



## Will Ballot on Tobacco and Cotton Control Next Week

### MORE THAN 2,000 BALLOTS BEING PREPARED HERE

### Every Tobacco Farmer Is Eligible To Take Part In Important Election

Martin County farmers will vote on the continuance of the tobacco control act at the 12 regular voting precincts in this county next Friday between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., it was officially announced by the office of the county agent here yesterday. The vote will be taken at the same time the Bankhead cotton control law is voted upon, it was stated. All tobacco farmers, including landowners, renters, and tenants, are eligible to vote, and it is believed a large percentage of the growers in this county will support the measure.

Under the terms of the Kerr-Smith act, at least three-fourths of the tobacco farmers will have to vote in favor of the act to assure its continuance next year.

The matter is being left entirely with the tobacco farmers, and while nearly all in this county are believed to favor the law, there are many who will, for one reason or another, fail to vote, it is feared. If the law fails of passage, the contract signer will be out of luck, so to speak. Many new curing barns are going up in some sections of the tobacco belt, and the non-signers will have the advantage if the law fails to continue in that they can grow as much tobacco as they please and sell it tax-free. The continued control feature will make this impossible.

More than 2,000 ballots are being prepared at the office of the county agent this week, and will be delivered to the poll holders in the 12 regular voting precincts in ample time for the referendum next Friday. Landlords are urged to vote and to notify and insist upon their tenants voting for the Smith-Kerr act's continuance.

## EDWIN A. WILSON DIES IN NORFOLK

### Was Native of Williamston, Leaves Two Brothers and Sister Here

Edwin A. Wilson, native of Williamston, but for the past 35 years a citizen of Norfolk, died at his home there last Thursday from a heart attack. Following a light stroke of apoplexy four years ago he had been in retirement.

The son of the late W. H. and Sarah A. Wilson, he was born here 53 years ago. When a young man he moved to Norfolk and engaged in the wholesale produce business with the late W. H. Carstaphen, also a native of Williamston. A number of years later he entered the insurance business and met with success.

Mrs. Wilson, who was Miss Sue Williams before her marriage, survives with four children, Mrs. Helen Downing, Lina, Edgar, and Margaret Wilson, all of Norfolk. He also leaves two brothers, Messrs. M. D. Wilson and M. W. Wilson, and two sisters, Mrs. A. T. Perry, all of Williamston, and Mrs. E. E. Powell, of Grifton.

Funeral services were held last Friday and burial was in a Norfolk cemetery, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Wilson, and Mr. M. W. Wilson attending the last rites from here.

## Hamilton Society to Stage Play There Tuesday Night

The Missionary Society of the Hamilton Baptist church will present the play, "Closed Lips," in the school auditorium there next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The play is strictly modern and will be enjoyed by all who see it, it is believed.

Names of the play cast: Miss Allie Roebuck, Mrs. E. C. Edmondson, Mrs. M. D. Beach, Miss Carolina Davis, Miss Ray Lee Turner, Miss Susan Alligood, Miss Iris Ewell, Mr. William Haislip, Mr. E. C. Edmondson, and Mr. Louis Etheridge.

## One Preaching Service at Baptist Church Sunday

The congregation of the local Baptist church is asked to join in the services at the local Methodist church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, at which time the incoming Methodist minister will hold his initial service.

The regular morning preaching service will be held at the Baptist church Sunday morning as usual; also the Sunday school and the young people's unions.

## HIGH WATER

Reaching the highest mark in several years, the Roanoke River continues to rise at this point, official information received from the weather bureau in Raleigh at noon today, stating that the water would rise about six more inches before reaching a crest sometime tomorrow night.

The water has flooded the river wharf warehouses, and is now about to enter homes nearby. No great damage is expected at this point as most of the crops have been removed and stock were taken from the lowlands.

Much wild life has been destroyed by the high waters, it is believed, and some hunters have set for the game as it fled from the lowlands to the ridges, it is understood.

## FIFTEEN CASES TRIED IN COUNTY COURT TUESDAY

### Total of 26 Cases on Docket After Lay-Off Lasting Two Weeks

Handling 15 cases and continuing 11 others, the county court, after two weeks of inactivity caused by the session of the superior tribunal, had a congested docket last Tuesday. The number of cases on the docket was the largest to face the court in many months, the Robersonville rural section sending a goodly share of the defendants. However, there were very few sections of the county not represented at the bar. Fines imposed by Judge Peel amounted to \$205. W. H. Coburn, reappointed solicitor the day before, prosecuting the docket, and L. Bruce Wynn, new clerk of the court, recording the happenings.

