



1933 REPORT ON VITAL STATISTICS FROM WILLIAMS

District Reports Birth Rate of 37.48; Is the Second Highest in County

With a birth rate of 37.48 per 1,000 of population, and a death rate of only 7.89 per 1,000 population, Williams Township apparently has one of the best records of any so far reported in this county for the past year. While the district trails prolific Poplar Point by a few points in the birth rate, Williams leads with the lowest death rate. Strange as it may seem, the two smallest districts in the county have the highest birth rates. Poplar Point reported 43 births, a resulting rate of 46.43, as compared with 38 births, and a rate of 37.48, reported in Williams last year.

Five of the eight deaths in the district over the creek were among colored people. Only two of those dying during the past year were under 5 months of age, the others ranging in age from 55 to 81, the average age being 72 years. Judging from the reports received here so far, people in Williams Township live to be older than in any other of the 10 townships in the county.

Another unusual feature about the vital statistics report for the period is the larger number of white births than colored ones. Only a few districts in the county have more white births than they have colored. Twenty-three of the births there last year were white and the number of colored additions would have been limited to 10 had there not been five illegitimate entries.

While only a few of the districts have reported their vital statistics for 1933, the indications point to a lower death and a higher birth rate than the two reported for 1932.

WARN OF DANGER IN FLYING KITES

V. E. P. Co. Safety Engineer Warns Boys Against Climbing Poles

"The time of year is fast approaching when our red-blooded American boys will open the kite-flying season. We are all familiar with the hazards that this pastime presents, and recognize that they cannot be treated lightly," Mr. E. C. Bookman, safety engineer for the Virginia Electric and Power Company, said in a letter to Mr. R. H. Goodman, district manager, here this week in warning of the dangers surrounding the flying of kites.

The safety engineer and others do not, for a minute, condemn kite flying, but they do rightfully warn youths of the many dangers in playing carelessly with kites around trees and light lines. "All of us have a wonderful daily opportunity to caution children as to how kites should be constructed, how and where kites should be flown, and especially the dangers of climbing poles or other structures to free kites which may have become entangled with wires," Mr. Bookman said.

While no fatalities have been reported in this section as a result of the pastime, hundreds of children lose their lives by climbing trees to free their kites, or coming in contact with electric lines.

Washington Minister To Preach Here Next Week

During the special series of services the week before Easter, the Rev. W. D. McInnis, of Washington, will preach in the Presbyterian church. Mr. McInnis is known throughout our section of the state as an interesting, inspiring, and forceful speaker. It is hoped that the members of our church and the citizens of Williamston and Martin County who are not already affiliated with some other church, will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear Mr. McInnis. Mr. McInnis is especially loved by the young people of our Presbytery and always has a real message for them. Next week is go-to-church week. Why not begin preparations now to go every day? Go to some church every day.

The regular mid-week prayer service has been postponed to Friday night this week. All members are urged to be present.—Z. T. Piephoff.

Lenten Services Three Days of This Week

The Lenten services on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week at the Church of the Advent will be at 7:30 p. m., instead of in the afternoon as hitherto. The three sermons at these services will be on "The Problems of Suffering." The services will last about 40 minutes. You are cordially invited to attend.

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS



After defeating all their opponents during the past season, the Jamesville High School girls' basketball team annexed the eastern group B series championship at Greenville recently. The names of the players, front row, left to right: Marjorie Brown, Edna Gray Carson, Viola Manning, Beulah M. Hardison and Mildred Smith; back row, left to right: Elizabeth Brown, Mavrine Davis, Eloise Perry, Coach C. B. Martin, Selma Ange and Louise Martin.

RECORD MADE BY GIRLS TEAM OF JAMESVILLE

Won Every Game Played, Scoring 525 Points To Opponents' 201

Winning every game they played, the Jamesville girls' basketball team clinched the season record by taking championship honors in a district tournament held in Greenville recently.

During the season, the girls won 14 games, scoring 525 points to 201 by their opponents. Perry led the scoring with 232 points, followed closely by Martin with 216 counters and Manning was third with 77 points.

