

Several Are Hurt In Series Of Car Wrecks In County

Property Loss In Four Accidents Placed at \$1,860 Past Few Days

Seven persons were injured, none of them believed seriously, in a series of four automobile accidents on the highways in this county during the past few days. The property loss was conservatively estimated at \$1,860.

The first in the series of accidents was reported about 8:30 o'clock last Wednesday evening near Everett's bridge on the route from Cross Roads to Highway 903. Driving along the road, Donnie Hugo Whitley looked away at a trash fire and lost control of his 1949 Ford. The machine went into a ditch and turned over. Whitley was bruised and cut about the face. Three others riding with him were also hurt. O'Dell Bullock received minor head injuries. Jennette Leggett was cut over her right eye, and Shelly Jean Leggett was painfully bruised and cut about the head and face. They were able to return to their homes following treatment in the Robersonville Clinic. Damage to the car was estimated at \$500.

Two persons, Eddie Daniels and Jas. Herbert Ward, Jr., were injured when the Pontiac young Daniels was driving west out of control on a rural road in the Smithwick's Creek section Wednesday night and went into a ditch first on one side of the road and then the other. Daniels had two ribs broken, and Ward received a scalp injury.

Driving toward Jamesville on Highway 171 early Friday evening, Cilia Cora Hodges slowed down her 1948 Chevrolet at a road intersection in the Farm Life community, and Jos. Boston struck her car from the rear. No one was injured. Damage to the Chevrolet was estimated at \$100 and that to Boston's 1947 Ford approximated \$60, according to a report released by the investigating patrolman.

Frank Moore, driving between Hamilton and Oak City last Saturday evening at 6:00 o'clock lost control of his 1951 Mercury in a curve near Concho Creek and the machine ran off the road and turned over about three times down an embankment. Moore was treated in Dr. Highsmith's office at Hamilton, but no report on his injuries could be had immediately. A child, accompanying Moore, was said not to have been hurt. Damage to the car was estimated at \$600.

A minor accident was reported on Williamston's North Elm Street Sunday afternoon when Leonard Walston, said to have been imbibing too freely, ran over and knocked down a sidewalk marker in front of the W. C. Bunch home. Damage to the truck was estimated at about \$200.

Two cars, driven by Bobby James and John Sheppard, collided at a street intersection in Robersonville Sunday evening causing about \$600 damage. No one was hurt.

County Boys Get Special Awards

Several Martin County boys, members of Future Farmers of America chapters, won special awards at the 26th anniversary convention of their organization held in Raleigh last week.

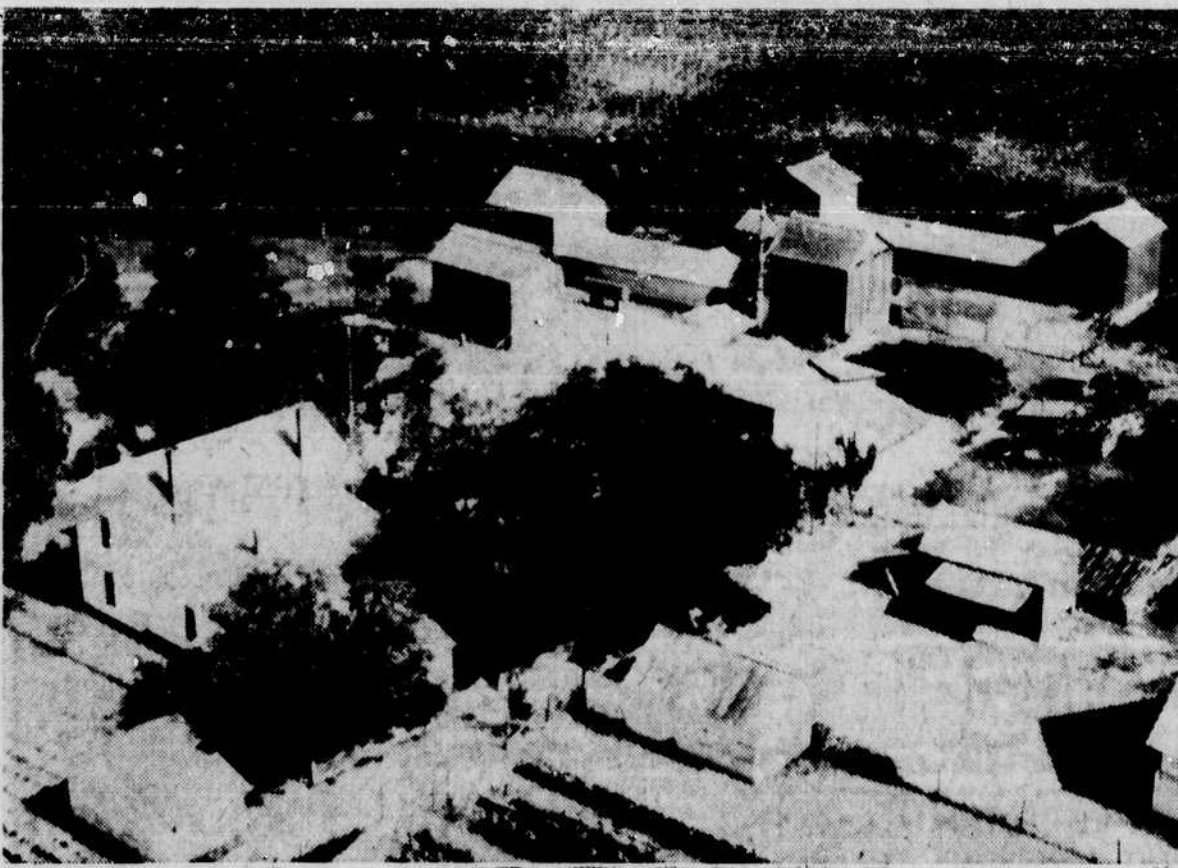
Jimmy Knowles of the Jamesville chapter won the grand prize of the State Star Dairy Farmer Contest and was presented a plaque and \$130 in cash by the National Dairy Products Corporation. The award carries special significance in that it is the first time special recognition has been gained in the dairy field by a Martin County young man. Ordinarily top honors in dairying are centered in the main milk producing areas in the State.

