

Awards Are Made To Exhibitors At Fair Here Today

\$2,000 Is Given to Several Hundred; Increase in the Number of Displays

Awards, approximating \$2,000, are being made to the several hundred exhibitors at the Williamston Fair today, a report from the secretary's office showing that there was a decided increase in the number of displays at the show this year.

The striking feature of the exhibits was handled by one family from Bear Grass Township, the records showing that the Rogerson family, brothers, a daughter and in-laws, won a total of \$170 in prizes on their live-at-home exhibits. First prize of \$50 went to C. G. Rogerson. The second prize, \$45, was won by N. R. Rogerson. Mrs. L. B. Saunders won third, \$40, and Miss Kathleen Rogerson was fourth with a premium of \$35.

There was some keen competition among the 4-H club boys who earned nearly \$200 in cash premiums. For their corn exhibits, Lacy Ward won a first prize and annexed a valuable cup given by the T. W. Wood and Sons Seed house, Louis Wynne, of Everetts; Clarence Modlin, of Robersonville, Carlyle Manning, of Farm Life, won first prizes. In the calf club, Joe Winslow, of Robersonville, Chas. Coltrain and Otis Coltrain, both of Williamston, and John Hardy and Joe King Powell, of Robersonville. First prizes in the poultry department went to Albert Bennett, of Robersonville; Leslie Taylor, of Robersonville; Wilbur Wynne of Everetts, and W. A. Bailey, of Bear Grass, won first prizes with their pig entries.

Williamston's high school economics department annexed first prize, \$25 with its exhibit. Robersonville won second place and earned a \$15 prize. Jamesville was third with a \$10 prize.

The home demonstration clubs were led by the Macedonia group which earned the \$30 award. Holly Springs, holding second place, received \$25, and Plymouth was awarded third prize, \$20.

Future farmers from outside the county walked away with the honors in the agriculture exhibits, the Plymouth or Washington County units winning \$40 first prize. Oak City took second place and won \$35. Jamesville, coming third, received \$25.

The largest single exhibitor, J. G. Staton, was successful with his show of Hampshire hogs.

There were numbers of collective exhibits occupying several booths, including an elaborate flower display and a showing of woman's fancy work.

Although the exhibits were materially increased over those of a year ago, approximately \$1,000 was forfeited, it is estimated.

Jurymen Are Drawn For November Superior Court

Thirty-six Martin County citizens were drawn for jury service in the two weeks term of Martin County Superior Court next month, by the county commissioners in regular session Monday. The court tries civil cases only.

Names of jurymen are:

First Week

Jamesville Township: J. L. Knowles and H. A. Hardison.

Williams Township: G. C. Godard, Joe H. Perry and Clyde Roberson.

Griffins Township: Archie T. Coltrain, A. T. Whitley, Hugh Coltrain, and Simon D. Roberson.

Bear Grass Township: Joe Sheppard Holliday, Joe S. Griffin.

Cross Roads Township: J. B. Barnhill and Gaston James.

Robersonville Township: M. B. Bullock, S. W. Marshall and J. M. Dixon.

Hamilton Township: J. D. Etheridge.

Second Week

Jamesville Township: L. C. Gardner.

Griffins Township: Jas. C. Gurkin and J. Robert Hardison.

Bear Grass Township: W. M. Harrison.

Williamston Township: G. L. Savage, E. E. Holliday, P. V. Jones.

Cross Roads Township: Charlie Bailey, Mack L. James.

Robersonville Township: Lester Roebuck, C. W. Forbes and J. L. Edmondson.

Poplar Point Township: R. C. Bunting.

Hamilton Township: L. R. Everett.

Goose Nest Township: J. C. Ross, C. B. Council, Roy Edmondson and N. M. Hyman.

Explains Stabilization Plans for Peanut Mart

CERTIFICATES

Cotton sales certificates are now available at the office of County Agent T. B. Brandon to all buyers of cotton, Mr. T. B. Slade said today. The certificate forms will be furnished to buyers upon application. Mr. Slade pointed out that it is necessary that the farmer file these certificates in the county agent's office within 15 days after cotton is sold if the producer expects to be eligible for the three-cent adjustment payment.

