

## Jamesville School Election Outcome Not Yet Certain

### Ruling On Eligibility of Two Registrants Is Found Necessary

The outcome of a special school election held in the Jamesville district last Saturday is still in doubt, according to the best information obtainable here today. It was pointed out that a ruling on the eligibility of two voters would be necessary before a definite decision could be reached. Apparently not certain of the laws governing the registration in detail, election officials discussed the eligibility of several registrants to participate in the election.

No official report could be had on the election until eligibility rulings are had in about three cases, it was learned. No rulings as far as it could be learned late Monday, had been handed down, but county election officials were said to have taken the cases under advisement. It will be up to the special election officials to make the final decision, it is understood.

According to information received from unofficial sources, 157 names were placed on the registration books for the election. Ninety-four votes were cast last Saturday, 78 for and 16 against, but since the vote was against the registration, the favorable vote fell one short of a majority. It is quite likely that no ruling would be had necessary if a clear majority had been gained by either side.

At least two votes have been challenged, it was learned. Neither one of them was cast in person but they are grouped with the opposition count. One of the votes belongs to a registrant who, according to information received here, moved to the Jamesville district in February of this year. Regular election laws call for a residence of at least one year before one is eligible to register and vote. If the same law applies to special elections, then that vote rightfully should be ruled out. In another case a person in the district registered and the records show that she was only 20 years of age a few months ago. Since the law governing elections rules that one must be 21 years of age or must attain that age on or before the next succeeding general election to vote, it would seem that the name placed on the books for the election last Saturday is out of order. If these two names are ruled out, then the election will have a majority of one.

In another case, the registrant died on the day before the election but her vote was counted against the proposal. It is likely that a ruling on the eligibility of the vote will be asked for.

Realizing that many school districts are having similar problems, it is hoped that the county board will take action to clarify the law.

## Two Minor Auto Wrecks Reported

One person was slightly hurt and no great property damage resulted in two minor automobile accidents reported by members of the N. C. Highway Patrol over the week-end.

Driving from Robersonville in the direction of Parmele, Julius Smith, colored, plowed into the rear of a car parked without lights on the highway about one and one-half miles east of Parmele last Saturday night. No one was hurt, but damage to Smith's car was estimated at \$100 and that to the other car was placed at \$20 by Cpl. W. T. Simpson of the highway patrol. One report stated that Jesse Bland, colored, stopped his car, got out and went across the road to talk with friends who had parked on the other side.

W. E. Bateman, Jr., accompanied by his family of Oak City early Sunday night was driving between Williamston and Hamilton when he ran into a pile of sand on his side of the highway, doing about \$75 damage to his 1941 Ford. His young son suffered a slight back injury, but it was believed not serious. Investigating the accident, Patrolman W. E. Saunders stated that the highway forces had been mixing sand and asphalt on the road, that apparently the warning lights had gone out.

## Small Girls Ride Their Bicycles To Washington

Little Miss Lee Handy, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Handy, and her cousin, Anna Watson, also ten years of age and who was visiting in the Handy home, retired early last Saturday night. Remembering how Little Miss Lee disliked having bedtime called early, her father remarked about the schedule but thought no more about it.

Sunday morning about 6:00 o'clock Mrs. Handy visited the children's room, found them sleeping and added more cover. When members of the family went to the children's room they found the little girls had gone. It was first thought they had gone into the back yard to play, but an investigation revealed that the father's and Lee's bicycles were missing. Mr. Handy thought they had slipped out of the house and were riding around town. A short time later the police were called and a search of the town was made, but no trace of the young ladies could be found. Shortly before 11 o'clock that morning a relative living near Washington telephoned that the

two had just driven in on their bikes, apparently none the worse for their 22-mile ride.

Miss Handy declared that the girls had ridden the bicycles the night before, and went on to explain that she and her cousin waked early Sunday, planned the trip and quickly went into action. They left a note but it was not found until after their return when they pointed it out.