Isaac Coppage was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost for carrying a concealed weapon. He can pay the fine or go to the roads for 90 days.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Woodrow Mills with abandonment and non-support.

A nol pros resulted in the case charging Eddie Dolberry with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Mack Andrews was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs for the alleged violation of the liquor laws.

The cases charging A. L. Williams with disorderly conduct and Paul Ballard with trespass were nol pros.

Abner Bennett, well-known character on the streets of Williamston, was ordered confined to jail for 30 days for alleged cruelty to animals.

B. A. Staton was fined \$75 and taxed with the costs for operating an automobile while intoxicated. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs in the case charging Jesse James with operating a car with improper lights.

Charlie Rhodes drew four months on the roads for operating a car while intoxicated.

Sam Eborn was sentenced to 12 months on the roads for larceny.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the court costs and the payment of \$10 a month for six months to his family in the case against Clue Terry.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, John Spruill was sentenced to the roads for a term of 60 days.

Jesse Coburn, adjudged guilty of violating the liquor laws, was fined \$30 and taxed with the cost. Buck Edmondson, a defendant in the same case, was found not guilty.

Ernest Gray was sentenced to the roads for four months for carrying a concealed weapon.

## Transfer Emergency Crop Loan Collectors in District

Sheriff James H. Harris, collector of emergency crop loans in this county since early in the fall, has been transferred to another county. Mr. Roy Hearne, formerly stationed here, will carry on the work on Tuesday and Fridays of each week, it was announced here yesterday.

A large portion of the money advanced in the emergency loans has been paid in this county, it is understood, only a few accounts remaining unpaid by farmers who have not sold their peanuts.

## Legion Post to Hold Its Regular Meeting Monday

The John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion will hold its regular monthly meeting in the hall at Williamston next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

## NAME OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE VOTING

### President Roosevelt Makes Statement Supporting Bankhead Law

The machinery for holding the Bankhead cotton law referendum in this county next Friday was completed this week, and with a statement coming from President Roosevelt in support of the act's passage, a substantial vote is expected from Martin farmers. In an effort to make it convenient for the cotton farmers to vote on the act in this county, Agent T. B. Brandon and his assistant, T. B. Slade, have completed arrangements to open the polls in each and every one of the 12 regular election precincts. Voting will be a very simple operation, and every one of the nearly 2,000 cotton farmers in this county is urged to take part in the election.

Officials for holding the referendum next Friday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. were announced this week, as follows:

Jamesville: F. C. Stallings, J. R. Knowles, and C. C. Fleming.

Williams: Joshua L. Coltraine, Chas. Daniels, and R. J. Harrison.

Griffins: James L. Coltraine, the two remaining officials to be named by Chairman Coltraine.

Bear Grass: A. B. Ayers, the two remaining officials to be named by Chairman Ayers.

Williamston: Walter Halberstadt, two others to be announced.

Cross Roads: J. S. Ayers, W. L. Ausbon and Joe B. Barnhill.

Robersonville: H. S. Everett, S. T. Woolard, Abram Roberson.

Gold Point: H. L. Keel, Roy Everett and J. W. Perkins.

Poplar Point: Slade White, Herman Harrison, and L. Leggett.

Hamilton: W. J. Beach, John S. Ayers, and Herman Everett.

Hassell: C. L. Nelson, George Ayers and E. R. Edmondson.

Goose Nest: B. M. Worsley, T. H. Council, and Lawrence Hyman.

It is reasoned that if this county and state fail to support the act by a large vote, farmers need not expect much consideration in their appeals for aid as tobacco growers, for nearly all the cotton states do not grow tobacco, and the representatives in those states can well be expected to show little interest in helping farmers who fail to cooperate in the cotton program for the benefit of all.

In supporting the Bankhead law, President Roosevelt this week said: "If the Bankhead act is continued in effect for another year, it is my purpose to recommend to the Congress an amendment granting an exemption for the full amount of his base production to each farmer who has an established base production of not more than two bales of cotton."

The President cited figures showing that the parity price for farmers in 1932 would have been about 13 cents, while the actual price was 5 1/2 cents. Today he said the parity price is about 15 cents, while the actual price is about 12 1/2 cents. This he regards as quite an accomplishment.