Oak City placed second in the wine and beef cattle judging contest and received a \$20 cash award.

Hilton Leggett of Robersonville was second in the State-wide speaking contest and received \$75 in cash, in addition to \$10 for first place in District I.

Jamesville won a place in the tool identification contest.

Aerial Photo Of Farm Home In County



The aerial photographer intentionally or unintentionally slipped up from the side-rear to make it a bit more difficult to identify the above picture. The identity of the picture remains a mystery until someone acquainted with the premises advises this paper who the owner is. The picture is another in a series taken by an aerial photographer to show how Martin County farm homes show up from the air. The paper appreciates the help of those who have identified past pictures. Original photos may be had at the newspaper office. The picture last week showed the home and premises of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jenkins on Highway 125 near Williamston, and was identified by his daughter, Mrs. Courtney Odum and Lane Ross soon after it was published.

Band Director Named For High School By Committee

Clyde Wade, a native of Roxboro, has been named director of the Williamston High School Band, it was announced during the week-end by Principal B. G. Stewart following a meeting of the local school committee.

Succeeding Professor Jack Butler as director, Mr. Wade comes to the school here from Reidsville where he taught instrumental music and directed the high school band for five and one-half years. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina in January, 1949, and immediately went with the Reidsville school. During the early part of this summer he was at Columbia University, New York, studying

music education looking forward to the master's degree. Mr. Wade visited here last week and was greatly impressed with the set-up. A single man, he plans to report later this week to enter upon his new duties.

Principal Stewart also announced that all positions in the local faculty had been filled, that Miss Rosemary Bland, of Oak Park, Illinois, had accepted the position as teacher of English in the eighth grade. Miss Bland is a 1954 graduate of the University of Florida where she majored in English.

Plans for opening the schools on Thursday, September 2, will be announced within the next few days, Principal Stewart said.

Woman Critically Hurt In Attack

Magdalene Goss, colored woman, was attacked and critically wounded by Allie G. Thompson at the Little Savoy Cafe on Washington Street here last Saturday evening. In addition to a painful cut in her forehead, the victim was said to have almost lost one of her hands at the wrist. The attacker was placed under \$500 bond and a preliminary hearing date is pending the outcome of the victim's condition in a local hospital.

Police were quoted as saying that they did not know the cause for the attack. The Goss woman was talking with her husband, and he turned and left. Seconds later, the Thompson woman hurled a heavy beer mug, striking the victim in the forehead. Picking up the broken and jagged beer mug, the Thompson woman followed up the attack and cut the victim on the wrist.

Summer Crop Of College Graduates

Over at East Carolina College, Greenville, last Friday afternoon three Martin young ladies were graduated with the B. S. degree, another with the M. A. degree, and a young man earned the M. A. degree.

Barbara Jean Cargile of Parmele, Ethelyn Coward Hines of Williamston and Mary Roebuck Woolard of Robersonville were awarded the B. S. degree. Idalia Lee Oglesby of Hamilton and John Miller Walker of Robersonville received the M. A. degree.