Lee rode her dad's bike and even though she could not sit on the seat and touch the pedals, she set the pace. They stopped at a filling station about six miles this side of Washington and got a drink of water. They next stopped at a relative's home, but when they found them sleeping the girls went to the back porch, ate some watermelon, returned to the highway and continued the trip.

Lee declared she could have pedaled on to Jacksonville and her little cousin insisted she could have made the return trip under her own power, but neither of them argued when relatives arranged to bring them home in a car that afternoon.

## Two More Tobacco Barns Burn On Farms In County

Two more tobacco curing barns were destroyed by fire on farms in this county over the week-end.

Farmer Johnnie D. Mobley lost a barn and several hundred sticks of choice tobacco last Friday in Cross Roads Township, and Farmer J. S. Ayers lost a barn and six hundred sticks of tobacco on the Roberson farm in the same township Sunday afternoon. Both barns were equipped with oil burners.

According to the best available reports, fifteen barns have been destroyed by fire in the county so far this season.

## TB Patient Must Undergo Lengthy Treatment Period

### Needs Rest and Assistance Of Members of Family And Friends

(The following is one in a series of articles prepared by the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and sponsored by civic organizations.—ed.)

Sometimes the family and friends of a tuberculous patient, with the best intentions in the world, actually hinder the patient's recovery.

Not understanding the nature of the disease or the treatment, they fail to offer the patient the kind of assistance he needs to get well.

The only known cure for tuberculosis is rest. Complete bed rest is essential to the person afflicted with tuberculosis. Such rest is not possible, however, unless the patient is able to relax both mentally and physically.

All too often the family or friends fail to grasp the significance of rest and its importance to the patient. Even if the latter is in bed, they go to him with family problems, problems which may disturb the patient mentally and make him restless. They fail to understand that the worries they bring to his bedside have an adverse physical effect on him. His restlessness, even in bed, places a strain on the diseased lung, thereby retarding the healing process.

Often, too, when the patient begins to look better after a few weeks in bed and gains weight, his family thinks he must be well. Remarks about his lying in bed when he looks so well may make the patient feel guilty. Then he is torn between following the doctor's advice and getting up to please the family.

Families should remember that it takes time to heal a diseased lung. It takes time and rest—and plenty of patience on the part of the family as well as the ill person. The doctor does not judge the patient's progress by his outward appearance. He forms his opinion by certain tests he makes and by studying X-ray pictures of the lungs, which reveal whether the lung is healing or not.

The family can help the tuberculous patient by:

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## Brief Review Of Army Air Forces In This Country

### Observation Balloons Were Used By Federals In The Civil War

The true beginning of the present Army Air Forces goes back to August 1, 1907, when the Aeronautical Division of the Signal Corps was established. But the U. S. Army Air Service might be said to go back even farther than that, back to the Civil War, in 1862, when observations from balloons were made for the Army of the Potomac by civilian aeronauts.

In October, 1890, Congress extended the scope of work under the Signal Corps to the duty of collecting and disseminating information which included aerial operations. An officer was sent to Europe to investigate aeronautics. A spherical balloon was purchased from France and stationed at Fort Riley and later at Fort Logan. At Logan a hydrogen plant and shed were erected for balloon experiments.

And in the year 1909... Orville Wright, with Lt. B. C. Foulous of the Army as passenger, successfully accomplished the required air speed test July 30 over a five-mile course from Ft. Myer, Va., to Alexandria, Va., and return. Shortly thereafter, with Lt. Frank P. Lahm as passenger, accomplished the endurance test, establishing a world's record of one hour and 12 minutes for a plane with two occupants. The Wright airplane was officially approved and accepted by the Aeronautics Division on August 2, the first U. S. Military Airplane.

The first experiments with radio in airplanes were begun by the Air Service in 1911. Experiments with aerial photography also were started, and a Lewis machine gun was fired from an airplane for the first time.

The United States entered the war in 1917 with an Air Service strength of 65 officers, 35 of whom fliers, and 1,087 enlisted men. There were 55 airplanes of an obsolete training type and without equipment.

Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell established the Army Air Service in 1918. (Continued on page four)

## Funeral Saturday For G. F. Matthews

Funeral services were held at the home in Robersonville last Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mr. George F. Matthews who died there last Wednesday following an extended illness. Rev. J. M. Perry, assisted by Rev. J. R. Everett, officiated, and interment was in the Robersonville Cemetery.

The last rites were delayed pending the arrival of his daughter, Mrs. W. L. Chesson, Jr., from California.

Mr. Matthews was well known in this section where he lived for a number of years.

## Psychologist In Address To Lions Club Last Week

### Urges Hearers To Face The Realities of Life As They Come

Addressing the regular meeting of Lions and a goodly number of invited guests here last Thursday evening, Dr. James W. Kirkwood, promising psychologist of California, urged his hearers to face life's realities as they come and warned that if we run away from unpleasantness we will reap trouble.

Dr. Kirkwood, an able speaker and master in the use of anecdotes, discussed two types of personalities, describing their characteristics and telling where they might lead. The first type of individual is suspicious, sensitive and thin-skinned. He sees two people talking and laughing and although he has never seen them before he believes they are laughing and talking about him. He believes someone is trying to steal his wife, the doctor declared, adding that the type will twist thoughts, offer excuses and run away from unpleasantness. He cited several examples in identifying this type, "Little Johnnie is sitting on the back steps suffering a hero complex, trying to justify his unpopularity. He is passing the buck, twisting thoughts, bending the facts, and he finds it pleasant to twist his thinking and to run away from realities," Dr. Kirkwood explained.

He mentioned another instance where a woman shopper was attracted to a \$39.50 hat. She admired it but when she noticed the price, she said, "I don't want it. I would not be caught dead with that fuzzy thing on my head." Such practices can get a grip on one and become a habit that will cause trouble.

The other personality type will take any means to escape unpleasant situations and seldom resorts to logical means. They will put off unpleasant tasks from day to day. The youngster, working on his algebra, will turn on the radio and after hearing Tarzan a few minutes he forgets all about his algebra and he pictures himself as Tarzan.

The speaker told about the young high school girl who did not like her teacher, and a little incident causes a conflict of decisions. She feigns illness and remains at home that day. She is all right the next day and for about two weeks, but she is the victim of another spell and instead of meeting the situation she feigns illness and remains at home the second time. The spells become more frequent. She marries and the technique of running away from unpleasantness is advanced. She complains with this or that ailment or disease, trying to solve her problems by feigning illness. "And she suffers just as though she were afflicted with the diseases complained of," Dr. Kirkwood said. "And it is unfair to expect the doctor to cure in a week or even a year an ailment which has been the result of a habit." (Continued on page four)

## Prominent County Man Died Friday

Aaron E. Smith, prominent county citizen and one of this section's leading stock raisers and farmers, died at his home in Robersonville last Friday morning following a short illness.

Mr. Smith, 83 years of age, had been unusually active for his advanced years up until a short time ago. He had been ill for about one week and it was thought the day before the end that his condition was improving.

In addition to his farming interests he was in the hardware business in Robersonville for many years.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Sallie Cox and Mrs. Thomas Roberson, both of Robersonville; two sons, Claude T. Smith and Marion Smith, also of Robersonville; seventeen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the home last Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, assisted by the Rev. J. R. Everett, pastor of the Robersonville Baptist Church. Interment was in the Robersonville Cemetery.

## Throngs Attend Daniel Funeral In Robersonville

### Young County Man Killed In Plane Crash On July 18th

One of the greatest throngs to attend a funeral in this county in years was present to pay tribute to the memory of Lt. James Robert Daniel at services held in the Robersonville Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon. The large church accommodated only a portion of the crowd.

The pastor, Rev. J. R. Everett, assisted by Rev. E. C. Wilkie, a former pastor, conducted the last rites, each of them paying a fine tribute to the young man's character.

Interment was in the Robersonville Cemetery, a military detail from an Army Air Corps field taking part in the service.

