

Triple A Elections Are Being Held In This County Today

Predicted In One Or Two Districts

Martin County farmers today are choosing the men who are to guide the Triple A program for them during the coming year. Patterned after a regular political election, the voting is now under way at the regular polling places in nearly every section of the county. The polls close at 5 o'clock.

In most districts the election is attracting very little attention, but keen competition was predicted in at least one or two districts following the nominating conventions held earlier this week. Bear Grass nominated ten men for the five community committee posts and five for delegate and alternate to the county convention to be held here tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Hamilton nominated seven and all the other districts named six except Griffins where barely a sufficient number was placed on the ballot for community committees.

In the community committee group, the three receiving the greatest number of votes will serve as chairman, vice chairman and regular member, and the next two as first and second alternate in the manner they are elected. One delegate and alternate will be named to the county convention, the one receiving the greatest number of votes to be designated as delegate and the second highest as alternate. Just how the votes will be decided could not be learned immediately.

The names of the nominees appearing on the ballots in the election today follow, by districts:

Jamesville, District 1, community committees: Carl Griffin, Herbert Sexton, Howard Harrison, Clarence Barber, David Holliday, Arthur Modlin; for delegate to county convention, Carl Griffin, Herbert Sexton and Arthur Modlin.

Jamesville, District 2, community committees: Elmer Modlin, C. G. Gurkin, Dan Fagan, D. D. Coburn, Leo Gardner, David Ange; for delegate, C. G. Gurkin, Elmer Modlin and Leo Gardner.

Williams community committees: Oscar B. Roberson, Marvin H. Leggett, Howard Coltrane, Asa H. Harrison, Marvin Harrison; for delegate, C. L. Daniel, Walter Gardner and L. J. Harrison.

Griffins community committees: Oscar B. Roberson, Marvin H. Leggett, Howard Coltrane, Asa H. Harrison, Marvin Harrison; for delegate, Lewis Roberson, Stephen Manning and J. G. Corey.

Bear Grass community committees: H. G. Harrison, T. L. Roberson, E. C. Harrison, M. S. Cowan, H. U. Peel, Ralph Mobley, Jos. S. Holliday, Leon Hall Rawls, Luther Harris, N. R. Rogers; for delegate, N. R. Rogers, H. G. Harrison, J. S. Griffin, J. D. Wynne and W. O. Peel.

Williamston-Poplar Point community committees: Mayo Harrison, John W. Gurkin, J. A. White, R. T. Griffin, Ben H. James, Edward Corey; for delegate, Mayo Harrison, Edward Corey and Luther Peel.

Cross Road community committees: W. L. Aushon, G. H. Forbes, H. I. Roebuck, J. F. Bailey, J. Marion Griffin, R. L. Whitehurst; for delegate, G. H. Forbes, C. C. Bailey and Oscar Ayers.

Robersonville, District 1, community committees: R. S. Everett, Lester House, James L. Roberson and J. J. Williams; for delegate, R. S. Everett, C. A. Roberson and J. R. Daniel.

Robersonville, District 2, community committees: H. H. Roberson, Charlie G. Forbes, Cecil Powell, J. A. Powell, Johnnie Andrews, J. D. Britton; for delegate, J. R. Winslow, J. A. Powell, Cecil Powell and Clifford Keel.

Hamilton community committees: George S. Haislip, George W. Ayers, Jesse B. Everett, D. R. Edmondson, Woodrow E. Purvis, George A. Oglesby and J. H. Lillard; for delegate, Jesse B. Everett, D. R. Edmondson and George W. Ayers.

Goose Nest, District No. 1, community committees: H. A. Early, J. T. Moore, J. L. Mizelle, H. H. Worsley, R. N. Turner, J. W. Belflower; for delegate, H. H. Worsley, R. N. Turner and J. H. Ayers.

Goose Nest, District No. 2, community committees: Jack Smith, Joe Bunting, W. B. Cannon, Jasper Whitfield.

Auto-Truck Wreck Near Robersonville

No one was hurt and no great damage resulted in a truck-car wreck about one and one-half miles west of Robersonville at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Damage to both vehicles was estimated at \$150 by Corporal W. S. Hunt who investigated the accident.

