

Plans Announced For Cancer Fund Campaign Here

Canvassers Are Asked To Handle Solicitations Dur- ing Next Few Days

Plans are just about complete for handling the annual cancer fund drive in Williamston, it was announced today by Mrs. R. H. Goodmon and Mrs. M. M. Levin, co-chairmen.

No organization has been effected to handle the drive in the county, and the co-chairmen explained that while they would like to see the county meet its quota, they would have to limit their activities to Williamston.

Martin was one of two counties in all of North Carolina that did not meet its quota in the 1953 cancer fund drive. What was done in the way of raising funds was handled almost entirely by members of the several home demonstration clubs.

Principal Holmes is being asked to carry the appeal to the colored citizens, it was announced.

Messrs. V. J. Spivey and Myer Levin are being asked to solicit the main business areas, and the following are being asked to handle the canvass on the designated streets:

Williamston Street—Mrs. John A. Ward, Mrs. H. L. Meador.
Marshall Ave.—Mrs. C. H. Abernethy, Mrs. J. L. Glenn.
Church Street—Watts to Elm.
Mrs. Joel Muse, Mrs. A. R. Dunning.

Academy Street—Smithwick to Haughton; Mrs. N. C. Green, Mrs. Sylvia Newell.

Simmons Ave.—Smithwick to Haughton; Mrs. Clyde Harrison, Mrs. A. L. Jameson.

West Grace Street—Smithwick to Haughton; Mrs. Herbert Taylor, Mrs. W. O. Abbott.

West Franklin Street—Smithwick to Haughton; Mrs. Chas. Manning, Mrs. Herbert Whitley.

Liberty Street—Smithwick to Haughton and Lee Street; Franklin to Liberty; Mrs. Irving Margolis.

Watts Street—Williams to Main; Mrs. Don Skinner, Miss Marjorie Lindsey.

South Main Street—Main to Academy; Mrs. B. G. Stewart, Mrs. Steve Clary.

Academy Street to Liberty Street—Mrs. Ernest Carraway, Mrs. F. M. Manning.

E. Main Street—Mizelle Home to Watts Street; Mrs. G. P. Hall, Mrs. Hugh Horton.

Halifax Street—Mrs. Reg Simpson.

School Drive—Mrs. C. I. Harris, E. Cance Street, E. Franklin Street, E. Liberty Street, Woodlawn Drive—Mrs. George H. Gurganus, Mrs. J. D. Page.

Jackson and Vance Street—Mrs. W. L. Howell.

Ray and Biggs Street—Mrs. J. W. Watts, Mrs. R. L. Coburn.

West End Section—Mrs. John Wier, Mrs. W. I. Skinner, Mrs. G. G. Woolard, Mrs. Tally Garris.

Band Playing Today In Contest At Greensboro

Making its first appearance in the State Music Festival, the Williamston High School Concert Band, Jack F. Butler, director, is scheduled to play at 1:40 this afternoon in Greensboro.

The band left here by chartered bus about 12:30 yesterday and is scheduled to return home late today after a stop-over in Raleigh for the evening meal.

TRANSPLANTING

Following a few isolated cases the latter part of last and early this week, tobacco transplanting is beginning to take hold in scattered areas of the county today, according to incomplete reports reaching here. However, the task is progressing on a very limited scale with a climax hardly expected to materialize before week after next.

Blue mold, while not yet severe, is making its appearance and it could alter the transplanting schedule. Favoring early May transplanting, a few farmers are pulling and throwing away large plants at the present time.

The supply of plants is believed to be ample in this area, and throughout the belt.

In Race For Sheriff



One of the major races in the strictly county family politics centers around the race for sheriff. Both young men are well known in the county and have been connected with law enforcement for several years. Going into the May 29 primary in the contest are Murray W. (Buck) Holloman, incumbent, (left) and W. Raymond Rawls (right).

TAX CHECK-UP

Apparently convinced there are some motor vehicles that have not been listed for taxation in this county, tax authorities a few days ago started a check of all vehicles against the tax books, it was learned today.