## Rev. J. C. Hough Preaches At Piney Grove Sunday

Rev. J. C. Hough, superintendent of the Kennedy Home, Baptist orphanage near Kinston, will preach in the Piney Grove Baptist church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour, it was announced yesterday by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington. Three young girls, sisters, from the orphanage, will sing during the services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Schedule of Services at the Church of Advent

Rev. E. F. Moseley, Rector  
Second Sunday in Advent.  
Church school, 9:45 a. m., Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.

No evening service will be held in this church as the congregation is invited to attend the Methodist church at the welcome service to their new minister.

## Hoffman Flyers Return Here for Number Flights

The Hoffman Flyers will return here tomorrow and Sunday with their cabin and parachute jumper. Regular flights will be made during the two days. Sunday afternoon, weather permitting, "Dusty" Burnard will make another parachute jump, falling 1,500 or 2,000 feet before opening his parachute, it was stated by the jumper yesterday.

## SUPERIOR COURT WILL GET UNDER WAY NEXT WEEK

### Two Murder Cases and One For Manslaughter Are Most Important

Martin County's last term of superior court of the year convenes next Monday for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, with Judge W. A. Devin, of Oxford, on the bench. Only a comparatively small number of criminal cases are on the docket, and it is very likely that many civil cases will be called, indicating that the term will be brought to a close before the week is spent.

However, the criminal docket, with two murder cases and one manslaughter charge scheduled, is more complicated than usual, and probably three or more days will be required to handle those cases.

James Wilson, charged with killing Haywood Scott, colored, at Williamston on September 21, will face a first-degree murder charge. Wilson has been in the jail since the shooting, his case being such that bond was denied.

Johnnie Williams and Joe Lawson are charged with murder and reckless driving as a result of the fatal injury to little Peggy Hardison and painful bruises to the child's grandmother in a wreck on the Jamesville road, near Williamston, the 15th of last month. Both men are out under what are considered by many to be unusually small bonds. That the charges advanced in the warrant will be changed is almost certain, the two men likely to face manslaughter and reckless driving charges.

Ollie Page, driver of a truck that figured in a wreck causing the deaths of Marshall Andrews and John Leavister near Robersonville on the 6th of September, is booked for manslaughter.

Counsel has been employed for both the state and defense in the last two cases, and large crowds are expected to attend the court to hear all three. A considerable portion of Williamston's colored population will, in all probability, hear the Wilson murder case.

Other cases on the docket are considered of small moment, six of the number having been appealed from county court judgments.

Violet Hassell, small colored girl, is charged with housebreaking and larceny.

Thurman Bell is facing a similar charge, and Jay Rawls, Junior Wynn, and Joe Henry Wells are also scheduled to face housebreaking and larceny charges.

Six cases appealed from the county court are as follows:

C. B. Hardison, driving automobile while intoxicated.

John Cherry, operating auto while intoxicated.

Sim Quinnerly, secret assault.

George Lee Jones, assault.

Woodrow Burnett, reckless driving.

John Henry Brown, carrying concealed weapon.

Charges were formally preferred against Richard Moore this week for the alleged assault with intent to kill Romulus Moore near Dardens the 17th of last month. Moore, his teeth shot out and his lungs punctured, is hardly expected to be able to attend court, and the case will likely be continued.

The murder and reckless driving charges against Johnnie Williams and Joe Lawson are likely to be continued, as Mrs. Ohheus Godard, a prosecuting witness, continues in bed from injuries received when the Lawson truck crashed into her and the little child, killing the baby. Mrs. Godard is gradually recovering, but is only able to sit up a part of the time in bed.

## Jamesville Wins the First Two Games in Basketball

Opening the season last Tuesday, Jamesville's basketball teams scored a double victory over the Stokes teams the girls winning 24 to 13, and the boys taking their game 25 to 11. On Wednesday, the Jamesville teams repeated their victories over Farm Life, the boys winning 25 to 13 and the girls annexing victory by a 19 to 15 score.

## Nearly 2,000 Lights Add To Christmas Spirit Here

Nearly 2,000 vari-colored lights, adding greatly to the spirit of the Christmas season, were turned on in the business districts here last evening. The shopping season is gaining momentum in local stores rapidly, and indications continue to point to a joyful and prosperous season here this Christmas.

## Third Month Salaries Are Going to County Teachers

Salaries for the third month are being paid Martin County teachers today. It will be tomorrow and even later before all the checks reach the teachers, however.

