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## SOCIAL SECURITY ACT FORMS SLOW TO BE RETURNED

### All Employees Required To Return Cards To Post Office Saturday

The first obstacles encountered in setting up the machinery for handling the provisions of the Society Security Act were learned from employees in the local post office this week. These obstacles, or some of them, are not considered of any great consequence now, but it may mean that someone, when he reaches the age of 65 years, will experience difficulty in procuring any money under the old-age plan.

Aside from the indifference on the part of both employers and employees in furnishing necessary information, the main problem is getting the correct names and other data that are required in setting up accounts. The startling fact that one colored worker thought he had "never had a pappy" was unofficially reported, and if he had had one he did not know him. It is certain that the illegitimate crop is going to cause much confusion in setting up the accounts, but it is possible that the problem will be solved somehow.

Cases have been found where real names have been supplied by others. One worker is said to call himself Tar Teck, which is all right, probably, but how will the security act handle a case of that type without some additional means of identification.

But the task goes on, and all of the more than 1,100 forms, SS-5, are due to be returned to the post office for this district by Saturday of this week. Less than one-tenth of the forms delivered last week had been returned here today, it was learned. Many of those received were not complete, it was stated.

Reports from one or two smaller post offices in the county state that the first forms requiring employers' identification had not been returned. It was said that employees should get busy and see that accounts are set up by the government for them. It is considered hardly possible to expect the government to run people down to give them pensions.

## Mrs. Janevie Griffin Died Early Sunday

Mrs. Janevie V. Griffin, 26 years old, died at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Ambrose, on East Church Street here at 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Mrs. Griffin had been ill with tuberculosis for 17 months, spending most of that time in bed.

The daughter of Mrs. Larcie Ambrose Wynne and the late William Ambrose, Mrs. Griffin was born and reared near Roper in Washington County. When a young girl she moved with her parents to Beaufort County, moving to Martin about 10 years ago. She was a member of the Christian church and had many friends out in the county and in sections of Washington and Beaufort Counties.

Besides her mother she leaves three brothers, Eldridge Ambrose, Ellis and Henry Wynne, all of Williamston; and three sisters, Mrs. Edith Brabble, of Bear Grass, Mrs. Mary Savage, of Williamston; and Cottie Mae Wynne, of this county. Services were held at the old Waters home place, near Yeatesville in Beaufort County, yesterday morning by Elder B. S. Cowin, of the Primitive Baptist church. Burial was near the old family home.

## Parmele School Remembers Needy During the Holiday

The vocational department of the Parmele Training school again remembered the needy during Thanks giving. The gifts this year were not only valuable and abundant, but were of a quality that gave increased assurance of the kind and quality of work being done under the direction of Professor A. B. Wynn and his co-workers.

Corn, turnips, sweet potatoes, collards, meal, salt, sugar, carrots, string beans, molasses, rutabagas, tomatoes and peas were donated and distributed to a number of the needy in the Parmele section.

It is needless to say that the response and appreciation of the many persons thus receiving the timely aid, was encouraging for future activities of this nature, Wynn said.

## Local Boy Scouts To Collect Toys, Clothing For Needy; First Canvass Friday Afternoon

Efforts to answer the pitiful calls of between 150 and 200 needy children in this community at Christmas are going forward rapidly, the Christmas Cheer drive to reach the public Friday afternoon of this week between 3:30 and 5:30 o'clock, when local Boy Scouts will canvass the town for discarded toys. Family heads are earnestly urged to have ready for the canvassers any old toys that can be used in creating some happiness for the less fortunate of this community. Professor Milton Griffin will direct the canvass with the cooperation of Principal L. W. Anderson.

In sponsoring the second annual Christmas Cheer drive, The Enterprise, is not even suggesting that anyone deprive himself or his child of a single penny or toy. The cheer drive is to be supported by donations willingly offered, the extent of its success resting entirely with those who would anxiously remember the needy. Donations will be acknowledged and they will be put to the best possible use.

The local welfare office is co-operating in the movement, and needs will be investigated first hand. Numbers of private citizens have expressed a desire to help in the movement, and pres-

ent indications are that the undertaking will receive a substantial support and meet with marked success.

Last year bare-footed children dashed into the snow when Christmas packages were delivered to their homes. Those packages, not at all fancy, made Christmas a happy time for the needy families.

If there is an old toy or article of clothing that can be conveniently spared in your home, won't you kindly place it aside and have the offering ready for the Scouts when they call Friday afternoon of this week between 3:30 and 5:30 o'clock.

