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## FAIR HAS LARGE OPENING-DAY CROWD MONDAY

### Agriculture Building Considered by Board

### Blueprints Ordered Prepared; WPA Aid On Project Is Sought

### Commissioners In Regular Session During Greater Part of Monday

Having their regular meeting here yesterday, the Martin County commissioners continued in session a greater part of the day, but took official action in just a few matters. Discussions centered around the proposed agricultural and storage building, the authorities calling in contractors to prepare blueprints. The commissioners plan to apply to the WPA for funds to construct the building, and if the applications is approved, it is likely that the structure will be added to the courthouse.

The old county home building was leased to J. E. Edmondson for \$100 a year. Emma Wilson and Florence Barnes were allowed \$2 a month.

The following jury was drawn for the one-week term of superior court convening the second Monday in next month:

Jamesville: L. C. Brown, Clarence Barber, Dalmer Modlin.  
Williams: J. E. Manning and W. J. Cherry.

Griffins: George E. Peel, Jr., S. Oscar Peel, R. Herbert Lilley, Percie B. Lilley, J. David Griffin.

Bear Grass: H. U. Peel, S. H. Mobley, Calvin Ayers, Herman Rogers, Asa Harris, Lewis Taylor.

Williamston: Luther Peel, W. T. Crawford, and R. H. Goodman.

Cross Roads: Tom H. Wynn, Herman Everett, C. P. Hopkins, J. W. Peel.

Robersonville: George D. Ward, G. D. Peel, N. R. Roberson, H. R. Speight, J. Alfred Taylor, G. E. Coburn, and G. H. Cox.

Hamilton: L. B. Brown and J. B. Everett.

Goose Nest: L. T. Chesson, Hackney High, W. W. Casper, Ernest Lawrence.

### Woman's Club Postpones Meeting Until Next Week

The regular monthly meeting of the local Woman's Club, scheduled for Thursday afternoon of this week has been postponed until Thursday of next week, at 3:30 o'clock, the president, Mrs. Clayton Moore, announced this morning. The meeting date was changed to avoid conflicts with numerous other activities under way here all this week, it was explained.

### Allotment \$9,180.00 For Sewing Room In County

Sixty persons in this county will be given employment in a sewing room to be located here during the next several weeks, it was learned today following an appropriation of \$9,180.00 for the project by the Works Progress Administration.

A sewing room project was just recently completed in this county, the work having been carried on in the uncompleted auditorium of the Presbyterian church here.

### Young Man Suffers Broken Ankle When Struck by Car

Elmer Peel, young white man of near here, suffered a broken ankle last Sunday night when he was struck by a car driven by Grover Bowen near the old county home. Peel was patching a tire along the road side when he was hit, the car breaking off part of the ankle bone. He was carried to a Washington hospital for treatment, doctors stating that the injury was a very serious one.

### Father of Local Merchant Dies at Home Near Wilson

Mr. W. G. Darden, prominent Wilson County farmer and father of Mr. D. E. Darden, local merchant, died at his home near Wilson last night following a lingering illness. He was 78 years old.

### Funeral Services Will Be Conducted Tomorrow Morning at 11 o'clock from the late residence. Interment will be in Eureka, Wayne County.

### RECORD SALE

The Williamston tobacco market had a record sale for the time of season yesterday when 199,958 pounds of the golden leaf were sold for an average of \$23.27 the 100 pounds. Supervisor McFarland stated that the sale was the largest held here since September 30, and a block was missed by only a few minutes. It was pointed out that farmers are certain that they are getting as much for their tobacco on the Williamston market as they can get any where and, consequently sales are holding up unusually well.

Up until last night the market had sold 6,975,484 pounds for an average of \$20.47. The sales today, estimated at more than 100,000 pounds will carry the offerings for the season well over the seven million-pound mark. All indications at this time point to sales of eight million pounds or more here this season.

