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Plans Underway For Observing April 26 As Safety Day Here

Parade With Driverless Car Will Feature Event Next Tuesday

Plans are going forward rapidly today for observing next Tuesday, April 26, as "safety day" in Williamston. Mayor John L. Hassell having issued an official proclamation last Friday urging a united campaign against the increasing slaughter on city streets and state highways.

The program outlined by Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Miller, who are formulating plans for the safety day observance, calls for safety talks in both the schools by Captain J. J. Lynch, safety crusader, and a big parade that afternoon. A feature on the program will be the operation of a driverless car by remote control through the principal streets of the town.

Endorsed by state and local officials all over North Carolina the special safety day program has attracted as many as 10,000 people in a single day, and it has been handled with marked success in 31 North Carolina towns under the direction of Captain J. J. Lynch who is cooperating with the highway safety department of the State to promote safety on our streets and highways.

Issuing the safety day proclamation last Friday, Mayor Hassell said: "We cannot too often bring to the attention of our citizens the value and importance of being safety-minded."

"Here in North Carolina we are killing our citizens on the highways at the rate of three a day and are injuring or maiming thirty-five or forty others every day."

"Alongside this, the problems of curbing crimes of violence such as murder and assault and battery pales into insignificance. In the past few years the dirt roads of our state have given way to hardsurfaced highways, but we are fast dyeing the shining white pavements red with the blood of thousands of citizens. The morgue and the hospital are claiming too heavy a toll."

"In the interest of safety and for joining in a movement for saving life and preventing injury, I, J. L. Hassell, Mayor, do hereby declare Tuesday, April 26, 1938, as 'Safety Day' in Williamston and call upon our Police and Fire Departments, the State Highway Patrol stationed here and all our civic bodies and our citizens generally to cooperate in this safety program in order that our people may become more careful in driving cars and in walking on streets and highways."

Complete plans for the safety day observance will be announced the latter part of this week.

Alleged Murderer Is Arrested Here

Willie Davis, 32-year-old colored man, said to be wanted for murder in Halifax County, was arrested here Sunday night by county and local officers. He was placed in the county jail without the privilege of bond to await officers from the adjoining county to call for him.

Davis, a native of Northampton County, is said to have killed his wife in Halifax County about four years ago. He escaped to Bertie and married there. About two years ago he moved to this county and made his home here, working in the log-woods.

Following his arrest, Davis maintained that he was not the man wanted, that he had killed no one.

Davis was identified as Willie Phillips by Halifax County officers when they called for him here yesterday. The murder charged against him was said to have been committed in cold blood.

The accused man got into some trouble in this county a few weeks ago, and that led to his arrest Sunday night.

Announce Vacancy For Substitute Carrier Here

The United States Civil Service Commission will receive applications for the position of substitute clerk-carrier in the Williamston postoffice until the 30th of this month. Postmaster L. T. Fowden announced today.

Applications were invited earlier this month, and when none was received, the department extended the time for filing.

Qualified persons are urged to file their applications with the manager, Fourth United States Civil Service District, Mather Building, 916 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., on or before April 30, 1938.

Tobacco Transplanting Gets Underway in Martin County

Tobacco transplanting got underway in this county the latter part of last week, records showing that the work is being started earlier this year than ever before. The earliest that tobacco had been transplanted to the field in this county prior to this year was April 17, Mr. Joshua L. Coltrain, Williams Township farmer, explaining that he transplanted several acres on that date some years ago and raised a fairly good crop.

Last Thursday, Farmer Joe Winslow transplanted a crop on six acres in Robersonville Township to establish what is believed a new advanced record. Farmers in Poplar Point and Williamston are said to have started the transplanting work last Friday.

Later reports state that Farmer Henry Smith in Poplar Point trans-

planted three acres on April 4 to claim an all-time record for setting out a tobacco crop in this county.

Quite a few farmers are busy this week setting out plants, but the prevalence of blue mold will likely delay a transplanting climax until the latter part of this month or possibly until the early part of May.

