

## Two Are Badly Injured In Auto Accident Sunday

### Property Damage Runs Up To About \$1,800 In Four Wrecks

Four persons were injured, two of them critically, in a series of four automobile accidents on the highways in this county during the past few days.

Onnie Mae Lanier, 19, and Precius Staton, both of Oak City, were badly hurt when their car was in collision with another on the Gold Point-Hassell road about 5:30 o'clock Sunday evening. The Lanier woman suffered a broken pelvis and severe lacerations on the face. The Staton girl suffered a neck injury, possibly a fracture, and abrasions about the body. Precius Staton, driving a 1949 Chevrolet, ran off the right side of the road and pulled the car back to her left and into the path of a 1949 Ford driven by Alton Edward Grimes, Jr. Grimes was driving toward Gold Point. Grimes and his companion, a Miss White, were removed to the Robersonville clinic where they were treated for lacerations and bruises. The other two victims of the accident were moved by a Roberson ambulance to Martin General Hospital, where they were said to be getting along as well as could be expected. Damage to each car was estimated at about \$600.

Heber Riddick Taylor of RFD 2, Williamston, was driving on the Leggett road in Bear Grass Township last Wednesday morning about 10:00 o'clock when the brakes failed on a 1952 International truck belonging to H. L. (Red) Taylor, and the machine overran the Bear Grass-Everetts road, crashed into a ditch and turned over. Taylor was not injured, the investigating patrol officer explaining that an iron guard saved him from the load of logs. The brake fluid line broke, throwing the breaking system out of order on the truck which was damaged about \$300.

The cars of Fred Harvey Moore and Charlie A. Biggs were in collision near Bear Grass last Wednesday night about 10:30 o'clock. No one was hurt. Damage to Moore's 1952 Buick was estimated at \$150 and that to Biggs' Ford at about \$40.

Driving about three miles out (Continued on Page Eight)

## Little Opposition To Nickels Plan

Little opposition was recorded in a special referendum held last Friday in this county to the Nickels for Know-How plan, according to a review of the vote released this week by the office of the county farm agent.

The hurricane wiped out a strong vote potential, observers declaring that it fell short by nearly two-thirds of the expected count. Polls were closed in some districts about noon, the poll holders, serving without remuneration, finding it advisable to repair to their own homes, explaining that traffic to the polls virtually ceased about the noon hour.

The report shows 493 votes were cast, and 490 of them favored the plan. The three opposition votes were cast, two in Hamilton and one in the Bear Grass district.

The favorable vote was reported, by districts, as follows: Bear Grass, 49; Cross Roads, 26; Goose Nest, 31; Griffins, 76; Hamilton, 21; Hassell, 16; Poplar Point-Williamston, 33; Robersonville, 190; and Williams, 14.

A sizable majority was recorded throughout the State for the plan which supports agricultural research and finances special services for farmers. The income is levied at the rate of five cents a ton on fertilizers, feeds and seed.

### New Wide Screen Being Installed At The Viccar

The Viccar Theatre here will be closed today and tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday, for installation of the wide CinemaScope screen on which such outstanding pictures as "Duel In The Sun" and "The High and The Mighty" are shown. These two great entertainment features are to be shown at the Viccar soon.

## Tobacco Sales Pass Twelve Million Mark

### INGENUITY

Ingenuity had a big part in helping solve problems created here by Hurricane Hazel last Friday.

When the power went off, the force at the Partol Radio Station tried to place an emergency unit into operation, but the wind kept toppling the make-shift antenna. Engineer M. S. (Slim) Davis and the operators quickly changed the system and used the power from the emergency unit to operate the regular station. The maneuver made it possible for the station to direct traffic over a wide area. Emergency messages were also handled, and the station provided the only means of communication for this section with the outside world during the storm.

The station operators did not have time to eat, and nervous tension was at a high pitch long before the storm was spent.

## Brother Of Local Man Storm Victim

William E. Taylor, brother of Mr. Jimmy B. Taylor of Williamston, was fatally injured when a warehouse collapsed in Wallace last Friday noon. Removed from the debris, he was carried by ambulance to a Clinton hospital where he was pronounced dead.

An employee of the warehouse, Mr. Taylor was making ready to leave just behind four other employees when the entire structure caved in. One other person was injured but three escaped. It was said one of the three was picked up and blown into a ditch a short distance away.

Mr. Taylor was born in Rockingham County and located in Warsaw in 1920, engaging in the farming and the mercantile business and working in the warehouse business part of the time.

The funeral was conducted in the Warsaw Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment was in the Warsaw Cemetery where the Masons were in charge of the rites.

