

Mrs. Sadie Peel Is Hurt In Auto Wreck Near Robersonville

Suffers a Broken Rib and Ankle Bones Early Monday Evening

Mrs. Sadie Peel, former clerk of the Martin County Superior Court, was painfully but not seriously hurt and Mrs. Sadie Davis, of Jamesville, was slightly bruised when their car was struck by another driven by G. R. Bateman a short distance out of Robersonville on U. S. Highway No. 64 early last evening. Mrs. Peel, suffering a broken rib and fractures of two ankle bones, was reported in right much pain today, but her condition was said to be improving. Mrs. Davis, riding with Mrs. Peel, was only slightly bruised. Bateman escaped uninjured.

Driving toward Everetts from Robersonville, Mrs. Peel saw the Bateman car swerving from one side of the road to the other and she brought her car to a stop on the right side of the road. Bateman ran off the road on his left and as he turned back his car went into a head-on collision with the Peel machine. Both cars were wrecked beyond repair, according to reports reaching here, and the occupants were fortunate to escape with their lives, eye-witnesses to the crash said. Bateman, an Elizabeth City man, was said to have been driving rapidly, reports maintaining that he passed two or three cars that were traveling between 45 and 50 miles an hour just before he crashed into Mrs. Peel's car.

Mrs. Peel was removed to her home on Houghton Street here where she is now confined to her bed.

Bateman, about 43 years old, was arrested and placed in jail for alleged drunken driving. At noon today he had not raised bond, but his release is expected momentarily. His case will likely be slated for trial in the county court here next Monday.

Sentenced To Prison For Killing Officer

Pleading guilty to the murder of W. J. Jackson, Jr., Plymouth native and Federal Alcohol Tax Unit officer, near South Mills on March 8, Bernard Royals and Joe Thomas West were sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge I. M. Meekins in federal court at Elizabeth City yesterday.

The plea of murder in the second degree was accepted by District Attorney John Hall Manning. Royals and West, alleged rum runners, were indicted for first-degree murder by a grand jury.

Nearly 100 witnesses were called by the government in anticipation of a hard-fought case, but few were heard when the district attorney accepted the plea. Coroner S. R. Biggs who handled Jackson's body, was called as a witness from here, but he was not questioned.

Only a few witnesses were heard, and Judge Meekins did most of the questioning. Royals' aged mother took the stand, and told the court that she had tried to direct her son in the better ways of life.

Royals, 25, rested his hopes for clemency on grounds that his mind was deranged in a 22-foot fall through the hatch of his ship. His attorney cited his marriage to a 50-year old widow with 13 children in support of the contention.

Royals, his face torn with anguish, half-rose as Judge I. M. Meekins pronounced sentence, then sank back in tears as his mother put her arms around him and sought to comfort him. West took the life sentence with less show of emotion.

Jackson, who has worked for the government in this county, was killed, when he and other officers attempted to arrest Royals and West who were transporting a large quantity of liquor on the night of March eighth.

Continues Quite Ill In A Washington Hospital

Taken critically ill last Thursday following an operation for appendicitis the Saturday before, George Harrison, Jr., was said to be holding his own in a Washington hospital at noon today. His condition, reported slightly worse early last night, was reported unchanged at noon today, releases from the hospital at that time stating he continued in a critical condition.

The young man was operated on last Friday afternoon after peritonitis had set in. He was on the operating table more than two hours, but stood the ordeal very well.

Early Reports Point To No Material Change in Listings

Early reports coming from Cross Roads and Goose Nest Townships indicate there will be no material change in county tax values this year. One of the two townships submitting their tax books complete shows an increase of slightly more than \$7,000 over and above the loss incurred when the State law removed from the county lists solvent credits. The other township reports a decrease of about \$6,000, leaving the county a net gain of about \$1,000 over and above the reduction caused by the removal of solvent credit items from the county tax books in the two districts.

Last year, Cross Roads listed total values in the sum of \$577,048 compared with \$584,118 this year, the resulting gain being \$7,070. If the law had not shifted solvent credits from the county to the State and those credits had remained about the same, Cross Roads would have shown an increase of nearly \$17,500 in its values over those of 1937.

The report released by List-taker G. G. Bailey places the value of personal property at \$139,894 and real property at \$444,424.

Goose Nest lists a total of \$1,238,154 this year as compared with a total of \$1,244,145 a year ago, a decrease of \$5,991. Solvent credits listed in that township last year totaled \$19,809, and when this item is taken into consideration, it is seen that the district actually showed a gain of nearly \$13,000 in its tax values this year over those of a year ago.

Other tax books are due in next Monday.

