

## Five Car Wrecks On County Roads In Recent Days

### Only One Person Reported Injured In Latest Accidents

One person was painfully but not badly injured in a series of motor vehicle accidents on the highways in this county during the last few days. The property damage was estimated at \$1,250 by the investigating patrolmen.

The first in the series was reported last Wednesday afternoon when Henry Horton Barber, driving Eugene Bembridge's 1948 Chevrolet, lost control and banked it in a curve on the Barber Island road in Williams Township. Barber wasn't hurt and damage to the car was estimated at \$125.

Trying to dial his radio while driving on the Bear Trap Mill road last Thursday morning at 6:30 o'clock, Charlie Gray Coltrain, of RFD 2, Williamston, lost control of his 1953 Mercury and the machine plowed into a ditch bank. The car went off the right side of the road and swerved back to the left, striking the bank and causing about \$300 damage to his car. He wasn't injured.

Friday morning at 6:00 o'clock two cars met head-on on the Parmele-Flat Swamp road, injuring no one but causing \$125 damage to James Hopkins' 1949 Plymouth and about \$100 damage to David Andrews' 1949 Chevrolet. Andrews was cited to the courts for driving on the wrong side of the road.

Stopping his 1946 Chevrolet near a ditch on the Oak City-Hassel road about a mile from Oak City Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, J. C. Sherrod of Oak City started to back up in a hurry and lost control, the machine turning over and causing about \$200 damage to the machine was estimated at \$200.

While driving her 1953 Plymouth on the Prison Camp road Sunday afternoon about 12:30 o'clock Mrs. Betty Gurganus Wynn reached to catch her eight-month-old child who was about to fall off the seat. She lost control and the machine ran into a ditch. The baby wasn't injured but Mrs. Wynn suffered a broken right wrist and a cut on the forehead. Following treatment in the Robersonville Clinic she was able to continue to her home. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300.

Driving east on Highway 84 between Parmele and Bethel, Clyde W. Burnett of Williamston started to pass Arthur Powell who gave a right signal and turned left. No one was injured. Damage to Burnett's 1953 Chevrolet was estimated at \$75 and that to Powell's 7049 Chevrolet will hardly exceed \$25, the investigating patrolman said.

## Another Curing Barn Destroyed

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a large tobacco barn on the Brown farm near Jamesville about 6:00 o'clock Sunday morning. Farmer Carl Brown stated that he did not know how the fire started, that the barn was almost burned down when he discovered the fire.

The barn, an unusually large one, housed 1,100 sticks of choice tobacco. It was partially covered by insurance.

The barn was the sixth known to have been destroyed by fire during the current curing season.

### DOGWOOD

Dogwood is being marketed on a commercial scale in this county, but the operation goes forward on a limited scale. Independent dealers were in the county a few days ago searching out the scarce wood, and moved out the first carload last week-end.

The wood goes to Greensboro where it is cut into blocks and then shipped out to Massachusetts where it is made into shuttles for the textile industry. It is said that millions of dollars have been spent in research but no substitute for dogwood has been found in the manufacture of the shuttles.

## Aerial Picture Of Martin County Farm



The above is an aerial photo of an attractive farm property somewhere in Martin County. It is the third in a series of about fifty this paper had made to get for its readers an aerial glimpse of the attractive farm homes in the county. The paper will appreciate help from any of its readers in identifying the picture series. In addition to a nice home, the farm family of the property picture has a well-kept yard and plenty of barn storage. The picture last week was identified as that of Farmer and Mrs. Clyde Williams on Highway 17 near Williamston. Mr. Bland of the Williamston Hardware Company was the first to definitely identify the picture last week. Many others gave help.

## Child Fatally Burned In Bed

Phillip Ray Vick, three-year-old colored child, was fatally burned at his home in Jamesville Township last week. Bathed and dressed in his pajamas, he was put to bed by his mother. Playing with matches, he ignited his night clothes and was burned from his chin to his waist before the fire was extinguished.