## MINTON CASE IN SUPERIOR COURT SLOWS UP WORK

### Reconvened Monday After Two-Day Holiday for Thanksgiving

Reconvening yesterday, after taking two days off for Thanksgiving, the Martin County Superior Court struck a snag and up to noon today little had been accomplished toward clearing the docket for the week. One divorce was granted, Sudie P. Woolard, colored, gaining her freedom from Charles Woolard on the grounds of two years of separation.

The old Minton case against the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company was called immediately after the Woolard divorce case was cleared, and a long day was spent taking the evidence. Early reports from the courtroom today indicated that the case would last a greater part of today with the possibility that the jury would require some time in reaching a decision.

The case, reviewed by the State Supreme Court, originated when Minton took an option on some timber in Williams Township with the right to enter on a competitive basis the logging work for the Farmville-Woodward Company. Apparently the price paid for the timber was considerably below the actual value, and the plaintiff is understood to be suing for the amount above the price paid and the amount the timber brought. Several attorneys are in the case and witnesses from as far away as Suffolk have been called here in the case.

When the case was brought into the superior court several months ago, Judge Moore non-suited the action maintained by an interpleader filed by Frank Barber. After Barber was denied any further claim to the timber or any increased remuneration, the case was carried before the high court, which tribunal upheld the non-suit as to Barber but gave the lumber company a new trial.

Since the case is taking so much more time than was allotted it, the court attendants were unable to say today what cases would necessarily have to be continued for trial at a later term.

The daughter of the late Amos Roberson and wife, Miss Susan was born in Cross Roads Township and lived there all her life. She was a member of the Cross Roads church for more than half a century, continuing active in its program almost to the time of her death. As a practical nurse she spent much of her life nursing the sick and doing for others. She was welcome at all times in the homes of the people of her section, and a large friendship was hers. Miss Roberson was a good woman, unassuming and unafraid in meeting the problems of life here and hereafter. She enjoyed work and found time and pleasure in doing for others.

## Peanut Prices Stronger; Large Sales Are Reported

After standing at the 3-1-2 cent mark much of the time since the season opened a few weeks ago, peanut prices are now showing added strength, the local market now paying from 3-3-4 to 4 cents a pound.

During the past few days, the crop has been moving unusually rapidly, the Columbian company at its plant here buying in excess of 4,000 bags in one day during the past several days. Other buyers are also reporting large purchases.

## Preparations Being Made To String Christmas Lights Here

The task of installing Williamston's Christmas lights throughout the business district is scheduled to get underway at once. Several hundred additional lights will be placed on the streets this season. Last year there were over 1,200 of the vari-colored lights placed on Main Street from Watts to Haughton and on Washington from Main to Railroad Street.

Efforts will be made to have the

## SNOW AGAIN

The second snow flurry of the season fell here this morning between 8 and 9 o'clock. While only a few of the flakes drifted to earth, the flurry added respect for the warnings of weather prognosticators who predict a winter almost as severe as the one about a year ago.

Snows reaching considerable depth have been reported over many sections of the nation, some measuring as many as 20 inches.

Cold weather of the past few days and the snow this morning are good indications for increased orders for coal, wood and fuel oil with dealers here.

## Miss Susan Roberson Passes at Home in Cross Roads Sunday

### Suffered Stroke of Paralysis Early Friday; Final Rites Monday

Miss Susan Roberson, highly respected citizen of Cross Roads Township, died here at the home of her brother, Simon Roberson, Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Miss Roberson, 78 years old, was very active for her advanced age and enjoyed apparently good health up to last Friday morning, when she suffered a stroke of paralysis. She was starting a fire in the kitchen stove that morning when she was stricken, her brother finding her unconscious on the floor a few minutes later.

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She never married, and her brother, Mr. Simon Roberson, is the only near relative surviving.

Funeral services were conducted in the Cross Roads church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville. Burial was in the family plot on the old home farm.

Eight farmers of Yancey County recently purchased a car of limestone for use this fall. Some of the men borrowed money to pay for the material; others cut and sold cross-ties.

## 39 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED IN NOVEMBER

### Number Is Largest Issued In Single Month So Far This Year

The largest marriage license issuance of the year and the largest for the month of November in three years was reported for the past month by Register of Deeds J. Sam Gotsinger. Thirty-nine licenses were issued, 21 to white and 18 to colored couples during the month just ended, as follows:

**White**  
Shelton Jones Lattimore and Margaret Burton Ross, both of Robersonville.

Ira Everett Barber and Daisy Leona Page, both of Martin County.

Floyd Yeomans, of Harkers Island and Marguerite Pipkin Ball, of Morehead City.

Vernon Jerome Spivey and Esther Elizabeth Harrison, both of Williamston.

Edmond Alton Harrison, of Plymouth, and Mary Kathryn Shute, of Williamston.

