

## Susan E. Leggett Dies In Hospital After Long Illness

### Funeral Services for Well-Known Local Woman Held Yesterday

Miss Susan Elizabeth Leggett, well-known local woman, died in a Washington hospital Sunday morning at 10:15 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Confined to her bed since last December, Miss Leggett was removed to the hospital last Tuesday and underwent an operation non Friday, her 46th birthday. She was reported to be getting along very well Saturday and the operation on Friday, her 46th birthday Sunday morning she suffered a relapse, death following a few hours later.

The daughter of Mrs. Cecelia Godard Leggett and the late William H. Leggett, she was born in Williams- ton and with the exception of two or three years spent in Washington lived here all her life. Following her graduation from the local high school she attended the old Littleton Female College and then took a business course in a Raleigh school. She was employed by The Enterprise back in the days when the type was set by hand. She later entered the employ of the Washington Daily News and was secretary for a wholesale firm there for several years. More recently she reported for several eastern Carolina papers and during the greater part of two years did a valuable work of a historical nature in connection with a writers' project advanced in cooperation with the Works Progress Administration.

She was a faithful member of the local Methodist Church for thirty-five years, and walked humbly in the sight of the Creator. Possessing an unpretentious character, she was recognized by many as a true and loyal friend, one who was accommodating and always thoughtful of others.

Besides her mother, she leaves two sisters, Miss Addie Leggett, of Williams- ton, and Mrs. D. G. Gaskins, of Washington, and three brothers, Messrs. James A. and Francis Leggett, of Williams- ton, and William Leggett, of Plymouth.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home on Watts Street yesterday afternoon at four o'clock by Rev. S. J. Starnes, local Methodist minister. Interment was in the family plot in the local cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Claude and Joe Leggett, Marvin Britton, Otway Warren, of Plymouth; Miller Warren and Joe David Throver. A large crowd was present for the last rites to pay a last tribute to her memory.

## J. Dawson Cherry Dies Suddenly In Williams Township

### Last Rites Were Conducted at The Late Home Sunday Afternoon

John Dawson Cherry, respected Williams Township farmer and well-known citizen of that community, died suddenly at his home there last Saturday morning about 11:30 o'clock. Although he had not enjoyed very good health for some time, Mr. Cherry was about as well as usual until a short time before the end. Last Friday, after a walk to a neighbor's home, he remarked that he was unusually tired, but he continued his work and was in his garden the next morning when he was forced to leave his task. While going through the yard he told his daughter that he wasn't feeling well, that he was going to lie down and rest. The daughter, 10 years old, and the only person at home with her father at the time, went in to see how he was getting along and found him dead. He had fallen across the bed with his head partly off on one side and his feet hanging down on the other.

The child ran almost three-quarters of a mile to tell her mother, who was visiting in the home of a neighbor at the time. Mr. Cherry had been dead possibly thirty minutes when she reached home.

The son of the late Andrew and Louise Gurganus Cherry, he was born in Williams Township 54 years ago, living and farming there all of his life. He was a member of the Methodist church at Holly Springs for a long number of years, was a successful farmer and a dependable citizen, one who held the respect of his fellowman.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Bettie Andrews, who survives with seven children, Leslie, Howard, Bryant, Ulysses and Joe Cherry and two daughters, Mrs. Lettie Hoggard and Miss Frances Cherry, all of Williams Township. He also leaves two brothers, Messrs. Jesse Cherry and N. S. Cherry, and two sisters, Mrs. Annie Roberson, of Williams Township, and Mrs. Lydia Thompson, of Robertsonville.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. S. J. Starnes, his pastor. Interment was in a new cemetery on the Reuben Roberson farm in Williams Township.

## Increase Noted in Number of Registered Voters in County

After getting off to a slow start on Saturday, April 27, the task of building up the political voting strength in this county was reported to have been fairly successfully handled during the second registration period. With a premium offered the registrars for each new name placed on the books between now and Saturday, it is now believed that from 80 to 90 per cent of the voting strength will be made available for the May 25 and June primaries.