He was brought to a local hospital last Wednesday night and was treated, the mother refusing to admit him as a patient. He was treated a second time the following day, doctors insisting that the victim be admitted for treatment, but the mother refusing. Late Thursday, the child was returned a third time for treatment, and again doctors were unable to convince the parents that it should be admitted to the hospital for care. Before reaching home, the victim had a convulsion and the parents returned and admitted him to the hospital. He was placed in an oxygen tent, death following a short time later at 12:30 o'clock Friday morning.

## County Boys To Enter Services

Five Martin County young men are to leave tomorrow for final induction into the armed forces. They are to report to the center in Raleigh.

The call, although received by the draft board, is being met entirely by volunteers, it was learned.

The list includes four white and one colored volunteer. Those volunteering for service include Benjamin Mayo Harrell of RFD 1, Oak City, Larry James Bullock, Jr., and Donald Thomas Parsons, both of Williamston, and Raymond Stanley Fleming of RFD 1, Robersonville, all white; and Lennell Jones, colored, of Williamston.

Another induction call for twelve men is pending for September 16. Two pre-induction calls are also pending, each for 37 men, the first on September 8 and the other for September 28.

## Firemen Called Out Thursday

Said to have been started by small children playing with an oil drum and matches, fire threatened several buildings on and adjoining the property of Mrs. J. H. Saunders, corner of Church and Watts streets, here last Thursday afternoon at 4:40 o'clock. There was little oil in the barrel and the fire was discovered and brought under control before it could spread. Damage was negligible, Fire Chief G. P. Hall said.

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### \$25 REWARD

Members of the local volunteer fire department late yesterday posted a \$25 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person sending in a false fire alarm at 3:25 o'clock.

Police Chief John Roebuck received the call which directed the firemen to 116 Rhodes Street, the officer explaining the alarm was a false one. The reward was hung up the receiver before giving a name. The residents at 116 Rhodes were about as surprised to see the fire truck drive up in front of their home as the firemen were when they learned there was no fire.

## District Officers In Meeting Here

Forty-five women representing nine Women's Clubs, members of the 15th District of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, met in executive session at 10:00 o'clock Thursday, August 5, at the Williamston Woman's Club home.

Mrs. Harry L. Smith, President, presided and introduced two guests; Mrs. J. G. Brickhouse of Columbia, State Chairman of the Public Affairs Department, and Mrs. W. Jesse Moye of Farmville, Chairman of the Help-a-Home Department.

Mrs. Smith announced the themes and motto for the year as follows: "You are the Light of the World"; General Federation theme; "Your Self-Discipline, Understanding and Faith will Light the World"; State theme; and "Discipline, Understanding and Faith", the motto.

Goals for the individual clubs and the district for the coming year are: two new clubs, one junior and one senior in every district and a road sign for each club to be erected during the year. The date and places of the Annual district meeting is September 15th in Greenville at the Memorial Baptist Church.

Mrs. W. H. Abernathy, President, and officers of the Williamston Woman's Club were the hosts committee. House arrangements were by Mrs. E. R. Carroway, House Chairman, and the basket arrangement of giant zinnias was brought by Mrs. W. O. Abbitt.

### LIVING QUARTERS

With the opening of the tobacco market next week, a sizable demand for living quarters for tobaccoists is certain to develop this week-end.

Those having furnished apartments and rooms are asked to advise Ed Grady at the Boosters' office, listing what they have for rent. Call Telephone 3123.

## Need More Funds For The Care Of Victims Of Polio

### North Carolina Has Received Far More Than Its Donations To Fund

Despite vast sums of money contributed to the fight against infantile paralysis, North Carolina polio chapters are still on the "receiving end" of the March of Dimes organization. Mrs. Tilmon Coltrain, director of the Emergency March of Dimes in Martin County, declared today.

