

## BLIND SURVEY IN COUNTY TO GET UNDER WAY SOON

### Distribute Cards To School Children Over County Early Next Week

The survey which was to have been conducted through the Martin County schools for the State Commission for the Blind has been unavoidably delayed several weeks. However, Supt. Manning will distribute the survey cards to the principals at their meeting here today.

An effort will be made to send a survey card to practically every school home by the children. Parents should write the names and addresses of every one they know who has seriously defective sight or is blind on the cards and return them to the schools by the children. It is hoped that this will be done promptly, as the cards will be returned to Supt. Manning's office in a week or 10 days.

The commission classifies as "blind" any one who is unable to read ordinary newspaper, even with the aid of glasses. Those with "seriously defective sight" may still be able to read, though sight is rapidly failing. Or, they may badly need treatment for cataract or similar eye disorders.

The survey includes both children and adults from the youngest to the oldest, and both races. Since the commission has services to offer all economic groups, one's ability or inability to provide for himself financially should not be a consideration in reporting his eye condition.

The returns from the survey will be followed up as soon as possible, and the commission's program of work for this county based on the findings. The commission can train blind persons in trades and professions in which they may make a living and supply machinery and materials for those already trained, if these help them in their work. It also can arrange clinics for those badly in need of eye treatment and can have operations performed when they are likely to improve or restore sight.

Should anyone fail to receive a survey card, he may report cases of seriously defective sight and blindness by writing: State Commission for the Blind, 405 Agricultural Building, Raleigh.

## Start Transplanting Tobacco In County Early Part of Week

### No Great Damage Caused By Blue Mold So Far In This County

Tobacco transplanting got off to an early and fairly good start in this county this week, reports from Robersonville stating that the farmers in that section were among the first, if not the first, to start the work. Transplantings were reported in the county as early as last Tuesday, and since then farmers in Griffins, Williams, Cross Roads and possibly one or two other districts have started transplanting the crop. Fearful that the blue mold will damage their plants, many farmers are making every effort possible to get the transplanting work done as soon as possible. It is believed by the latter part of next week, transplanting will be underway on an extensive scale.

Blue mold has already been reported in nearly every section of the county, but the damage so far is not considered serious. While the disease is not expected to result in a curtailment of the crop, unless it proves worse this year than it was in the past one or two seasons, transplanting activities will likely be delayed a week or ten days as a whole, farmers say.

Representative reports now indicate there'll be no increase in the crop in this county this year. There are a few exceptions, however. It must be remembered that a bumper crop was produced last year, making any increase unnecessary and unwanted, but there is a world of reasons why the crop should be considerably reduced.

### Respected Colored Man Died Here This Week

Ed Ormond, aged colored man, died at his home here last Monday evening. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon.

Ormond, 64 years old, was highly respected among all people. He was an industrious and hard worker, and despite affliction he continued active until just a short while before his death.

## Listing Period Ends; No Provision for Extension

Tax-listing time in this county closed yesterday, with from 5 to 10 per cent of the property owners failing to give in their holdings for taxation, according to estimates coming from several of the list-takers late yesterday. Those who failed to list their property are subject to certain penalties under laws governing the work, Tax Supervisor Joshua L. Coltrain stating yesterday that no provision had been made and none would be considered for extending the time for listing property. While action rests with the board of commissioners, the taxing authorities are considering asking

that those failing to list their property be penalized. Each year, the listing work drags and drags, and when an extension is granted many wait for another delay.

Accurate reports on the trend of values listed this year are not available, but Supervisor Coltrain stated yesterday that he was certain the values would be decreased by 10 per cent over the county and possibly the loss would be even greater than that. Williamston and Robersonville were said to be holding their own, with a possible increase in values at Williamston and Robersonville.

## Bear Grass Section to Secure Power Service

### GUANO MOVING

Delayed by unfavorable weather and bad roads during the early part of the year, the fertilizer season came into its own a few days ago and reached a climax this week, unofficial reports state.