Increased registration figures were reported on nearly all fronts during the second week with Robertsonville leading the list with 504 Democrats and twelve Republicans on the list, in addition to one or two independents. The registration work seems to be lagging in both of the Williams- ton precincts and Hamilton is trailing the average. Griffins and Cross Roads made sizable gains in their registrations. The list of electors was more than doubled by democra-

tic registrations, the Republicans adding 24 names to their voting power.

Reports from other counties show small registrations, Washington County reporting only 400 registered through last week-end.

Total registration figures, by precincts, follow:

Precinct	White		Colored	
	D	R	D	R
Jamesville	229	16	1	1
Williams	82	0	0	0
Griffins	282	0	0	0
Bear Grass	189	7	0	0
Wmston No. 1	291	1	18	1
Wmston No. 2	321	7	17	1
Cross Roads	313	0	0	0
Robertsonville	504	12	1	0
Gold Point	68	0	0	0
Poplar Point	86	0	0	0
Hamilton	73	0	0	0
Hassell	85	0	0	0
Goose Nest	158	1	0	0
	2681	44	37	3

## New Welfare Budget Approved By Board

### CANDIDATE



John E. Pope is in the race to succeed himself as county commissioner from the Williams- ton Poplar Point district. Mr. Pope has served the board as chairman several terms.

## No Provision Made For Retaining Case Worker on Payroll

### Delay Action on Request For \$8,000 for Vocational Buildings

Meeting in regular session here yesterday, the Martin County Commissioners heard requests for school building appropriations, adopted the welfare budget for the next fiscal year, drew a jury list and cooperated with the county board of elections in advancing a drive to build up the county's voting strength for the May 25 primary and a possible second political contest in June. The authorities were in session until late afternoon, wording complaints to the highway commission about the bad condition of certain roads in the county and handling routine duties. Commissioner Fleming, held at home by pressing business duties, was the only member not in attendance upon the session.

Meeting in joint session with the county board of education, the commissioners heard a request for a \$4,000 appropriation for a manual arts building in Williams- ton and a similar appropriation for a vocational building in Oak City. The authorities were assured that the appropriations would not increase the county's school capital outlay, but no official action was taken, and it is possible the requests will be considered further at the next meeting.

A complaint to the highway commission was worded, urging the road authorities to relieve the bad condition of what is known as the "Thoroughfare Road" in Griffins Township from the J. Ed Roberson home to the Beaufort County line and the road from the home of Sylvester Peel to the Jamesville-Washington Road.

Charlie Lewis, of Palmyra, was relieved of poll tax on account of physical disabilities.

The board agreed to finance a drive to build up the voting strength in the county by allowing the registrars three cents for each name they place on the books between now and Saturday.

Misplacing a prepared report, the special committee named two months ago to make a study of the county salary schedule, will offer its recommendations at the next meeting, the board chairman explained.

A curtailment in county welfare activities is almost certain to follow action taken by the board in providing.

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## Four Resignations In Local Faculty

The Williams- ton school board in session last week held teacher elections for the 1940-41 school term and discussed plans for the opening of school next September.

Resignations were accepted from Mrs. W. H. Coburn, Mrs. Paul Simpson, Mrs. Garland Barnhill and Mrs. Jessie H. White.

Teachers reappointed at the session were as follows: Elementary, Mary Benson, of Benson; Estelle Crawford, of Williams- ton; Josephine Harrison, of Williams- ton; Grace Talton, of Clayton; Ruth Manning, of Williams- ton; Mrs. Lela Barnhill Bunting, of Williams- ton; Dorcas Knowles, of Hertford; M. B. Dunn, of Kannapolis; Mrs. Dorothy Elliott Godwin, of Williams- ton; Mary Whitely, of Murfreesboro; Mildred Talley of Randleman; Mrs. C. B. Hassell, of Williams- ton; and Kathryn Mewborn, of Tarboro.