The young man, a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, lost his life in a plane crash at Goodland, Kansas, on July 18. He had just been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Daniel, of near Robersonville, and was on his way to Utah where he was to be transferred for duty to the Pacific. He was riding as a passenger, and it is believed that he and the other passengers were sleeping when the plane crashed in a field near Goodland during a violent electrical and rain storm. Unofficial reports indicate that all were killed instantly that none of the bodies was burned.

The body, escorted by Lt. Coppelle of Denver, Colorado, arrived in Rocky Mount last Saturday afternoon and was delivered to the A. O. Roberson Funeral Home in Robersonville a short time later.

The following story was released by a press agency under a Roanoke Rapids dateline last Saturday:

Two Eastern North Carolina young men three years ago enlisted in the Army the same day, and then began a friendship that lasted throughout the services.

Arrest Fugitive Sunday Afternoon

Wanted for breaking and entering by Bertie County authorities, Francis William Pritchard, 22-year-old colored man, was arrested at the home of Sam Whitley on the Creek farm near Williamston last Sunday afternoon.

It was first thought that the man was the "squeezer" or phantom who officers have chased and sought for several weeks in this section. It is possible that Pritchard was mistaken for the other man, and it is fairly certain that his arrest will slow down reports on prowlers in this immediate area. Wearing his hair long and a chin beard the man was of dark complexion and at the time of his arrest he was dressed in a blue shirt and streaked (dress) pants.

Officers stated that the man had been hiding out in this section for about two or three weeks, that the man referred to as the phantom had been operating for six or more weeks.

Pritchard wandered to the Whitley home Sunday and he soon sized up to be the real squeezer. One member of the family was instructed to contact officers who answered the call. Unable to approach the house without being seen from the front, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel parked their car and skirted the woods for three-quarters of a mile and came up from the rear. Separating at the back of the house, the officers moved forward and trapped Pritchard before he could move. The man was later turned over to Bertie authorities.

## Returns From Richmond Hospital To Home Here

Injured while playing ball with his son at Nags Head week before last, Mr. Iverson Skinner, local tobaccoconist, is returning home today from a Richmond hospital where he received treatment for a week.

Just how badly he was hurt could not be definitely learned, but one report stated that two vertebrae in his back were injured, that he would have to be in a cast for about six weeks.

## Action Delayed On Teacherage Purchases

### Schools To Open Term In County On August 29th

### County Approves \$20,000 Project But Committee Objects To Price

Action on the proposed purchase of the remodeled K. B. Crawford home on North Smithwick Street for a teacherage was delayed this week when the local district committee all but agreed that the \$20,000 purchase price was too high. The local committee balked after the county board of education had agreed to accept three-fourths of \$15,000 of the purchase cost at a meeting held last Friday night.

Impressed with the five-apartment building during an inspection last week, the local committee later encountered a heating problem, some of the members declaring the proposed project was just more than they wanted to tackle.

Heating engineers have been called in to make a study of the property, and it is possible that the problem can be solved satisfactorily, one of the committee members pointed out in discussing the proposed purchase of the property.

"We consider the cost entirely too high with too much uncertainty attached," R. T. Coburn, chairman of the committee for the district, said yesterday.

Asked what arrangements could be made to accommodate the new principal and his family and several teachers, Chairman Coburn said that they were inspecting the S. S. Brown home on Haughton Street with the view of buying. He also stated that other property was being offered for sale. Members of the board are out of town this week and no final decision is expected before next Monday, if by that time.

It was intimated that the committee had not definitely rejected the Crawford house plan, that possibly if the heating problem could be solved they would give it further consideration.

The school man said that something would be done to house Principal B. G. Stewart and his family and teachers. "We'll take some teachers in our own home and I believe that there are others interested enough in the schools and the welfare of the children to open their homes and help handle the problem," Mr. Coburn said.

