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## Observance of Fourth Marked by Quietness

### Several Are Hurt in Minor Accidents; No Arrests Reported

### Car Turns Over Near Here Injuring Four Young Men, One Badly

The observance of the Glorious Fourth here was marked by its quietness, no untimely deaths and only two or three automobile wrecks resulting in the bustle and bustle of the day. No arrests were reported, and no planned celebrations were held in these parts.

Mr. W. A. James lost three of his teeth and was bruised about the face early in the day while fox hunting in a car. "Tootie" Holding was also slightly hurt when their car struck a stump on a small woods path.

Johnson Rogers, colored, drove his car into another driven near here by G. A. Peel, jr., but no one was hurt.

Four young Robersonville white boys were badly cut and bruised early today when their car, a Chevrolet coach, turned over two or three times a short distance this side of the Martin County home. Jarvis Purvis was cut about the face, last reports reaching here stating that he might be entered in a hospital for treatment. John D. Roberson, jr., Palmer Taylor, and Melvin Morris were also hurt, but their injuries were considered only of a minor nature. Morris was driving the car, and the boys were returning from Ocean View when the car ran off the road, struck a pile of wood and turned over. Some colored people near the scene of the accident carried the four young men to Robersonville, where they were given treatment by the Doctors Ward.

### O. T. Newton Dies Suddenly at Home Here Wednesday

### Funeral in Christian Church Here This Afternoon at 2 O'Clock

O. T. Newton, 58 years old, died suddenly at his home here on Main Street Wednesday morning at 10:45 o'clock. He had suffered a stroke of paralysis two or more years ago, and had been in feeble health for some time. However, his condition was not considered critical until 9 o'clock that morning. He was conscious up until the last few minutes before his death, and in his last words he pleaded for the care of his child.

Born and reared near Petersburg, Va., Mr. Newton came to North Carolina when a young man, settling near Winterville. He married Mrs. Rosa Davenport there and moved to this county about 16 years ago, farming with J. G. Stator for a while. During his stay here he worked at odd jobs, but had been unable to work during the past number of months.

Besides his wife, he leaves one child, Janie Dallas Newton, and five step-children, Kelly Davenport and Miss Ruby Davenport, of Williamston, and Mrs. Velma Wells and Mrs. Mollie Wells and Heber Davenport, all of Farmville. He leaves no brothers or sisters.

### Plan to Hold Union Service Out of Doors Sunday at 8

Unless it rains the union service at the Church of the Advent this Sunday night will be on the lawn. Chairs will be placed on the lawn, and lights will be extended from the church. This informal service enables people to enjoy a service in spite of the weather. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

### Sunday School At The Christian Church Sunday

Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock will be the only service in the local Christian church Sunday, and a special request is made to all pupils 16 years or over to be present. There were 144 in the men's class last Sunday, and it is hoped that as many of them as possible will return.

Members of the Sunday school and church will be welcomed at the union service to be held on the Episcopal Church lawn Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

### FAIR MANAGER

Harvey Walker, Raleigh man, has been named resident manager of the Roanoke Fair, and will establish headquarters here week after next, it was announced yesterday by Norman Y. Chambliss, who will have general supervision of the local fair, operating it along with exhibitions at Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Greensboro and Clinton.

The Roanoke Fair will be held the week of November 4, and \$2,500 will be offered in agricultural premiums. Racing purses will total \$1,000. The World of Mirth shows that will play the State fair will occupy the midway here, Mr. Chambliss said.

### MARTINS MAKE IT FOUR IN ROW BY DOUBLE VICTORY

### Trail Ayden By Half Game for Third Position In Coastal Plain Loop

Winning four games in a row, the Williamston Martins established a new record for themselves and advanced to almost within yelling distance of the Greens, Coastal Plain league leaders. The locals had taken several series before, but this week for the first time they won four games in a row. They are trailing third position by only a fraction of a game.

