

PRECINCT MEETS PASS UNNOTICED IN THIS COUNTY

Democratic Convention To Be Held In County Next Saturday

The lowly precinct meeting died almost a natural death in this county last Saturday, reports stating that less than a dozen of the good old Democrats found time to lay the foundation for another four years of democracy. As far as it could be learned, the Robersonville precinct was the only one in the county to hold an organization meeting, and only 5 or 6 people attended there. Citizens, questioned in several other precincts, stated they did not know whether meetings were held in their districts.

Next Saturday morning at 11 o'clock the county pow-wow is scheduled in Williamston, probably in the high school building, since repairs are being made to the courthouse auditorium. It is expected that a little more interest will be shown in the county convention, but no enormous gathering is looked for by any one. The old party boys, however, will begin to sit and take notice when the state convention is pulled off in Raleigh next month, and be there in fair-sized numbers to get a pass to the national convention to be held in Philadelphia on June 23rd.

Now up Raleigh and Durham way, the boys take their precinct meetings seriously, the old guard dragging to the meeting places a bit late to find that wide-awake groups had already held the meetings and selected, among others, two or three colored residents as delegates to the county convention to be held next Saturday.

Meat Theft Ring Believed Broken

A meat theft ring, alleged to have operated on quite an extensive scale in Pitt, Beaufort, and Bertie Counties recently, was shaken up a bit here yesterday, when Lester Phelps, Bertie white man, and Tebo Whitaker, Martin white man just a few days off the roads, were arrested by county and town officers. Last reports stated that the two men had admitted the theft of 29 hams and 3 shoulders from a Bertie farmer, but that they denied connection with extensive raids made in Pitt and Beaufort Counties. Sheriffs Whitehurst, of Pitt, and Rumley, of Beaufort, each took one of the prisoners and they are expected to uncover a long list of thefts.

Sheriff Roebuck went into action with sheriffs from three more counties early yesterday morning, when he learned that a big meat raid had been planned and was to have been made in Bear Grass Township last night.

With the exception of a small raid made a few days ago in the Robersonville section, no meat robberies of any consequences have been reported in this county in recent weeks.

Four Lose Lives in Accident Saturday

Four people, Thomas Phelps, Willie Smith, Parker Newbern and Miss Essie Bunch, lost their lives last Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock when two cars in which they were riding crashed through the Chowan River bridge. Four others escaped, two jumping from the cars before they plunged into the water, and two others breaking to freedom after the cars in which they were riding reached the bottom of the river.

Phelps, Smith, Ralph Freeman and Kenneth Cobb, all of Bertie, were riding in one car, and were said to have been racing on the Chowan bridge with another car driven by Lloyd Newbern who was accompanied by Parker Newbern and Miss Edith Garrett and Essie Bunch. The Newbern man stopped his car for the draw, but the Phelps machine crashed into it, causing both to plunge into the water.

Smith was a brother to Mrs. Walter Mizelle, of Williamston, and she with Mr. Mizelle attended the last rites conducted in Bertie County yesterday afternoon.

Masonic Meet Postponed Until Next Friday Night

Postponement of the regular Masonic meeting scheduled for tonight was announced this morning by S. H. Grimes, master. A meeting will be held Friday night at 7:30 for work in the second degree.

Announce Payments In New Soil Program

HERE TONIGHT



A. H. (Sandy) Graham will speak in the interest of his campaign for governor here this evening at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Respected Williams Township Woman Dies at Home of Son

Funeral Services Held Last Saturday Afternoon For Mrs. Mozella Anderson

Mrs. Mozella Roberson Anderson, one of Williams Township's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at the home of her son, Mr. Noah P. Roberson, there last Friday morning at 10:40 o'clock of cancer. She had been in failing health for some time, and had suffered much during the three months preceding her death.