Committee Announces Faculty Appointments

Local High School To Have An Extra Teacher Next Term

Committee to Name Teacher for Home Economics Department

The Williamston school board in session last week-end discussed plans for the coming school term and appointed teachers to all faculty vacancies except home economics. Plans were made to enlarge the curriculum by offering Latin, and an advanced course in English and Chemistry. The additional subjects, together with the offering in the commercial department will give students unable to go to college an opportunity for further study in the local high school. The additional offering of subjects is made possible by an increase in average daily attendance during the past term which earned another teacher for the high school department.

New faculty appointments are as follows: Mathematics, Edward Stirewalt, High Point, N. C. Mr. Stirewalt, a graduate of High Point College, has had eight years experience in band and orchestra work and will direct music activities including the glee club.

English and Latin, Lillian Aldridge, La Grange, N. C. Miss Aldridge, a Meredith graduate, has seven years teaching experience in the La Grange schools.

Social Sciences, Frank Neely, Hendersonville, N. C. Mr. Neely is a graduate of the state university, has his teacher training in Chapel Hill high school, and is recommended as an outstanding teacher by university authorities.

Building principal and teacher at the grammar school, Lewis H. Enloe, Cullowhee, N. C. Mr. Enloe, a graduate of Western Carolina Teachers College, a grammar grade teacher and an able musician, is highly recommended by John S. Seymour, former principal of the Williamston schools under whose supervision Mr. Enloe worked.

Appointment to the home economics vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Josephine Grant will be made within a few days.

The school board upon the motion of Ray Goodman unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing a nine months' school term for the Williamston district and will make plans with our representative in the next General Assembly for the passage of legislation necessary for an expression of the will of the people on the issue during 1939.

Present for the meeting were R. L. Coburn, chairman; C. B. Clark, secretary and Ray Goodman, member.

Stores Observing Cotton Week Here

Quite a few local stores—Ann's Variety Store, Israel's, Darden's Department Store, Barnhill Brothers, Harrison Brothers, Belk-Tyler and Margolis Brothers—are observing National Cotton Week which runs through Saturday of this week.

These stores, believing that an increased sale of cotton goods will boost the price of the staple and give the farmer a greater return, are offering special bargains all this week.

The entire nation is observing cotton week, and it is certain that hundreds of thousands of extra bales of the staple will be moved. Dependent upon the degree of success cotton week attains, mills can start operating again shortly, giving added employment and boosting the economic situation to a great extent. Anticipate your needs today, and supply your needs in cotton goods at the stores mentioned.

"Think cotton, talk cotton, and buy cotton," is the slogan throughout this entire nation this week. Do your part.

Series of Chicken Thefts Reported in the County

The chicken-stealing wave that struck this section several weeks ago continues unabated but on a smaller scale in this county. Two minor thefts were reported over the week-end when two coops were located in and near Williamston. Several arrests have been made, but the chicken thefts continue.

A man, arrested in a nearby county yesterday, was alleged to have stolen chickens valued at \$500.

Reports Maintain Irish Potato Crop Damaged by Rains

Prices Drop to New Low Level of \$2.25 a Barrel

Interrupting digging operations during the past several days, heavy rains are said to have damaged the Irish potato crop in a few sections, unofficial reports reaching here stating that the potatoes are beginning to rot. Whether the conditions would limit the harvest in this section, the reports did not disclose, but it is likely that at least a portion of the crop would be kept off the market.

Harvesting activities, while carried on despite heavy rains in some sections, were halted by the heavy rains. A return to the task is getting underway in this community this afternoon, a few farmers stating that they thought they would be able to dig a few potatoes on high land spots.

Potato-movements getting underway last week on a fairly large scale were interrupted, and few carloads were enroute from this area to the northern markets yesterday and today. Unofficial reports from the Aurora section, center of the potato belt in this section of the State, indicated slowed harvesting in the face of nine days of rain, experts pointing out that the interruption in harvesting had propped the market that might otherwise have been flooded by heavy shipments.

Despite the interruption in harvesting activities, prices were unofficially reported to have sagged to \$2.25 a barrel this morning. The northern markets were closed yesterday, Memorial Day, and no price quotations were available, but the few sales in the field were made at \$2.25 a barrel, indirect reports stated.

Digging operations were being renewed on a fairly large scale in the Vandemere section this morning, and large shipments are expected to move out of there during the remainder of this week, if additional rains do not halt the harvesting activities again.

No definite reports have been released on the control marketing plan but farmers are said not to be interested in bagging or placing in barrels the inferior grades on the present market.

Forest Fire Wardens Are 'Cracking Down'

An increasing number of arrests by forest fire wardens is being reported, indicating that wardens are determined to prevent as many fires as possible by prosecuting those responsible for them, according to Assistant State Forester W. C. McCormick, in charge of forest fire prevention for the Department of Conservation and Development.