Sam Jones, colored man, was driving a log truck and trailer belonging to J. S. Whitman west on the highway and just as he started to make a left-hand turn, W. R. Bullock, 65, started to pass with his 1941 Chevrolet sedan. The car plowed into the rear of the trailer, Cpl. Hunt stating that the radiator of the car was smashed and the wheels on the trailer thrown out of line. A heavy rain was falling at the time.

No Decision In Case For Removal Of Body

Few Cases Cleared During Short Term Of Superior Court

Judgment In Sum of \$5,000
Allowed In Highway
Death Case

After the first week was called off in its entirety, the Martin County Superior Court, called for the trial of civil cases only, worked three and one-half days this week, folded its tent and quietly stole away just before noon yesterday, leaving a decision in the Melton versus Melton case hanging in the air and with comparatively few cases cleared from the calendar.

Some over three years ago, L. W. Melton died in Robersonville. The old gentleman was buried in the old cemetery there. A short time later the widow, Mrs. Fannie E. Melton, expressed the desire to move the body to Tarboro. Joseph H. Melton, defendant, objected and a case developed and reached the court last Monday. By mutual consent the case was heard by Judge Q. K. Nimocks, the presiding officer, without a jury.

Testimony was offered during a greater part of Tuesday, and it became apparent that while a widow has prior claim to the body of her deceased husband there was some doubt about the status of the separation of the husband and wife in the case. The plaintiffs maintained that the separation was friendly, that the husband found it difficult to maintain a home, and that for economy reasons the husband went to live with children by his first marriage and the wife went to live with her own children. The plaintiffs also proved that cordial relations existed between husband and wife, that they visited one another right up until his death.

The defense maintained that the separation was final, and that the widow had no claim to the body. Judge Nimocks promised in open court that he would make a decision before he left his home in Fayetteville. It was unofficially learned that the jurist advanced the opinion that possibly a compromise could be reached whereby the body could be moved from the old to the new cemetery in Robersonville. Apparently if no compromise is reached, the jurist, in due time, will render a decision. And that's the present status of one of the most unusual cases ever called in the courts of this county. As far as members of the bar can recall and as far as it could be learned from the records, a similar case has never been called in the court in this county.

The old divorce mill, running at full blast in previous terms, was virtually stalled this week when Judge Nimocks virtually ruled out "easy" separations. Of the fourteen divorce cases, seven were continued outright and one was denied.

After a mistrial had resulted, the case of Alice Roebuck against Jasper Roebuck was called again and an absolute divorce was granted. It was brought out that the litigants had been separated more than six months, but that the charge of adultery had been brought within the past six months. A mistrial was ordered on the basis of that evidence. It was later brought out that adultery allegedly had been committed at a previous date and the divorce pleadings were then recognized.

A divorce was denied when a plaintiff's witness was not absolutely certain that the plaintiff and defendant had been separated for two years or more. Based on two years' separation a divorce was granted William B. Hill from Novella A. Hill, the sixth to be allowed during the term.

In the case of J. B. Whitfield against Norman Harrell, the jury returned a verdict favoring the defendant. It seems that the plaintiff bought a farm, that it later developed the defendant held a rental contract on the farm, and the court held that the contract was still in effect.

B. A. Critcher was appointed by

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OLD PROBLEM

The age-old problem caused by fireworks on the homefront is almost certain to come up for discussion at the regular meeting of the local town commissioners next Monday night. While there is an ordinance prohibiting the use of fireworks in town, its enforcement has been limited to the business districts, for the most part. A shortage of the "crackers" during the war offered some relief, but the things are now coming back in numbers. Mail order houses are doing a big business and three retailers have been issued licenses for the sale of fireworks in the county so far. Special requests have been heard for strict enforcement of the ban on fireworks, and the commissioners are expected to recognize and consider the requests at their next meeting.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Christmas lights will come on again here for the holiday season, possibly the latter part of next week or the following week, Mayor John L. Hassell said yesterday. It was impossible to get the regular size bulbs, but others of smaller candle power have been received, and plans are being made to have the lights installed as soon as possible. About the same decoration scheme in effect in past years will be used again. The lights were burning at the time of Pearl Harbor, but they went off that season and local streets offered a sad and dreary appearance during the intervening years.

Heavy Docket In J. P. Court Here

While the county court was idle, Justice John L. Hassell administered justice in his court during the past several days. Seventeen cases were handled during the period, including several charging violations of the highway laws.

The docket follows:
Ledes Savage, assault on female, bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$50.