A review of the games and scores:

Jamesville	Bear Grass	Opponents
38	Bear Grass	21
20	Bear Grass	14
40	Creswell	6
55	Roper	12
30	Farm Life	11
35	Robersonville	30
58	Roper	12
33	Hobgood	26
42	Farm Life	15
34	Plymouth	15
26	Plymouth	4
48	Belhaven	8
42	Walstonburg	8
24	Pink Hill	19
525	Totals	201

Members of the squad were: Eloise Perry, Louise Martin, Viola Manning, Elizabeth Brown, Selma Ange, Edna Carson, Mavrine Davis, Margie Brown, Mildred Smith, Beulah Hardison.

POPLAR POINT FARMER DIES

Funeral Services for Burt Scott Held There Last Saturday Afternoon

Burt Scott, Poplar Point farmer, died at his home near Poplar Point landing on the Roanoke River, last Friday following a long illness. Mr. Scott had been in feeble health for more than a year and was sitting in a chair at his home when he suffered a heart attack and died suddenly at 7:30 p. m.

A native of this county, he had farmed of the Poplar Point section for a number of years. Mrs. Scott died several years ago, leaving several children.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Lawrence, Holiness minister of Elizabeth City. Interment was in the family plot in Poplar Point Township.

Holds Lucky Number, Farmer Gets Mattress

Holding the lucky number, W. R. Evans, farmer living near here, was given a costly Beautyrest mattress by the VanDyke Furniture Company here last Saturday evening. Mayor Hassell handled the drawing.

Evans, holder of eight tickets, was not on hand for the drawing, but he showed up early yesterday morning, and when asked by an outsider if he wanted to sell, the farmer said he would have to talk with the "boss," the wife, about that.

Barnhill Buyers Have Returned From Markets

Mesdames P. H. Brown and Daisy Purvis, who have been in Baltimore and New York, buying merchandise for the firm of Barnhill Brothers, returned last week.

J. ARTHUR WYNN DIES AT HOME IN CROSS ROADS

Prominent Farmer Passes Away After Illness of About Year

James Arthur Wynn, prominent farmer of the Cross Roads section of this county, died at his home there about midnight Saturday following an illness extending during the greater part of a year. Suffering a foot ailment about 12 months ago, his condition gradually became worse, and during the past six months he was confined to his bed. Although he remained conscious up to a short while before the end, he had no use of his body. He had failed to respond to treatment offered by special doctors in Washington.

Mr. Wynn was born in Cross Roads Township 49 years ago, spending his entire life there where he successfully farmed. He was active in the various community activities, taking much interest in religious work and the Modern Woodmen camp of that district. In early manhood he was married to Miss Fannie Wynn, who, with 12 children, six daughters, Mrs. Margaret Clark, Mrs. Grace Peaks, Misses Esther, Fannie, Beulah, and Mary Lou Wynn, all of this county; and six sons, John W. Wynn, of Greensboro; George, Dillon, James, Jr., Bryant and Nathan Wynn, all of the Cross Roads community, survives. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Will Britton, Mrs. Dan Roebuck, and Mrs. Cena Mizelle, all of this county.

Funeral services were conducted from the Cross Roads church, of which he had been a member for a number of years, last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville, and Rev. W. A. Davis, of Washington. Interment followed in the family burial ground, near the home with a large crowd attending the last rites. Active pallbearers were: H. L. Roebuck, S. E. Roberson, Paul Leggett, W. L. Ausborn, Oscar Ayers, W. F. Crawford, John Jackson, and J. E. Bailey.

Mr. Wynn's death followed that of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Martha Wynn, at his home by a little more than two days.

ANOTHER AUTO HITS UNDERPASS

John A. Griffin Suffers Painful Injuries Last Saturday Night

John A. Griffin, local hot-dog stand operator, suffered a broken nose and wrecked his car when he drove the machine into the center support of the railroad bridge at the west end of Main Street here last Saturday night. Howard Cherry and a woman, said to have been accompanying Griffin, were not badly hurt.

Griffin and his companions were traveling out of town when he ran his Ford roadster into the cement pillar. It was just another unsuccessful attempt by a motorist to remove the support and clear the highway.

State forces are now working on the bridge preparatory to the removal of the obstruction, but during the next several weeks motorists are warned to beware of the cement support. It will still be there, even after nearly a dozen auto drivers have attempted to remove the obstruction.

Small Fire Calls Out Department Yesterday

Started by sparks from the flue, fire threatened the home of Cherry Johnson, colored woman living on Cemetery road here yesterday noon. The fire company was called, but neighbors had the fire out when the apparatus arrived at the scene. The house, belonging to W. V. Ormond, was damaged only slightly.