From March 1 through April 14, forest fire wardens made 131 arrests and secured 122 convictions—approximately 93 per cent of the arrests. In addition, \$1,195.27 was collected in fines, costs and fire suppression costs. One fine of \$120 was imposed upon the operator of a moonshine whiskey still whose 'still' fire got away from him and caused a forest fire.

Increased enforcement activity by forest fire wardens is helping greatly in educating the public to be more careful in the prevention of forest fires and is also reducing the number of fires, McCormick said.

Owners of extensive timber holdings, also sawmill operators, agree that the cooperative protection of forest areas by the forestry division of the Department of Conservation and Development, the U. S. Forest Service and the counties has greatly improved the outlook for more and better timber in North Carolina, according to Assistant State Forester F. H. Claridge and W. K. Beichler.

VOTING HOURS

The approximately 6,000 eligible voters in Martin County will have exactly twelve hours in which to cast their ballots for the candidates of their choice next Saturday, the polls opening in the twelve precincts at 7:00 o'clock a. m. and closing at 7:00 p. m. on the dot.

This is the first time that the polls will be opened at 7 a. m. and close 12 hours later for a primary election in this county.

Prior to this year, the polls were opened at sunrise and closed at sunset. The 1937 law changed the voting hours for the primary, but the hours for the general election next November remain the same.

Martin County Voters Have Only 15 Candidates To Ballot on for State and County Offices June 4

Are You Good at Guessing?

Another primary election is at hand and there is much doubt as to the size of the vote that will be cast on Saturday. The Enterprise is calling on its subscribers for help, and is offering free a one year's subscription to the person guessing nearest the actual vote cast. Guesses must be in by six o'clock Thursday evening of this week.

As an aid to those taking part in the contest, The Enterprise lists by precincts the new registration, the total registration, the vote cast in the June 6, 1936, primary, and leaves space for your guesses as follows:

Precinct	New Reg.	Tot. Reg.	1936 Vote	Your Guess
Jamesville	34	731	363	
Williams	10	291	108	
Griffins	34	551	243	
Bear Grass	17	458	238	
Williamson	90	1574	814	
Cross Roads	3	353	224	
Robersonville	12	1121	426	
Gold Point	10	132	90	
Poplar Point	6	189	132	
Hassell	13	230	109	
Hamilton	20	348	153	
Goose Nest	23	538	232	
Totals	272	6521	3132	

As an additional aid, the total number of votes cast in other primaries are given as follows: 3,524 votes cast in July 4, 1936, primary; 4,474 votes cast in the November, 1936, general election. The registration just recently held was 180 less than it was two years ago.

Majority of Contests For County Officers; Look For Small Vote

No One Contest Holds Spotlight in Current Primary

Thirteen candidates—four for State, five for district and six for county offices—will face the political firing squad in this county on Saturday of this week from seven o'clock a. m. to 7 o'clock p. m. But unlike many previous elections, nearly everybody is for somebody, the old custom of voting "against" somebody being marked by its absence this year. Some maintain there will be a large vote cast in the county on Saturday, but they admit that weather conditions will enter in as a factor determining the size of the vote total. Others believe that with hatred generally out of the campaign, the vote will fall below normal.

It is apparent that nearly every one of the seven contests is standing on its own feet with possibly the strictly county ones holding an edge in vote-attracting power and the contest for superior court judge occupying a close second.

If the size of the recent registration can be used as a basis for estimating the size of the vote, it is apparent that the southern part of the county will show more interest in all the contests than the northern part. Jamesville and Griffins are the only two precincts to report a registration greater than two years ago. Williams, registering ten, held its own. Bear Grass registered 17 against 35 two years ago. Williamson dropped from 150 to 90. Cross Roads reported three this year as against 30 two years ago. Robersonville, with 12 new names, reported only one-fourth as many as it did in 1936. Gold Point showed a decrease of only two, but the registration of 10 is considered small. Poplar Point dropped from 13 to 6. Hassell reported 13 against 24; Hamilton 20 against 42 and Goose Nest 23 against 37, the total for this year being 180 under the registration figures of two years ago.

While Frank Hancock is certain to poll quite a few votes in the county, Reynolds, recent reports indicate, continues to hold his own in the race for the United States Senate. Paul Grady, candidate for utilities commissioner, is said to be gaining ground, reports indicating that nearly all the other contests are running nip-and-tuck just now.

The line-up for consideration by the voters on Saturday is, as follows, the names being taken in order from sample ballots at hand:

For United States Senator: Robert R. Reynolds and Frank Hancock.

For Utilities Commissioner: Stanley Winborne and Paul Grady.