J. T. Perry, assault with a deadly weapon, bound over to the recorder's court under \$50 bond.

Thade Gardner, drunken driving, bound over to the higher courts under \$100 bond.

Lyman Britt, disorderly conduct and indecent exposure, bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$100.

Bursie Tyner, drunk and down, \$2.50 fine and \$8.50 costs.

Joe Roberson, (country) disorderly conduct, \$2.50 fine and \$7.50 costs.

Hoke Baggs, disorderly conduct, \$2.50 fine and \$8.50 costs.

Joe Henry Brown, improper lights on vehicle, \$10 fine and \$6 costs.

James Earl Clark, violating town traffic laws, \$3.50 and \$6.50 costs.

Charlie Ben Roberson, improper lights, \$10 fine and \$6 costs.

Mack Bunting, improper lights, \$10 fine and \$6 costs.

Nathan T. Wynn, improper lights, \$10 fine and \$6 costs.

Jesse Beach, improper lights, \$10 fine and \$6 costs.

Booker T. Lloyd, improper lights, \$10 fine and \$7 costs.

Lester R. Beach, improper parking on highway with improper lights, \$10 fine and \$6 costs.

John Scott, disorderly conduct, \$2 fine and \$8.50 costs.

Remembering the approximately 20,000 war veterans who will spend Christmas in various government hospitals, the Auxiliary of the John Walton Hassell Post, American Legion, tomorrow completes its canvass for contributions and special gifts for the men who gave. The drive to date has been very successful. Mrs. John A. Ward, Auxiliary president and chairman of the special Christmas project, said yesterday, "and we are deeply appreciative of the willing response received so far," Mrs. Ward added.

Approximately \$80 in cash has been contributed and articles in sufficient numbers to pack possibly fifty or sixty boxes have been received. Approximately \$20 will be spent for the purchase of a radio for a hospital ward, it was explained. Included in the list of items donated are, cigarettes, pipes and tobacco, pencils, shaving cream, toilet articles, tooth paste, stamps and postal cards, mirrors, wallets, card sets, scarfs, socks, tobacco pouches, shoe polish sets, puzzles, Bibles, diaries, address books, albums, brush sets and others. Tomorrow is the deadline for receiving contributions. Mrs. Ward expects that much time will be needed to prepare the boxes and turn them over to the Red Cross, which organization will handle the distribution task through its regular personnel.

Place New Car On Display This Week

The new 1946 model Pontiac was placed on display here this week by the Chas. H. Jenkins Company in its showroom on Washington Street.

Each dealer in this area has received one car. This policy is being carried out throughout the rest of the country by Pontiac in the interest of fairness. More cars will be shipped as soon as each of the approximately 3,000 Pontiac dealers have a 1946 model to display.

A preview look at the new Pontiacs now on display reveals advanced styling which emphasizes a road-hugging appearance and plane-like contours.

Native Of County Dies In Florida

Miss Martha Ann Hardison, native of this county, died in a Gainesville, Fla., hospital last Wednesday. She was taken ill with influenza about ten days ago, and pneumonia developed, resulting in her death.

The daughter of the late James W. and Emily Manning Hardison, she was born in the Fairview section of Williams Township on November 16, 1862, and spent most of her life in the county. When about eighteen years of age she fell victim of some unusual disease and she had been an invalid since that time. For sixty-five years she was confined to her bed most of the time, but she accepted her affliction without complaint. Miss Hardison was a charter member of the church at Fairview.

About twenty-four years ago members of the family moved to Florida and located in Gainesville where she made her home with niece, Mrs. Frank Sexton, and Mr. Sexton, returning to this county for visits lasting several months. She returned to Florida from her last visit in February of this year, and was along about as well as usual until she was taken ill about ten days ago.

A sister, Mrs. Aggiebet Griffin, of Williamston, survives. She also leaves twelve nephews, two nieces, twenty-nine greatnephews and twenty-four greatnieces and sixteen great-greatnephews and great-greatnieces.

The body, reaching here this morning, will remain in the Biggs Funeral Home until this afternoon when funeral services are to be conducted at 3:00 o'clock in the Fairview church by Rev. J. L. Goff. Interment will follow in the old family cemetery near the church.

Sale Of Christmas Seals Progressing

Sponsored by the local Woman's Club, the sale of Christmas TB seals is progressing very favorably to date, according to a preliminary report released late yesterday by Mrs. Joel Muse, chairman.

