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Municipal Election Listless Affair; Only 53 Votes Tabulated

V. D. Godwin Leads Ticket By Polling All 53; Begin New Term in June

The members of Williamston's governing group—J. L. Hassell, mayor, and V. D. Godwin, Luther Peel, N. C. Green, G. H. Harrison and L. P. Lindsley, commissioners—were returned to office in a listless municipal election last Tuesday. Only 53 votes were cast, or 50 more than were required to elect and 12 more than were recorded in the 1935 election.

No mention was made of an independent ticket, but there was a little scratching or cases where the voters failed to mark all the squares. Commissioner V. D. Godwin polled the full strength of the vote. The official count, made by Pollholders J. E. Pope, S. S. Brown and Roy T. Griffin gave J. L. Hassell 52 votes for mayor; and G. H. Harrison, 51; N. C. Green, 51; Luther Peel, 52; V. D. Godwin, 53; and L. P. Lindsley 50 votes for commissioners.

The reelected officers enter upon their duties as a new group the first Monday in June.

While there is some doubt about the legality of the election, no one is expected to challenge the voting. The law directs the closing of liquor stores on all election days, but the authorities forgot all about having the store close during the day, and Robersonville authorities are said to have forgotten to comply with that particular section of the law. Mayor J. L. Hassell here said that he thought the election was all right, but he did not set anybody up for a vote all day long.

Seven Cases Tried In Recorder's Court At Session Monday

Fines Levied by Judge Peel Total \$200 at Term This Week

Seven cases were handled in the county court Monday by Judge H. O. Peel, the tribunal remaining in session for quite a while. Attorney R. L. Coburn prosecuted, the court assessing total fines in the sum of \$200. Two cases were continued for the defendants.

Charged with an assault, Leamon Taylor was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost.

Charlie Bellamy was given a three months road sentence suspended upon payment of the costs in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

James Wiggings was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws. A three-month road sentence was suspended.

Charged with drunken driving, Joe Godard was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and had his driver's license revoked for one year.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging Estelle Midgette with operating a car with improper brakes.

Jordan Wynne, charged with violating the liquor laws, was fined \$25 and taxed with the case costs. A three-month road sentence was suspended in his case.

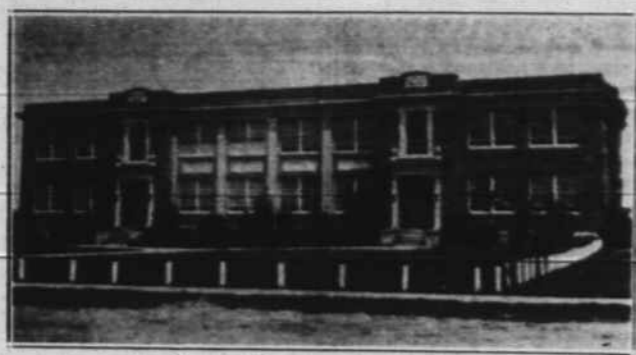
Held in contempt of court, Jesse Rogers was sentenced to the roads for three months. He appealed to the superior court and bond in the sum of \$200 was required. In a prior judgment, the court had ordered Rogers to leave the state for a period of two years. He failed to comply with the judgment.

Gets Eight Years For Store Robbery

Alvin Mansfield, young white man arrested in this county several weeks ago for forgery, and later connected with the robbery of a filling station here, was sentenced to prison for 8 years in Bertie County Superior Court this week for the robbery of several stores in Aulander about two months ago. Martin County surrendered the alleged criminal to Bertie authorities and he will not be brought to justice here until he serves the sentence imposed in the Bertie court this week, it is understood.

Mansfield, arrested in Robersonville by Chief William Gray, is also wanted by Federal authorities for driving a stolen automobile across state lines. When arrested, the young man was driving an Oldsmobile stolen in California. The car has been turned over to an insurance company.

SCENE OF COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



The first of the series of local commencement exercises will be held in the high school building Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the graduation program following next Tuesday evening.

Blue Mold Situation Described as Serious

Few Cases Disease Reported in April

Very few cases of contagious diseases were reported in this county last month, the county health officer records showing only 6 cases of chickenpox, 1 of diphtheria, and 1 scarlet fever. All of the cases were reported in Williamston Township.