### LICENSE FIFTEEN COUPLES TO WED IN PAST MONTH

### Number Colored Marriages 42 Less Than Up To Same Time in 1934

Fifteen marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, the number of marriages being the smallest for any October in Martin since 1931. In October, a year ago, 55 licenses were issued. In the same month in 1933 there were 31 marriages, and in 1932 there were 21 marriages in the county. So far this year there have been 11 more white marriages than there were up to November 1 last year, but the number of licenses issued to colored couples decreased from 125 to 83, and there is no explaining why marriages should decrease 42 in number among colored people in ten months. Apparently more white people marry when economic conditions are favorable, and more colored people marry when economic conditions are not favorable; at least, the records indicate just that. So far this year the number of white marriages is greater by nine than the number of colored marriages.

Licenses were issued to the following last month by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger:

White  
Robert Whitehurst, Jr., of Cross Roads and Myrtle Louise Lee, of Williamston.

Julian A. Roebuck, of Williamston and Tillie Ricks, of Griffins Township.

N. T. Tice, of Griffins, and Martha J. Bailey, of Bear Grass.

Woodrowe Lowe, of Williams, and Carrie Pearl Manning, of Goose Nest Township.

Prince Ayers, of Cross Roads, and Lizzie May Rogers, of Bear Grass.

Ernest Johnson, of Robersonville, and Vera May Bullock, of Poplar Point.

Vance Respass, of Goose Nest, and Rachel Knox, of Robersonville.

Colored  
James Daniel and Robenia May, both of Martin County.

Will Page and Janie Bigs, both of this county.

Wm. Smallwood and Nonie Ruffin, both of Williamston.

Eddie Carr and Fannie Purvis, both of Martin County.

Jesse Bell and Polly Moore, both of this county.

Maceo Watson and Willie Morris, both of Bertie County.

James Smith and Hattie Mae Bennett, both of this county.

One-third of An Inch of Rainfall Fell in October

With only .32 of an inch falling, last month was the driest in this section this year, the precipitation being hardly one-fifth as much as was recorded last June, a dry period that started farmers and nearly all others talking. October of last year was almost as dry, however, the weather station here recording only .33 of an inch in that month.

### RED CROSS DRIVE FOR THIS COUNTY STARTS MONDAY

### County Chairman Harry A. Biggs Names Roll Call Canvassers Today

The annual Red Cross membership roll call will get underway in this county next Monday, Harry A. Biggs, county chairman, announced today. The drive will continue until Thanksgiving Day, the 28th. Canvassers have been named for Williamston and other sections of the county, with the exception of Robersonville, where the individual chapter of the organization conducts its own roll call.

Mr. Biggs, announcing the roll call dates, said, "I earnestly request every person to give something toward this charity. It is needless for me to mention the wonderful work carried on by the Red Cross, and I trust as the canvassers come to the people a hearty response will be made."

The canvassers appointed by Mr. Biggs were announced today, as follows:

Williamston: Mrs. E. S. Peel, Mrs. E. F. Moseley, Mrs. Maurice Moore, Mrs. J. E. King, Mrs. J. C. Manning, Mrs. Clayton Moore, Mrs. R. H. Goodman, Mrs. K. B. Crawford, Mrs. Roger Critcher, Mrs. J. W. Watts, Mrs. John Ward, Mrs. Charles Herriott, Mrs. W. B. Watts, and D. N. Hix; Jamesville, J. T. Uzzle; Oak City, H. M. Ainsley; Everetts, Bruce Russell; Bear Grass, T. O. Hickman; Hamilton, Miss Effie Waldo; Farm Life, C. B. Martin.

### Dereelicts Are Being Cleared from River By Contracting Firm

### Removing Pocumoke Barge And Scow at Cost of About \$7,500

The wrecks of two barges, the Pocumoke, at the mouth of Conine Creek, and an old scow that went to the bottom of the Roanoke River between here and Hamilton several months ago, are being cleared from the stream this week by a special contracting firm with headquarters in New York. Divers have about completed the removal of the Pocumoke cargo, and the wrecking group will dynamite the boat to pieces, reports stating that it will require about three weeks to complete the work. It is estimated the government will find it necessary to spend more than \$7,000 to clear the stream.