Cherry started the winning streak last Tuesday, when he allowed Snow Hill only 7 hits, the Martins winning 6 to 4. The visitors were leading up to the eighth, 4 to 3, but the locals staged one of those rallies in that frame to score 3 runs and win the game. Gaddy batted for Cherry in the eighth and then retired the side in that frame and again in the ninth with three-up-and-three-down, getting credit for the win. With three hits each Corbett and Gaylord led at bat, Marable and Gaddy getting two each.

Hautz and Morris did the mound work for the Martins at Snow Hill Wednesday, allowing a total of only 8 hits. Gaylord and Gillespie contributed 3 each of the 14 hits to figure prominently in the 7 to 4 score.

A slow and listless game was seen on the local lot yesterday morning, when the Martins added the third straight victory by defeating Tarboro, 5 to 4. "Red" Norris, the new pitcher from Red Springs, allowed 13 hits, about half of which were of the scratch variety, and proved effective in the pinches. Marable and Leary, with two hits each, led at bat for the locals.

The visitors took three pitchers, Mitchell finally finishing the game in grand style. Yesterday afternoon, Gardner fed the Tar Babies out of his own hand and held them scoreless until the ninth, when he loosened up and allowed four hits to count for three runs, the game ending with the Martins holding to the large end of an 8 to 3 score. The Martins staged their greatest batting attack of the season against Physic, each man getting at least one safe blow while Gaylord led with 4 out of 5. Marable, Goodman, and Gardner got 3-out-of-5, and McCready was next with two safeties.

Hack Gaylord has hit safely 17 times out of his last 33 appearances at the plate, while Marable has batted in 8 runs in the last four games to feature for the Martins.

### Baptist Church Service Program for Sunday

After the Sunday school session at 9:45 o'clock, there will be the regular worship service at the Baptist church. The third of the summer union services will go to the Episcopal church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock where all the congregations are asked to meet for the joint worship.

### Robersonville Man Arrested And Refuses To Leave Jail

An unusual case popped up in Robersonville this week, when Buck Terry actually had to be chased out of the city jail, the man explaining that he preferred to stay in the hoosegow rather to live with his wife.

Terry, charged with the ill treatment of his wife, was jailed Monday. When the case was called before Mayor C. M. Hurst, the evidence indicated that nothing more than a minor quarrel

## County Property Values Up 8% Over 1934

### 1934 and 1935 County Property Listings, by Townships

The following tables show, by townships, the 1934 and 1935 valuations of real and personal property in Martin County, separately and collectively. Also the increase in total valuations over the 1934 mark, as well as the percentage of increase or decrease. The figures are preliminary and will probably be slightly altered by the county commissioners as errors in listing, etc., are reported. Several townships reported decreases in valuation of real property, but Williams was the only township to report a drop in personal property values. Asterisk (\*) indicates decrease. All others are gains.

TOWNSHIP	PERSONAL PROPERTY				REAL ESTATE				TOTAL VALUES			
	1934	1935	Gain-Loss	Pct.	1934	1935	Gain-Loss	Pct.	1934	1935	Gain-Loss	Pct.
Jamesville	\$ 151,771	\$ 192,421	\$ 40,650	26.7	\$ 643,635	\$ 645,905	\$ 2,270	.4	\$ 795,406	\$ 838,326	\$ 42,920	5.5
Williams	52,549	45,085	6,864*	13.0*	235,137	247,137	12,000	5.0	287,686	292,222	4,536	1.6
Griffins	139,574	81,272	41,696*	30.0*	357,498	353,802	3,696*	1.0*	497,072	435,074	61,998	12.5
Bear Grass	109,448	163,283	53,835	49.0	382,562	379,058	3,504*	.9*	492,010	542,341	50,331	10.3
Williamston	377,632	500,028	122,396	33.0	1,321,904	1,354,280	32,376	2.4	1,699,536	1,854,308	154,772	9.0
Cross Roads	78,626	101,873	23,247	22.0	408,576	424,425	15,849	3.9	487,202	526,698	39,496	8.2
Robersonville	415,216	589,472	174,256	40.0	1,319,511	1,357,836	38,325	2.9	1,734,727	1,947,308	212,581	10.2
Goose Nest	123,055	192,183	69,128	57.0	898,248	898,123	125*	.0	1,021,303	1,090,306	69,003	6.5
Hamilton	115,509	159,336	43,824	38.0	642,477	645,710	3,233	.5	757,986	805,046	47,060	6.2
Poplar Point	41,934	62,679	21,245	50.0	235,300	232,487	2,813*	1.4*	276,734	295,166	18,432	6.7
<b>County Totals</b>	<b>\$1,604,814</b>	<b>\$2,188,292</b>	<b>\$583,478</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>\$6,444,848</b>	<b>\$6,538,763</b>	<b>\$93,915</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>\$8,049,662</b>	<b>\$8,727,395</b>	<b>\$677,733</b>	<b>8.4</b>