Religious Service Held At Fair Here By Local Ministers

First Time in History Such a Gathering Was Held in This Section

For the first time in the history of a fair in this section, showmen, fair employees and attendants were present in a body for a religious service in the grandstand here this morning, the management and numbers of the show people welcoming the opportunity to participate in a brief worship service. Reports from the meeting stated the attendance was larger than that upon services in local churches on many occasions.

The Martin County Ministerial association, feeling that because of the fact that most fair people in having to move from location to location during the week end were deprived of the opportunity to attend church services voted in its meeting last Monday to offer the services of the association to the fair association for a religious service to be held within the fair grounds for the fair personnel.

Mr. Norman Y. Chambliss, director of the fair, upon being told of the desire of the ministers of the county to hold such a service insisted that this be done. Mr. West, the owner of the West Shows on the midway felt that such a service would meet a great need on the part of his associates. Mr. Lee, the director of the band, graciously offered his services and that of the band to provide the music. Miss Peggy Lee, a soloist of the Lutheran church of Reading, Pa., offered to sing a solo. Miss Lee has not missed Sunday school for over 7 years until this summer on the road. With such a splendid spirit of cooperation on the part of the fair personnel the service was planned. The following order of worship was followed:

Band prelude of sacred hymns; remarks as to purpose and reason for such a service by Z. T. Piephoff; hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," scripture lesson by J. H. Smith; prayer by R. R. Grant; solo by Miss Lee; message by E. F. Mosley; chorus, "Into My Heart," by all, and the benediction by Z. T. Piephoff.

Officers Make Raid In Hassell Section

Raiding in the Hassell section of Hamilton Township the early part of this month Special Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Bill Haislip captured an 89-gallon copper liquor still and destroyed a complete plant including about 400 gallons of beer. The still was not in operation when the officers made the raid and no arrests were made.

During the past four or five months the officers started their month's round-up in that section, Special Officer Roebuck stating this week that they had not failed to find and tear down a plant there during the more-or-less regularly scheduled visits.

Last month, the enforcement officer and his assistants had one of their busiest periods. They tore down fourteen plants, arrested half dozen men and captured a large quantity of liquor and confiscated two motor vehicles.

Three Cases Contagious Diseases In Past Month

Only three cases of communicable diseases were reported in this county during the month of September. There were two cases of diphtheria among the colored population, one in Williamston and one in Robersonville, and one scarlet fever case in Williamston during the period.

Receiving Point To Be Maintained Here For Local Area Crop

R. C. Holland Gives High Spots in the New Plan for Peanut Sales

Plans for stabilizing the peanut market this season were revealed to a meeting of a comparatively small number of farmers at the fair here last Wednesday morning by Mr. R. C. Holland, president and general manager of the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Corporation. The value of the creation of the corporation by the government as a means of stabilizing the market has hardly been recognized by many farmers as they have not yet prepared the 1937 crop for market, but those farmers attending the meeting and listening to Mr. Holland received much valuable information and fully realize that the government is taking every step possible to protect them from a 2-cent market.

The Peanut Stabilization Corporation is more of a protective organization, and it wants the trade to absorb all of the crop. However, when prices dwindle to three and one-quarter cents a pound it will step in and buy any amount, the entire crop, if necessary, it is understood. The three and one-quarter cent price is based on U. S. No. 1 shelling stock, and is the highest the corporation can pay. Mr. Holland explained to the farmers that the market should pay a premium on at least 25 per cent of the crop. It is reasonable to expect farmers will patronize the open markets if the prices range above 3 1/4 cents a pound, but if the prices do not exceed that figure on the open market, it is likely that deliveries will be made to the stabilization corporation.

Mr. Holland explained that deliveries to the corporation warehouse will constitute direct sales, that the farmer will not have to go through the handling of any red tape to get his money. The corporation will handle producers' sales only, it was pointed out.

Receiving warehouses will be maintained in Williamston and possibly at other points in this county to serve this marketing area. Farmers will deliver their peanuts to these warehouses where weights will be issued on official grades. Drafts or checks and warehouse receipts will be turned over to the farmer right then, and the drafts can be converted into cash at the banks.