Jamesville Fisherman Gets Sturgeon in Net

Fishing with a drift net in the Roanoke at Jamesville last Sunday, Sam Henry Hardison caught a 40-pound sturgeon. While he is said to have had some trouble in landing him, the rare fish was taken safely.

The sturgeon was the first taken in the Roanoke in about two years. Once caught in great numbers, the sturgeon is now recognized as a rare catch in this section.

"I'll See You in Church!"

By REV. Z. T. PIEPHOFF

There will be a service in every church in town.

During this week of services it is hoped that every living soul will go to church. You are asked to do this and you should ask others to go to church, not for the good of the church, or the minister, or the community but for your own good and for theirs. It matters little to others, whether you are there or not but it matters much to you.

Let me say just this to each of you—life means opportunity. Opportunity means responsibility. Responsibility means accountability. To escape accountability is an impossibility. If you doubt that just read Matthew 25:14-30. You are alive, you are faced with the opportunity to go to church—that opportunity places upon you the responsibility to go to church and that responsibility is to be followed one day, some day, by accountability.

In connection with these services there are two suggestions that I would like for each of you to consider. Two requests that I would ask of those concerned and the first one is this. Why not close your place of business or your office from 12 to 12:30 p. m. each of next week and attend the service in the theatre, employers and employees, in a body? You did this all last summer, closing one whole afternoon each week, for a less noble purpose—and rightly so, then why not close your place of business for once in your life to go to church? We suggest, request, and challenge you to this for God.

The second request and challenge is this. Why not postpone, set up, or have in the afternoon all dances, card parties, and social functions, in order that during the week we may all be free to attend the services of the church each night?

What a glorious and wonderful week the week will be for each of us, if each of us will enter into the real Easter spirit by granting and observing the suggestions mentioned, which in our heart of hearts we know we ought to do, and by doing everything in our power to make this the greatest week in the history of Williamston.

If you will not do this for your own sake, or for the sake of your children, or for the church's sake, then I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to do it for Christ's sake.

Well, so long, see you in church.

Warehouse Firm Is Formed Last Week

JIMMY TAYLOR & GRIFFIN TO RUN ROANOKE - DIXIE

Both Men Well Known To Tobacco Farmers of This Section

Preliminary arrangements for the operation of the Williamston Tobacco market the coming season were made public last week, when Messrs. J. Claude Griffin and J. B. "Jimmy" Taylor leased the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse. The announcement is regarded as a valuable asset to the market, and is one of three major line-ups expected for the operation of the market this coming season.

The house will operate under the firm name of Griffin & Taylor, just as it has been operated during the past several years, Mr. Jimmy Taylor taking over the same interest held by the late W. Joe Taylor.

The new partner, a native of Rockingham County, where he was connected in the tobacco warehouse business, is an experienced tobaccoist. In 1920 he came to this section, operating a warehouse in Robersonville for several years, and for the past two seasons auctioneering on the Greenville market. Recognized as an able dealer of tobacco, Mr. Taylor has proven himself a popular and hustling warehouseman.

"Jake" Taylor, for several years an auctioneer in Eastern Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky tobacco markets, will auctioneer for the firm, it was announced.

Other arrangements will be made from time to time, indicating that the firm will make a strong bid for leadership in the warehouse business here this season.

While no official announcements have been released by other houses here so far, it is understood that arrangements for their operation are now being considered and public announcement will be made shortly.

Large Hen Egg Put On Display Here This Week

One of the largest hen eggs seen this season was brought here this week by Mrs. W. R. Roebuck, of Bear Grass. The egg, the product of a little white leghorn, measured 3 1/2 inches long and 2 inches across, or 11 inches in circumference—one way and 6 1/8 inches the other.

High Water Delays Opening of Fisheries

Weather conditions permitting, C. C. Fleming, owner of the fishery at Jamesville, will start operations there tomorrow morning. High water delayed operations scheduled to have been started yesterday morning.

Federal Land Bank Moves Office to Kinston

The North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank has discontinued its office in the Bowen Building on Washington Street here, Representative C. V. Cannon now being located in Kinston and Ayden.

Negro Dies Suddenly In Hamilton Township

Robert Williams, 60-year-old negro, died suddenly in Hamilton Township last Friday, his death said to have been caused by excessive use of liquor at one time or by poison in the spirits. Few particulars could be learned here in connection with the death.