Sending out approximately 600 direct mail appeals, the chairman yesterday had received \$157. Nearly every one of the replies brought \$2, but in a few cases \$1 was enclosed along with half of the original number of seals sent out. In a still fewer cases, all the stamps were returned unaccompanied by money. Several persons boosted the contributions to \$5 and \$10.

No report has been received from the bond seal sales, but they were said to be going forward.

Seals have been turned over to the schools to be purchased by the children. No seals will be offered for sale on the streets unless the drive as originally planned falls short of the \$1,400 goal, it was explained.

Williamston Native To Head Sanatorium In Richmond

Dr. Grover C. Godwin, Williamston native who has been stationed as company doctor for a vast manufacturing firm in Front Royal, Va., for several years, is moving to Richmond to head the Pine Camp Hospital tuberculosis work for the City of Richmond, friends learned here this week.

An authority in TB work, Dr. Godwin was connected with the State Sanatorium at Sanatorium for several years, and headed the Virginia sanatorium at Roanoke, Va., before going to Front Royal.

Wreck Victim Returns Home From Hospital This Week

Rosalie Whichard, Robersonville young woman who was seriously injured in an automobile wreck near Parmele early in the morning of November 12, returned to her home Wednesday of this week after receiving treatment in a Rocky Mount hospital.

Local Man Returns From Durham Hospital This Week

In feeble health for some time, Mr. N. S. Riddick, local man, entered a Durham hospital and underwent an operation last Friday. He returned home last Tuesday, but it will be some time before he will be able to return to his work.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Three more accidents were added to the total last week, the action boosting the count to 72 for the first 47 weeks of 1945. Traffic is increasing from day to day, making it mandatory to drive with greater care.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

Forty-Seventh Week Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge			
1945	3	1	0
1944	2	0	275
Comparisons To Date			
1945	72	40	6
1944	65	40	6

Club Members Are Preparing For The Next Fat Stock Show

Thirty-five Martin County 4-H club members are busy preparing for the next annual fat stock show to be held in this county next April or May, according to a report coming from Assistant Agent Claude Goodman. Possibly five others will start their preparations next week, the agent added.

A dozen of the club members purchased their baby calves some time ago, and twenty-three of the Angus and Hereford breeds were delivered to the youngsters last week. The deliveries last week were made from a shipment handled by D. M. Roberson.

One club member, Billy Worsley, 13 years old, had ill luck at the start. The Oak City lad's 500-pound white face calf, wandered away last week and has not been heard from, according to the latest information reaching here. Still hopeful of recovery, the youngster's father, Mr. Worsley, said.

NEW YEAR

Martin's county commissioners start a new year next Monday with very little new business on the calendar. Routine matters, including the appointment of a tax supervisor for 1946, will require considerable time, it is believed. The reorganization plan calls for the election of a chairman.

No applications have been filed for the tax supervisor's job, but it is thought that the tax collector, M. Luther Peel, will be reappointed. The supervisor, in turn, will appoint the list-takers for the ten townships. As far as it could be learned no formal applications for those jobs have been tendered.

Contract For River Bridge Is Delayed

Canvassing bids for extensive road jobs, the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission this week delayed action on the one calling for the widening of the Roanoke River bridge here. The low bid of \$456,635, submitted by the Bowers Construction Company of Raleigh, apparently was considered too high, and while it was not rejected, the commission engineers pointed out Wednesday that the proposed project would be given further study.

The local project was included in the list placed before contractors this week, reports estimating that the entire letting would cost approximately \$3,885,956.

The program was described as the largest ever advanced by the commission, both as to the amount of money and the number of projects. Bids were received last Tuesday, but no contracts were entered into until the following day when several in the list were rejected, and others were delayed.

Few details could be learned about the project here, but it is understood that when a contract is awarded the contractor will be required to maintain traffic possibly by opening a parallel detour and the erection of a temporary draw bridge across the river. The present drawbridge, it is understood, is to be replaced by a wider one.

Former Local Man Dies In Virginia

Milton Norman, for several years a resident of Williamston, died in a Williamsburg, Va., hospital last Tuesday afternoon. He had been in declining health for some time, but a heart attack was given as the immediate cause of his death. Mr. Norman, known to his friends here as "Mike," was local representative for a fertilizer company for a number of years. He moved from here to Raleigh, later locating in Portsmouth where he owned and operated the Certified Sales Corporation. He was fifty years old.