Reports state there is a heavy damage being exacted by the blue mold this season, some farmers stating that they are doubtful if their plants will recover from the attack. However, no shortage of plants is expected in the county this year as was the case a year ago. Numbers of farmers state that the blue mold attacked their plant beds some time ago and that the plants are recovering rapidly and will be ready for transplanting within a few days.

Petition Drafts Horton For Legislative Service

REGISTRATION

Registration books for the coming primary will be opened in the twelve precincts in this county on three successive Saturdays in May, 7, 14, and 21. The books will be opened on May 28 only for the challenge of any registrations.

All persons who have not registered for a previous election, those who have moved from one precinct during the six months preceding the June 4 primary and those who have moved from another State within the past year, may register during the three days the books are open.

Officers Capture Six Liquor Stills During Past Week

Officers Destroy 3,000 Gallons of Beer to Set New Enforcement Record

A new weekly record in the enforcement of the liquor laws under the direction of the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board was chalked up by Special Officer J. F. Roebuck and his assistants last week. During the period, the officers wrecked six liquor plants and poured out nearly 3,000 gallons of beer. No arrests were made.

Starting in Bear Grass on Tuesday, the officers wrecked two steam plants and poured out 1,800 gallons of beer. Six new barrels were destroyed and tools used in the construction of one of the plants were confiscated. In the Hassell section, the officers wrecked a plant and poured out four barrels of beer on Wednesday.

Going into the old happy hunting ground in the Free Union section the following day, the officers captured two complete plants with 50-gallon capacity copper stills. They poured out eleven gallons of beer.

On Friday the officers found and wrecked a still that had been only half bricked up. Four barrels of beer were destroyed. Officer Roebuck stated that they found the still in another location two days before, but delayed a capture thinking the owner would be arrested later. When they started the second raid, the still had been moved, but the officers traced it to the new location with very little trouble.

County Liquor Sales For Quarter Total \$33,305.40

The four legal liquor stores in Martin County reported sale of \$33,305.40 during the quarter ending the 31st of last month. For the same quarter a year ago the sales amounted to \$29,771.20.

The figures were released this week by the state liquor commission. No audit of the sales has been made by the county board at this time, and the sales by stores and profits to the State, county and four store towns are not known.

Health Authorities Make Survey Of Roe Canneries

Special representatives of the State and United States Health divisions are in this section making an inspection of herring roe canneries. The survey will be completed within the next few days, it is understood.

Several Political Posts Remain Open In Martin County

Aspirants For Major Offices Have Already Filed Candidacies

Developments over the week-end have added interest to the political situation in the county, but final decisions are not expected earlier than Friday of this week, leaving politics surrounded by uncertainty.

The chairman of the county board of elections stated this morning that several political posts remain open, that it is possible one or two positions will go begging for candidates. While candidates have filed for all the major offices, there were yet two openings for county commissioners, a member of the board of education and possibly one or two other posts. Messrs. C. A. Roberson, representing Robersonville and Cross Roads Township, and R. A. Haislip, representing Goose Nest and Hamilton Townships, are expected to file for the county commissioners' posts, but they have not yet announced their candidacies, it was learned today. Mr. J. F. Martin, whose term expires next year as a member of the Martin County Board of Education, has not filed. He could not be reached today for a statement, but unofficial reports state that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself.

A movement was started in Robersonville Township over the week-end to draft Attorney H. G. Horton for service as a member in the State legislature from this county. The movement is supported by a petition carrying a long list of names. Mr. Horton has no official statement to make, but he is understood to be considering the special request, and is expected to reach a decision by Friday of this week. Mr. Horton had announced that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself in the legislature, but since the petition drafting him for service has been successfully circulated by his friends he states that it is a pleasure to reconsider his action with the possibility that he will re-enter the contest.