## 2 Dead, 2 Seriously Injured In Wreck at Robersonville

## Williamston Merchants Are Ready With Big Gift Stocks

With only fourteen more shopping days left before Christmas, the holiday trade in Williamston's stores is becoming more pronounced each day with an already bright prospect becoming more bright for one of the most successful seasons here in years. Store shelves here are overflowing with new and modern gifts, toys, vehicles, and the thousands of other articles that go to make shopping easy for the careful purchaser.

While there has been a general rise in the price level throughout the country, customers will find the goods very reasonably priced in all the Williamston stores this season. Make your plans now to do your shopping with Williamston merchants for this, the most promising holiday season in many years. A welcome awaits you at any and all times—and you will save money on your Christmas purchases, besides.



## SPEEDING AUTO RUNS INTO BACK OF WOOD TRUCK

### Joe. H. Whitfield, Jr. Dies Instantly; J. D. White Dies in Hospital

J. H. Whitfield, jr., was killed almost instantly and J. D. White was fatally injured and Harry Arrington and Jack Roberson were critically injured about 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the car in which they were riding, owned and driven by White, and said to have been running 80 miles an hour, plowed into the rear of a slowly moving truck on U. S. Highway 64 in the town of Robersonville. Whitfield, his body badly torn and broken, died at the scene of the wreck just east of the town's main street intersection with the highway. White died in a Rocky Mount hospital early this morning from internal injuries, it was said. Last reports received here indicated that Harry Arrington, a lad just 12 years old, might recover. Suffering fractures of both legs, Jack Roberson, 12 years old, is expected to recover. Two other boys in the car, Norfleet Whitfield, a brother to the dead youth and James Smith, escaped with minor bruises. Melvin Green, driver of the truck loaded with wood, had his side punctured, but his injury is not considered serious.

Described as one of the worst on the highways of this county in many years, the wreck was said to have been the direct result of reckless driving and crazy speeding. White, 24-year-old merchant of Robersonville and driver of the car, was using the youngsters in delivering advertising matter for his store. Returning home, Norfleet Whitfield explained that White had told the boys he was going to run at the rate of 80 miles an hour until he was within 35 feet of the Main Street intersection and then slow down in time to make the curve. Recognized as a regular speed king, White is believed to have never seen the slowly moving truck and crashed into it at full speed, knocking the truck 57 yards down and off the highway. The engine was ripped in two, and the machine was wrecked.

The two deaths bring the total number of lives lost to 12 on Martin County highways this year, nearly half of them being in the Robersonville community.

Funeral services for Whitfield, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henry Whitfield, of Robersonville, are being held this afternoon. Burial will follow in the cemetery there. The young man was a brother to Mrs. George H. Gurganus, of this place.

White, a native of Franklin, Va., moved to Robersonville about two years ago and operated a small 10-cent store here. His body was carried to Franklin early today, where funeral services and burial will take place tomorrow.

## OFFICERS RAID LIQUOR PLANTS

### Several Liquor Stills Found and Destroyed In This Section Recently

County officers interrupted pre-Christmas preparations of moonshiners in several sections of this county this week, taking three liquor plants and destroying a quantity of beer.

Yesterday afternoon Deputy Joe H. Roebuck, assisted by Robersonville police, raided a plant about three miles south of Robersonville, and destroyed a copper still and one barrel of beer. While Deputy "Sears" was raiding near Robersonville, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Jailer Roy Peel found and destroyed a 75-gallon capacity copper still and three barrels of beer in Cross Roads Township. Earlier in the week, officers destroyed a small steam plant and a small quantity of beer in Williamston township. Near the manufacturing site, the raiders found a 50-gallon copper still in a small pine top. One or two plants were destroyed by officer earlier in the week.

## To Hold Preaching Service In New Christian Church

Sunday school at 9:45 in the new church and worship at 11 o'clock. The pastor will preach on the theme, "This House," at the morning service.

All members will want to be present at the first preaching service in the new building. A fine fellowship is anticipated. Friends and visitors cordially invited.

Evening service will be called off to cooperate with our Methodist brethren at their union service.

## AUTO LICENSES FOR NEXT YEAR NOW ON SALE

### No Extension To Be Given State Motorists In the Purchase of Tags

The sale of 1935 state automobile tags was started at the Carolina Motor Club bureau in the Williamston Motor Company building last Saturday, the first plate going to Mr. Marion Evans, of Robersonville. The second plate was sold to Mr. Edgar D. Brown, of Jamesville. Eleven licenses were sold the first day.

Selling around 3,500 licenses last year, the bureau here this year is anticipating a larger sale and has on hand 4,260 auto, truck, and trailer licenses.