High school, J. R. Barrett, of Elizabeth City; C. B. Toxey, of Wake Forest; Lillian Aldridge Edwards, of LaGrange; S. R. Edwards, of LaGrange; Nancy Glover, of Roanoke Rapids; Irene Mizelle, of Snow Hill; Betty Mayo Everett, of Palmyra; and David N. Hix.

Two applications of former teachers were made on conditions that the requirement of A certificates be met through summer school attendance.

Provision is being made for the introduction of manual arts and general shop work into the school curriculum next term with a state allotted teacher, and the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Barnhill will be filled with a shop teacher.

Present for the meeting were R. L. Coburn, C. B. Clark and R. H. Goodmon.

### FEW SHOWERS

April showers were comparatively few last month and the total precipitation for the period set a new low for the past eight years. The weather station on Roanoke River here recorded six rains and a trace, the measurements ranging as low as three one-hundredths of an inch. The total rainfall for the month was 2.81 inches as compared with 3.31 inches in April a year ago and nearly seven inches in April, 1935.

During the first four months of this year the station has recorded only 19.34 inches of rain and snow as compared with 19.57 inches during the first four months of last year.

## Charles J. Griffin Passes Suddenly At Home in Jamesville

### Funeral Is Being Held For Well-Known County Citizen This Afternoon

Charles J. Griffin, prominent Jamesville merchant and well-known county citizen, was found dead in bed at his home in Jamesville early yesterday morning, reports stating that death was caused by angina pectoria. Living with his brother, Mr. H. G. Griffin, and Mrs. Griffin, he was believed to have died about two hours before Mrs. Griffin went to clean the room about 7 o'clock. Rising early as a rule, Mr. Griffin was thought to have gotten up and gone down town by Mrs. Griffin who found him dead.

About two weeks ago Mr. Griffin was running a boat on Roanoke River and complained of suffering from his activities of a few small duties around the store. He retired about 8 o'clock Sunday evening or a short while before his usual time to go to bed, but he did not complain of feeling any worse, and his death came as a shock to members of the family and his many friends throughout this section.

The son of the late W. J. and Sarah Jane Coltrain Griffin, he was born in Williams Township 66 years ago. He spent his early life there and engaged in the timber business for the old Greenleaf-Johnson Lumber Company and the Dennis Simmons Lumber Company. About thirty years ago he located in Jamesville and entered the mercantile business. Mr. Griffin, loving the freedom of the out-of-doors and finding his greatest peace with his gun and dog on long tramps through the woods and on the old Roanoke, virtually withdrew from the store and in recent years spent most of his time away from the rush and hubbub of every-day life.

His homely philosophy and his willingness to face every issue frankly gained for him a place in the hearts of every one. He possessed an unusual character and in his sight all men were created equal. He valued honesty and in his daily living he was unpretentious, giving consideration to the humble soul as freely and as quickly as to any one no matter of his station in life. His advice was sought in community affairs, and in his daily life he had that perfect gift to get the most out of every minute in the way of enjoyment and happiness.

Mr. Griffin never married. He leaves three brothers, Messrs. D. L. Griffin, of Griffon; W. W. Griffin, of the old home place in Williams Township, and H. G. Griffin, of Jamesville; and two sisters, Mrs. George E. Roberson, of Farm Life, and Mrs. C. T. Roberson, of Williams- ton.

Funeral services are being conducted from the home in Jamesville this afternoon, and interment will follow in the family cemetery over in Williams Township. Elder P. E. Getzinger will conduct the service, and Skewarkey Masons will officiate at the grave.

## First Road Death Reported In This County On Sunday

### Curley Williams, Pitt County Colored Man, Struck by H. G. Norman's Car

Grim death struck for the first time this year on a Martin County highway early last Sunday morning when Curley Williams, 32-year-old colored man of Pitt County, apparently staggered into the path of H. G. Norman's car, near Parmele, and was fatally hurt. Williams, both his legs broken in two places, died in a small clump of bushes beside the road within an hour after he was struck about 1 o'clock.

Details of the accident are not clear, preliminary reports reaching here ahead of a coroner's inquest scheduled for tomorrow afternoon stating that Norman did not see the man and did not know he had struck anybody until he stopped and made an investigation.