Clarence W. Griffin, local attorney, and A. Corey, Jamesville man, have announced their candidacies for a seat in the legislature.

Time for filing candidacies ends Saturday of this week at 6 o'clock, reports coming from the chairman of the county board of elections today showing that only two contests have been scheduled in the county. There are four candidates for the two senate seats for this district, and then there is the contest for a seat in the house from this county.

Dr. Burrell Is Slightly Hurt In Auto Accident

Dr. W. R. Burrell and Bill Howell were slightly bruised in an automobile-truck accident in Tarboro early last Saturday morning. Dr. Burrell, returning to his home in Asheville after conducting a series of services in the local Baptist church, was riding with Mr. Howell, a local man, when a truck made a left-hand turn and blocked the path of the Howell car.

Considerable damage was done to the automobile, but the minister was able to continue to his home by bus and Mr. Howell returned to his home here.

Meat Stealing Ring Believed Broken in County by Officers

Four Arrests Are Made by Highway Patrol on Saturday

Arresting four youths last Saturday, officers explained today they believed the backbone of a meat stealing ring in this county had been broken. However, Martin officers are continuing work in an effort to connect the four boys' arrested last Saturday with several wholesale meat and chicken thefts.

Willie Crandall, 23; Ben Whitfield, 20, both white, and Aulander Perkins, 17, and Columbus Perkins, 14, both colored, were arrested last Saturday morning by Patrolman Scarborough over in Bertie County where they were offering nice hams for sale at greatly reduced prices. County officers were called and the four boys were returned to this county and placed in jail.

Crandall maintained that the colored boys stole the meat and hired him to carry it to Elizabeth City. He did not know the name of the owner of the meat. Admitting his own guilt, one of the colored boys involved all the others, and stated that while he did not know the owner of the meat he could show the officers where they had stolen it the night before. Deputy J. H. Roebuck and Patrolman Rothrock carried the boy to the home of Mack Baker, colored, near Parmele, Baker learning for the first time that his smokehouse had been cleaned out.

Breaking into J. L. Croom's blacksmith shop at Gold Point and stealing a pair of bolt clippers early Friday night, the boys are alleged to have gone to the Baker home, clipped a chain and entered the smokehouse. They stole about 17 hams and shoulders and were peddling them for sale when the arrests were made. Four hams were sold in Elizabeth City, officers believing that the white boys had made other deliveries to dealers there prior to that time. Pending an investigation into other wholesale meat and chicken thefts by county officers, the four boys, all of the Robersonville community, continue in jail.

A few weeks ago raids netting around 30 or 35 hams and about 100 chickens, were directed in Cross Roads and Williamston Townships. More recently, robbers visited Grifins Township.

National Youth Unit To Hold Exposition

Arrangements for holding an exposition by the National Youth Administration in the Woman's Club hall here tomorrow and Thursday were announced complete today, the leaders of the movement stating that a large number of exhibitors plan to participate in the show.

Youths, aided by the administration, as well as various club and Boy Scout organizations, have prepared extensive exhibits for the exposition, Miss Adelaide Tuttle, of Edenton, and Mrs. W. R. Hampton, of Plymouth, supervisors for two units of the organization, announced today. Exhibits will be brought here from Chowan, Bertie, Washington, Tyrrell and Martin counties.

The exposition is open to the public, and it is believed that the exhibits will be reviewed by large crowds during tomorrow and Thursday.

Kiwanis Meeting Will Be Held Friday Night

The regular meeting of the local Kiwanis club, scheduled for Thursday of this week, has been postponed and will be held on Friday evening, Mr. J. D. Woolard explaining that the National Youth Administration was holding an exhibit in the building on Wednesday and Thursday.

CHICKS

That Martin County farmers are recognizing the importance of chicken raising as an integral part in a balanced farming program is evidenced by the extensive preparations made in recent weeks for the 1938 poultry crop.