In an appeal to all people of the county to help their National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis pull out of its present critical financial plight, Mrs. Coltrain pointed out that North Carolina has benefited tremendously from the generosity of this organization. "Up to July 15 this year," she said, "fourteen of our polio chapters have asked for and received from the Foundation's Emergency Fund \$110,650.00 for the care of our own children and young men and women stricken by polio. Undoubtedly much more would have come to use but for the fact that this source of emergency aid has run dry," said Mrs. Coltrain.

This distressing situation is why special drive has been set in Martin County and the nation for August 16-31. The Emergency March of Dimes director pointed out that the total raised in last January's March of Dimes was not enough to continue payment of patient aid bills this year, in addition to meeting the costs of the vaccine field trials and purchase of increased quantities of gamma globulin. "To North Carolina \$441,445.00 worth of gamma globulin, the temporary preventive against paralytic polio, has been allotted this year," Mrs. Coltrain declared.

"Our chapter raised \$5,919.25 last January, and we are fortunate that the requirements of patient aid to date have not drained our treasury dry," Mrs. Coltrain said. "However, less fortunate areas where epidemics have occurred are out of money and require immediate outside help. We would ask for similar aid ourselves under the circumstances."

"Through the National Foundation, all polio patients who need help get it, no matter where they live."

Chapter funds are used almost exclusively to aid patients, Mrs. Coltrain pointed out. This primary obligation also constitutes the largest financial load of the National Foundation headquarters; perhaps as much as \$33,500,000 may be needed for patient care this year, she said.

The vaccine field trials and the greatly expanded gamma globulin program will take up to \$26,500,000 by the end of the year. Added to all this, she noted, continued research, training of doctors, nurses, physical therapists and other

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## Senate Votes To Lower Income Of American Farmer

### Ninety Percent of Parity To Continue For Tobacco As A Price Support

The United States Senate last night voted 49 to 44 to lower the income of the American farmer by about seven and one-half percent. While the action was not as sweeping as President Eisenhower and Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson had pleaded for, the Chief Executive regarded the vote as a "sweeping victory" for his administration.

Eisenhower-Benson, called for flexible supports as low as 75 percent of parity and no higher than 90 percent of the cost. His recent stand on farm prices is far removed from the 100 percent parity plan he advocated when a candidate back in 1952 out in Minnesota.

When administration leaders saw the 75 percent flexible base was in danger, it was proposed to place the range for flexibles from 80 to 90 percent. During the meantime, Senator McCarthy, apparently grabbing for the spotlight, proposed parity support from 90 to 100 percent. The farm question reached a vote after leaders compromised and fixed the parity range from 82 to 1-2 to 90 percent. The plan, excluding tobacco, applies to cotton, corn, peanuts, wheat and rice.

North Carolina's two senators supported the 90 percent parity plan, but opposed the 90 to 100 percent version proposed in an amendment. Thirty-seven Republicans and ten Democrats voted to cut the farmer's income.

Debate on the farm bill late yesterday excited little interest, with minds made up in advance. Most of the time there were no fewer senators on the floor, but 20 turned out to hear Sen. Russell (D-Ga.) deliver a fervent argument for extension of the present 90 percent supports.

Sen. Anderson (D-NM) delivered an equally strong argument for the 90 percent parity plan. Sen. Dworkin (R-Iowa) and Schoepel (R-Kan) were active in behalf of the compromise finally agreed upon.

Schoepel offered the 82 1-2 to 90 proposal as an amendment to Aiken's amendment calling for 80

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## Catch Two With Liquor Supply

Two persons were caught by local and county ABC officers last week-end in and near Williamston.

Taking a stand a short distance off the McCaskey road near the slaughter house siding, ABC officers waited about three hours before Herbert Godard, young colored man, suspended operations at his still and started away with four gallons of freshly made liquor. When told to halt, Godard merely grunted and slumped to the ground with his turn of liquor. He admitted ownership of the 25-gallon copper kettle, and is waiting trial in the county court next Monday.

Emmett Thomas, entertaining about fifty friends at his home on Center and Main Streets early last Saturday morning, admitted ownership of five quarts of illicit liquor. Tried in the county court Monday, Thomas was sentenced to the roads for twelve months, the sentence to be suspended upon the payment of a \$100 fine and costs. He appealed and bond was fixed in the sum of \$500. Officers James Jones and Chesson and Sheriff M. W. Holloman made the raid on the Thomas home.