Daughter of the late Bryant and Creecy King Perry, Mrs. Anderson was born in Williams Township 86 years ago the 26th of last November. In early womanhood she was married to Harmon J. Roberson, who died a number of years ago. Two children, Mrs. John Cherry and Noah P. Roberson, survive that union. She later married William Anderson, who with two children preceded her to the grave. She is also survived by 21 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. H. Smith, of the local Baptist church, and Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister of this county. Burial was in the family cemetery, near the home.

Mrs. Anderson was a sister of the late Micajah Perry, Civil War veteran, and a half sister of Mrs. Fannie Carstarphen, who died at her home here several months ago. She was held in high esteem by all who knew her and enjoyed a large friend ship.

Registration Books Open on Saturdays

Opening the registration books last Saturday, several registrars reported this week that more new names were added to the books in the one day than in any like period for other elections in a number of years. Williamston reported about 40 new registrations, and interest in getting their names on the books by new electors was greater in other precincts than many expected.

The books are open next Saturday and the Saturday following for new names. On May 30, the books will be open for challenge only. The board of elections has already ruled that no registrations will be considered after the books close Saturday week except in strict accordance with the law.

Sandy Graham Will Speak Here Tonight

A. H. Sandy Graham, one of the leading candidates for governor, will speak in the high school auditorium here this evening at 8 o'clock in the interest of his campaign for the high political position. Reports indicate a large crowd will hear the speaker.

Following Candidates McDonald here, Mr. Graham is expected to open fire on both of his opponents in his address this evening. Mr. Graham is reported to have added interest to his campaign in recent days, and it is said he is gaining strength from both the Hoey and McDonald forces.

Schedule of Prices Per Acre Is Varied According To Crops

Soil-conservation Payment Is In Addition To Soil Building Payment

Soil-building practices for which North Carolina farmers will be paid under the 1936 soil-improvement program have been announced by Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

The soil-building payment is in addition to the soil-conserving payment made to farmers for shifting part of their soil-depleting base acre age into soil-conserving crops.

The various practices, with their rates of payment, are as follows:

For seeding any of the following crops between January 1 and October 31, 1936, with or without a nurse crop, either alone or in connection with perennial grasses, provided that such seeding is at a normal rate per acre for the locality, payments per acre will be:

- (1) Alfalfa, sericea, or kudzu, \$2;
- (2) Red or mammoth clover \$1.50;
- (3) Alsike, sweet, white, burr, or crimson clover; Austrian winter peas, vetch, annual lespedeza, or crotalaria, \$1.
- (4) Legume mixtures containing by weight more than 50 per cent of the legumes in (1) or (2), \$1.50.
- (5) Legume mixtures containing by weight more than 50 per cent of the legumes in (3), \$1.

For plowing or disking under as green manure any of the following crops, between the dates specified, and provided that the crops will have attained at least two months growth, payments per acre will be:

Soybeans, velvet beans, cowpeas, sweet clover, lespedeza, or crotalaria plowed or disked under between July 1 and October 31, 1936, \$1.50. Crimson clover, Austrian winter peas, or vetch plowed or disked under between March 1 and June 1, 1936, \$1.50. Rye, barley, wheat, Italian rye grass, winter oats, or mixtures of these, turned under between March 1 and June 1, \$1. Sudan grass, millet, or sorghum turned under between July 1 and October 31, \$1.

However, a grower will not be entitled to two payments, one for seeding the crops listed above and another for plowing them under, the dean pointed out. If he plows them under, the plow-under payment will be the one he receives.

For planting forest trees on crop land or non-crop pasture land between January 1 and October 31, 1936, the rate of payment is \$5 per acre.

For applying between January 1 and October 31, 1936, ground limestone or its equivalent on land used this year for any soil-conserving crop; or land on which any of the soil-building practices listed above, except planting forest trees, are carried out; or land on which small grain is seeded between September 1 and October 31, 1936, in preparation for carrying out after October 31 one of the soil-building practices

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Soil Conservation Plan Attracts More Farmers

The government's soil conservation program continues to attract attention of Martin County farmers, reports from the courthouse this week stating that additional work sheets are being prepared in fairly large numbers daily.