It is understood that peanuts from the old crop will possibly be accepted by the corporation. Arrangements are now underway to open receiving warehouses in Williamston, and it is thought they will be ready to start receiving the crop within a comparatively short time.

Notices Of Taxes Due Mailed To Taxpayers

Notices of taxes due were mailed to the 1,083 property owners, 648 white and 435 colored, in Williamston this week, the pink slips, setting for in some cases, the disheartening amounts, reaching many people before their 1936 tax receipts are in their hands.

The town is now starting the collection of \$49,273.39 for the year 1937. Nearly all or \$2,909.51 is expected from white property owners. Paving assessments represent \$5,569.95, of the \$49,273.39. Last year the total levy was \$45,938.76 with a rate of \$2.70 on the \$100 assessed valuation in effect. This year the rate was reduced to \$2.60.

Christian Church Services To Be Held In Oak City

Preaching services will be held at the Christian Church in Oak City, Sunday, October 10th, at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited. Rev. J. M. Perry of Robersonville will deliver the sermons at both services.

WPA Librarians Will Meet Here Next Week

Works Progress Administration librarians from nineteen counties in this section of North Carolina are scheduled to hold a two-day meeting here beginning next Monday. The sessions will be held in the agricultural building auditorium. Miss Julia Amis, of Raleigh, will likely be in charge of the meeting, it was stated.

Fair To Close With Complete Program Here Saturday Night

Children Will Be Admitted Free at Main Gate Tomorrow until 4 P. M.

Williamston's 1937 fair closes tomorrow night, the management stating that a complete program will be offered on the midway and in front of the grandstand. During the meantime, the largest crowds of the week are now traveling to the grounds for the afternoon grandstand program featuring "Lucky" Teter and his Hell Drivers. Recognized as one of the most daring programs ever seen, the daredevils possibly offer more thrills per minute than any other attraction on the road today. "And while they come out alive, there are those right here in this section who are daredevil drivers themselves but who so often do not come out alive," an observer states.

Remembering the unfavorable weather of last Tuesday, the fair management has announced children will be admitted at the main gate tomorrow until 4 o'clock, and hundreds of the youngsters are certain to take advantage of the invitation.

Automobile races, beginning about 2:30 p. m. is the feature of tomorrow afternoon's program. Professional championship drivers will compete for the prizes, the management stating that entries include nationally-known racers from coast-to-coast. One of the racers, Lou Brown, of Champion, Illinois, who was in the races here a year ago will not be in the line-up tomorrow, the race management explaining that the young fellow lost his life in a race in Savannah a few months ago.

The complete grandstand program will be offered in addition to the races that afternoon, and every act, including the fireworks, will be shown that evening.

The grandstand program this year, while considered long drawn-out in some cases, is the most complete ever offered at a fair here. Jack Knight and his Texas Rangers have brought here the nearest thing to a real Wild West show ever seen in this section. "They are real cowboys and cowgirls," the owner of the rodeo explained. Two of the troupe make their home in New York State with Robt. Roebuck, native of this county who has followed ranch life during a number of years.

Audiences, their mouths gaped as they watched the daring fellow perform atop of a 175-foot pole, have agreed this week that he is a real entertainer, that he is a bit foolish to say the least, however.

The Mansfields with their daring shooting and other performers have offered a varied grandstand program for the fair here this year, and their audiences have increased each afternoon and evening.

Judge Peel Clears Twenty Cases Off Docket on Monday

Drunken Driving Cases Occupy Prominent Place on the Docket

After remaining idle two weeks while the superior court was in session, the county recorder's court renewed its weekly sittings last Monday. A crowded docket faced Judge H. O. Peel and Attorney Robt. L. Coburn, assistant solicitor. The court was in session until late in the afternoon, and continued a few cases until next Monday. Drunken driving cases occupied a prominent place on the docket, two of the six defendants in those cases forfeiting cash bonds.

Charged with drunken driving and operating a car without a driver's license, Gerald E. Barnes failed to answer when called, and the court declared the judgment absolute on the \$100 cash bond.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, J. T. Matthews was fined \$50, taxed with the case cost and had his license revoked for a period of one year.

J. Reginald Pierce was sentenced to the roads for four months for drunken automobile driving.

The court nonprossed a second case charging Pierce with an assault.