Photo prints of all 1954 registration cards issued to motor vehicles owners in the county are now being checked against the tax listings. And it is possible that some owners will find it necessary to explain why their vehicles were not listed in accordance with the law.

Sentence Alleged Draft Violator

Charged with violating the Selective Service Act, Edmond Horace Whitley of RFD 1, Jamesville, had his day in federal court in Washington yesterday.

Convinced there was a willful design to defeat the law, Judge Gilliam sentenced the alleged violator to prison for a term of two years. According to information received here shortly before noon,

Whitley was sentenced to a year in prison for failing to report. He was removed from the courtroom by the bailiff. Whitley is to go to prison in Petersburg, the report stated.

The young man, a student in the E. J. Hayes High School here, was to have answered an induction call June 16 of last year. Ignoring the call that day, Whitley reported to the office the following day, explaining that he lay in bed the morning before, and was thinking when the spirit told him not to report. He was called again to report the following month but did not, according to evidence offered before Judge Donnell Gilliam during the all-day trial yesterday. It was explained in court that Whitley was advised shortly before the day of induction last July that he must report, that he indicated at that time he would not report.

He was arrested by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents early last fall, but was released a short time later under bond.

Whitley, 22, claims he is a minister of the A.M.E. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, but it was pointed out during the showing in court yesterday that his ordination ritual was not reported to Selective Service until after he was instructed to report for induction.

It was reported that Whitley was represented by two attorneys, one or both from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The trial was long drawn out, and several observers were of the opinion that the proceedings at times were little less than ridiculous.

Respected Colored Resident Dies Here

Funeral services will be conducted in the Shiloh Baptist Church here Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. O. B. Carson for Stephen Reddick, respected citizen, who died at his home on Railroad Street last Monday afternoon at 12:45 o'clock. Interment will be in Everett Cemetery.

About 70 years of age, he had been in declining health for about two years and confined to his home for the past month.

Making Plans To Start Building Large Warehouse

Machines are Grading Four- Acre Lot Near The Skewarkey Church

Plans are shaping up rapidly for starting construction work on a large tobacco warehouse on a new highway truck route near Skewarkey Church. Machines are now grading the four-acre lot about 700 feet west of Highway 17 near the Sunny Side market. Several more days will pass before the grading is completed, it was learned.

No official statement has been released and few details could be had immediately, but it was learned that quotations were solicited this week on several hundred thousand feet of timber, including about 100,000 feet of sheeting for the roof. One of the owners was quoted as saying that land was too expensive not to have a shelter over it, and it is assumed that just about all of the four acres will be covered by the house, excepting space for drives.

It was unofficially learned that the builder who constructed a large tobacco warehouse in Greenville is to handle the construction contract on the house here. He could not be reached immediately for a statement, but he was quoted as saying that the project was to be handled on the course of only a few weeks.

It is expected that material for the building will be moved to the site within the next few days.

The type of construction is likely to be wood with iron sheeting and a composition roof with twenty-foot joists.

The property was purchased just a week ago from Mrs. Louie P. Martin by King Rogers, Fuquay Springs business man.

Mosquito Control Effectiveness In Individual Hands

Sanitarian Declares Lot Must Be Cleaned In Talk To The Rotary Club

Public programs are valuable but the effectiveness of mosquito control rests largely with the individual, County Sanitarian W. B. Gaylord, Jr., pointed out to Williamston Rotarians in their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon. The sanitarian declared that individual lots must be cleared, that tin cans and cardboard boxes and other containers must be eliminated if the pest is to be controlled.

Public programs advanced by the town, state or federal governments are effective in controlling mosquitoes in ditches and streams and residual spraying is valuable, but the work of the individual property owner can do more to eliminate the pests than all the public programs combined.

The sanitarian pointed out that the federal government has just about withdrawn all its support formerly given mosquito control programs, that it is providing a worn-out truck, and that the town of Williamston furnishes two workers to carry on the public program. It is possible that all federal and State aid will be withdrawn after June 30.