The three-unit plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company here has had a huge task filling thousands of orders over North Carolina and sections of other states during the past few days. At one time this week the company had 100 trucks running, and the vehicles were loaded and sent away on an average of one every minute and a half during the day and night. Large shipments were being handled by rail in addition to deliveries by truck and wagon.

## PRE-SCHOOL AGE CLINICS CLOSE IN COUNTY TODAY

### Examine Colored Children In Schools of County Next Week

The last of a series of pre-school clinics in the white schools of this county are being held in Oak City and Hamilton today, reports stating that most, if not all of those already held were very successful. While the attendance upon any of them held prior to today was not as large as it was a year ago, the findings have been very encouraging. In addition to the pre-school clinic work, more than 100 regular school pupils have been vaccinated against smallpox.

At Bear Grass Wednesday morning, 18 children were examined, 12 of them having one or more physical defects. Seventeen of the number were vaccinated. Thirteen had defective teeth and 12 had diseased tonsils, according to a report filed by Mrs. Sloan, who is heading the valuable work in this county.

Wednesday afternoon, 18 children were examined at Everetts and only 9 had physical defects. All of the little ones were vaccinated. Four had defective teeth and 8 had diseased tonsils. No defective vision was found among any of the children either at Bear Grass or Everetts.

Reports from other clinics held at Robersonville yesterday, Oak City this morning, and Hamilton this afternoon are not available at this time.

## W. T. Thomas Dies At Hamilton Home

W. T. Thomas, prominent farmer of this county, died at his home near Hamilton last night at 9 o'clock from paralysis of the throat. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Thomas, 66 years old last March, was born in Edgecombe County, the son of the late Rome and Annie Stalls Thomas. He moved to this county a number of years ago, and was highly regarded by all who knew him. Mrs. Thomas, Miss Gertrude Everett before marriage, survives with five children, W. F. and H. T. Thomas and Mrs. Clancy Carson, of Hamilton, Mrs. Garland Baker, of Oak City and Mrs. M. F. Stalls, of Parmele.

Funeral services will be conducted at the late home Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Elder Wm. Grimes. Interment will follow in the Hamilton Cemetery.

## Citizens Contract With V. E. P. To Furnish Current

### Definite Plans for Project Pending Action On Part Of Other Groups

An electrification program for the town of Bear Grass was virtually assured last Wednesday evening, when citizens of that town and community met in the schoolhouse there and contracted with the Virginia Electric and Power Company for service. Plans for the program are still underway, however, and it will be probably some time next week before details in its connection are completed.

The Bear Grass Town contracted around \$90, leaving other prospective customers along the Williamston-Griffins-Bear Grass route to raise around \$120, a problem that is receiving attention by those along that road. Pending a decision of those prospective customers on the proposed Washington road line extension, Bear Grass citizens and several other home owners joined together to contract sufficient revenue to guarantee the construction of an extension from the Everetts transmission line, near the town of Everetts, to Bear Grass via what is known as the Bailey road. Easements are being obtained along that route by interested parties at the present time, but a definite route for the line is being delayed pending action by those people living along the Washington road and others in Griffins and Bear Grass Township, it is understood.

Work on the proposed project is being advanced by interested parties in each section, and definite arrangements for constructing the power line will likely be handled some time next week.

Possible line extensions are possible either from the Everetts transmission line, near Everetts, to Bear Grass, and then from Bear Grass to the hard-surfaced road near R. L. Perry's, and on to Lilley Brothers in Griffins Township. An extension from the line at the Washington-Bear Grass road to Corey's store has been mentioned. The other proposal is to run the line from Williamston to Bear Grass, via R. L. Perry's, with extension to Lilley Brothers and Corey's Store or cross roads.