For Judge Superior Court, Second Judicial District: Itimous T. Valentine and Walter J. Bone.

For State Senator, Second Senatorial District: William B. Rodman, Mrs. J. J. Purdy and D. B. Fearing.

For Member State House of Representatives: Clarence W. Griffin and Hugh G. Horton.

For Judge Martin County Recorder's Court: Herbert O. Peel and Henry D. Hardison.

For Solicitor Martin County Recorder's Court: W. H. Coburn and Don Elphonsa Johnson.

Experiencing no opposition, the following have been declared the party nominees, and their names will not appear on the ballot: L. B. Wynne, clerk of court; C. B. Roebuck, sheriff; C. A. Harrison, treasurer; S. Rome Biggs, coroner; John E. Pope, R. L. Perry, C. C. Fleming, R. A. Haislip, and C. A. Roberson, county commissioners; H. C. Norman, member board of education; J. P. Holliday, Jamesville Township constable.

Dancing School Presents "Land Of Rhythm" Here

The Hardison School of Dancing will present the "Land of Rhythm" in the high school auditorium on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week at eight o'clock.

The school with 27 pupils enrolled in its classes is bringing the term to a successful close under the direction of Misses Mary Davis and Katherine Hardison. The exercises are being sponsored by the local Junior Woman's club.

Mrs. R. L. Whitfield, Local Resident, Dies Of Blood Poisoning

Funeral Services Conducted in Greenville Last Saturday

Mrs. R. L. Whitfield, a resident of Williamston for the past nine months, died in a Washington hospital last Friday afternoon as a result of blood poisoning with which she had suffered only a few days. Apparently in good health the early part of last week, Mrs. Whitfield is said to have suffered a small scratch on her face and an infection started a short time later. She was removed to the hospital about the middle of the week, doctors holding little hope for her recovery at that time. She was said to have suffered much during the two days before her death.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Taylor, Mrs. Whitfield was born in Greenville 29 years ago. She made her home here until about nine months ago when she moved here with her family and lived in an apartment in the Cowen home on West Main Street. Later they moved to a new home on North Houghton Street. After supervising the construction of the VanDyke Furniture Company building here her husband accepted employment with the Williamston Supply Company.

Mrs. Whitfield was a member of Parkers Chapel Free Will Baptist church, near Greenville, and had made many friends during her residence here. Besides her husband and parents she leaves a stepson, Robt Lewis, Jr., and a stepdaughter, Clara Mae; three sisters, Mrs. Withe-Draxton and Misses Dorothy and Jane Taylor, and three brothers, Roy C. Jasper and Rufus Taylor, all of Pitt County.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of her parents in Greenville at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon by Rev. J. C. Spivey. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

Peanut Farmers Get \$1,608,000 Last Year

North Carolina peanut growers received approximately \$1,608,000 for 49,861,000 pounds of nuts graded by inspectors of the State Department of Agriculture this season.

A. B. Harless, department's supervising inspector, commending Tar Heel farmers on the quality nuts produced, reported that 44,000,000 of the 49,000,000 pounds inspected were graded "A".

Peanuts were graded at Gates, Edenton, Windsor, Plymouth, Aulander, Ahsokie, Colerain, Jackson, Seaboard, Weldon, Roanoke Rapids, Tarboro, Whitakers, Rocky Mount, Greenville, Robersonville, Everetts, Williamston and Wilmington.

LOCATES HERE



Miss Myrtle Daniel, daughter of Mrs. Hattie Daniel, of Griffins Township, and the late Jas. Daniel, has accepted a position with Drs. J. H. Saunders and V. E. Brown in their offices here on Smithwick Street.

Miss Daniel was graduated from the Tayloe Hospital Nursing school about a year ago, and until coming here recently she was supervisor in the Washington institution.

Predicting Heavy Vote In Districts

The second judicial and senatorial districts are expected to cast a fairly heavy vote on Saturday of this week, some estimates indicating that as many as 27,000 ballots will be boxed in the race for superior court judge and around 15,000 for state senator from this district.

These estimates are recognized as being on the high side when the size of the vote for governor in 1936 is considered. In the contest for governor, July 4, 1936, the counties in the second judicial district polled around 25,400 votes as follows by counties: Nash, 7,500; Wilson, 7,000; Edgecombe, 5,400; Martin, 3,500; and Washington, 2,000. The senatorial district polled around 14,820 votes, by counties, as follows: Beaufort, 4,600; Dare, 1,350; Hyde, 1,250; Martin, 3,500; Pamlico, 1,570; Tyrrell, 600; Washington, 2,000.

Some heated contests overlap the two districts and they are expected to affect the size of the vote in some counties, but in others, the vote will be considerably under that cast in the July 4, 1936 primary, it is believed.