It is estimated that approximately 100,000 chicks have been bought from accredited hatcheries so far this season. Nearly 50,000 chicks have been handled by local dealers, and it is estimated that equally that number have been bought in other parts of the county.

These estimates do not include the thousands of chicks that are hatched on farms.

Women Precinct Officials Named For First Time in This County by Board of Elections Last Saturday

Town Clock on Strike After Striking for Twenty Years

After faithfully serving the public for twenty years, Williamston's town clock went on strike last week, the old time piece timing its own death at 4:24 o'clock last Saturday afternoon. For some time the old clock has been laboring in the tick-tock game with worn parts, and while its hands had faltered for several days it did not "kick off" until last Saturday.

Several attempts were made to put the old clock back to work, but after a few ticks it stopped again.

Throughout the year, the clock has maintained a fairly regular schedule, but those who, through habit, looked skyward to learn the time seldom ever appreciated its value. Now that the time piece rests while new parts come from the factory, depends upon the clock for correct time are lost. Every effort is being made to repair the clock and start it operating again.

During the meantime there is being noticed a variation in scheduled events. Employees are sometimes ten minutes late getting to their work or ten minutes early in leaving. Attempts have been made in late afternoon by quite a few who did not know the clock was on strike to get their individual time pieces back in line, but the old time piece in its lofty position holds its hands as still as death.

Mayor J. L. Hassell said yesterday that he did not know how long it would take to complete the repair work, but he hoped the clock would be operating again within a week or ten days.

Defense In \$25,000 Suit Expected To Ask Case Removal

Bus Company to Petition For Trial in Federal Court

The Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation, defendant in a \$25,000 damage suit brought by Edna Lee Mizelle through her next friend, J. P. Holliday, is expected to petition Judge Clawson Williams in the superior court here this week for the removal of the case to the federal courts. The defense is expected to show that its operations extend beyond state lines and ask that the case be carried to the federal courts on that ground.

No answer has been made to the \$25,000 suit filed in the superior court of this county on the 17th of last month, the defense apparently withholding its answer until a ruling is had on the motion to move the case from this county to the federal court in Washington. It is understood the time for filing the answer expired the first of this week.

The plaintiff in the case alleged that J. T. White, bus driver for the defendant bus corporation, "doped" a bottle drink and gave it to her. She further alleges that she was carried by the driver through Jamesville, her home town, to Columbia. According to further allegation advanced in the complaint, the plaintiff was without money, that the bus driver gave her \$2 and took her to a hotel room and then left her. The plaintiff, although still dazed, doped or drugged, could walk and get around at that time, but the complaint further alleges that she was not in full possession of her mental faculties. She retired for the night, but in a very short time, she alleges the bus driver returned to her room with a pistol, and that she, frightened to death, "was forced to submit to the demands of the agent of the defendant."

Kiwanis Baseball Team Seeks Revenge Thursday

Out for revenge the local Kiwanis will meet the Lions in a return bout of baseball Thursday afternoon at four o'clock, benefits to go to the High School Athletic association.

The probable lineups follow: Kiwanis: pitchers, Crockett, Piephoff, Spencer, Hunt; catchers, Goff, Spivey; infielders, Grimes, Green, Cobb, Simpson, Bobbitt, Goodman; outfielders, W. C. Manning J. Manning, Smith.

Lions: catchers, Modlin, Worrell; pitcher, Taylor; infielders, Clayton, Bondurant, Lindsley, Peele; outfielders, Courtney, Trehey, Hayman.

Infant Son Of Mr. And Mrs. H. A. Johnson Dies Sunday

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Johnson, Jr., died last Sunday afternoon in a Greenville hospital where the child had been carried the day before for treatment. He was only a few days old.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at three o'clock from the home in Everetts by Rev. James H. Smith, Williamston minister. Interment was in the Johnson burial ground in the Gold Point community.

Machinery Set Up For Holding June Primary In County

Board Experiences Difficulty in Finding Republicans for Precinct Posts

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COTTON

Martin County farmers will be notified possibly tomorrow how much cotton they cannot plant this year. Notices are being prepared in the agricultural office today, and they will be mailed tomorrow, if possible.