Government boats have been on the stream during the past several months removing overhanging trees and logs from the river.

Water in the Roanoke has been at a low level now for several weeks, steamboat captains stating that their boats often drag bottom in the stream.

### Local Girl Member Choir At College in Greensboro

Greensboro.—Among the 100 girls at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina who are members of the college vested choir is Miss Rebecca Harrison, of Williamston. The choir, which is under the direction of Prof. George M. Thompson, of the faculty of the school of music, was organized last year. It sings regularly at the Tuesday chapel exercises which are of a devotional nature, and also provides music on special occasions.

### County Main Buyer at Sale Of Land for Past Due Tax

Martin County was the majority buyer at its own sale of land for delinquent taxes yesterday, only six individual purchases being recorded and each of them for very small amounts. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck auctioned the property, the audience changing from time to time as he read the long list of delinquent taxes. There were approximately 500 parcels of land included in the sale.

### Interest Growing in Rural Electrification Programs

Farm agents over the State are aiding with the rural electrification program wherever they can. Interest in the program is growing every day.

## Is Largest and Most Complete Exhibition Ever Put On Here; All Patrons Are Pleased With Initial Showing

### Midway Is Largest Ever Presented by Fair in This Section

### Impossible To Visit All Attractions on Midway In Single Day

With one of the largest shows ever in Eastern North Carolina on the midway, Williamston's greater fair was off to a good start last night, ideal weather conditions attracting a record-breaking attendance for a fair opening night in this section. The stage was set for a gala week for thousands of people in this and 15 other eastern counties, visitors to the big event last night showing great surprise that such a vast aggregation as the World of Mirth Shows could be brought to such a small center.

Interest that has lagged here as far as fairs were concerned during the past several years, was renewed overnight, a gay spirit and much cheer pervading the atmosphere as the wheels of the giant enterprise started turning late yesterday afternoon. Indications today point to one of the greatest weeks in the amusement life of this section.

Reaching here Sunday afternoon at 3:45, the World of Mirth Shows were transferred from the special train to the fair grounds in six hours, a record-breaking time for unloading the show that is rated next to Barnum and Bailey in size. The midway, laid out in horseshoe shape and extending from one end of the fair grounds to the other, started taking form early yesterday morning, and by late afternoon preliminary tests were made for nearly every one of the 14 modern rides and 16 separate and distinct shows.

Including every traveling amusement device seen at the big state fairs, the World of Mirth Shows have the greatest collection of features on the road today. There are the oddities from Ripley's Odditorium with Captain Ringman Mach, who was held captive and tortured by barbarians. The midget village with the largest and smallest twins, the Carlson sisters and Ike and Mike from Germany.

Daring feats are found in the walls of fury, where five motorcycle riders and auto drivers flirt with death in the arena with a lion. The old plantation show is again on the lot with a personnel of 35 actors, and there is a nudist colony, not to mention the hundreds of features found in the other 15 shows.

Max Linderman's midway cannot be covered in a few hours' time, and it is agreed that one will not tire of the sights and thrills offered in one short week.

### Home Economics Club Is Organized

The organization of a home economics club was perfected in the local high school a few days ago by 17 students under the direction of their teacher, Miss Josephine Grant. The membership was limited to two-year home economics students, it was explained.

Holding two meetings monthly, the club will serve lunch at the noon hour following the sessions. Programs are being planned in connection with the various phases of home economics work.

### Baptist Philatheas Meet With Mrs. Barnes Friday

The Philatheas class of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. Francis Barnes at her home on Church Street Friday night at 7:30, for a business session, it was announced today by Mrs. Coy Roberson, reporter for the class.

## PROGRAM of FAIR

Wednesday, November 6

9:00 A. M.—Gates open.  
9:30 A. M.—Reviewing exhibits.  
2:00 P. M.—Horse racing, 2:18 trot, 2:16 pace.  
3:00 P. M.—Grandstand attractions, followed by midway features and rides.  
7:00 P. M.—Grandstand opens.  
7:30 P. M.—Grandstand attractions begin.  
9:00 P. M.—Fireworks program.  
12:00 Midnight—Gates close.