## News of Interest at School in Everetts

On Monday night, April 27, the Everetts parent-teacher association had a very interesting talk by Mr. W. C. Manning, of Williamston. He spoke on the subject of his recent trip to the Holy Land. The largest attendance of the year was present to hear Mr. Manning tell of the many interesting places and people visited on his trip. One of the most interesting things related by Mr. Manning was the fact that the Holy Land, once a scene of many wars and much bloodshed, is now enjoying more peace than at any time in the past thousand years.

Preceding the talk by Mr. Manning was a short business meeting, at which plans were discussed for a school picnic and pre-school clinic

## Work on Street Project Is Progressing Rapidly

Work on widening Williamston's main street at both ends is going forward rapidly. The contractors are expected to complete pouring one-half the concrete this week, and complete the project within about two weeks' time.

## 20 PLAYERS SIGN UP TO TRY OUT WITH TEAM HERE

### Eight Pitchers To Bid For Places on Hurling Staff Here This Season

Selecting players from five states, Mississippi, Virginia, Georgia, Oklahoma, and North Carolina, Manager D. C. "Peahead" Walker, of the local club, will be ready to start playing ball when the curtain rises on the Coastal Plain season the 2nd of next month. Twenty players have been tentatively signed, club President Pete Fowden explaining today that he was certain Williamston will find a cracker-jack team of 15 men from that number. The return of several contracts is expected daily, and just as soon as they are received, announcement of the lineup will be made, Mr. Fowden said.

Eight prospective pitchers are bidding for places on the local club's hurling staff. Five bids are in for the infield positions, and five more are ready for try-outs in the outfield posts, the prospective lineup carrying a number of new faces.

Manager Walker and several players are to report here the 18th of this month, when final arrangements will be made to start playing ball at the start.

New suits for the players have been ordered, and plans for supporting the organized sport are moving along rapidly. A canvass for funds will get underway next Monday, and it is the opinion of the leaders that a substantial support will be freely offered.

## Hydrants and Hose Here Changed To Standard Thread

### Southeastern Underwriters Aiding In Nation-wide Standardization Plan

Continuing a nation-wide movement to standardize the size of threads on fire hose couplings and hydrants, Mr. Ballard, of the Southeastern Underwriters, Atlanta, was here Wednesday and yesterday supervising the change in the local system. Handled at the expense of the Southeastern Underwriters, the change was made at very little cost to the town. Special machinery and tools were brought here to rethread the couplings and hydrant connections, the underwriters representative employing a number of men to handle the work rapidly.

Questioned as to the advantage of standardizing the threads, Mr. Ballard explained that there were several hundred different threads, that it was very difficult to maintain uniformity and that considerable property had been destroyed by fire throughout the country when new hose was purchased and a difference in threads was discovered too late. He added that when all fire companies had standard threads on their hose couplings it was possible for one town to send its fire-fighting equipment to another and render aid when necessary.

The threads on hose couplings here were not uniform, the representative found, but the difference was only slight. He explained however, that it was more difficult to effect connections unless the threads were strictly uniform.

## Snake Bites Young Man at Jamesville

Bitten by a snake while paddling a boat in the Roanoke at Jamesville yesterday, Harry Martin, young Jamesville white man, is reported very ill in a Washington hospital today. The snake, believed to have been a poplar leaf moccasin, struck the young man on the hand, piercing two fingers, causing the hand to swell to a large extent. He was removed to a hospital several hours later, and while his condition is a bit serious, he is expected to recover, reports reaching here today indicated.

## Town Commissioners Call For Survey Timberlands

Meeting in special session here last Tuesday, the local town commissioners ordered a survey of the available supply of pine timber and pine timber acreage in this section, the action being taken in the interest of a large pulp mill that is said to be considering locating a sizeable plant here. Attorney H. D. Hardison was employed to make the survey, and the information desired will be available early next week.

## Reconsider Agriculture Building Project; Commissioners Buy Lot And Structure Will Be Erected

### County Board Expected To Delay Sale for Taxes

An uneventful session of the Martin County commissioners is in prospect for next Monday, reports from the courthouse stating that only routine matters are scheduled for consideration. A jury list for the one-week June term of superior court will be drawn, but so far no important matters have been placed on the business calendar.