Charged with reckless driving and operating a car without license, O. K. Johnson was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Ike Mizelle pleaded guilty of violating the liquor laws, the court continuing the case under prayer for judgment until October 18.

The case charging Bill Bullock

Improved Financial Conditions Are Reflected in the Decreased Number Delinquent Tax Sales

Sales on Local Mart Pass Six Million Pounds Today

Sales on Williamston's tobacco market passed the six million-pound mark today, old hands on the market who are acquainted with conditions over the territory stating that the season sales will approach ten million pounds here and possibly exceed that goal. The market is holding its own right at the top of the list, and the patronage list continues to increase over a wider territory as the season progresses.

Price averages have been ranging around the \$33 point these past few days, and farmers continue well pleased with their sales. While there is an occasional complaint, dissatisfaction is seldom heard.

To date the market has broken all past records with its heavy sales.

Insurance Men In Monthly Meeting Here This Week

Complete Plans for Entertaining Regional Meet of N. C. Insurance Agents

Meeting in their monthly meeting here this week, members of the Martin County Insurance Exchange handled current business of the organization and completed plans for entertaining the regional meeting of the North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents in Williamston on Monday, October 25. The meeting was held in the offices of Harrison and Carstarphen. Representatives of the old line stock companies constitute the membership of the exchange which, according to Mr. J. E. Pope, advances right principles and exercises its influence to correct bad practices in fire and casualty underwriting.

The exchange was organized in 1934 by leading insurance agents who devote considerable study and work to the business and who have been instrumental in providing an effective and reliable service to the public of this county. The following are officers and members: J. E. Pope, president and director, of Williamston; K. B. Crawford, vice president and director, also of Williamston; Mrs. Nina Taylor, secretary and treasurer, Robersonville; H. C. Norman, director, of Robersonville; Harrison and Carstarphen.

Churchmen From 25 Counties Hold Meet Here Next January

Twenty-eight Churches in This Presbytery with 4,521 Members

The Presbytery of Albemarle met in its 97th Stated Session in Goldsboro, N. C., on last Monday and Tuesday adjourned at 10 P. M. Tuesday night to meet in Williamston for a one day session in January, 1938.

The Presbytery of Albemarle was at one time the largest Presbytery in North Carolina, its territory extending from beyond Raleigh to the West all the way to the Atlantic Seaboard. From time to time its territory has been taken to form other Presbyteries. Today there are 9 Presbyteries in the Synod of North Carolina. Albemarle Presbytery today comprises some 20 to 25 counties in Northeastern North Carolina. There are 28 churches in the Presbytery and 20 ministers both active and retired. There are 4521 members in these 28 churches.

Albemarle Presbytery is known as the Home Mission Presbytery of the Synod of North Carolina and the stronger churches of the other Presbyteries assist this Presbytery in its Home Mission work. One of the recognized Home Mission Fields of the Synod is the Martin County Home Mission field which had its beginning back in 1928 and has been under the supervision of Rev. Z. T. Piephoff since 1929.

Elder J. Nat Harrison of Green-

Small Number Of Farmers Present For Meeting Here

Great Absence Due to Busy Season of Tobacco and Their Peanut Digging

It was farmers' day at the fair here Wednesday, but it wasn't a day for the farmers who with the exception of about 100 were held to their tobacco marketing or in their fields digging peanuts. Possibly if tobacco was selling at seven cents and peanuts at a cent or two, the grandstand would have been packed.

State Farm Bureau officials were here and other recognized farm leaders attended and participated in the program that was regarded as highly beneficial and instructive.

Mayor J. I. Hassell welcomed the farmers here, and Mr. S. T. Everett, president of the Farm Bureau Federation, presided over the meeting.

Mr. J. E. Winslow, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, addressed the meeting in connection with the 1938 farm program and told the farmers they could have a control program for next year if they wanted it and would work for it. He urged that Martin County send a delegation to the hearing to be held in Winston-Salem October 18 by the U. S. Agriculture Committee.

As far as it could be learned today, no definite plans have been advanced by the local farm bureau unit or by individuals to have this county represented at the meeting to be held in the Forsyth County capital.