W. Hubert Coburn and Velma Marine Harrison, both of Williamston.

Johnnie Andrews, of Parmele, and Julia Bland, of Robersonville.

H. S. Johnson, of Hamilton, and Irma Faye House, of Robersonville.

Wm. E. Manning and Lillian P. Holliday, of Martin County.

Roland C. Griffin and Minnie Kathryn Griffin, of Martin County.

Woodrow Wells and Dorothy Caloway, of Martin County.

James Eason Revels and Zora Brown Lilley, of Martin County.

W. Herbert Lilley, of Jamesville, and Annie Lamb, of Williamston.

David G. Modlin and Nettie Ferrell Meador, both of Williamston.

Willie Burt Dickerson and Zula Mae Bonds, of Martin County.

M. H. Wells, of Greenville, and Minnie Ellen Norville, of Falkland.

Johnnie Sampson Hodges and Evey I. Manning, of Martin County.

Henry K. Griffin, of Washington, and Lillian Pearl Daniel, of Griffins.

F. C. Williams and Cora Frances Wells, both of Martin County.

Robert Sherrill Gurganus and Marjorie Taylor, of Martin County.

Joseph Sidney Mallory and Besie Cordell Daniel, of Martin County.

## JOHN EARL HINES DIED SATURDAY HAMILTON HOME

### Funeral Services Conducted At Late Home Sunday Afternoon

John Earle Hines, native of Wayne County, died at his home in Hamilton last Saturday morning at 7 o'clock following a long period of declining health. A stroke of paralysis was given as the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Hines was employed by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for a number of years and was a conductor on one of its trains for some time. In 1914 he moved to this county and had charge of road construction activities for the various road commissions. One of the main projects handled by him, and one that was not changed by the State highway forces when they took over the roads, was the cutting down of the old river hill on Williamston's East Main Street and placing top soil and gravel there. For a number of years he has made his home in Hamilton, continuing road construction work until failing health forced his retirement.

Mr. Hines was a member of the Methodist church and was a Mason. He married Miss Mattie Williams, of Pitt County, and she survives with four children, G. E. Hines, of this county; Mrs. B. B. Taylor, of Hamilton; Mrs. N. D. Stokes, of Greenville; Miss Evelyn Hines, of Hamilton; and one brother, F. G. Hines, of Mount Olive.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. R. N. Fitts, Methodist minister of Robersonville, assisted by Rev. E. C. Shoe, Baptist minister, also of Robersonville, and Rev. E. F. Moseley, Episcopal minister of Williamston. Interment was in the Hamilton cemetery, members of the Stonewall Masonic Lodge, of Robersonville, conducting the last rites at the grave.

## Mrs. Guy Rawls, 34, Dies in Washington

Mrs. Guy Rawls, 34 years old, died in a Washington hospital Sunday morning at 4:45 o'clock from kidney trouble with which she had suffered only a short time. Suffering an attack, Mrs. Rawls was entered last Thursday evening, and her condition was not considered serious until Saturday.

Mrs. Rawls was the daughter of Mrs. Edith Whichard and the late Dave B. Whichard. She married Mr. Rawls 19 years ago and he with five children survives. Their names are Lloyd, Guy, Jr., Mildred, Helen and John Cotten Rawls. During the past four years the family made its home near Roberson's Chapel, where they enjoyed a large friendship.

Mrs. Rawls was a member of the Presbyterian church, and was active in its work in that community. She also interested herself in community activities, and was a thoughtful wife and a good mother.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon in the chapel of the Presbyterian church by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff. Interment was in the new burial plot in the church yard.

## Jamesville School Will Stage Carnival Thursday

The Jamesville school will give a carnival Thursday night, December 3, at 7:30 o'clock. Elaborate preparation are being made for midway and grandstand attractions. A very small admission charge will be made. Everyone is urged by the sponsors to come and enjoy the fun.

## Auto License Tags To Go On Sale at Local Bureau on 15th

The 1937 State automobile license tags will go on sale at the Carolina Motor Club bureau in the offices of the Williamston Motor Company the 15th of this month, reports stating that no extension of time will be granted auto owners in 1937 for purchasing the plates. In fact, unofficial reports maintain that the patrol has been instructed to arrest owners who operate their cars with 1936 tags on the first day of the new year even if the owners are on their way to get the new plates.

It will be lawful to display the new tags on cars on and after the

## Watson Says Holliday Murder Premeditated

### ONLY 20 MORE DAYS

Just three more Saturdays between now and Christmas, the 20 remaining shopping days for handling the holidays task making immediate action necessary. Store decorations for the holiday season are going up rapidly, and a preliminary survey shows more Christmas goods on counters and in shelves of local stores than ever before.