But for a local law passed by the last legislature, the county—and town, too—would be directed to order the advertisement of land for delinquent taxes. Martin County and the town of Williamston were exempted from early land advertisement and sale, but as far as it is known the provision is limited to these two political divisions. Under the terms of the law, the commissioners have authority to delay tax sales until the first Monday in November. However, it is possible for the authorities to order the sale of land for delinquent taxes the first Monday in June, but it is not likely that they will take any action before next September or October, at the earliest.

The use of the profits derived from the sale of legal liquor will get consideration if too much time isn't required in handling other business, it is understood.

## SOIL PROGRAM IN COUNTY MOVING ALONG STEADILY

### Time for Sign-up Ordered Continued Through Next Monday

The campaign for participation in the federal government's soil conservation program, started in this county last Monday, continues at a steady but fairly slow pace, according to reports coming from the office of the county agent here today. Approximately 25 percent or about 4000 farmers had already signed up until yesterday, indications pointing to a sign-up close to 50 percent of the farmers by late tomorrow. Considerable time is required to handle the applications or "work sheets" and the committee members have asked that the time for handling the sign-up be continued through next Monday. The extension has been granted for the day, but after Monday, it is planned to handle the work only in the office of the county agent here.

Up until noon yesterday, Jamesville, Bear Grass and Williamston were leading the county in the movement. Robersonville was reported trailing at that time, but it is expected to come across and occupy a position close to the top in the program. Reports coming from the several districts yesterday give the following number of signers up to that time: Jamesville, 45; Griffins, 30; Bear Grass, 40; Cross Roads, 20; Robersonville, 20; Williams, 20; Williamston, 53; Hamilton, 20; Hassell, 30; Oak City, 30. In addition to that number more than 50 contracts of a combined nature have been prepared in the office of the agent.

## Arrest Second Man On Burglary Count

Rufus Andrews, young Robersonville negro, and partner of Charles Howard, jr., in staging a robbery at the home of John Stephenson, county farmer living near Robersonville, last week, is being held in the county jail for trial next month in superior court. He was denied bond at a preliminary hearing.

Andrews, arrested in Tarboro just as he was said to be boarding a train for other parts, has admitted his part in the crime, and Mr. Stephenson recovered his trousers, stolen from his home by Howard.

## Probation Officer Starts Work Here Next Week

Appointed probation officer for this county, Miss Glover, of Salisbury, is expected here some time next week to begin her work, it was learned from the Martin County Welfare Department.

The officer will handle juvenile delinquents in their running helter skelter without proper guardianship. It is generally agreed that a valuable work can be done in this field in Martin County. The officer was interviewed by Mesdames J. W. Andrews, Wheeler Martin and Superintendent J. C. Manning, of the county welfare division, in Raleigh yesterday.

## Rev. Luther Ambrose To Preach At Maple Grove

Rev. Luther Ambrose, of Roper, will preach at the Maple Grove Christian Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it was announced today.

## SPEAKER LATE

Detained in Washington this morning, Wm. H. Griffin, candidate for a seat in the United States Senate, arrived here too late for a scheduled address to the voters of this section in the interest of his campaign.

The man would have had a fair-sized audience of those who are anxious to vote against the present senator, Josiah Bailey, it was said.

A strong supporter of the President, Mr. Griffin and his wife spent a short while here speaking personally to a number of local and county people.

## Sailboat Comes Up River To Return With Load Lumber

### Skipper Brings Two Mast Boat Up Crooked River Under Own Power

The old windjammer, "Maine," traveling under the same power used by Columbus in plowing the Atlantic in 1492, loaded out with a large lumber cargo at the Formville-Woodward dock here this week. The old sailboat, with one of its two masts reaching 120 feet into the air, carried away about eight carloads of lumber for the Philadelphia market. Captain Harris, with a crew of three—and one of those was his wife—sailed the boat up and down the crooked Roanoke with one mishap. He grounded the schooner at Jamesville for a short while, but no serious damage was done other than delaying fishing operations at the Jamesville fishery.