Thursday, November 7, 1935

9:00 A. M.—Gates open.  
9:30 A. M.—Reviewing exhibits.  
10:30 A. M.—World of Mirth Shows and Rides.  
12:00 M.—Grandstand opens.  
2:00 P. M.—Horse racing; three events, 2:16 trot, 2:15 class pace, 3 years old and under; Free-for-all Trot and Pace.  
3:00 P. M.—Grandstand attractions, followed by midway features, shows and rides.  
7:00 P. M.—Concert in grandstand by the Williamston High School Band.  
7:30 P. M.—Grandstand attractions, including Gertrude Avery's "Diamond Revue" and 11 other acts.  
9:00 P. M.—Elaborate fireworks program.  
12:00 Midnight—Gates close.

Friday, November 8, 1935

9:00 A. M.—Gates open.  
10:30 A. M.—Midway opens, featuring Max Linderman's World of Mirth Shows.  
12:00 M.—Grandstand opens.  
2:00 P. M.—Football game, Ayden against Williamston.  
3:30 P. M.—Famous "Hell Drivers" go into action in daring driving stunts.  
7:00 P. M.—Grandstand opens.  
7:30 P. M.—Complete program acts in front of grandstand.  
9:00 P. M.—Fireworks display, followed by Midway party.  
12:00 Midnight—Gates close.

Saturday, November 9, 1935

9:00 A. M.—Gates open.  
10:30 A. M.—World of Mirth Shows and Rides.  
12:00 M.—Grandstand opens.  
1:00 P. M.—Time trials for professional automobile races with some of the fastest drivers in the country participating.  
2:00 P. M.—Professional automobile races under the direction of Track Veteran Ralph Hankinson. Other grandstand attractions.  
7:00 P. M.—Grandstand opens.  
7:30 P. M.—Complete program of grandstand attractions, including Gertrude Avery's "Diamond Revue."  
12:00 Midnight—Fair closes.

## Many Failing on Exams for Licenses To Drive Cars Here

Nearly 80 per cent of the applicants for automobile drivers' licenses are failing to pass the examination, Patrolman Bill Hunt said this morning. So far, 50 young people just coming 16 years of age have applied for licenses, but only 10 passed the examination. The automobile laws which the applicants must know to pass the examination are proving a stumbling block to most of the applicants, the patrolman pointing out that applicants

will find it to their advantage to study those laws before asking to take the examination. Patrolman Hunt is giving the examinations at the sheriff's office each morning between 9 and 12 o'clock. The applicants must be accompanied by a licensed driver, and the proper registration card must be carried in the car. The patrolman pointed out that it is unlawful for any one who has not applied for a driver's license to operate a car.

## 25 On Honor Roll Bear Grass School

The names of 25 pupils appear on the honor roll for the first month, recently ended, Principal Hickman, of the Bear Grass school, announced this week. The list follows:

Second grade: Dillon Cherry, Reginald Peele, Amanda Bullock, Richard White.

Third grade: Mildred Peel, Brownie Roberson, Baby Grey Cherry, Mildred Moore, Cecil Whitehurst, Loarive Rogerson, Harry Ayers.

Fourth grade: Grace Bailey, Vernon Roebuck, Wade Mobley.

Fifth grade: Sybil Peele, Laura Leggett, Edward Bullock, Naomi Brown, Rufus Gurganus, Olivia Rogerson.

Seventh grade: Rachel Ayers, Rachel Hardy, Ronald White.

Ninth grade: Mildred Ward, Ruby Wynne.

## Beta Club Formed at School in Jamesville

Students in the Jamesville High School are organizing a Beta Club, an organization promoting scholarship and general school activities, Professor Martin said. There are 11 charter members, and membership is limited to 15 boys and girls, Mr. Martin explained. Officers will be installed at the meeting tomorrow. Much interest is being shown in the club, Mr. Martin stating that he believed the organization will prove one of the most beneficial undertakings advanced to the school in a number of years.