## Little Interest Is Shown So Far in County Liquor Vote Tomorrow

### Past Votes Indicate Dries Have But Little Chance in County

### Believe Wets Will Carry Nearly Every Precinct By 2 To 1 Margin

With victory virtually already assured the wets, the liquor election in this county tomorrow is expected to attract no record-breaking vote. Interest, or what little there is in the contest, centers around the vote ratio, the wets predicting a five to one majority for their cause, and the dries figuring the difference will hardly be more than three to one, if that much.

Past wet and dry election results clearly indicate the wets have the advantage in this county, all three of the previous such votes having favored liquor in whatever form it was offered. Records are not available for the 1881 election, but the county is said to have gone wet by a substantial majority along with the entire State. In 1908 when the State went dry, Martin County chalked up a 1,032 to 590 vote in favor of liquor.

A third wet victory was recorded in the national repeal campaign, the wets winning in this county 1,161 to 669. In each successive election, the county has decreased the wet majority, the last contest in 1933 going to the wets by considerably less than a two-to-one vote. However, a break in the downward ratio is expected at the polls tomorrow.

The 1908 and 1933 vote, by precincts:

Precinct	1908		1933	
	Wet	Dry	Wet	Dry
Jamesville	116	117	100	82
Williams	54	35	36	22
Griffins	126	18	68	34
Bear Grass	130	12	125	31
Williamston	128	135	284	203
Cross Roads	62	30	89	23
Robersonville	134	113	211	124
Goose Nest	42	30	29	22
Poplar Point	46	17	40	8
Hamilton	66	51	65	38
Hassell	30	37	30	37
Goose Nest	118	32	84	45

Totals 1032 590 1161 669  
\*No precinct had been established in 1908.

With the election almost settled in favor of the wets, it is understood that arrangements will be completed as rapidly as possible to name a liquor board and place legal whiskey on sale within ten days or two weeks after next Monday. Reports indicate the pump is all primed to start the flow of legal liquor just as soon as possible after the wets give the signal at the polls tomorrow.

It is understood that the commissioners, who are all powerful until they turn their powers over to the liquor board, have been asked to delay and will probably be asked again.

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### ELECTION RETURNS

Following the usual practice of tabulating election returns as soon as possible after the polls close. The Enterprise plans to post the results of the vote tomorrow evening. Poll holders in all precincts are cordially urged to assist in getting the vote in at their very earliest convenience.

Since a wet victory is virtually assured, the returns are not expected to attract a great deal of attention, but the bulletin service is planned by this paper for those interested in the election and in keeping with its policy to place before the public all local news as readily as possible.

### FEW CONTAGIOUS DISEASE CASES IN COUNTY IN JUNE

### No Typhoid Fever and But 1 Case Infantile Paralysis Reported

Despite the fact that one case of infantile paralysis was in the county, the health report for Martin last month was considered very favorable. Other than the paralysis case, there were only 7 whooping cough cases reported; however, it is believed that many other cases are in the Bear Grass section and just have not been reported.