Battling high and swift water in the Roanoke on his trip up week before last, Captain Harris reached a point in sight of the fertilizer plant when the wind suddenly changed and he had to anchor for two days. Early on the third morning a favorable wind pushed him around the bend and to the lumber company's dock.

While a few sailboats continue to come up the Roanoke, it is a rare thing for one to use its sails to navigate the stream. Ordinarily this type of boat is towed in and out of the Roanoke and then left to use its own power in the sound and on the Chesapeake, but Captain Harris employed his many years of experience to snatch power for his ship out of the air.

## Several Cases Tried In Mayor's Court

Mayor John L. Hassell handled several cases in his court here this week, but the actions, for the most part, were of very little consequence.

Floyd Briggs, charged with assaulting Elisha Mitchell with a deadly weapon and then closing the man's eyes with his bare fists, was bound over to the county court under \$100 bond.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs in the case charging George R. Brown with assaulting William Rogers.

Said to have maliciously indicted Walter Brown for an alleged attack upon her with a deadly weapon, Annie Brown was taxed with the cost and the man was freed. Evidence in the case indicated there were not sufficient grounds for the action against Brown.

## Cost, Including Site, To Be About \$11,800; To Begin Work Soon

### One-story Structure To Be Located on Knight Lot Next To Courthouse

Hope that was abandoned a few days ago for an agricultural building in this county was renewed yesterday with bright prospects for approval of the project on a larger scale than was first anticipated.

Members of the Martin County Board of Commissioners announced the project cancelled early this week when they were unable to get a site for \$1,800. The authorities later found it possible to purchase the Knight lot next to the courthouse for \$1,800, and the WPA representatives reconsidered the project, and late reports state the plans for the \$10,000 building have been properly approved. Preliminary construction work is expected to get underway within a short time, it is understood.

It could not be learned just what type of structure would be built to house the agriculture division for this county, but the cost, including the site, will be around \$11,800. The county has agreed to furnish the skilled labor, the employment bureau explaining that only common labor is available on the relief rolls just now. The skilled labor will cost approximately \$1,200, that figure plus the site cost amounting to \$3,000, which the county will advance as its part in the undertaking.

The delay and near cancellation of the whole project came about when federal authorities turned down at the last minute the plans for an addition to the county courthouse for use by the agriculture workers.

## Democratic Precinct Meeting To Be Held On Saturday, May 9

### Foundation for State-wide Organization Will Be Started in Districts

Plans for holding Democratic precinct meetings in the 12 voting districts in this county are being formulated by the Martin County Democratic Executive committee this week. The district meetings will be held on Saturday, May 9, at 2 o'clock, the county convention to follow the next Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. A state-wide convention of the Democratic party will be held in Raleigh on June 12.

While the precinct meetings attract very little attention in this county, Attorney E. S. Peel, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee in this county, explains that the foundation for the county, state and national organization is laid at these meetings and that they should be well attended. Mr. Peel further explained that the precinct meetings should elect a committee of five active Democrats, one of whom shall be a woman, and that the committee elected should then elect a chairman and a vice chairman, one of whom shall be a woman. The placing of women on these committees is required by the plan of organization as amended by the state committee. Following the precinct organization, delegates to the county convention are named, the number being determined by the size of the vote cast for governor in the respective precincts at the last general election in November, 1932.

When the county convention is held, business of the party is handled, and delegates to the state convention are named.

## Editor To Speak In Local Colored Church Sunday

W. C. Manning, Enterprise editor, will address the people of the colored race Sunday, May 3, at 3 p. m. in the A. M. E. Zion Church on Rhodes Street. He will speak on his visit to the Holy Land. F. L. Allen, steward of the church, said he hoped a large number of the colored people would attend to hear the address, and in behalf of the church he extended a cordial invitation to every one to hear Mr. Manning.