

## Charles H. Mizelle Fatally Inured In Virginia Accident

### Funeral Held In Commu- nity Church Near Wil- liamston Monday

Charles Haywood Mizelle of near Williamston was fatally injured in an automobile accident at 4:00 o'clock Saturday morning on Highway 60 about thirty miles west of Lynchburg, Virginia. A sailor whose name could not be learned here immediately, was said to have been driving Mizelle's 1953 model Pontiac. The sailor was reported to have been critically injured and was removed to a Lexington hospital.

Complete details of the accident could not be learned, but one report said the two men left Portsmouth last Friday evening for a mouth last Friday evening for the sailor's home in West Virginia, that the car ran off the road in a curve and wrecked. Mizelle is believed to have died almost instantly. The wreck was discovered a short time later by a truck driver, who was quoted as saying the county man died before help could be called.

Mizelle, the son of the late William Wiley and Lucy Wyatt Mizelle, was born near Williamston 46 years ago on November 25, 1907, and spent his early life on the farm. He also engaged in the building trades and was an electrician. More recently he opened and operated a store near Abbot's mill on Highway 125, accepting a job in Portsmouth about two months ago.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Irene Rogerson; two daughters, Bettie Jean Mizelle of Rocky Mount, and Joan Carol Mizelle of the home; two sons, William Chas. and Victor Ray Mizelle, also of the home; and one sister, Mrs. W. L. Lassister of near Williamston.

The funeral services were con-  
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## Willie B. Everett Died Early Today

Willie B. Everett, well-known Martin County farmer and tobacco-  
ist, died suddenly at his home in Robersonville this morning at 4:00 o'clock, the victim of a heart attack. He suffered an attack about fifteen years ago, but apparently had recovered and was in his usual health when he retired last evening.

The son of Mrs. Lester Everett and the late Mr. Everett, he was born near Robersonville 49 years ago, and spent his early life on the farm. Locating in Robersonville some years ago, he engaged in the tobacco business, but continued his farming interests.

He was graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy and the University of North Carolina. He was a Mason and Shriner and was active in the civic affairs of his community and county.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Annie Louise Taylor; his mother, two daughters, Elizabeth Ann and Mary Winifred Everett; one son, William Benjamin Everett, Jr.; one sister, Mrs. William Warren Taylor, Jr.; one niece and one nephew.

The funeral service will be conducted at his late home Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Interment will be in the Robersonville Cemetery.

### Choir Room Raided Here Sunday Morning

The choir room at the new Christian church here on the corner of Smithwick and Liberty streets was raided during the morning service Sunday and \$10 was carried away.

Two or more youngsters were heard in the room and they ran when someone went there to check on the noise.

### Makes Quick Trip To New York Last Week-end

Mr. W. W. Griffin of Williams Township made a quick trip on his first visit to New York last week-end. The 86-year-old farmer boarded a train at Rocky Mount Friday evening, went to New York, and after visiting his daughter for an hour, he boarded a south bound train and was back home Sunday morning.

## Hunting Season Opens In This Section October 15th

The hunting season for some games opens in this section on Friday of this week, and the fish in the streams will get a respite. Sportsmen, after going after the fish in a big way day after day are now planning to clear out the woods. Several big deer hunts are planned for the end of the week, and there'll be a race on among hunters to see who gets to the woods first Friday morning in search of squirrels.

The season opens for deer, squirrel and bear on a bag limit. Opossum and coons may be taken with dogs, but not with traps.

Preliminary reports heard this week point to a fairly plentiful supply of game in the woods this season. One fisherman counted eleven squirrels in a single spot. Another fisherman counted nine.

Deer possibly are not quite as numerous this season as they were last, the old-time hunters explaining that many of the larger ones were killed out last year when the swamps were dry. Right many small deer are in the woods, it was said.

No report has been received from County Game Warden, Harold R. Dail, but it is believed that there has been little pre-season hunting in the county this season. A few broke the law and jumped the gun, but the game "hog" has been limited, it has been pointed out.

It is possible the season will be delayed on account of the dry weather. In the event it is opened, hunters are urged to exercise every care in preventing forest fires.