Surviving besides his brother here are his widow, the former Miss Eunice West of Warsaw; one son, Wm. E. Taylor, Jr.; six brothers, G. H., Lester and Jesse Taylor of Stoneville, Dr. L. A. Taylor and M. D. Taylor of Winston-Salem and J. M. Taylor of Reidsville; three sisters, Mrs. C. F. King of Stoneville, Mrs. Frank Townes of Rocky Mount, Va., and Mrs. Leon Cahill of Winston-Salem.

## Authorize Loans For Improvements

The Farmers Home Administration is authorized to make or insure building improvement loans. The authority reads in part "Building improvement loans made or insured to enable persons who own family-type farms to improve, including to construct, alter, repair, replace or relocate, an essential building or buildings on the farm." It further states that loan funds may be included for water systems to provide the home with adequate water, to refinance real estate debts when refinancing is incidental to the loan, and to pay necessary authorized fees incident to the making or insuring the loan.

Any one interested in this type service should contact the FHA office located in the Martin County Courthouse, Williamston, North Carolina any Monday, Thursday or Friday.

### Asking Bids For Home For Cemetery Keeper

Bids are being asked by the town for the remodeling and enlarging of the cemetery keeper's home on Rhodes Street. The building was recently moved to make way for a new entrance to the cemetery.

Bids are to be opened at the next meeting on the first Monday in November.

## Prices Continue To Hold Firm On The Market Here

### Average For The Current Season Stands Right At \$56 Per Hundred

Sales continue to hold up well, and the receipts for the season passed the twelve million-pound mark on the local tobacco market this morning. Prices continue to hold firm, official reports show.

Despite the high wind and water, the market last Friday sold 101,486 pounds, and the sale averaged \$57.12. Yesterday, the market handled 281,988 pounds for an official average of \$57.51.

Up until this morning the market had sold 11,966,814 pounds for \$6,675,090, an average of \$55.78 for the season. Sales today carried the poundage over the twelve million figure and prices continued to hold firm.

A report for the entire belt follows: Average prices continued lower this week for most grades of Eastern North Carolina fire-cured tobacco. Volume of sales was fairly heavy according to the Federal-State Market News Service. Quality of offerings improved slightly.

Auctions were suspended at several markets on Friday because of the hurricane. The strong winds did considerable damage to several warehouses in this area. Sales figures for Friday were not available due to the fact that Willson, N. C., was without communication.

## Wm. H. Harrison Victim Of Storm

Bill Harrison, local young man, was marked down as a victim of the hurricane here last Friday noon.

En route to his home, Harrison started to run into the Colonial Store, slipped and fell. He chipped the bone in his left heel and suffered a fracture of the left to regain his footing, he was said to have been blown down.

Treated in a local hospital, he was able to continue to his home on Houghton Street Sunday.

About the time he suffered the leg fracture, a large window in the Harrison home was blown out, spilling glass on his mother, Mrs. L. B. Harrison, who continues ill. Mrs. Harrison was not injured, but was upset a bit by the broken glass and a falling chimney.

## Civil War Diary of Docton Warren Bagley

(Docton Warren Bagley, the old Civil War patriot who lived in Williamston on the site where the post office now stands, passes on some disheartening observations of late September, 1861. He welcomed the attempt to form a company out of the two wrecked at Fort Hatteras, but expressed contempt when the plan failed and confusion crept into the war effort here at home. Mr. Bagley, too old to take part in the fight, contributed liberally of his financial means and time, and he held no brief for the slacker as the current or 20th installment of his diary indicates).

Yesterday, Captain J. R. Lanier mustered his volunteer company for a short time (the storm preventing), and had but a small squad. I fear they are dwindling off.

Today, the remnant of Captain Lamb's and Captain Clements' companies who were here on furlough or escaped from Hatteras, mustered under Lieutenant Knight and Sitterson, being over sixty in number, and who proposed to unite the two parts of said companies and constitute one, and to fill up the requisite by other volunteers, but I learn the Hamilton Company refused to do

## Funeral Held For Mrs. Harrison In Church Saturday

### Well-Known Local Citizen Died At Daughter's Home Thursday

Mrs. Henrietta Swain Harrison, well-known local citizen, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Katie Wynne, on North Houghton Street last Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. She had been an invalid following a stroke suffered nearly five years ago. Her condition, while critical for several months, improved and she was getting along very well until last Saturday a week ago when she suffered a heart attack.