Earlier in the week, Julian Dewey Mason, Jr., of Williamston, received the master of arts degree at Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Legionnaires Sponsoring Dances In Hamilton Hut

Members of the Haislip-Roebuck Post of the American Legion are sponsoring weekly dances in the legion hut at Hamilton each Friday night from 9:00 until 1:00 o'clock a. m. Wilbur Weeks and his orchestra of Scotland Neck, are playing for the weekly dances.

Miss Alva Rose Hardison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hardison of Plymouth, will appear on a television program in Greenville next Monday evening at 7:15 o'clock, taking a part in a program of classical music on "The Grand Piano Program". She will be accompanied by Mrs. W. D. Walker.

Miss Hardison is well known in this county where she has numerous relatives and friends.

Will Appear On TV Program August 30th

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Arrest Three At Liquor Stills In County Last Week

Five Plants Are Wrecked By ABC Officers During Past Few Days

The illicit liquor traffic, raising its head to share in tobacco income, was dealt a severe blow in this county last week when ABC officers arrested three alleged violators and wrecked five illicit liquor distilleries.

Starting last Tuesday, the officers destroyed two crude plants in Robersonville Township, pouring out about three gallons of sloopy beer. Both plants were equipped with fifty gallon oil drums, and were cold when found.

After sitting just about all of Wednesday night waiting for the operators to report for work, the officers early Thursday morning wrecked a large plant along the Martin-Beaufort boundary. The plant was equipped with a 200-gallon capacity copper kettle, sixteen 50-gallon barrels and seven 200-gallon boxes. There was much assorted equipment. The officers poured out 2,000 gallons of beer.

After taking a short rest, Officers Cecil Bullock and Wiley Craft moved into Cross Roads and arrested John Henry Biggs at a plant there. He was said to have

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Church Announces Its Appointments

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Native Of County Died Last Sunday

Mrs. Cora Paramore Hardison, native to this county, died at her home in Washington Sunday morning at 6:15 o'clock. She had been in feeble health for some time.

The daughter of the late Gideon and Mary Wright Paramore, she was born in Jamesville 64 years ago on September 5, 1889. She spent her early life there and following her marriage to J. T. Hardison she located in Washington where Mr. Hardison engaged in building construction work. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Washington.

Surviving besides her husband are one son, Audrey B. Hardison; a sister, Mrs. J. B. Mitchell and four grand-children, all of Washington; and one brother, Percy Paramore, of New York.

The funeral services were conducted at the Oden Funeral Chapel in Washington Monday afternoon by the Rev. Kermit Traylor, assisted by the Rev. F. A. Lisley and the Rev. Kenneth R. Cavell. Interment was in Washington's Oakdale Cemetery.

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Tobacco Sales Near First Million Mark

Highest Sale Of The Season Held Monday Morning

Handing its second largest sale of the season, the Williamston tobacco market yesterday scored a peak in prices. An official report for the day shows that 188,150 pounds were sold for \$105,641.30, an average of \$56.15. Keen observers on the market declared that the general market was stronger than at any other time this season, that just about all the medium and better types of leaf were in demand.

Up until today, the market had sold 673,200 pounds for \$370,944, an average for the season of \$55.10. The offerings today are expected to push the total for the season in the neighborhood of a million pounds.

A majority of farmers completed the harvest last week. Most of the remaining one-third of the growers are planning to barn their last next week. It is possible that a few growers in widely scattered areas will have some of the leaf in the field next week, but those cases are expected to be limited in number. With the harvest nearing completion, sales on the market here are expected to show a marked increase the latter part of this and early next week.

More farmers from a wide territory are selling on the market here than at any other time in recent years. Many old customers are returning to the market, it was said.

The market yesterday went on a full-time operating schedule, but the deliveries were not large enough to hold the sales to the limit.

A report on the market activities throughout the belt as released by the U. S. and N. C. Department of Agriculture (Continued on Page Eight)

Robersonville Supports Fair

Robersonville firms are pledging a strong support to the Martin County Agricultural Fair to be held in Williamston in October, according to information gained from Chief of Police Wm. Smith this week.

The following firms have subscribed a total of \$315 worth of advertising space in the premium list:

Williams Grocery, McRorie Home and Auto Supply, A. O. Roberson and Co., MacArthur's Exchange, New Deal Furniture Co., Smith's Garage, Croom's Refrigeration, Farmer's Department Store, Robersonville Oil Co., Robersonville Ice and Coal Co., Adkins-Bailey and Red Front Warehouses, Planters Warehouses, Taylor Mill and Gin Co., Everett Oil Co., Fulcher's Fashion Shop, Public Oil Co., Robersonville Shelling Co., Smith-Johnson Co., R. I. Smith and Sons, Wilson Building Supplies, and G and S Motor Co.

Storm Causes Minor Damage

A wind storm struck the Jamesville area late Saturday afternoon and caused minor damage. Quite a few trees were blown down and power service out from the town was interrupted a short time.