"President's Month" Sees Record Amount Insurance Written

Security Life & Trust Company Honors Official by Big Business

In a letter received today, Messrs. Leslie Fowden and J. Paul Simpson, managers of the local agency of the Security Life & Trust Company were notified that the month of April, designated as "President's Month" by the company's agency organization in honor of President Egbert L. Davis, witnessed a record-breaking production of business.

The company's new business for April, both in number of applications and volume, exceeded by nearly 50 per cent the best previous month in its history. The local agency, under the leadership of Mr. Fowden, won the distinction of being one of the company's leading agencies during the month and home office officials are extending hearty congratulations to Mr. Fowden and members of his organization for such a splendid month's work.

The Security Life and Trust Co. is making an outstanding record in insurance circles. Figures just released by the state insurance department show that the company during the year 1936 gained more insurance in force than any other company doing business in the state.

There were 78 life insurance companies operating in North Carolina during the past year. The home companies produced during the year 1936 more than one-third of the total business written in the state, bringing the total insurance in force in North Carolina to something over \$950,000,000 in ordinary life insurance.

Security Life & Trust Co. ranked third in the state, for both state and out-of-state companies, in the total amount of ordinary life insurance written during 1936, and topped all companies writing life in the state in net gain of insurance in force.

Its net gain during the year was \$4,539,454, as compared to \$4,943,354 for the second ranking company in net gain, which was also a North Carolina corporation. Third ranking company was out of state; it showed a net gain of \$3,478,322 in insurance in force with North Carolina policyholders.

Finals Program at School in Oak City

The commencement at Oak City High School will begin on Sunday, May 16th, with the baccalaureate sermon which will be delivered by Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of Williamston Christian church.

On Thursday night, May 20th, at 8 o'clock the seventh-grade will present a playlet and the seniors will give their class play entitled "Crashing Society," a comedy in three acts. On Friday night at 8 o'clock the graduating exercises will be held. J. L. Memory, professor of education in Wake Forest College, will deliver the commencement address to the members of the graduating class. Supt. J. C. Manning will deliver the diplomas.

Accused Killer Will Be Given Hearing in Justice Court Today

Richard Ewell, Colored, To Be Tried for Shooting Last Sunday

Richard Ewell, colored man who shot and killed C. B. Everett, colored, near here last Sunday afternoon, will be given a preliminary hearing in the courthouse here this afternoon. Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell will hear the preliminary evidence and bring formal charges against Ewell. Only a few witnesses will be heard at the hearing.

Alice Wiggins, the 53-year-old colored woman who fatally shot Mary Cotton, also colored, near Oak City last Saturday midnight, waived preliminary examination and is in the county jail awaiting the convening of the June term of Martin County Superior Court, when she will go on trial for her life. The first-degree charge was brought in a warrant issued by Justice of the Peace John W. Hines in Oak City. The Wiggins woman maintains that Mary Cotton attempted to break into her home, and it is believed she will plead self-defense.

Ewell shot and killed Everett during a fight at the Hickory Grove church, colored, near here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everett was said to have been fighting with another negro, named Richard Manning, when Ewell stepped in with a .32 caliber pistol and ended the man's life instantly.

Jamesville Finals To Start Sunday

The first of the series of closing events in the Jamesville schools will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister, delivers the commencement sermon in the grammar school auditorium.

The seniors will hold their class day exercises on Wednesday, May 12, and the annual high school play, directed by Mrs. Hill, will be staged the following evening. Graduation exercises will be held next Friday night, Elbert S. Peel, Williamston attorney, delivering the address.

Announce Daily Vacation Bible Schools in County

The annual summer Bible schools of the Presbyterian church will get underway at Bear Grass Monday, May 17 and run for two weeks: Rev. John C. Whitley and Miss Pascal, of the Bear Grass School faculty, will be in charge of the school—Miss Pascal is to be with the church during the summer.

On June 1, the Roberson's Chapel school will begin and continue thru June 11. On June 14th, the Poplar Point school will open and continue through the 25th. It is hoped that all the children within the communities these missions serve will attend the schools.