According to Norman's statement, he was driving west on U. S. Highway No. 64. A short distance beyond Parmele, he sighted an automobile and several Negroes standing by it on his left side of the road. With his eye on the car and the men standing

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### MEETING

C. D. Carstarphen was reelected president of the Martin County Building and Loan Association at a meeting of the organization held in the courthouse here this morning. N. C. Green, vice president; Wheeler Martin, secretary and attorney, and Mrs. Vella Wynne, treasurer, were also unanimously re-elected. While a considerable portion of the stock in the association was represented, comparatively few stockholders were present for the meeting.

## Peele Withdraws From Race for County Judge, Leaving Eighteen Candidates in Field for Offices

### For Franklin D. Roosevelt "First, Last And Always"

Incomplete reports indicate that precinct Democrats in this county paid little attention to their district meetings last Saturday, but did so with the plan to swoop down upon the county convention in the courthouse Saturday at 12 o'clock, noon. According to information gained from E. S. Peel, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee in the county, three precincts held conventions last Saturday.

Reporting the meeting in Hassell, J. W. Eubanks, delegate, stated

that the delegates there were unanimously instructed for Franklin D. Roosevelt, "first, last and always." Other delegates are D. R. Edmondson, R. T. Johnson, G. S. Haislip and Woodrow Purvis.

No packed house is anticipated, but one of the largest crowds to attend a county convention in recent years is expected in the courthouse next Saturday, according to information gained from party leaders over the county. Every Democrat in good standing is invited and urged to attend.

## Offer Premiums for County Registrations

### Less Than Half Of Voting Strength In County Registered

#### Registrars Will Receive Three Cents a Name for Extra Registrations

Recognizing a serious indifference on the part of the county citizenry in connection with the current new registration, Martin County Board of Election officials in a called meeting here yesterday morning formulated plans for a drive to build up the county's voting strength in all the thirteen precincts.

In addition to holding the registration books open at the announced places, the registrars are being instructed to visit various sections of their precincts and urge the people to vote. No house-to-house canvass will be possible, but the registrars are to visit the several community centers and different filling stations in an effort to get a registration near normal. This special work, carrying a three-cent premium for each name placed on the books, will not interrupt the old schedule of receiving registration entries on Saturday at the designated places.

Members of the board of elections immediately started a tour of the county to instruct the registrars in advancing the concerted registration drive.

Receiving numerous complaints in two or three precincts where the law was placed into effect according to its real meaning, election officials in at least one of the precincts are said to have lowered the qualifications for registering. One report stated that every person who had his name on the old books could get it back on merely by reporting to the place of registration. In reality, the new registration has resulted almost into a re-listing of the voters, but the fellow who has not already registered must report to his registrar.

At the Monday meeting, the county election officials pointed out that no one will be entitled to vote either in the May 25 primary or the second one the latter part of June unless he is registered. Next Saturday is the last registration day, and the citizen who has not and does not register before sunset that day will not be eligible to vote.

## Rev. Leon Russell Will Hold Services

Beginning next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock a series of revival services will be conducted at the local Methodist church, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. S. J. Starnes. Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of the Hayes-Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh, will be the guest preacher, and will speak each morning at 10:30 and each evening at 7:45.

Mr. Russell is one of the younger members of the North Carolina Methodist conference, having joined the conference in 1930. He has become prominent in the affairs of the denomination and is a forceful speaker with a pleasing personality. He organized the Hayes-Barton church in the fall of 1936 and under his wise and consecrated leadership the membership has grown to several hundred. A new building has been erected and the congregation is constantly growing.

Mr. Russell is in demand as a preacher and the Williams- ton people are fortunate to secure his services for this meeting. His stay here will necessarily be brief, and the public is cordially invited to hear him in these revival services.

### WITHDRAWS



H. O. Peel yesterday announced he was withdrawing from the race for judge of the Martin County Recorder's Court. Going on the bench in 1932, Mr. Peel will complete the present term.