Williamston merchants are making every effort to serve efficiently and adequately the needs of all the people in this great territory. They have bought heavily, and although the economic trend is decidedly advancing, prices will be found in line with those anywhere.

Do your Christmas shopping in Williamston; for in so doing you aid others as well as yourself.

## Griffins Township Farmers To Have Meet Friday Night

### Present-Day Farming Situation and Outlook To Be Topic at Meet

Farmers of Griffins Township will meet in the Farm Life school Friday evening of this week at 7 o'clock, it was announced this morning by M. L. Barnes, assistant Martin County farm agent.

The meeting topic will center around the farm situation as it exists today, and farmers will be given an opportunity to express themselves as to what type of program they would like to have in the future. County farm leaders and possibly others will address the meeting.

After enjoying a fair parity along with other industry, agriculture is now losing its hold again and the change is being made rapidly. Industrial prices are advancing, industrial workers are receiving increased wages, while agriculture is depending upon an uncertain program for the future. Pitt County has arisen to the occasion by throwing its support behind a farm organization that can, if there is support to be had in other counties, plead the cause of agriculture. Whether Griffins Township farmers will pledge their support at the meeting Friday evening of this week is to be seen. They have always come across in the past, and a successful drive there may be a turning point in rallying all Martin farmers behind a definite movement in behalf of agriculture.

All farmers of the district are invited to attend the meeting.

## White School Children Get Two-Week Holiday

White school children in this county will enjoy one of the longest Christmas holidays in years, the office of the county superintendent of schools announcing today that the plants would close on Friday, December 18, and reopen on January 4 in the new year. Colored schools, starting a week late in the fall, will be closed for one week only, December 22 to 30.

Before the holidays go into effect, however, all the pupils will be subjected to mid-term examinations, it was learned. The examinations will be held week after next.

## Admissions Made in Quizzing Sunday of Damaging Nature

### Still Claims Bullock Was Accomplice in Robbery And Murder

Bombarded with questions from morning until well into the night Sunday, A. W. Watson, young Georgia white man, charged along with Willis Bullock, of this county, with the brutal murder of Thomas Holliday, 24, in Robersonville early on the morning of November 22, broke down and told in detail how he and Bullock had planned robbery several days before, agreeing to kill the hold-up victim and destroy evidence.

While, in his confession made before officers in the county jail, Watson still maintained that Bullock was his accomplice, the latest story told added to the seriousness of Watson's case, if such a thing is possible. The young Georgia boy now admits that he had planned to rob and kill the filling station attendant, that he talked to Holliday while Bullock slipped from the dark and hit the station operator over the head with a tire tool. Watson admits that he dragged the helpless man from in front of the station to the side, where he looked on while Bullock dealt the death blows.

After robbing the station, Watson claims he took Bullock in his car, stolen in Athens, Ga., about a month before, and drove to the high-school building, turned to the left and followed the railroad down to a street running parallel with Main, where they turned again and continued to the warehouse district, where Bullock got out. Watson then went to his rooming house, where he went to bed.

With a picture of the dead man before his eyes, Watson broke down and cried like a baby, huge tears rolling down his cheeks and splashing as they fell to the cement floor. He stood up and, with his right hand in the air, Watson, charged with robbery in Georgia just a few weeks ago, mumbled what he described was a complete story of the crime.

Bullock, still maintaining his innocence, appeared very nervous when he was carried before Watson. The story told by Bullock apparently considered incredible, and he explained to officers that he had changed his mind and now was certain that his clothing had not been touched by other persons on the morning of November 22. His lips quivering and his hands shaking, Bullock denied the accusations directed at him by the crying Watson. "I have nothing to say by accusing you," Watson told Bullock, "but you know you were with me, and if you deny it now you will talk when you draw the first breath of gas in the death chamber," he added.

Findings of a fingerprint expert have not been made public, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., has not forwarded a report on its activity in examining blood found on Bullock's shoe and comparing it with that found on Holliday's shirt.

A preliminary hearing in the case is not being considered, officers and members of the private prosecution still centering their efforts on the task of gathering all evidence possible for presentation to the Martin County jury the 14th of this month.

## Two Men Fined \$5 for Assault Last Saturday

J. S. Livingood and Russell Jones were \$5 each and taxed with the costs by Justice J. L. Hassell in his court here last Saturday morning for simple assault. The defendants were found guilty of assaulting Jimmie Watts, young white boy, who was alleged to have been pulled into Rose's store by the defendant Livingood and slapped by Jones.

The youth was with a group of local high-school boys who were painting signs on windows last Wednesday night advertising the football game scheduled with Burlington the following day. It was brought out in the trial that the boy was playing the role of an innocent bystander.