James R. Perry Withdraws As Candidate This Week

According to unofficial information received here yesterday, Mr. James R. Perry, recently announced as candidate for county commissioner, has or will withdraw as a candidate for the office. Mr. Perry was one of the first to announce, and while no reason could be learned here for his reported withdrawal, it is understood he will support the candidacy of J. C. Ross for a place on the board.

Eye, Ear, Nose Specialist Changes His Office Hours

Finding a change necessary, Dr. Charles J. Sawyer, eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist, is here each Friday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. The doctor is planning to open a permanent office here in the near future, he said this week.

PROCEEDINGS IN MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Mrs. Johnson Found Not Guilty; Proctor Gets Eight to Ten Years

Working most of the day on the case charging J. A. Whitfield with abandonment, the superior court yesterday sandwiched in several other actions and, at the close of the day it had called nine cases, none of which was rated of any great importance.

The most pathetic case and the one that held the interest of a crowded courtroom during a greater part of the day was the one charging Julius A. Whitfield with abandoning his wife and four small children. After much testimony was heard, a plea of guilty was entered on the records, the judge ordering the defendant to pay \$15 a month to his wife and backed the order with a suspended sentence of from 18 to 24 months on the roads. The judgment was later said to have been deferred.

MARCH TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT GETS UNDER WAY

Judge Walter L. Small, of Elizabeth City, Is Presiding

Arriving here a bit late yesterday, Judge Walter Small, of Elizabeth City, made one of the shortest charges to the grand jury ever heard in this county, it is believed. He convened the court at 11:20, addressed the jurymen not longer than five minutes, set the court machinery in operation and was hearing the first case within 40 minutes after taking his seat.

In the brief charge to the jury, the jurist instructed the jurymen to examine all public offices in the county and investigate reports offered by the various justices of the peace. He explained their duty to seek needed information from the solicitor, and referred to the sacred duty of keeping secret all actions handled in the grand jury room. The foreman, J. F. Jordan, of Dardens, was instructed to carry the bills in person to the courtroom, except in those cases charging capital crimes, and those bills were to be returned by the group as a body.

W. A. James was selected as officer of the jury.

Items of Interest In the Local Colored Schools

The 28-voice choral society of Shaw University is to appear in concert at the Colored Graded School tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. President Nelson, of the university, in a letter to us states: "I am sure you will be pleased with the concert." Special reservations are made for our white people. We are urging all to come on time.

In the triangular debate held last Friday evening throughout the state many upsets were noted. Our debaters at home upheld the negative side of the query: "Resolved, That Chain Stores Are Detrimental to the Best Interests of the American People," and won over the strong team from the Wilson Colored High School. Our affirmative debaters lost in Rocky Mount to the Booker T. Washington High School. However, our team was praised for its strong effort.—E. J. Hayes, principal.

A crowded courtroom started when Worth H. "Tie" Proctor was ushered into the courtroom under guard for the case charging him with store-breaking and larceny. The 26-year-old man, possessing the earmarks of a seasoned criminal, had nothing to say in his behalf other than refer to the sentences he was now serving. He answered questions freely, admitting his guilt in the robbery here and the postoffice robbery in Everett back in 1932. He said he sold some of the cigarettes stolen from the Harrison Wholesale firm to Neal Watson in Roseboro but did not remember the number or the amount of money received. Judge Small sentenced him to the roads for a period of not less than 8 and not more than 10 years, the term to begin at the expiration of the sentences he is now serving.

Proctor was sentenced to the roads for eight years recently in Raleigh, and in all he will be out of circulation, if the sentence requirements are met, about 17 years.

At noon today the court was working on a case against Willie Rollins, colored, and there was some doubt as to the case charging Sam Ayers with murder being reached today.

Meeting of List Takers Postponed Here Monday

A meeting of Martin County tax list-takers, scheduled to have been held here yesterday, was postponed, Auditor J. Sam Getsinger explaining that the meeting would be held just as soon as certain equipment used in listing property arrives here. It will probably be some time next week before the meeting is held, it was learned.

County Schools End Sixth Month of Term

The sixth of the eight months term was completed by nearly all the Martin County schools last Friday. The office of the county board of education is preparing checks this week amounting to approximately \$12,000, it was learned yesterday.