When the federal and State governments curtailed their participation, the town of Williamston stepped in to maintain the service. Its effectiveness has been limited, and last year saw almost record numbers of mosquitoes in this immediate area.

Explaining that the individual can play an important part in the program, Mr. Gaylord said that mosquitoes have been known to breed in vases and washing machines inside houses, that a minute inspection of the premises is necessary if the pest is to be eliminated.

It takes only nine days from the time of breeding for the mosquito to start biting, the sanitarian explained, adding that there are malarial mosquitoes are present in this area but that the pest mosquito is in the majority.

The control program here is likely to be discussed at the next meeting of the town officials. There is already on the books an ordinance requiring owners to keep their lots and premises clean. It is possible that a strict enforcement of the ordinance will be (Continued on Page Eight)

Final Concert In Community Series Given Last Night

Miss Vivian Della Chiesa Is Rated Best Artist Ever To Appear Here

By Mrs. Ed Grady

Miss Vivian Della Chiesa, appearing in the Williamston High School auditorium last evening in the final concert of the current Community Concert Series, opened her program as most artists do with selections from the classical composers. Outstanding numbers to this reviewed in the first half of the program were "In The Time of Roses," by Reichardt, "Le Temps des Lilas," by Chausson, and "Canto De Primavera," by Cimara. In the Reichardt selection Miss Chiesa sang at a Tempo somewhat slower than that usually used for the song, but the singer's voice assumed the lyrical heights necessary for this type song.

Chausson's work, impressionistic in style, requires exceptional expression on the singer's part for the listeners to receive the full import of the composer's imaginative colorings. Miss Chiesa's voice conveyed the wistful sadness of the song by skillful work, and though the listener was unable to understand the language used, the meaning of the song was apparent.

"Habanera, from Bizet's Carmen, pleased the audience, as the song was given life by Miss Chiesa in an impassioned interpretation. A tastefully selected number for an intermission encore, "Do You Remember," proved to be an attractive and pleasing one.

The second half of the program included several folk-songs, most of them admirably suited to the singer's voice. "Era La Vo," by Sadero, a Sicilian Lullaby, was sung with a languorous, loving quality. The Southern Highlands tune by Clifford Shaw, "I'm Sad and I'm Lonely," was another in which the singer's rich tone dramatically portrayed the tragic qualities of the work.

The "Gitanjali Sketches" by Carpenter are extremely modern numbers. Many singers, in attempting them, give the impression that they are feeling their way through strange and unfamiliar musical territory, and as a result they sing without feeling. Miss Chiesa sang these with confidence and ease.

Closing the program were a group of musical comedy hit songs by the well-known Rogers-Hammerstein team. Miss Chiesa displayed considerable dramatic abilities as she was in turn nostalgic for "Hello, Young Lovers," from the king and I, comic for "When I Marry Mr. Shaw," from Carousel, and dramatic for "Out of My Dreams," from Oklahoma!

The artist was generous with her encores, returning to the king and I for another selection, "We Kiss In A Shadow," which was sung as a romantic love song. "Mr. Banjo," a Louisiana folk-song, known by the younger set now as "Mr. Tap Toe," was sung spiritedly by Miss Chiesa. The last encore number was the touching "Lulla To A Doll," by Frank Black. This was sung for the young folks in the audience whose exemplary behavior and excellent decorum Miss Chiesa commended.

Throughout the program one was conscious of the near-perfect diction of the singer, one of the most important elements to be considered in the making of a successful concert singer. With facile ease she ran the gamut of languages, singing in French, Spanish, Italian, Sicilian, and also in English. For a soprano Miss (Continued on Page Eight)

SEIZABLE GAIN

Despite a decrease in the value of motor vehicle listings, Williamston Township came through with a sizable gain in its 1954 tax listings, according to a preliminary report released this week by Tax Supervisor M. L. Peel. Showing a gain of \$317,452 over the 1953 listings, the 1954 valuation now stands at \$7,298,531. The figure represents about one-third of the total assessed property valuation for the county. Most of the gain is traceable to new construction. It was pointed out.