## Three Contagious Diseases Reported

Only three cases of contagious diseases were reported in this county last month, Robersonville reporting one pellagra case and one case of whooping cough. The other case, scarlet fever, was found in Jamesville Township. All three were among white people.

A meningitis case made its appearance in Cross Roads Township, but the disease will be shown in the November report.

## Local Man Hurt In Train-Auto Wreck Last Sunday

Luther Culpepper, Jr., was painfully but not seriously hurt when his car crashed into a Norfolk Southern train at a grade crossing in Edenton late last Sunday night. He was bruised about the chest and suffered a small cut on his leg. The young man, returning to his home here from Elizabeth City, was able to continue the trip by bus. The front part of the nearly new automobile was torn to pieces, it was stated.

## Street Telephone Installed Here Today for Policemen

The local town commissioners in regular session last evening discussed a number of matters, approved current bills and ordered the installation of a police telephone at the corner of Washington and Main Streets. Other than the action taken in an effort to improve the service of the police department, the authorities took no official action on the matters before them.

## Grandstand Acts Are Headliners; To Pay Premiums Thursday

### Daring Auto Drivers Will Feature Grandstand Program Friday

Opening here yesterday for one week, the Williamston fair revived agricultural exhibits and offered many interesting features having to do with rural activities. While the exhibits do not crowd the big main hall, they come nearer covering the general field of farm products than any offered here during the past six or more years. There are about 16 booths, featuring nearly every kind of farm product, fancy work and activities carried on in 4-H clubs and vocational agriculture in some of the high schools in this section.

Late yesterday, this county was not represented in either the swine or poultry departments, and the entries in each were rather limited. The several hundred birds in the poultry building were brought here from Nash County for the most part and represented some of the best breeds. A Spring Hope farmer had the hog show cornered with his Durocs, visitors stating that the hogs equalled any they had seen this season.

In the main hall, the individual exhibits of Messrs. Cullipher and Son, of Bertie, and Rogerson Brothers, of Bear Grass, featured the show Oak City and Jamesville agricultural classes have an attractive display, and the Chapel Hill Home Demonstration Club from Washington County, and the Macedonia Club of this county have valuable exhibits. The 4-H clubs in the county are featuring corn in one large booth.

Judging of the exhibits got under way this morning, but a list of the winners was not available at noon. Prizes and premiums will be paid Thursday, N. Y. Chumbliss, operator of the fair, announced last night. Messrs. F. E. Miller, Earl Hostetler, C. J. Maupin, all of Raleigh, and Miss Rebecca Colwell, of Chowan County home agent, are judging the exhibits.

### Grandstand Attractions

In the realm of amusements, the grandstand attractions are recognized as the best ever seen at a fair in this section. Several last-minute changes were necessary, but the program is complete. Featured by Miss Gertrude Avery's "Diamond Revue," the attractions include some of the best-known outdoor artists in the country. Coby and Smith were unusually pleasing in their performance. The three acrobats were exceptionally entertaining with their slap-bang and knock-down comedy. The Hollywood dog stars added greatly to the program which was far, far above the average in its entirety.

School children are guests of the management today, and hundreds of other visitors were turning to the fair grounds at noon.

Horse racing will feature the afternoon programs today, tomorrow, and Thursday. The "Hell Drivers" are expected to attract the largest crowds of the week next Friday afternoon, when they go into action at 3:30. At 2 o'clock that afternoon Williamston and Ayden football teams meet on the field in front of the grandstand.

## Several Hurt in Wreck Near Here

Mrs. Mary Mathrie, of Elizabeth City, was dangerously hurt about the neck and back last Sunday afternoon when the car in which she was riding turned over near Beaver Dam bridge, a few miles east of Everetts. Another passenger in the car suffered a bad cut on his leg that required 16 stitches to close. The driver of the car, nephew of Mrs. Mathrie, was not hurt. Mrs. Mathrie is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mike on Smithwick Street here and is getting along as well as could be expected, it was learned today. According to reports, the car turned over when a tire blew out, wrecking the machine.