Mother's Day Program In Methodist Church Sunday

Mayor John L. Hassell will deliver a eulogy to Mother at the local Methodist Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the Sunday school in honor of Mother and hear Judge Hassell and several other features on the special program.

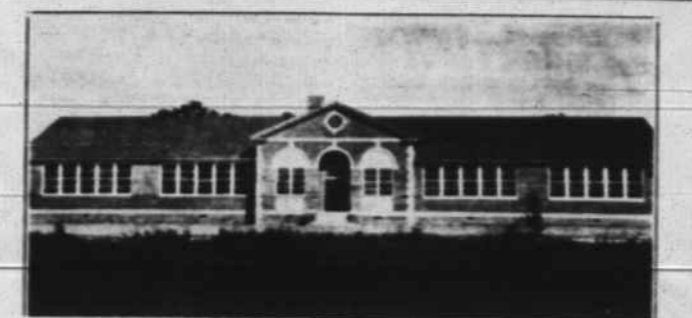
Father of Local Woman Died in Bertie Wednesday

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in Merry Hill for Jesse White, father of Mrs. W. J. Smith, of Williamston. The Rev. W. H. Hollowell, assisted by Rev. J. H. Smith, local minister, conducted the rites.

Service at Oak City On Mother's Day

Rev. J. M. Perry will preach at Oak City Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at 7:45 p. m. The morning service will be an appropriate Mother's Day program of readings, songs and sermon. The community is invited to participate in a community Mother's Day service.

FIRST TERM COMPLETED IN NEW BUILDING



Commencement exercises in the Jamesville School next week mark the end of the first term in the new high school building there.

Begin Commencement Program Here Sunday

Annual Sermon Will Be Preached by Rev. Moseley To Seniors

Thad Eure To Make Literary Address at Finals Tuesday Night

Programs for the commencement exercises in the local schools were announced complete today by Principal L. W. Anderson, the first of the series of events taking place Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector of the Church of the Advent here, delivers the annual sermon in the high school auditorium. The finals will be held next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock when Thad B. Eure, Secretary of State, delivers the main address.

The several religious denominations will join the high school graduates for the 11 o'clock worship in the high school auditorium.

For the first time in years, there are more boys candidates for diplomas than girls in the school here. Thirteen of the 22 in line to receive diplomas are boys. Three girls are to receive certificates.

Special awards will be presented on commencement night as follows: Sallie Gray Gurkin, home economics; Addie Lee Meador, valedictorian; Victor Andrews, Goodmoon sports cup; and Addie Lee Meador, civics.

Names of the candidates for diplomas are: Sallie Allen, Mary Helen Boykin, Louise Cooke, Julia Everett, Janie Gurganus, Ezeferlee Griffin, Addie Lea Meador, Mollie White Ray, Lois Taylor, Victor Andrews, Joseph Barnhill, Burras Critcher, Edgar Gurganus, S. W. Manning, Dan Peel, Robert Peel, William Peel, Whit Purvis, John Thigpen, Joe D. Thrower, Ashley Wynne, E. G. Wynne, and certificates to Wyma Jackson, Elva Mae Mishoe and Grace Chesson.

Marshals for the commencement series are: Elva Grace Barnhill, chief; Mary Helen Boykin and Addie Lee Meador, seniors; Reginald Manning and Wilbur Culpepper, juniors; Sallie Gurkin and Reid White, sophomores; and Katherine Manning and J. E. Boykin, freshmen.

Examine Sixty-one Children in Clinic

Sixty-one children who plan to enter school next fall were examined at a clinic held in the grammar building here yesterday, reports describing the undertaking as being unusually successful.

While the health of the little tots measured up well, many physical defects were found and corrected or will be corrected during the summer months. The children were vaccinated against smallpox and each was given a thorough examination.

The clinic, sponsored by the Williamston parent-teacher association, received the services offered by local doctors and nurses. Similar clinics are ordinarily held in all the schools of the county each spring, but the State Health board could not cooperate this year and, as far as it could be learned, the examinations here were the only ones given this season.

Both Local Banks Will Observe Holiday Monday

Local banks will observe next Monday, May 10, Confederate Memorial or Decoration Day, as a holiday, it was announced today. The banks will also observe May 20, Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Day, and May 30, National Memorial Day, as holidays. May 30 falls on Sunday, and the holiday will be taken the following day.