The prospects for a short tobacco crop are believed to be bringing many new signers in.

A final date for receiving applications has been considered, but the date has not been definitely determined, it was learned today.

His Nose Partly Bitten Off, Man Seeks Doctor Here

A colored man, said to have been from Bertie County, reported at a local doctor's office Sunday to get his nose that had been bitten partly off patched. Town officers saw the man and started an investigation, the man refusing to tell his name, who bit him or what the trouble was all about. They dismissed the case then and there, but the negro, apparently fearful his arrest would follow, left the doctor's office before medical aid was rendered.

Chief Daniel said half of the man's nose was missing.

DRAW JURY LIST FOR JUNE TERM SUPERIOR COURT

Judge W. C. Harris Will Hold One-week Term Beginning June 15

With two terms already finished so far this year, the county commissioners in regular session this week made preparations for holding another term of superior court, beginning the third Monday in next month and continuing for one week. Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, returns as the jurist for his second visit in this county this year.

The names of the jurors, by townships, are as follows:

Jamesville: E. H. Gaylord, Harry Martin, R. L. Stallings.
Williams: S. J. Tetterton, Frank Hopkins, A. W. Hardison, and Howard Tyre.

Griffins: Wesley Peel, Sylvester B. Lilley, Noah T. Tice, and C. C. Coltrain.

Williamston: F. W. Hoyt, Paul H. Peel, B. F. Perry, W. O. Griffin.
Cross Roads: Lester Peel and Jesse Keel.

Robersonville: R. L. Smith, I. Bruce Roebuck, H. C. Norman, Eli Rodgers, Irving Coburn, W. A. Vanderford, G. A. Crofton, Ira F. Andrews, R. A. Roebuck and W. M. Green.

Hamilton: Mills Ayers, D. W. Etheridge, E. K. Edmondson, and H. S. Johnson.

Goose Nest: J. F. Crisp, J. T. Matthews, Jr., and Charlie Hux.
The term will handle both criminal and civil cases.

Several Cases Are Tried by Mayor

Probable cause appearing in the case, George Whitaker, colored employee of F. D. Cline Construction Company, was bound over to the county court for the alleged attempt to steal clothes from the home of Sam Stokes, colored, here last week.

Before completing the hearing yesterday afternoon, Justice J. L. Hassell prepared a warrant against Stokes, charging him with violating the liquor laws. Whitaker maintained that he had been buying liquor from Stokes for some time, that he probably failed to pay for some liquor and Stokes got mad with him. Whitaker was placed under a \$50 bond, and Stokes was required to raise bond in the sum of \$100.

Reliable reports coming from the little but congested settlement of colored residents on Railroad and Elm Streets state that liquor flows freely there in small drinks, especially on Saturday afternoons.

Henry Gilliam, charged with non-support, was bound over to the county court for trial.

Local Band Takes Part in Festival

Participating in the Coastal Plain band festival at Tarboro last Sunday afternoon, Williamston's High School band played away for leading honors, reports from the young musicians, verified by others, stated. There were quite a number of band boys and girls for the meeting, the Williamston representatives declaring the reception accorded them was the best they had ever experienced. Each of the seven gave concerts, Director Bobbitt and his players adding to the program with a well-executed drill.

Refreshments were served, and bottled drinks are said to have been unusually popular with the Williamston aggregation. "They had right much gas in the drinks, and that just made us blow that much longer and harder," one of the promising musicians from here explained.

County Resident Dies in Beaufort

Mrs. Marina Whitaker, 75 years old, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dolly Leggett, in Beaufort County, last Saturday midnight. She had been in failing health for some time, spending the last 14 weeks in bed.

Mrs. Whitaker was a resident of this county for a number of years. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Leggett and Mrs. Mollie Farmer, of Greenville.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. L. I. Harris. Burial was in the family plot in the Cross Roads cemetery.