### ROUND-UP

Seven persons were arrested and detained in the county jail during the week-end.

Three were booked for public drunkenness, and one each for violating the liquor laws, forgery, issuing a worthless check and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

All were colored and their ages ranged from 28 to 58 years.

## Tobacco Market To Open Next Monday

### Limited Selling Will Be In Order For Several Days

### Operations Will Overlap In Several Belts During The First Week

The local tobacco market along with all others in the Bright Belt will open the 1954 marketing season next Monday, August 16, it was announced following a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association in Raleigh last Saturday. The opening in this belt was first scheduled for Tuesday, August 17.

Advised that Georgia farmers could not market their crop in time for a full complement of personnel to reach this section next week, the board of governors of the association moved to solve the problem by limiting sales to sixty percent of normal. Under the arrangement just enough buyers and other personnel will be left in Georgia to complete the sales there. It is not definitely known, but it was reported that markets with one set of buyers would get a full complement, along with government graders, that the larger markets would have to operate with reduced sets of buyers during the first week of the season. However, sales on all markets will be limited to sixty percent of normal. Where a market has been selling 2,200 baskets during a five and one-half hour day, it will be limited to 1,320 baskets on day during the first week of the season. It was also explained that it might be necessary for the markets with one set of buyers to alternate the buyers during each selling day. In other words, sales could be held on the local market during the early part of the day and sales could be held on a nearby market later in the day with the same buyers.

It is possible that the arrangement will cause much confusion, but the board of governors could see no other way to solve the problem. When it was pointed out that Georgia could not complete the marketing of its crop in time for a full complement of buyers and other personnel to reach this belt for the scheduled opening, several markets said they would withdraw from the association if the opening date was delayed.

Fred S. Royster of Henderson, president of the Bright Belt Association, presented the proposal that Eastern, Middle and Old Belt openings this year be authorized on a limited basis. The proposal was adopted unanimously by the advisory committee made up of five growers, five warehousemen, and five buyers, and was approved by the board of governors with only one dissenting vote.

Afterwards Royster said he was "highly pleased" with the action taken. He added that the new approach adopted in principle should go a long way toward settling disputes over tobacco market opening dates which have been raging for the past 30 or 40 years.

As adopted, the plan included assurances to the Georgia-Florida Belt that enough buyers will be left there to finish up late season sales.

In the case of the Eastern Belt, the Bright Belt Association's sales

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## Firemen Called To Tobacco Barn

Firemen were called to a tobacco barn on the D. M. Roberson farm in West End yesterday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock when a tobacco barn caught fire.

Starting in a log just over a hot furnace, the fire was burning fairly rapidly when Farmer Simon Perry discovered it. Using dry cement he knocked the fire down and firemen were able to put it out with a small hose line. The damage log was cut away and little damage was done to the tobacco and the barn.

## Owners Announce Plans Ready For 'New Deal' House

### Reynolds Family Purchases Large Warehouse Here Few Days Ago

Purchasing the large tobacco auction warehouse on the new by-pass here a short time ago, the Reynolds family of Owensboro, Kentucky, yesterday announced everything in readiness for the operation of the house, beginning next Monday. Explaining they had purchased the property from King Roberts of Fuquay Springs, Mr. Marson Reynolds said he, his brother and their father would operate the "New Deal" warehouse in cooperation with the Smothers Brothers, J. M. and C. Garland Smothers.

Reporting here yesterday morning, Mr. Marson Reynolds said that auctioneers had been employed along with a competent force with Mr. Casey Elks of Pitt County as general manager. Several county people will be associated with the new firm, it was explained and detailed announcement will be released later this week.

Mr. Reynolds, who started his schooling in the first grade at Robersonville while his father was on the market there, is just in from Jasper, Florida, where their house has had a most successful season. "We have led the belt this year," Mr. Reynolds said.