## Farmers To Take Part In Special Election Friday

### Nickels for Know-How Pro- gram Has Accomplish- ed Much In State

Martin County farmers, along with others throughout the State, are scheduled to go to various polling places on Friday of this week and participate in the Nickels For Know-How election. In supporting the program, the farmers will enable farm research work to go forward, it was explained.

The polls are to open at 7:00 a. m., and close at 6:00 p. m., and farm leaders, serving without pay, are to keep the polls open. While no large vote is expected in this county, it is believed that Martin farmers will cast a favorable vote in support of the program.

Polis will be held open in this county at the following places by designated farmers:

Bear Grass, Leroy Harrison's shop, E. C. Harrison, poll holder; Cross Roads, Taylor's Service Station, Geo. Taylor and G. H. Forbes, poll holders; Goose Nest I and II, Ayers' Store, N. L. Hyman, Julian Mizelle, E. V. Smith and Jack Smith, poll holders;

Griffins, County House, Jesse Griffin, poll holder; Hamilton, Soda Shop, J. A. Haislip, J. H. Lillard and C. W. Johnson, poll holders; Hassell, P. C. Edmondson's store, D. R. Edmondson and Woodrow Purvis, poll holders; Jamesville I and II, Town House, O. P. Wolfe;

Poplar Point and Williamston, agriculture building, Mayo Hardison, poll holder; Robersonville I and II, Masonic Hall, R. S. Everett, Irvin Keel, Dallas Keel and Howard Vandereford, poll holders; Williams, County House, Joe Lawrence Coltrain.

The program is supported by a 5 cents per ton assessment on feed and fertilizer. An election, in  
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## Board Of Health Revises Sanitary Code For County

### Duties Of Health Officer Outlined At Recent Meeting

In a recent meeting, the Martin County Board of Health outlined the duties of the health officer and revised the sanitary laws for this county.

The revised code as adopted by the board follows:

#### ARTICLE I Duties Of Officials

Section 1. The Health Officer of Martin County shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Martin County Board of Health and shall be vested with full authority to appoint agents to assist in the enforcement of the laws and regulations prescribed by the Board of Health and the laws and regulations of the State of North Carolina, dealing with Public Health. The agents so appointed shall be vested with the full power and authority of the Health Officer in performance of the duties delegated to them by the Health Officer.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Health Officer to make inspections for violations of the laws and regulations of the State of North Carolina which affect Public Health. He and his duly authorized agents are hereby vested with full power and authority to have full ingress and egress to all schools and public buildings, commercial establishments, places of amusement, hotels and lodging houses, private residences, railway and bus stations and the physical equipment of Common Carriers for the purpose of determining if any condition exists or may exist which is or may be detrimental to the public health, and for the purpose of enforcing the laws and regulations enacted by the said Board of Health and the laws of the State of North Carolina affecting public health.

Section 3. All persons acting as authorized agents under this ordinance shall be known as "Authorized Agents" and shall be  
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## Tobacco Sales Pass Eleven Million Mark

### DEPUTY GOVERNOR



David R. Davis, Williams-  
ton man, was elected Deputy  
District Governor of Ki-  
wanis at a State meeting be-  
ing concluded in Durham to-  
day.

## Prices Continue To Hold Firm On The Market Here

### Late Reports Point To A Decrease Below Previous Estimates In State

Williamston's tobacco market passed the eleven million-pound mark yesterday and is now within about 200,000 pounds of the total poundage handled during all of last season. Just where the sales will go from now is problematical, but observers are of the opinion the market will handle twelve million pounds before the season ends late this month or early in November.

Prices continue to hold firm with the average yesterday topping the last Friday figure by a small margin. Yesterday, the market sold 270,470 pounds for \$154,666, an average of \$57.18.

Up until this morning, the market had sold during the forty selling days so far this season, 11,092,830 pounds for \$6,178,068, or an average of \$55.65.

In the belt, the price average was down a bit yesterday, the losses ranging from one to three dollars per hundred.

