed for most efficient use.

Actually, emphasizes Ellis, mechanization means more that machinery and tractors. It includes electricity, irrigation and functional buildings—everything which makes farm work easier and farming more efficient.

We had only 12,000 tractors in North Carolina in 1940, but 116,000 in 1954, says Ellis. Manufacturers now are making small one-row tractors and a wide variety of equipment to fit Southern farming.

At the same time, only 63,000 of our 238,000 farms in North Carolina have a tractor—many of them two tractors. Plainly the door is wide open for more tractors. Ellis says another 150,000 farms can be partially mechanized, meaning an increase to at least 250,000 tractors.

Most farms of 30 acres or more can justify at least partial mechanization with a small one-row tractor, explains the specialist. But on small farms especially you need to be careful that your investment per acre does not get too high. Machinery alone may cost \$100 an acre and may still fall short of complete mechanization. Yet \$100 is considered the most you can safely invest per acre in machinery.

For larger farms (75 to 100 acres), the investment per acre should not exceed \$75, even though this amount won't give you all the equipment you need. On farms of 150 to 300 acres, about \$50 per acre invested in machinery should give you all you need.

So for small farms of around 30 acres—and they make up a big share of our North Carolina farms—they cannot be completely mechanized with machinery now available and still stay within safe limits of investment.

On electricity, we've climbed from 34 percent of our North Carolina farms with electricity in 1940 to 94 per cent today. But there's a tremendous lag in the use of labor-saving electrical equipment, declares Ellis. Only one-half of our farm families have mechanical refrigerators, about one-third have piped running water, less than one-half have washing machines and less than one family in 10 has a water heater.

Farmers could boost their income greatly by using more productive electrical equipment, according to Ellis. One of the major hurdles in stepping up to higher priced grade A milk production is putting in special equipment like milk coolers and hot and cold running water. Electrical power is a big help in this case.

Irrigation is another paying step toward further mechanization. Ellis says that when combined with other recommended methods, irrigation of tobacco has (Continued on Page Eight)

### DELAYED

The annual round-up of dogs that have not been immunized against rabies has been delayed, it was learned today. The round-up is scheduled to get under way in early April when all dogs that have been vaccinated in Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Williamston Townships will be caught and electrocuted. Clinics for the vaccination of dogs in Cross Roads, Robersonville, Poplar Point, Hamilton and Goose Nest Townships are to be held within the next few weeks.