There are 2,800 No. 1 licenses for cars, selling for from \$12.50 to \$14.85. The No. 2 class sell for from \$15.40 to \$19.80, and the No. 3 car class licenses sell for \$20 and up. Truck licenses cost from \$16 to \$112 and up. Trailer tags cost \$2 each and up.

No extension of time after December 31 will be allowed North Carolina motorists in which to purchase 1935 automobile license tags, it was announced a few days ago by an official of the highway patrol. New plates are already on sale, but it will be unlawful to display them before the 15th of this month, it was stated.

Motorists in this section may purchase the new tags at Williamston or order them direct from Raleigh. Application cards have been received by many motorists in this section, and they will find it very easy to get new plates by presenting them with the necessary cash at the bureau in the Williamston Motor Company building.

The local bureaus this year have been instructed not to issue license on any car bought outside of North Carolina. Plates for such cars must be ordered direct from the license bureau in Raleigh or through local patrolmen.

The 1935 tags are black and silver in color, the first color scheme of that nature that has been used to dress up the costly tins in this state.

## CATCH CONVICT LOST IN SWAMP

### Ed Dixon, Colored, Gladly Surrenders To Hunters Near Dymond City

Escaping from a prison camp in Beaufort County last Monday, Ed Dixon, negro convict serving a 15-year term for murder committed in the western part of the state, was found nearly frozen and terribly hungry in the big woods of Griffins township, near Dymond City, Wednesday by deer hunters.

Finding the man, Hunter Marvin Leggett soon learned that Dixon wanted to surrender, and he was turned over to Martin authorities and later returned to the Beaufort camp.

After serving seven years of his term, Dixon decided to make arrangements to spend Christmas with his people, but once in the jungle he decided the prison camp was not such a bad place after all. He was chased by guards, but he made his escape and wandered around lost, cold and hungry in the thick woods among the bears for more than two days. He probably would have frozen to death or died of starvation had the hunters failed to run upon him and brought him out. He said he preferred to spend the remainder of his term of eight years in prison than to repeat his experiences gained during those few days in the big swamp.

## BANK ROBBERY AT HAMILTON IS STILL UNSOLVED

### Institution Continuing An Unbroken Service To Its Patrons

While the robbery of the Bank of Hamilton last Monday night remains unsolved, the institution continues its banking operations uninterrupted. Finding the operations somewhat inconvenient by having to use the vaults of other banks for its valuables, the institution officials, however, are affording a ready service for its patrons and are carrying on the business as usual for them.

No official report on the amount stolen from the bank in the raid has been released, however, late estimates place the loss at about \$3,400. Of the amount \$200 was in silver dollars and there were a number of the "jumbo" or large-size paper bills.

According to reports reaching here, it has not been definitely determined whether a new vault and safe equipment will replace the damaged property or the old will be repaired. Insurance adjusters are working on the case.

No clue whatever has been established that even hints of the identity of the guilty parties. Reports from Norfolk this week stated that two acetylene torches and two tanks of gas were stolen from a machine shop there last Sunday night, and it is believed that equipment was used to burn an entrance to the vault and safe in the Hamilton bank. Every effort has been made by officers to track down the robbers, but they have met with no success so far.

## Joe Matthews Attempts Suicide Near Parmele

### Joe Matthews, young farmer living near Parmele, attempted to end his own life at his home there yesterday afternoon by firing a load of shot from a small gauge gun into his neck. The shot did not go deep into the man's neck and he is expected to recover. The suicide attempt followed by four days the self destruction of C. Vance Carson in Parmele.

Matthews was said to have been drinking considerably at the time, and claims that trouble caused him to attempt suicide.

## SCHOOL NEWS AT OAK CITY

### Seniors Annual Play

The senior class will present shortly after Christmas holidays its annual play. They have selected a comedy in three acts, "Miss Adventure." This play shows the exciting escapades of a college girl who runs away from school disguised in the janitor's clothes and applies for work on a farm.

### Societies Are Active

The two societies of the Oak City High School, the Wilson and Estharian, have been doing very active work. At the beginning of the year they began a contest, the winner of which is to be presented with a silver loving cup. Each Monday morning one society gives a chapel program. These programs are graded and the society making the highest average will receive the cup.

Various types of programs have been presented: A mock radio program, a demonstration of etiquette, a good English playlet, a mock price speaking contest, an Armistice Day and a Thanksgiving program. The Wilsonians are now preparing a humorous skit of an old-fashioned school room and the Estherians a Christmas pageant.