Williamston Opens Season with 8-2 Win Over Tarboro Nine

Rollins and Villepique Too Much for Combs in First Game Here Yesterday

Behind the five-hit pitching of Jim Rollins, the Gassville, Ark., young man with a future on the mound, and with the bat power of Ace Villepique, the Martins defeated the Tarboro Combs here yesterday afternoon 8 to 2 in a long drawn out contest of two and one-half hours, marking the opening of the Coastal Plain League official schedule. It was the third time in as many seasons that the Martins turned Tarboro back in a season opener, the margin of victory of 8-2 comparing with 8-5 last year and 6-5 the year before.

Art Hauger's boys, coming here from just about all four corners of the country and as an aggregation of unknown quantity, settled down to give a good account of themselves, and the season-opener was recognized as an eye-opener with more to follow. And Fred "Snake" Henry, new skipper for the Tarboro Combs, brought a higher rating nine here than was seen in the early period of the season last year and the season before.

Rollins, baffling the batting Tarboro Combs, allowed only five hits, one a double and another a homer. He fanned thirteen and had the situation well in hand with the possible exception of the eighth inning when the visitors tallied twice. Ledbetter, new rightfielder, and Villepique tied for the hitting count of 2-all, the centerfielder from Burbank holding the edge with extra bases. Ware, Tarboro second baseman, figured prominently at bat for the visitors with two hits, a double in the fourth and a homer in the eighth with one on base. Mooney, starting on the mound for the visitors, allowed six hits before he was retired in the seventh by Dusza. He fanned six and walked five. Three free passes were issued by Rollins.

A \$200 gate reported for the opener, the attendance holding fairly close to the opening-day record.

TARBORO	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Staples, cf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Myers, ss	3	0	0	2	4	1
Carranah, lf	3	1	0	2	0	0
Ware, 2b	4	1	2	1	0	0
Henry, 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0
Ballance, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Centrell, 3b	4	0	1	2	1	1
Williamson, c	3	0	2	6	0	0
Mooney, p	3	0	0	1	3	2
xTaylor	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	2	5	24	9	4

Ban on Fresh-Water Fishing To Be Lifted After Next Monday

Old creek-bank fishing, interrupted for the spawning season of bass and perch, will be resumed in these parts next Tuesday, and the fishermen are already pulling down and dusting off hooks and poles and making ready for the Sawyer-Finn pastime. State resident fishing licenses are now on sale at the Williamston and Woolard hardware stores here, Smith Hardware Co., Robersonville, and G. M. Anderson's filling station in Jamesville. No licenses are required of the fishermen using a common pole and hook or rod and reel in his own county.

Licensed North Carolina fishermen will at least begin their outings this year under a good omen in the form of a new type of permit button shaped like a fish. The State fishing license buttons this year will be of metal in the form of a broom, one of the most popular of the game fishes in North Carolina, according to an announcement today by J. D. Chalk, state game and inland fisheries commissioner.

The new plate is bronze colored, about 2 inches in length and 1 1/4 inch in depth. At the top it carries the year for which it was issued and a fac-simile of the state seal. In the center are the words, "North Carolina State Resident Fishing License."

According to Commissioner Chalk the most complete cooperation ever extended by the public in observance of the closed seasons has been evidence this year. Already, he continued, a substantial increase in the sale of fishing licenses—the receipts from which support entirely the operation of the various hatcheries and make possible an extensive program for maintaining the supply of game fish—has been experienced.

Building and Loan Reelects Officials

The Martin County Building and Loan Association board of directors and the association officers were re-elected at a meeting of the stockholders held in the courthouse last Tuesday. The elections were unanimous.

Change Hour for Service At Piney Grove Sunday

Rev. W. B. Harrington will deliver a Mother's Day sermon in the Piney Grove Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

POWERHOUSE ACE



Ace Villepique, Martin's centerfielder from out California way, proved a mighty stick master here yesterday when he homered in the fourth with two on and again in the eighth with one on in the Coastal Plain season opener against Tarboro.

RESULTS

Thursday, May 6
Williamston 8, Tarboro 2
Goldboro 5, Snow Hill 4
Ayden 7, Greenville 5
New Bern 6, Kinston 4