No Opposition in Primary for 14 County Candidates; Contests For Seats in Senate and House

All-Time Health Officer for County Is Urged by P.-T. A.

Interest in the appointment of an all-time health officer for Martin County was renewed recently when the Robersonville Parent-Teacher Association went on record favoring the passage of certain laws making the much-needed service possible.

The appointment of an all-time health officer for the county was approved by county authorities several months ago, but a law passed by the 1935 legislature prohibited the service, it was learned a few days later. The parent-teacher

Sunday Baseball To Be Permitted This Season

Board of Education Agrees To Abide by Terms of Contract

Sunday Games Will Not Be Allowed Next Season, Board Warns

Organized baseball will be played on county school property on Sundays here this summer, the board of education unanimously ruled in a special meeting of the body here yesterday morning. While personally opposed to the Sunday schedule, most of the board members agreed to abide by a contract which was "hatched" last June altering the original agreement and permitting ball to be played on the high school grounds on Sunday. It was stipulated in the minutes of the meeting yesterday, however, that the board would not approve the use of the grounds for professional ball on Sunday after the coming season is completed.

The question was rather amicably settled despite arguments offered by religious leaders on the one side and representatives of the local baseball club on the other. Revs. J. H. Smith, Baptist minister; Z. T. Piephoff, Presbyterian minister, of Williamston; Rev. R. N. Fitts, of Robersonville; T. O. Hickman, Bear Grass school principal; and H. L. Swain, Williamston lawyer, made short talks as representatives of the ministerial association; and Messrs. L. T. Fowden, R. H. Goodmon, W. H. Coburn and Wheeler Martin were among those representing the baseball group.

Legality of a contract made last June invalidating that section of the original contract which prohibited Sunday ball on the grounds was discussed. The county attorney, E. S. Peel, was called, and he ruled that while it might not have been legal for the board members to take action except in a regular or called meeting, the board could settle the issue at the meeting yesterday. Some strong opposition to the Sunday games was expressed by board members, but the final vote was recorded as unanimous for adherence to the contract made last June.

The matter required about two hours' time, the board later hearing representatives from Robersonville who asked that a choral club leader to work in the schools. Headed by Principal R. I. Leake and Mrs. V. A. Ward, of Robersonville, the committee explained that the cost would be around \$2,200 annually. The board ruled against the expenditure just now.

Club Women Plan Tour To Washington City Soon

Miss Lora E. Sleeper, county home demonstration agent, this morning made the following announcement: "All home demonstration club women planning to go to Washington, D. C., should remit the required \$5 deposit to hold reservations on tour 1 or tour 2. Tours will be cancelled unless remittance is in the home agent's office by the 14th, and other counties without plans made will be given the chance at these tours. Space is being held for 35 from Pitt and Martin Counties. Are you going? If so, better get busy and send in your deposit. All names due in Washington office not later than 15th.

Only Four File for Board of Education; 5 in Race for Senate

Contest for Commissioner In the Jamesville-Williams District

With 14 candidates unopposed, interest in Martin County politics centers around three scheduled contests, State Senate, House of Representatives and county commissioner from the Jamesville-Williams district. Late filings created no new contests in the county last Saturday, but interest was added to the senate and house race. The closing hour for filing found the Martin County Board of Education begging for members and even then the board comes up one short.

While their candidacies have not been verified, reliable reports state that five aspirants are in the race for the state senate from this, the second senatorial district. They are: Robert L. Coburn, of Williamston; William Rodman and T. B. Attmore of Washington; Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth; and Julian Dees, of Bayboro, Pamlico County.

A three-way contest developed at the last minute for a seat in the house of representatives, Jos. W. Bailey, attorney and former judge of the Martin County recorder's court, filing his candidacy Saturday. Attorney H. G. Horton filed some time ago for reelection, and O. Wendell Hamilton entered the race last week.