The daughter of the late John R. and Mary Leggett Swain, she was born in Cross Roads Township 83 years ago on January 29, 1871. She was married April 27, 1892, to James Eli Harrison who died last year. She continued to make her home for seven years in Cross Roads following her marriage, and then located in Edgecombe County near Tarboro. Nine years later in 1909, she returned to this county, making her home in or near Williamston since that time.

Mrs. Harrison joined the church at Cross Roads in her early life, transferring her membership to the First Christian Church here when she returned to this county to make her home. She was a devoted mother and played the role of a good neighbor and thoughtful friend to all.

Surviving are six sons, James E., Ira and Bernard Harrison, all of Williamston, C. B. Harrison of Rocky Mount, Lewis Harrison of Pulaski, Virginia, and Robert Harrison of Tarboro; three daughters, Mrs. Katie Wynne and Mrs. Mary Coltrin of Williamston, and Mrs. Della Conrad of Miami; two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Terry of near Robersonville and Mrs. Hoyt Holliday of Williamston; fifteen grandchildren and twenty-nine great-grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted in the Christian church here last Saturday morning at 11:00 o'clock by the Rev. John L. Goff, pastor. Interment was in Woodland Cemetery.

### PAVERS

Delayed a day when Hurricane Hazel disturbed the base, contractors resumed the paving of local streets this morning. The asphalt spreader started on the far end of School Drive early today, and is making steady progress.

During the meantime, other forces are making progress in installing curbing and guttering on other streets in town, including Church, Pearl and Sycamore.

## Storm Leaves Million Dollar Damage In County On Friday

### To Dedicate Guard Armory Here Friday, October 29

Dedication ceremonies for the new \$100,000 National Guard Armory located next to G & H Builders Supply Company on the corner of the Jamesville Highway and Route No. 17 by-pass will be held Friday afternoon, October 29 at the Armory. It is believed Major General John Hall Manning, Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard, will represent the State and be the main speaker for the event.

The public is cordially invited to attend the big program which will begin at 4:30 p. m., with a band concert by the Williamston High School Band. Following the dedication ceremonies a barbecue dinner will be served in the Armory by the boys at Griffin's. Tickets will at \$1.00 per plate and can be obtained in advance from National Guardsmen and from members of many of the county's civic clubs.

At 10:00 p. m., following the Williamston High School vs. Weldon football game and the Friday night fair program, a dance will be held in the Armory, Jimmy Page and his ECC orchestra will play for the dance, and tickets will sell at \$1.75 per couple and \$1.00 for stag tickets.

Proceeds from the barbecue dinner and the dance will go toward the beautification of the Armory grounds and the furnishing of the Armory. Members of the local National Guard unit hope all their friends will visit them on October 29 in their new home.

## Minor Accidents In Town Friday

No one was hurt and property damage was limited in two minor accidents reported on local streets during the storm last Friday morning.

Starting out of a used car lot on Washington Street at 10:00 o'clock on a trial run with a 1952 Chevrolet, Julius Crandell of Robersonville drove into the path of a 1952 Ford pick-up, driven by Ira T. Hardison of Griffins Township. Officers pointed out that Crandell's view to the left was blocked by a beer distributor's truck.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$175 and repairs to the car will cost approximately \$25, it was reported.

Friday afternoon at 1:05 o'clock Wayne Bowen stopped his 1948 Kaiser on Sycamore Street before attempting to enter Highway 17 at the Roanoke Chevrolet corner. The brakes failing on his 1948 model, Victor Roberson crashed into the rear of the Kaiser, doing about \$350 damage to the Bowen car and about \$120 to his own.

## Raise Money For Boy Scout Cause

Approximately \$3,500 has been raised in this district for the Boy Scout movement, according to a report released a few days ago by the East Carolina Council. The district includes Washington and Martin County.

A total of \$78,772 has been raised in the twenty county area, it was learned.

## One Hurt In The County By Worst Storm On Record

### Section Digging Out And Various Services Are Nearing Normal

No one was killed only one reported painfully injured, but property damage in this county was estimated at close to a million dollars as a result of the hurricane that swept through this area last Friday. Identified as "Hazel", the storm was said to have been the most devastating on record in this immediate area, and even then the hurricane did not spend its full fury in this or surrounding counties.

Ending its trail in the Hudson Bay area over the week-end, the storm left eighteen dead and many injured in North Carolina. The death toll for the States approached one hundred as isolated communities were heard from. In Canada, it is feared the death toll will reach or pass one hundred.

No estimate on the damages is to be had as yet for the county, and the million-dollar figure in this county is just a guess. Some are of the opinion the loss will exceed that figure.

A preliminary survey in this county indicates the damage was possibly heaviest from the Williamston area on up into the Oak City section, but winds, estimated at seventy-five miles or more an hour, were general throughout the county.