There are approximately 800 cotton growers in the county and they have been allotted a total of about 6,000 acres. Some of the growers have had their acreage reduced fifty per cent and in a few cases the reduction has been even greater.

Miss Martha Lilley Dies At Her Home Near Jamesville

Funeral Services Are Held Last Saturday Afternoon

Miss Martha Lilley, highly esteemed citizen of the Jamesville community, died suddenly at her home here last Friday morning at 8 o'clock, death being attributed to a heart attack. Miss Lilley was walking in the yard of her home when she fell and died before aid could reach her. She had suffered heart trouble for some time, but she was able to be up and just before her sudden passing she was thought to be enjoying fairly good health. During the afternoon before her death the following morning she visited in Jamesville and attended to business matters there.

Miss Lilley was the daughter of Mrs. Lenora Jones Lilley and the late William B. Lilley. She was born in the Jamesville community about 45 years ago and lived there all her life. For a long number of years she was a faithful member of the Baptist church, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. During the past few years she devoted her almost undivided attention to the care of her aged mother, a task that never became tiresome to her.

Three brothers, Bennie and Herbert Lilley, of Jamesville, and Nathan Lilley, of Williamston, and a half-sister, Mrs. S. S. Brown, of Williamston, survive besides her mother.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington, her pastor. Interment was in the family plot near the home.

Little Expansion Possible For Tobacco Crop In 1938

Tobacco raising will be introduced on very small scale on new farms in this county this year, according to unofficial reports received here this week. Those farmers who have not grown tobacco prior to this year and are planning to introduce the crop on their farms for the first time, have been allotted less than 100 acres, it is understood.

Make Survey Of Location For Recreational Center

Engineer Rivers is completing a preliminary survey of the Knight property on Watts street for a proposed public recreational center. "It can be developed into a beautiful spot," the engineer said, adding that it would take several days to prepare a cost estimate of the proposed program.

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No Republican pollholders were named in several precincts because none was available, and there is some doubt as to the party affiliation in some of those districts where appointments were made. Those appointees listed as Republicans will not serve in the June 4 primary. No recommendations were made by the Democratic and Republican executive committees to guide the county board of elections in making the appointments, but applications for precinct posts were considered favorably in several instances.

A revision of the registration books in Williamston, Bear Grass, Poplar Point, Hamilton, Gold Point and Williams Precincts was ordered by the board. Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the board, was directed to supervise the revision. The revision does not constitute a new registration, the board explaining that the names of electors will be copied from those books that are in bad condition. The board also passed an order directing the purchase of necessary supplies for holding the primary and November elections. Chairman Sylvester Peel was empowered to fill any vacancies caused by resignations or for other causes.

Fifteen changes in the election personnel were effected by the board last Saturday, the machinery in some precincts being changed in its entirety. Names of the precinct officials are:

Jamesville: J. R. Manning, registrar; J. Linwood Knowles and R. L. Stallings, judges of election, and Charles Davenport, Republican judge of election. Manning and Knowles are new members of the precinct group.

Williams: L. D. Hardison, registrar; R. J. Hardison and C. L. Daniel, judges of election. No Republican was named and the personnel

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Throngs Are Present For Easter Services

Religious programs in the various churches of the town attracted record-size congregations, church leaders stating that a marked interest was apparent in the Easter worship activities. Several of the churches were filled to overflowing, and strong sermons were heard from every pulpit.

No record of church attendance numbers for the day is available, but Sunday school superintendents, with one or two exceptions, reported increased attendance figures earlier in the day.

More than 600 people attended the six Sunday schools where special programs were arranged. The individual records, released by the school superintendents: Pentecostal Holiness, 121; Baptist, 137; Presbyterian, 26; Episcopal, 28; Christian, 172 and Methodist, 133.