Martin Farmers Turn To Hybrid Peanut Seed Types

Introduced into the county for the first time last year, the hybrid peanut seed varieties are rapidly gaining favor among Martin farmers, according to information coming from the farm agent's office this week. It was stated that the supply of the special seed is far short of demand, that an extensive search is now going on for the special varieties.

Last year Martin farmers planted about thirty acres of the hybrid type seed, supplied by the Extension Service. Approximately 39,500 pounds of the No. 1 variety were produced as follows: J. N. Chance, 3,000 pounds; S. H. Grimes, 8,000; R. A. Haislip, Jr., 1,500; T. F. Harrison, 4,500; B. F. Lilley, 4,500; T. B. Slade and Son,

10,000; and Henry Winslow, 8,000 pounds. The following farmers produced 16,000 pounds of the No. 2 variety: Robert Andrews, 5,000; R. A. Haislip, Jr., 1,500; T. B. Slade, 7,500; and Henry B. Winslow, 2,000 pounds.

One report stated that the farmers are or have already sold about 33,000 pounds of the special varieties for seed, or enough to plant about 600 acres. It is thought that other seed will be imported to boost the total acreage of the hybrid types to about 1,000. The special seed have been selling for 18c to 22c in the shell, and about 40 cents a pound shelled. The county has an allotment of 15,094 acres this year, or about four percent less than the 1953 plantings.

Last Session Of Superior Court Held Thursday

Five Out Of Ten Days Are Spent In Actual Work By The Court

After working five days out of a scheduled two-week term the Martin County Superior Court quietly folded its tent and stole away at 5:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Quite a few cases were cleared from the docket but many more were continued for one reason or another. The large damage suits brought by members of the Jones family against Whorton and others were continued when an out-of-town doctor was unable to appear as a witness on account of illness.

The case of Standard Fertilizer Company against W. T. Smithwick was set for trial at the next September term.

The damage suit brought by Frank Clark against James Robert Rawls was settled by agreement, the plaintiff receiving \$600.

In the case of Charlotte Slade, by a next friend, against Dora Purvis, the court declared the defendant the owner of a certain house and lot in the town of Williamston, but found that the plaintiff was entitled to \$400 as her part of the property.

The court excused the following jurors Tuesday, Luther F. Leggett, Mrs. Julia L. McLawhorn, H. A. Jenkins and Mrs. Marie Keel.

The cause of justice took an uncertain route in the case of William Thompson against J. Clifton Wiggins. Thompson, badly hurt and battered when he was riding on his own side of the road a few miles from Williamston on Highway 125 last January 8 when the defendant's car tore into him, asked \$5,000 damages. The case took what was described as a disgusting turn when the jury returned a \$300 judgment. At that point justice wavered, and it was thought that Judge Malcolm Paul, presiding, would set the verdict aside as being contrary to the greater weight of the evidence. The jurist deliberated over the week-end, reaching no definite decision until yesterday, when the defendant's insurance company, in a spirit of great magnanimity,

paid the \$300. The insurance company's counsel pleaded with the court, urging the verdict be cast aside and the way opened for a new trial. In accordance with the judgment, \$93.35 is to go to the hospital where the victim was a patient, \$84.50 to the clinic where he was treated and \$90 to his dentist for patching up the holes where his teeth once were. The jury got all tangled up yesterday afternoon in the \$400 damage suit brought by Wilbur L. Reed against Elijah Shepherd. After deliberating more than an hour and returning into open court for further instructions, the jury found both parties negligent and awarded no one anything, the plaintiff being taxed with the costs. The plaintiff crashed into the rear of Shepherd's taxi at the corner of Andrews and Washington Streets last November 29. In the tenant-landlord case (Continued on Page Eight)

Voluntary Inspection For Motor Vehicles

POOR RESPONSE

The response to the annual appeal advanced during the Easter season in behalf of crippled children has been disappointing in this county, according to a preliminary report released this week.