## Town Board Holds Meeting Last Night

A mosquito control program received consideration by the local town board of commissioners in the regular meeting of the authorities last evening. Appearing before the board, Dr. John W. Williams outlined a program that will help control the pests, and suggested the passage of an ordinance requiring property owners to clean tin cans, old auto tires, weeds and vines from their premises. The tentative program provides for a fight with oil against the pest. It is estimated that \$105 worth of burnt oil will prove effective, the board virtually agreeing to employ a man to handle the work.

There are about 12 miles of ditches and branches that should be oiled twelve or fifteen times during the summer, Dr. Williams said, adding that the mosquito can be controlled here.

A sidewalk on West Park Street was included in the paving program now underway. No reports on the proposed cemetery and water and sewer projects were submitted, but they are likely to be heard at a special meeting later in the month.

The purchase of a second-hand truck for use in connection with the paving program was ordered.

The few feet of street connecting Marshall Avenue and Leggett's Lane will be closed to traffic by order of the board.

## Local Banks Will Observe Memorial Day On Friday

The Branch Banking and Trust Company and the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company will close Friday, May 10th, to observe Memorial Day as a holiday.

Both young men are well known in this section where they have been actively engaged in business and farming for a number of years.

## Interest In May 25 Primary Is Limited By Action of Judge

### W. Hubert Coburn Declared Nominee; Judge Peel To Finish Term

Withholding his announcement pending a definite decision relative to his future plans, Herbert O. Peel, judge of the Martin County Recorder's Court, yesterday stated he would withdraw as a candidate to succeed himself to the position held by him since December, 1932. The young jurist pointed out that the action was taken after considering future plans which will either place him in the private practice of law or in business.

Not certain of his future plans, Mr. Peel filed his candidacy before the filing period closed on April 13, but withheld any public announcement until he issued a statement yesterday declaring his withdrawal from the campaign.

In announcing his withdrawal, Mr. Peel said, "I consider that I have been singularly fortunate in administering the duties of an office that are very arduous. I have nothing but praise for the assistance I have received from both the officers and the citizenry at large, and their cooperation has rendered the duties less difficult to perform."

"I expect to complete the present term of office and retire to private practice of law or to business, depending on materialization of plans now pending in both directions."

In conclusion Mr. Peel expressed his appreciation to the people of the county for their support both politically and as an officer.

The action of the judge in withdrawing from the contest for recorder is certain to lessen interest in the primary on May 25. His withdrawal automatically nominates W. H. Coburn for judge of the county court, and reduces the number of political contests in the county to six with eighteen candidates still in the race.

A definite line-up of candidates for township, county, district and State offices, including a Republican State ticket, follows:

For State Senator, second senatorial district: P. G. Gallop, Hugh G. Horton and Bradford Fearing.

For Treasurer: Ben D. Courtney.

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## Alonza S. Allen Dies Of Heart Attack At Home Near Everetts

### Last Rites Are Held Sunday Afternoon; Interment In Pitt County

Alonza S. Allen, well-known county farmer, died at his home near Everetts last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock following an illness of only a few hours' duration. Suffering an attack of kidney colic the day before, Mr. Allen apparently recovered and was able to get up Saturday morning. His condition became worse later in the day, and he suffered a heart attack which resulted in his death. Up until his attack last Friday, Mr. Allen was thought to have been in his usual health. A hard worker despite a physical handicap he had gone ahead with his farming operations as usual, and was planning an active work this spring and summer.

Mr. Allen was born in Pitt County 65 years ago, the son of the late John and Armanda Haddock Allen. He spent his early life in the county of his birth and when a young man married Miss Stella Williams. About thirty years ago he moved to this county and located near Everetts. In the ensuing years and by honest toil he overcame hardships, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He joined the Christian church when a young man, but later associated with the Primitive Baptist faith.

Mr. Allen was a kind and thoughtful neighbor and was interested in the advancement of his community. He never shirked a responsibility and valued the higher ideals of life.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home of Elder B. S. Cowin of the church at Bear Grass. Interment was in the Redbanks church cemetery near Greenville in Pitt County.