People as a whole in this county are exercising precaution against infantile paralysis, but the dread disease has not caused any great alarm, it is believed. Some few residents in the Hamilton section, where the only two cases have been reported in this county, are said to have been anxious to be vaccinated against the disease. Several applied to the county health office, but no serum is available in this county, and the vaccination is still in the experimental stage and some doctors refuse to recommend it as a preventative just now.

Typhoid cases are being reported in fairly large numbers in a number of counties in the state, but so far not a single Martin citizen has fallen victim to the fever, the health report for the past month shows.

### Bishop Paul B. Kern To Visit Churches

Bishop Paul B. Kern, of the Southern Methodists' two Carolina conferences, will spend four days in this, the Elizabeth City district, beginning next week. Rev. R. R. Grant, local minister, said today. He will visit ten churches in the district, but will not come here, it was announced.

The Bishop is a noted preacher and Williamston people are invited to hear him during the visit. He will be in Ahoskie next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, and on the 12th he is to dedicate the Creswell church.

### Rev. Moseley Announces Episcopal Sunday Services

Rev. E. P. Moseley, Rector Third Sunday after Trinity Church school, 9:45 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon at 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 8:00 o'clock.

Holy Trinity Mission Church school and preaching at 2:30 p. m.

### OPENING DATES

The Eastern Carolina tobacco markets will open August 26, according to information from the meeting of the United States Tobacco Association held in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., this week.

The dates set for other markets were given as follows: South Carolina and border markets, August 8; Georgia, August 1; and Middle Belt, September 17.

The dates were set at the annual convention of the association in White Sulphur Springs, which was attended by members of the tobacco industry from all sections of the country.

The date set for the opening of the Eastern Carolina Bright Belt is three days later than last year, when the market opened on August 23rd.

### FEW CASES TRIED BY JUDGE PEEL IN COUNTY COURT

### All Actions Tried at Tuesday Session Hinged on Liquor Laws

There might be some uncertainty surrounding the true status of the Turlington Act, but enforcement of the liquor laws continued in force in this county last Tuesday, when Judge H. O. Peel imposed a three-month road sentence on Rick Carson for an alleged violation of the liquor laws. The sentence is to begin at the direction of the court, Carson being required to pay the costs of the case.

The defendant was alleged to have had a quantity of bottled-in-bond liquor on hand for sale when officers raided his home in Robersonville several weeks ago.

Riley Andrews, charged with violating the liquor laws, gained the sympathy of the court by his suffering from tuberculosis. His case was called to the attention of welfare authorities for consideration.

Charged with drunken driving, Joe Godard was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost.

Fernando Williams was found not guilty of the alleged violation of the liquor laws.

### Error Made in Reporting Batting Averages Tuesday

The batting averages as reported last Tuesday did Troy Goodman, local right fielder and utility man, a grave injustice. His mark was reported as .204, when it should have read .244. These figures are necessarily prepared in a hurry, and are, of course, subject to error. Troy batted around .400 in last week's play and raised his percentage for the season from .214 to .244, a gain of 30 points.

### Rev. Mason To Preach at Rose of Sharon Sunday

Rev. R. H. Mason, of Greene County, will preach in the Rose of Sharon Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

### Change Made This Week In Feed-Seed Loan District

Seed and feed loan activities in Martin, Washington, Tyrrell and Dare Counties heretofore handled by Roy Hearn, of the Washington district, will be under the supervision of J. D. Wadsworth, of the Ahoskie district, in the future, it was learned here today. It is not known whether Mr. Wadsworth will continue his headquarters in Ahoskie or move to Windsor or Williamston for a more central location in the enlarged district.

## ROBERSONVILLE LEADER AMONG TEN TOWNSHIPS

### Bear Grass Shows Largest Percentage Gain in Real and Personal Values

The upward trend in Martin County property values noticed last year for the first time in several seasons continued at a rapid clip this year, a review of the 1935 listings clearly indicates. With every one of the ten townships reporting an increase, the property values this year were jumped nearly three-quarters of a million dollars over the listing last year. The larger valuation is traceable mainly to personal property value increases; in real values ranging as high as \$38,325 in Robersonville Township. It is believed a revaluation of all properties would have pushed the values well over a million and a half dollars above the 1934 listings.