It was stated that only \$549.79 had been contributed, leaving the fund miserably inadequate to aid the several crippled children cases in the county.

Big Docket In County's Court

A large docket awaits the attention of Judge H. O. Peel and the court in the Martin County Superior Court next Monday, following a two-week shutdown while the appellate tribunal had the right-of-way.

Up until this morning, sixty-one cases had been added to the docket and others are expected to find their way before the deadline for the Monday session is reached. In addition to the sixty-one there are a few cases that have been scheduled for trial the following Monday.

The speeders monopolize the docket, the records showing that thirty-seven speeding charges had been booked up until this morning. Other cases include, four for driving without operators' licenses, five with assaults with deadly weapon, two for assaults on females, one for careless and reckless driving, four for drunken driving, one for operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was revoked, one for larceny, and three each for non-support and violating the liquor laws.

First To Make Appeal On TV

Elbert S. Peel, Williamston attorney, is the first Martin County man to go on television in a political talk, seeking support for his candidacy in the race for solicitor of the second judicial district. He spoke over the Greenville station ten minutes, declaring that Martin County, after extending support to other candidates for more than half a century, was like the man with only a little finger left on his hand, that others would take that away.

While Mr. Peel is advancing his candidacy as rapidly as possible in all five of the counties comprising the district, including Washington, Edgecombe, Wilson, Nash and Martin, friends and well-wishers in this county are working to get out a large vote in the May 29 primary. The response has been encouraging where little group meetings have been held already, it was learned.

Construction Work On New Home In West Main

Construction work is in progress on a new home for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hardison in West Main Street next door to the J. B. "Taylors. The eight-room home will be of brick veneer.

Service Offered Free To Owners By Garages Here

Project Sponsored by Mem- bers of N. C. Automobile Dealers Association

Recognizing the urgent need for action, five Williamston automobile firms—Williamston Motor Company, Dixie Motor Company, Chas. H. Jenkins and Company, Griffin Motor Company and the Roanoke Chevrolet Company—are, beginning next Monday, April 26, having a hand in safety.

They have agreed to conduct official inspection stations on a voluntary basis free to motor vehicle owners in this section under the sponsorship of the Carolina Safety League and the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association.

There's nothing compulsory about the inspection program on the part of the vehicle owner, but the vehicle operator may gain a lot of satisfaction in knowing that his auto or truck is in good mechanical condition that by having his vehicle inspected he has acted in the name of increased safety on the highways.

If defects are found in the mechanical condition of a motor vehicle, the owner is not forced to correct the defects. He will know the dangers and act accordingly, it was explained.

Every vehicle approved by the official inspection station will carry a special sticker with the approval of and over signature of Edward Scheidt, North Carolina Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

The inspection will center around the vehicle brakes, condition of windshields and door windows, lights, steering mechanism, windshield wipers, tires, and horns and warning devices.

The movement has the wholehearted endorsement of the Governor and all other leading State officials, safety organizations, and is being advanced as a public service and in the name of greater safety on the highways by members of the N. C. Auto Dealers Association.

Special invitations are extended to all owners to have their vehicles inspected at one of the local inspection stations, beginning next Monday.

Burning Victim Fights For Life

Critically burned while visiting in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holliday, near here last Monday afternoon, Little Miss Patsy Roberson was said early today to be fighting a courageous battle for life in Duke Hospital where she was removed soon after the accident for treatment.

She was said to have rallied yesterday afternoon from a relapse suffered earlier in the day and was conscious, according to last reports reaching here. She was said to be suffering greatly.

The little seven-year-old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Roberson of Newport News, spilled water on her dress and was trying to dry it on a gas stove when her clothes caught fire and she suffered third degree burns.

LIBRARY CALL

Making ready for an annual inspection, Williamston library officials this week issued a call, urging all those who have library books overdue up and return them to the library in the town hall immediately. It is possible that during spring clean-up, housewives will find a library book or two.

All books overdue may be returned without penalty through the remainder of this month.

While there are not too many books overdue, there are some and they are needed, a library official said.