A short time later lightning struck a pole near Williamston and interrupted power service in several rural areas for about two hours.

ASSISTANT POSTMASTER

Mr. Henry Handy, Sr., employee in the local post office for the past sixteen years, entered upon his new duties as assistant to Postmaster W. E. Dunn here yesterday. The position had been vacant for more than a year.

Last Rites For Mrs. Crawford Here Wednesday

Mrs. Fannie Crawford Died At Her Home At 9:45 P. M. Monday

Mrs. Fannie Bateman Crawford, well-known local resident and widow of J. Cornelius Crawford who was sheriff of this county for many years, died at her home on North Haughton Street Monday night at 9:45 o'clock. She had been in declining health for several years. Shortly before 4:00 o'clock Monday afternoon she suffered a stroke and her condition was recognized as critical. Prior to the attack she seemed to be in her usual health and was up and about the house.

The daughter of the late Zephaniah and Louisa Roberson Bateman, she was born in Jamesville 81 years ago on March 12, 1873, and spent her early life there. During her young womanhood she taught in the county schools for several years and was teaching in Robersonville when she met and married Mr. Crawford in 1895. Following his election to the office of sheriff, they moved to Williamston in 1898 and she had made her home here since that time, excepting short intervals spent with her son in Norfolk. Mr. Crawford died July 18, 1924.

She was a member of the First Methodist Church here for many years and was active in women's work in the church for a long time. Down through the years, Mrs. Crawford maintained an interest in the schools, holding her home open to teachers and promoting the cause of education. Two of her daughters, the late Miss Estelle Crawford and the late Mrs. Annie Louise C. Gresham, followed her in the teaching profession. Miss Crawford serving as a member of the faculty here for many years before her death.

Surviving are two sons, Roland C. Crawford of Norfolk and Wm. Thomas Crawford of Williamston; one daughter, Mrs. Hilda C. Clark of Jacksonville, Florida; four grandchildren, John W. Gresham of Wilson, Mrs. Ann Gresham Bullock of Wilmington, and Mrs. Frances Clark Hagan of Memphis, Tenn., and little Miss Patricia Crawford of Williamston; and a great-grandson, Charlie Bullock, Jr., of Wilmington; and a half-sister, Mrs. Ida Godard Ansley of Columbia, N. C.

The funeral service will be conducted in the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. R. E. Walston. Interment will be in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Renewed Appeals Made In Behalf Of Polio Drive

As polio - fighting funds throughout the nation reached dangerously low ebb, volunteers in Martin County have joined 3,100 other chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in a coast-to-coast Emergency March of Dimes.

Approximately \$330 has been contributed in this county following appeals directed to the public a few days ago. Volunteers will make an urgent drive the rest of the month to replenish polio funds. The unusual emergency collection comes as the polio season reaches its height—with national March of Dimes funds at least \$20,000,000 short of 1954 needs.

"The shortage is serious," Mrs. Tilton Coltrain, Martin County Emergency March of Dimes director, said. "We must have more money to pay for a double load—record polio patient care and the polio prevention program with its thrilling hope for the future. Today 51 Polio Chapters in North Carolina are in debt to the Carolina Convalescent (Polio) Hospital at Greensboro more than \$100,000.00 and cannot pay until the people give the money in this Emergency March of Dimes. We know that we appeal at a difficult time of the year, when many people are on vacation. But polio takes no vacation. Patients need help now. The prevention program must not be halted."

Mrs. Coltrain explained why (Continued on Page Eight)

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Tobacco Prices Fall In Georgia

Volume of Sales Continued Fairly Heavy on the Eleven Georgia Tobacco Markets Still Operating

Volume of sales continued fairly heavy on the eleven Georgia tobacco markets still operating last week in the Georgia-Florida flue-cured belt. During mid-week several had more tobacco on hand than could be handled in the allotted selling time. Some markets ended the week in block. The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports prices by grades and quality much lower than the previous week.

Weekly gross sales ending August 20 totaled 11,699,059 pounds and averaged only \$28.45 per hundred. This was \$11.04 below the previous week's average. Season gross sales after 27 marketing days amounted to 181,298,700 pounds for an average of \$47.27. Last year for the same time sales had grossed 190,991,868 pounds averaging \$51.06.

Lower quality leaf and non-descript grades which made up around 80 percent of sales dropped \$2.00 to \$9.00 per hundred from the previous week. Many baskets of poorest nondescript brought only \$1.00 to \$3.00. However, better cigarette tobacco continued in good demand and bidding was sharper when an occasional basket was found.

Receipts of the Flue-cured Stabilization Corporation under Government loan were around 7 percent of weekly gross sales—the highest ratio received this season Deliveries for the season approximately

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