A report on the entire flue-cured tobacco report follows: Based primarily upon recent reports from farmers and upon warehouse sales data, the N. C. Crop Reporting Service set its October 1 estimate of the 1954 flue-cured tobacco crop at 915,750,000 pounds—about 8 million pounds less than a month earlier. The decline in expected production took place wholly in Border Belt areas. The State's total flue-cured crop as now forecast is about 10 percent larger than the 832,305,000 pounds harvested last year and is about 13 percent heavier than the 1943-52 average.

Estimates show that Type 1 production is presently set at 325,850,000 pounds—meaning an average yield of 1,225 pounds per acre. Last year, production from the drought-stricken Type 11 crop was only 261,870,000 pounds, while the average yield per acre was 1,015 pounds.

Type 12 production is expected to total 475,950,000 pounds this season for a yield of 1,425 pounds per acre. This would mean the second heaviest crop of record and  
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## Joseph G. Godard Died In Hospital Monday Afternoon

### Funeral Service At Home On Marshall Avenue This Afternoon

Joseph G. Godard, well-known local resident and a pioneer in the development of the telephone and electric business in Williamston, died in a local hospital yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock following a long illness. He had been in declining health for several years, undergoing treatment in various hospitals at intervals during that time. His condition had been serious since he suffered an attack of pneumonia last March. Six weeks ago he underwent an operation in Duke Hospital and his condition had been grave since that time.

The son of the late Salmon L. and Alice Hardison Godard, he was born in Williams Township 65 years ago on August 26, 1889, and when a child located in Williamston with his parents. After attending the local schools, he studied under the late Dr. Nathaniel C. Hughes at old Trinity School, Chocowinity, and continued his studies at Oak Ridge and State College. He was a great athlete in his day, and made a science of the study of athletics. He read extensively the classics and was a history scholar. Possessed of a jovial nature, he got a great deal out of living day by day, and was an able conversationalist.

Mr. Godard spent all his life in Williamston and Martin County except six months he was with the telephone company in Norfolk.

He farmed near Williamston several years, and later engaged in the cafe business, retiring in 1942. Since that time he handled real estate, spending much time at Pamlico Beach, attending sporting events throughout the State and devoting much time to reading.

He was married to Miss Carrie Gay of Greenville December 3, 1908. She survives with one son, Joseph G. Godard, Jr., four grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Doris Lassiter, of Johnston County.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home on Marshall Avenue this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by the Rev. Thomas L. Hastings, rector of the Church of the Advent. Interment will be in Woodland Cemetery. The family requests that no flowers be sent.

## Arthur Johnson Died Last Night

Arthur R. Johnson, retired business man, died at his home in Robersonville last night at 10:20 o'clock. He had been in declining health for three years, and his condition was critical for several weeks.

The son of the late William L. and Jennie Moore Johnson, he was born near Robersonville sixty years ago on January 27, 1894. He entered service in World War I in Raleigh on July 23, 1917, and served overseas from June 11, 1918, until April 11, 1919, with the 30th Division.

After spending his early life on the farm, he located in Robersonville and served the Standard Fertilizer Company as a salesman for a number of years, engaging in the tobacco business later. He was a member of the Robersonville Baptist Church.

He was married to Miss Lurline Ross who survives with one daughter, Mrs. John C. Watson, Jr., of Greensboro; two sons, Ronald Johnson of Rocky Mount, and Bill Johnson of the home; one sister, Mrs. Sam T. Everett, of near Robersonville, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in the Robersonville Cemetery.

## Announce Birth And Death Of Son Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey George Adams of this county announce the birth and death of a son in a local hospital early Sunday night.

Graveside services were conducted in the Mills family cemetery over in Pitt County yesterday morning.

## Death Traced To Polio In County Friday Morning

### Several Cases Of Polio Re- ported In County During Past Few Weeks

Martin County's first 1954 polio death was reported last Friday morning. Joseph Stokes, six years old died in N. C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill, at 7:00 o'clock.