The only other contest scheduled is that for commissioner in the Jamesville-Williams district, and that will be decided by the people in those townships without interference by voters in other parts of the county. Messrs. Joshua L. Coltrain, of Williams, and C. C. Fleming, of Jamesville, are in the race to represent that combined district on the board of county commissioners.

Personnel on the county board of education continues bunched. Messrs. W. O. Griffin and J. T. Barnhill did not file, and only one of the two vacancies has a candidate just now. Jos. F. Martin, Jamesville man, was the only new man to file for a place on the board, Messrs. J. W. Eubanks, of Hassell; Geo. C. Griffin, of Griffins; and E. H. Ange, of Jamesville, announcing to succeed themselves.

In the final analysis, the board of education members are appointed by the legislature, but as a general rule, the wishes of the people as expressed in the primary are considered. If this custom is followed, it is certain that Messrs. Martin, Ange, Eubanks and Griffin will be appointed along with a fifth man to be selected and appointed by the legislature. The names of the candidates for the board of education will not appear on the primary election ballot, since there is no opposition. The same holds true for county commissioners in the districts of Williamston-Poplar Point, Cross Roads-Robersonville, Bear Grass-Griffins, and Hamilton-Goose Nest; and for sheriff, register of deeds, treasurer, judge and solicitor of the county recorder's court, and coroner. The clerk of the court is not in the contest, since he was elected in 1934 for four years.

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Probation Officer Begins Work In Martin County

Attention, long needed among delinquent youth in this county, was given a perplexing problem for the first time in an organized way yesterday, when Miss Margaret Owens, of Charlotte, began her work as assistant superintendent for children's work in the county.

Miss Owens enters upon her work here with much experience in handling delinquent children, and comes highly recommended by the state welfare authorities.

The work is being financed by the federal government.

Apollo Concert Artists To Appear Here Next Monday

The Apollo Concert artists will appear in a concert in the Baptist church here next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, featuring Giovanni Sperandio, lyric tenor, and Jack Oates, baritone. The artists are brought here through the cooperation of county churches and ministers.

LITTLE PROGRESS

Very little progress has been made by Martin farmers in the transplanting of their tobacco crops so far, reports stating that the work is facing a serious handicap caused by blue mold and dry weather. Some of those farmers who have attempted to transplant the young plants state that 95 per cent of their crop has died in the fields. Blue mold and dry weather are delaying the work with very few exceptions in the county, and just now the prospects are not encouraging, farmers all over the section declare.

Several Tried for Failing To Have Dogs Vaccinated

Warrants Are Prepared for Arrests of About Fifteen Other Dog Owners

Several defendants, given preliminary hearings in this county last Saturday afternoon for failing to comply with that law requiring the vaccination of all dogs, were sentenced to the roads for 30 days, the trial justices suspending sentence upon payment of the cost and with the understanding that they kill or vaccinate their dogs.

Ransom Chesson, Sam Whitley, Will Lee and Will Osydine, all colored, were released upon payment of the costs, amounting to \$3.50 each. Justice J. L. Hassell, handling the cases, continued the one charging Charles Bell with failing to vaccinate or kill his dog.

One case was called by Justice Hurst in Robersonville, the defendant, John Lee, colored, being given a 30-day road sentence, suspended upon payment of the cost.

Approximately 15 additional warrants are being prepared against owners who have failed or refused to vaccinate dogs. Most of those likely to be called into court are colored dog owners in Jamesville Township, it is understood.

Charges against a large number of dog owners were dropped last week, when the owners either killed or had their dogs vaccinated.

Concert by Singing Class of Orphanage

Making an annual appearance in the high school auditorium here last evening, the Oxford Orphanage Sing Class rendered one of the best programs in several seasons before nearly 500 people. Fully eighty percent of the audience was from out of town, the number of local adults attending being hardly more than one of those round dozens. The large number of little folks greatly enjoyed the program, and a report by Manager L. W. Alderman on the orphanage activities was heard with interest.

The offering, totaling \$67, fell below expectations and was \$33 less than the contribution reported last year.