Not including the corporation values, the strictly county listings for 1935 stand at \$8,727,395, as compared with \$8,049,662, or a gain of \$677,733 over 1934 values. The budget remaining unchanged, it is possible the rate will be reduced by about 6 cents as a result of the property value increase. Despite the gain in values, listings in this county are considered much lower than those in many adjoining counties.

Corporation values, certified through state agencies, have not been certified to the county accountant, but they are expected to show no great variation from the approximately \$2,205,945 list made last year.

A general review of the listings by districts shows some right marked variations which probably a detailed survey would explain. Williams Township reported a loss in its personal property values of \$6,864, or a 13 per cent decrease. The personal property loss, however, was more than offset by a \$12,000 increase in real values in the district. While Williams was the only township to show a loss in personal property values, it reflected the largest gain in real values, but it was nearly 7 per cent below the combined increase for the county as a whole. Griffins reported the largest decrease in real values, but Poplar Point led the percentage decrease in real listings. However, the small township reported the second largest percentage of increase in personal property values. Goose Nest shows one of the largest gains, 57 per cent, in the personal listings, but Robersonville, with an increase of \$174,256, led in the personal property gain for the largest single item gain, and also reported the largest amount gained in real values. Bear Grass led the county in the percentage of gain for personal and real property values, the district reporting an increase of 10.3 per cent, followed closely by Robersonville, with 10.2, and Williamston with 9 per cent.

Using the valuations for this year and last as a basis for comparison, the county is at least 3 per cent better off than it was a year ago. Last year the total property values increased 5.4 per cent. Personal property values were increased from 25.9 to 36 per cent. Real values increased from 1.3 to 1.4 per cent.

Total personal property values for the county were increased from \$1,604,814 in 1934 to \$2,188,292 this year, a gain of \$583,478. Real estate values were increased from \$6,444,848 in 1934 to \$6,538,763 this year, a gain of \$93,915.

The figures are subject to change, but the table appearing in this paper presents a fairly reliable picture of the personal, real and combined values and percentage gain or loss for the year 1935, as compared with last year.

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### Funeral Held This Morning for Mrs. Lillian Roberson

### Died at Home Near Here Yesterday Following Long Illness

Mrs. Lillian Roberson, wife of George Roberson, died at her home near the county home yesterday following a long illness of cancer. Mrs. Roberson had been in feeble health for a long period and had been confined to her bed for more than a year. She suffered greatly month after month.

The daughter of the late Simon Roebuck and wife, Mrs. Roberson was born in this county about 41 years ago. In early womanhood she married, leaving besides her husband, seven children, Linwood, Louise, Carrie, George, Edna, Joseph, and Julian Roberson. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Ola Stevenson and Mrs. Eunice Pierce, and five brothers, Fate, Jasper, Willie, Leonard, and Calvin Roebuck.

She was a member of the Baptist church and was faithful to her home as long as she was able. Funeral services were conducted in the Riddick's Grove Baptist Church this morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Burial was in the cemetery there.

### First Sunday Baseball Game Here Is Scheduled This Week

The Williamston Martins will compare strength with the Windsor team of the Roanoke-Chowan League in the first game of Sunday ball to be played here next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, it was officially announced today. Very little has been heard against the first attack on the peace and quiet of the Sabbath here, many local fans reasoning that it is just as well for the team-to-play-at-home-as-it-is-for-the-boys-to-take-part-in-contests-in-other-towns-on-that-day. It is believed that the game scheduled for Sunday is the first of a number to be played on the

local diamond during the remainder of the season.

In the game here Sunday, both teams will, no doubt, try to establish superiority and add prestige to their respective leagues. Manager Spivey states he will use his regular line-up, and the visitors are expected to offer their best opposition. Large crowds are expected.

Robert Abbitz, of Clover, Virginia, and a University of Virginia man, who arrived here last evening is scheduled to work on the mound for the Martin in the game against Windsor.