Funeral services were conducted at his old home in Halifax, N. C., yesterday afternoon and interment was in Sunset Cemetery, Littleton.

Surviving his widow, the former Miss Martha Slade Hassell of Williamston; his mother; three sisters, Mrs. W. T. Stephenson of Halifax, Mrs. H. O. Fisher of Vaughan and Mrs. L. G. Shields of Kingston; two brothers, Swain S. Norman of Halifax and Dr. J. H. Norman of Bath.

Miss Bunn Accepts Eighth Grade Position This Week

Miss Mary Kemp Bunn of Zebulon this week entered upon her new duties as teacher of the eighth grade in the local school. Miss Bunn, at home with the Mercers on Church Street, taught in the Asheboro schools before going to the Canal Zone where she spent several months before returning to her home a short time ago.

The eighth grade position had been filled temporarily following Mrs. Ruth Newton's resignation several weeks ago.

Committee Members Deny Appropriation For River Project

Public Hearing Scheduled In South Hill, Virginia, Next Wednesday

Rejected by the Appropriations Committee of the National House of Representatives a few days ago, the one million dollar request for the construction of a dam and reservoir on the Roanoke River at Buggs Island, Va., was included in the deficiency bill offered before the house by Congressman John Kerr on Wednesday.

Kerr said he will introduce an amendment calling for House approval of appropriations for 120 flood control projects which the Appropriations Committee turned down Monday.

The congressman declared the major battle against the flood control projects is being carried on by private power companies who are afraid production of public power might hurt their interests. "It's the same old story," Kerr said.

The Vance County commissioners of Vance County have adopted a resolution opposing the Buggs Island project on grounds that the reservoir would flood portions of farm land in the county.

The Vance County declaration voiced a desire to see the Roanoke River Valley protected from floods. "If the same can be accomplished without seriously affecting our economic condition" it was set forth, "we are advised and believe flood protection could be accomplished at relatively small cost."

Several hundred persons are expected to attend the hearing, Eric W. Rodgers, secretary of the Roanoke River Flood Control committee, said yesterday. Three principal groups—people living along the Roanoke from Roanoke Rapids to Plymouth, people living above the site for the proposed dam, and the power companies, chiefly the Carolina Power and Light Company, will be represented at the hearing, according to information received here.

The Carolina Power and Light Company is actually fighting any development on the Roanoke River which will create electric energy. Their representatives have been very busy visiting communities up and down the river and explaining their viewpoint on the matter. The Carolina Power & Light Company representatives maintain that it is not possible to build dual purpose dams which will both control floods and create power, and that the proper thing for the government to do is to forget the power end of the project and to build dry basin dams for flood control alone. The facts thus far presented by the U. S. Army Engineers are in contradiction to the contentions of the power company, and the engineers also say that flood control alone is not economically feasible, but that flood control with power will give the government a substantial return on its money invested.

Report Increase In Flue-Cured Tobacco

According to a government report just released for October 1, dealers and manufacturers had 1,255,608,000 pounds of flue-cured tobacco on hand at that time. On October 1, 1944, the dealers and manufacturers had 1,178,840,000 pounds of flue-cured tobacco on hand, the report for this year showing an increase of nearly 77 million pounds over the October 1, 1944, figure.

Stocks of all types of leaf tobacco owned by dealers and manufacturers in the United States and Puerto Rico last October 1, totaled 2,512,982,000 or 151 million pounds more than the amount held at the same time in 1944.

New Well Source Of Ample Water Supply

An ample supply of water has been found in the new well now in the digging on the Washington Road at Skewarkey, it was learned yesterday following preliminary tests. The well has been sunk to a depth of 501 feet and four inches, and two large water-bearing strata were found, one measuring twelve and the other about twenty-eight feet.

The new water is to be tested in laboratories, and if it is acceptable work on the well will be carried on to completion. If the salt content is too high the well will be abandoned.

Auto License Tags Go On Sale Here Tomorrow

The new 1946 state automobile license tags will go on sale in the office of Harrison and Carstarphen, insurance firm, in the George Reynolds Hotel building on Main Street, tomorrow. Deposits have already been made, and a brisk sale of plates is expected at the start.

Last year the bureau, centering its sales in this, Bertie, Washington and Tyrrell Counties, sold between seven and eight thousand tags. The record is almost certain to fall before the 1946 sale is completed.