The son of Ellis R. and Letha Stokes, the child fell victim of poliomyelitis in August and was removed to a Greenville hospital for treatment. His condition gradually improved and he was returned to his home, RFD 2, Robersonville, on Tuesday last week. Suffering a relapse, he was returned to the Greenville hospital Thursday and doctors there advised the removal of the victim to Chapel Hill. Complete details of the case could not be learned immediately, but one report stated that the child had suffered with headaches prior to the onset of the disease in August. An autopsy was performed, but the findings have not been learned. It is possible the six-year-old child had a brain tumor.

The funeral service was conducted at the home of his grandfather, Henry Brown, Sunday afternoon. Interment was in the Chance cemetery near Parme.

So far five cases have been definitely diagnosed as polio in the county. There were two suspect cases last week. No definite report has come from one, but polio was ruled out in the other case which turned out to be "hemorrhage in the bone", according to unofficial reports received from the hospital this week.

The latest child, William Biggs Howard of Williamston, to fall victim of the disease and who was removed to Duke Hospital last week, is reported improving. The three-year-old tot suffered paralysis of the throat and breathing was difficult for him for a short  
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### ROUND-UP

There was comparatively little activity on the crime front in this county during the past week-end. Only six persons were arrested and detained in the county jail during the period. Three were charged with public drunkenness, one each with violating the liquor laws, operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and one for an assault.

All six were colored and the ages of the group ranged from 21 to 33 years.

## Hamilton Tests New Fire Truck

Making a special run here to get a ready water supply, Hamilton volunteer firemen last night tested their recently purchased fire-fighting equipment. The tests proved successful, and the special pumper produced so much pressure the hoses could hardly hold it, wetting several cars parked on Marshall Avenue at the time.

Purchased from a Roanoke concern, the truck has been altered to meet the needs in rural communities.

Other towns in the county are providing fire-fighting equipment. Jamesville recently bought a new truck and will equip it with a tank and special pumper. Oak City is purchasing a new high pressure truck unit.

### Truck Strikes Guy Wire And Damages Phone Cable

Striking a telephone pole on West Main Street here yesterday morning, a truck operated by the Rea Construction Company, did considerable damage to the cable, but apparently did not interrupt any service connections.

Damage to the pole and cable was estimated at about \$300.

## Change Made In Mail Schedules

A direct mail service between Williamston and Windsor was inaugurated a few days ago. A shuttle route is now operating between the two towns, giving Windsor a later mail dispatch. Prior to the inauguration of the new service, Windsor's last mail was dispatched early in the afternoon. Complaints were registered and the star route was granted.

Handling the route, Mrs. Mack VanLandingham leaves Williamston at 4:30 in the afternoon and returns from Windsor at 6:30 o'clock or in time to make connection with the highway post office coming up from Plymouth.

## Band Will Take Part In Big Parade At Windsor

The Green Wave marching band of Williamston High School will take part in the big parade at Windsor tomorrow afternoon as will the band of Robersonville High School, it was learned this morning.

It is likely that a practice session will be held tonight between 7 and 9 but there was no official word on this. The band has eight uniforms on order but they have not yet arrived.

The band will leave after the lunch hour. The parade is at 2:00.

## Civil War Diary of Docton Warren Bagley

### INSTALLMENT 18

(For more than two weeks following the fall of Fort Hatteras, on August 29, 1861, no authentic report had been received from Martin County men who were captured there. On Saturday, September 14, 1861, mail came through from Governor's Island, New York, telling about the location of the prisoners, then Mr. Bagley reviews the letters in this, the 18th installment of his diary):

"We have just received by mail letters from Captains John C. Lamb and L. L. Clements, telling of the whereabouts of themselves and companions taken as prisoners of war, which has thrilled our community with joy and gratitude for their safety and well being as to health and kind treatment by their captors, receiving every attention that is consistent with their loyalty to their own government, but they are perfectly destitute of everything, having lost their clothing and all.

"They are or were on the 8th instant, quartered at Governor's Island with the privilege of the island.

"Captain Clements reports the following men of his command as being with him, as prisoners: "Kader Abrams, J. A. Whitley, T. B. Griffin, A. T. Staton, W. H.