The Smothers Brothers, natives of Reidsville, and well-known in the tobacco business are now on the Georgia markets and they with Mr. Bethel Reynolds, and his other son, Eugene, are expected to reach here later this week for the opening next Monday. During the meantime, General Manager Elks, and other Reynolds sons are whipping everything in reading for the opening.

Mr. Reynolds pointed out that they purchased the new warehouse with the intent of making this market their permanent one.

He had been impressed with the friendliness of the people. He explained that he saw a bright future for the market here, and pledged his firm's best efforts in advancing the interest of the market and its patrons.

## Man Detained On Forgery Charge

Charged with forgery and implicated in the attempted robbery of the S and V Super Market on Washington Street here last Thursday night, Archie Curtis Bond is being held in the Martin County jail in default of a \$1,000 bond. He was given a hearing before Justice Chas. R. Mobley following his arrest last Saturday.

Bond, a native of Bertie, is alleged to have attempted to cash a check in the amount of \$100 at a local bank. The signature of J. G. Barnhill was said to have been forged.

Investigating the case, officers found various types of burglar tools in the man's old model Buick.

He had used a brace and bit and tried to bore around the lock on a back door at the super market, it was said.

It is believed that Bond is wanted in possibly three other counties in this section for breaking and entering a robbery.

He is booked for trial in the Martin County Superior Court next month.

### SAFER

The same doctor who worried smokers last month with figures revealing a higher death rate among users of cigarettes offered some reassurance last week.

Speaking before an International Cancer Congress in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Dr. E. Guyler Hammond of the American Cancer Society told the group he believed it would be possible to grow a tobacco free of any harmful substance.

What did Russian doctors at the conference say? (Right, you guessed it.) They already have such a tobacco.



Mrs. Vella A. Wynne was named secretary of the Martin County Building and Loan Association by the board of directors of the organization in regular meeting last evening. She succeeds to the position made vacant by the death of Wheeler Martin who guided the affairs of the association for many years.

Mrs. Wynne went with Building and Loan back in October, 1926, acting as treasurer and bookkeeper. She was the only full-time employee for years. Her close connection with the association well qualifies her for the position of managing officer.

Clarence W. Griffin was appointed attorney for the association, and J. Paul Simpson takes a place on the board of directors. W. Clyde Griffin was named to serve on the appraisal committee by the directors in their meeting last evening.

## Pledges Support To Farm Program

In reply to a petition unanimously advanced by the Bear Grass Ruritan Club in a recent meeting, Senator Alton Lennon said he shall continue to offer in support of 90 percent of parity for basic commodities.

The club appealed to Senator Lennon and also Senator Sam Ervin to support the 90 percent parity plan.

Senator Lennon's reply was sent to H. U. Peel, vice chairman of the club committee.

In a letter to Mr. Elmer Griffin, chairman, Senator Sam J. Ervin advised he was supporting the legislation—90 percent of parity.

## County Boy Now Serving In Korea

3d Div., Korea—Army Cpl. Ralph S. Mobley, 21, whose wife, Barbara, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Mobley, live in Robersonville, N. C., is serving in Korea with the 3d Infantry Division.

The "Rock of the Marne" division, which saw bitter fighting in the Iron Triangle and at Outpost Harry, is now training as part of the U. S. security force on the peninsula.

Corporal Mobley, a rifleman in Company K of the division's 15th Regiment, arrived in the Far East last February from Fort Jackson, S. C., where he completed basic training.

## Native Of County Accident Victim

Robert Goss, native of this county, was killed almost instantly in an automobile accident near Baltimore last week, according to information received here by relatives.

Goss was returning with members of his family to their home in New York following a visit in the county. According to the report, another member of the family was badly injured.

It was said that a hit-run car struck the Goss machine.

### IMPROVING

Stricken week before last, Mr. Chas. L. Daniel, prominent county farmer, was reported improving in a local hospital today. He was able to come from under an oxygen tent during the week-end.