Farmer W. G. Peele had a masonry tobacco barn leveled on his farm in Williamston, and a few other buildings were flattened, but most of the damage was centered on roofs, not to mention the havoc visited on the power and communications systems.

It is fairly certain that two thousand or more homes and buildings were damaged by the storm in this county. Roofs, with their shingles blown off and away, looked like picked chickens. A few shingles were missing, while on other buildings nearly all the roofs were blown away.

Several chimneys were toppled and bricks were picked from others. Considerable damage was done by falling chimneys on the (Continued on Page Five)

## Oak City Youth Victim Of Storm

William Haekney High, Jr., Oak City young man and a student at the University of North Carolina, was critically hurt during the hurricane last Friday afternoon. Complete details could not be learned immediately, just last reports stated the victim, suffering a bruised brain, had not fully regained consciousness in Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill.

Traveling the old Chapel Hill-Raleigh highway with Albert House of Hobgood, High got out of the car to see if they could drive around a tree that had fallen in the road. While he was standing near the tree a truck approached from the other direction and plowed into the fallen tree, knocking a limb on the young man.

One report stated that another youth was struck and killed, but the report could not be verified here.

## Shelter Goes Down For Third Time On Farm

Some years ago Farmer Ira Griffin built a field shelter to house his farm machinery and implements. A short time later, a wind storm picked the shelter up and turned it over. Replacing the shelter he altered the foundation to make the building stronger. A few years later the shelter went down for a second time. It was again replaced and re-enforced. Last Friday it went down the third time. "It was badly wrecked the third time," the farmer said, adding that he would not put it back anymore.

## First Aid Groups Stood Ready For Action In Storm

### First Aid Stations Were Set Up And Other Measures Taken Here

Long before Hurricane Hazel tore inland between Myrtle Beach and Wilmington last Friday morning, preparations were well advanced to meet emergencies here.

The National Guard was ordered out and a complement, approaching nearly 100 percent, reported. Firemen were called to stand by at the station. All police were called for active duty. First aid stations were opened at the National Guard Armory, the high school and courthouse.

All forces responded willingly and stood by to meet any emergency. Guardsmen helped clear streets and highways, visiting several towns in the county to run down any trouble and make certain all was well.

Mayor R. H. Cowen declared that all groups were efficiently mobilized in a hurry, and expressed his appreciation to all for their cooperation.

By early Friday morning the tree tops started swaying and rain began falling. No one knew what to expect. Reports were confusing at times, one stating that the "eye" was heading toward this immediate area. Another report stated that it would pass between Williamston and Raleigh. A still later report, bringing some relief to this immediate area, indicated the center of the storm would pass between Rocky Mount and Raleigh. Possibly the "eye" did pass between Rocky Mount and Raleigh, but the storm cut a path more than two hundred miles wide. Damage, while great in all areas, possibly was more extensive on either side of Williamston. The Virginia area reported heavy losses to the northeast, and in the towns and cities to the southwest.

Those areas near water were hardest hit apparently, the storm exacting extensive tolls at Wilmington, Top Sail, Wrightsville and Carolina Beach, Morehead City and New Bern. High waters (Continued on Page Eight)

## Native Of County Dies In Beaufort

Mrs. Fannie Roberson Mizelle, native of this county, died at her home, RFD 1, Blounts Creek, Monday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock. She had been in declining health for four years and critically ill following a stroke suffered about three weeks ago.

The daughter of the late Reddick and Athena Bailey Roberson, she was born in Bear Grass 64 years ago. She spent all her life in this county until about a year ago when she located in Beaufort County.

Her first marriage was to Henry Rogers, and her second marriage was to Lewis W. Mizelle about eighteen years ago.

Mrs. Mizelle was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church since girlhood, and was faithful in its service and support. At the time of her death she held membership at Piney Grove over in Beaufort County.

Surviving besides her husband are two brothers, Tommie L. Roberson of Bear Grass and W. Alfred Roberson of Williamston, and one sister, Mrs. Rome Rogerson, of Bear Grass. No children were born of either of her marriages.

The funeral service will be conducted in the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church near Bear Grass Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. Marshall Joyner, assisted by the Rev. Graham Baker, both former pastors. Interment will be in the Rose of Sharon churchyard.

## Fire Damages Home In Dardens Section

The Kader Simpson home in the Dardens section was badly damaged by fire Monday morning, but no official estimate on the loss could be had immediately.

Fire departments from Plymouth and Jamesville were called and the volunteers checked the fire, it was reported, several observers declaring the firemen did an able job.