Daniel, H. Everett, Jr., James Everett, John Harrell, J. J. Martin, W. H. Everett, E. S. Hobbs, Joseph Downing, King Griffin, B. Brown, E. Hedrick, E. Hollis, Hez. Thompson, Joseph A. Harrell, Mack Manning,

"J. E. Horton, W. A. Philpot, John Everett, John R. Williams, T. B. Horton, J. S. Brown, William Eland, G. W. Moore, W. C. Powell, J. Long, George Hobbs, J. T. Niblett, J. T. Smith, Mc. H. Mitchell, J. B. Matthews, George S. Harrell, J. H. Johnson, Alex. Haislip, R. R. Harrell, W. B. Martin, W. D. Andrews, Benjamin L. R. Brown, Josiah Williams, D. D. Gardner,

"W. G. Andrews, W. A. Haislip, H. Everett, Sr., Ashley Keel, J. B. Scott, Albert Coburn, Jonathan Lynch, Samuel S. Cherry, James O. Keel, Wm. M. Cushion, Harmon Matthews, Stephen Kite, J. W. Pope, Joseph E. Philpot, A. J. Outerbridge, J. L. Barden, R. T. Edmondson, Joseph Bland, J. J. Edmondson and Capt. Clements, making 64 in all."

(It was pointed out that G. W. Moore, J. J. Long, W. G. Andrews, W. A. Haislip, H. Everett, Sr., Ashley Keel and A. J. Outerbridge were slightly wounded).

"The following escaped, namely: Joseph Ballard, John Holaday, Noah Weaver, Stanley Leggett, Henry Williams, Judley Perkins, Calvin Griffin, John Salsbury,

memory or not, he doesn't say, but it would seem that he did and had overlooked several names. Reported missing by Captain Clements are:

"Samuel A. Hyman, F. J. Cushion, James Price, Joseph Ballard, S. W. Morrisett, J. J. D. Andrews, Noah Weaver, W. E. Harrell, Benjamin Harrell, Henry Williams, W. A. Haddock, Seth Coburn, George Martin, Henry Rawls, B. A. Bowers, Calvin Griffin, and Dr. J. Sherrod."

(At the time of the surrender to Commander Stringham of the U. S. Navy, about eighteen men were on furlough from the Hamilton Volunteers. Mr. Bagley lists them as follows):

"Alex. Griffin, David Parker, F. B. Bazemore, J. W. Waldsworth, Andrew Weaver, William Scott, J. L. Ward, Luke Ward, Dawson Page, Meriman Weeks, William Andrews, Rodman Harrison, Henry Weaver, J. H. T. Hutchins, S. B. Huff, William Rawls, Baker Staton and Percy Tunstall."

(Among the list of missing men, it later developed that a few had escaped, the destiny of the others remaining unknown at the time).

"The following escaped, namely: Joseph Ballard, John Holaday, Noah Weaver, Stanley Leggett, Henry Williams, Judley Perkins, Calvin Griffin, John Salsbury,

John Andrews, James Hoard, M. V. B. Johnson, Benjamin Bowen, William Harrell, Benjamin Harrell, George Martin, James Price, Ebenezer Price, Henry Rawls, S. W. Morrisett, Seth Coburn, N. H. L. Gray, Samuel B. Hyman and F. J. Cushing."

(No explanation is offered, but Mr. Bagley said the following were honorably discharged: J. H. Lloyd, Hezekiah Brown, J. J. Bland. And what appears to be the first death among Martin County troops in the Civil War was that of Joseph R. Page. Mr. Bagley offered no details, but it is presumed Pvt. Page died on Hatteras Island).

(A review of the wrecked company, known as the Hamilton Guards under command of Capt. L. L. Clements, as entered in the diary listed 64 taken prisoner, 18 on furlough, 23 escaped, three discharged and one dead).

(Captain Lamb had not prepared a list of prisoners at the time, but such a list was received in late September of that year, Mr. Bagley recording the names later in his diary).

(In the next installment, Mr. Bagley, apparently unable to get a complete roster of the Hamilton Volunteers earlier, lists the names of the men leaving the county on June 5, 1861, for Hatteras).