E. F. Arnold, the fighting secretary of the N. C. Farm Bureau organization, was present and he addressed the meeting. He reviewed the 1938 farm program and appealed to the farmers to get behind the organization and work for control.

Four Wrecks In This Territory This Week

Four automobile wrecks have been reported in this section during the past two or three days, but the victims came through with only minor injuries. The highway patrol headquarters here explained, however that the total property damage would run well into the hundreds of dollars.

Jesse Crandall, county man, escaped uninjured when his car plunged through the guard-rail on the Roanoke River dam Tuesday night.

The cars of G. Allgood and John Sherrod were damaged when they crashed near Conoho Church in Goose Nest Township yesterday noon. No one was badly hurt.

Chester Leggett and Bob Lamont were in an accident on the Washington road at 7:45 last evening, but escaped with minor bruises. A showman named Cook, returning from a visit to his wife in a Washington hospital, fled with his two small children from the Lamont car but was found a short time later.

Tighman Coltrain, young Jamesville boy, drove his car into a tree near Robersonville last night, but no one was hurt. Damage to his car was estimated at about \$100.

Publication Starts Today With Sales Set for November 1

Unpaid Amount and Number Delinquents Smallest in Many Years

Six hundred and fifty-five delinquent county tax accounts, the smallest number and representing the smallest unpaid amount in a number of years, are being advertised today for sale to the highest bidder by the sheriff at the courthouse here on November 1. The 655 accounts plus a few representing personal property only are the only ones out of nearly 8,000 that have not been paid, according to the collector's records.

Last year there were 733 unpaid accounts representing \$14,841.93 unpaid taxes compared with the 655 accounts representing \$12,078.70 unpaid this year. A review of the delinquent accounts for the past several years shows just how much conditions have improved since 1933. Seven years ago unpaid taxes amounted to nearly \$52,000, the list of delinquents approximating 1,000. Gradually the unpaid amount and the number of delinquents have decreased to the lowest point in recent years.

Williams Township led the list in number of delinquent accounts, the number standing at 161 compared with 162 a year ago. Griffins, Bear Grass, and Hamilton showed slight increases in the number of delinquent accounts, but only Griffins and Bear Grass reported increases in unpaid amounts. Goose Nest with \$3,714.47 reported unpaid, led the list. Williamston was second with \$2,738.93 unpaid.

Amount Collected		
	1936	1935
Jamesville	\$1,635.08	\$1,968.10
Williams	430.15	592.45
Griffins	340.83	300.51
Bear Grass	270.32	226.09
Williamston	2,738.93	2,693.48
Cross Roads	248.33	649.96
Robersonville	1,765.23	2,758.64
Poplar Point	41.48	319.12
Hamilton	493.88	1,466.58
Goose Nest	3,714.47	3,747.00
Total	\$12,078.70	\$14,641.93
Number Advertised		
	1936	1935
Jamesville	117	138
Williams	34	48
Griffins	26	22
Bear Grass	20	17
Williamston	161	162
Cross Roads	18	37
Robersonville	121	121
Poplar Point	4	7
Hamilton	44	43
Goose Nest	110	138
Totals	655	733

Gets Warrant For Another And Lands In Jail Himself

Edgar Ayers, young Bear Grass Township white man, called for the arrest of Jack Williams, neighbor, last Monday night, alleging that Williams had attacked him with a pocket knife. Apparently Ayers was right when he claimed someone had attacked him for his head was well bandaged. At a preliminary hearing the next day before Justice J. L. Hassell, Williams asked a warrant for Ayers' arrest, maintaining Ayers had assaulted him with a deadly weapon.

Probable cause of guilt was found in both cases, and the trial justice placed each of the two men under \$100 bonds. Williams raised his, but Ayers, unable to command that amount, went to jail.

The cases have been placed on the recorder's court docket for trial probably next Monday.

Two Released Under Bond By Commissioner

Ernest Harrell and his son, Geo. Harrell, of Bertie County, charged with violating the federal liquor laws, were placed under bonds by U. S. Commissioner Walter Halberstadt here last Friday afternoon. The commissioner found probable cause in the case and required bond in the sum of \$300.

The father and son are to appear before Judge Meekins for trial in the federal court at Wilson the 18th of this month.