After the teacherage proposal was discussed, the local committee, Messrs. R. L. Coburn, C. B. Clark and R. H. Goodman, retired and the county board discussed dates for opening the schools for the 1946-47 term. The opening will be held in Thursday, August 29. Two days will be allowed this year for Thanksgiving, a holiday that has been eliminated from the schedule for the past several years. The schools will close for Christmas on December 20 and reopen on January 2. By starting on August 29 it will be possible for the schools to complete four full months of the term which, under normal weather conditions and without epidemics, will close on May 21.

Board members J. D. Woolard, E. C. Edmondson and G. C. Griffin were present for the meeting. Messrs. Ferd Holliday and Henry C. Norman, the two other members, were unable to attend the meeting.

## Gets Discharge From The Army

Flying in last week from the Azores where he spent almost a year one of the small islands there, Sgt. Maurice S. Moore, Jr., is receiving his discharge from the army at Fort Bragg this week.

The young man, after making a brief trip to Europe, returned to the Azores a few weeks ago and continued the homeward journey last week. En route to Fort Bragg from Massachusetts where he landed, the sergeant stopped over to spend the week-end at home, continuing to Fort Bragg Sunday night.

### ROUND-UP

After holding to about seven for three weeks in a row, the number of persons arrested and jailed here last week-end showed a marked gain. Thirteen persons were arrested and jailed, ten for public drunkenness and one each for drunkenness and disorderly conduct and one for breaking and entering.

Four of the thirteen were white and the ages of the group ranged from nineteen to fifty-six years.

## Funeral Services Conducted Sunday For Mrs. Holliday

### Jamesville Citizen Passed Away Friday Following Heart Attack

Mrs. Lucy Mizelle Holliday, wife of Jackson Holliday of Jamesville Township, died unexpectedly in a Plymouth doctor's office last Friday night at 10:00 o'clock following a heart attack suffered just a short time before. Apparently in her usual health, Mrs. Holliday was active during the day and was thought to be getting along all right until she suffered the attack. She was carried to the doctor's office, dying just as she was entering there.

The daughter of the late W. T. and Hester Davis Mizelle, she was born in Jamesville Township 63 years ago. In early womanhood she was married to Mr. Holliday and spent her entire life in that community. She was a member of the Christian church at Dardens.

Surviving are eight daughters, Mrs. Selma Delaney of California, Mrs. Marshall Waters of Plymouth, Mrs. Rosa Gray Roberson and Mrs. Verona Glenn of Williamston, Mrs. Essie Norris and Mrs. Vonnie Reed of Jamesville, Mrs. Eloise Waters of Norfolk and Miss Opal Holliday of the home; seven sons, Winston, Millard, Joseph and Marion, all of Jamesville, Woodrow of Williamston, and C. B. and Homer Holliday, both of Plymouth; two brothers, Lewis and Lommie Mizelle, both of Jamesville, and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. Dennis Warren Davis and burial was in the family cemetery, near the home.

## County Young Man Serving In Japan

With the Eighth Army in Japan. Technician Fifth Grade William B. Cannon, Jr., of Hobgood, North Carolina, is among the men serving with the 1st Cavalry Division in the occupation of the Nippon capital.

Overseas since November 1945, he is assigned to the 204th Ordnance MM Company. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal.

As a civilian, he attended Oak City high school and worked on the farm with his father. He entered the army April 30, 1945 and took his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

## Young Colored Man Died Last Sunday

William Slade, young colored man and errand boy for drug stores and soda shops here for a number of years and more recently employed as delivery man by the Blue Star Cleaners, died in a Washington hospital last Sunday afternoon shortly before 4:00 o'clock. He had been in declining health for several years and was a patient in the hospital for about two weeks. The young man was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon and burial will follow in the Odd Fellows Cemetery here.

He is survived by his widow, a young son and an adopted daughter.

## On Prowlers Are Heard In Section

### Main Phantom or Squeezer Is Still At Large In Or Near Williamston

There's a whole of a lot of prowling going on in this section, or quite a few people are imagining things, according to reports from law enforcement agencies which have been deluged with calls and reports during the past few days. The officers admit that some of the calls might be well founded, but most of them have to do with irksome but harmless prowlers. Then there are cases of nervous tension where the victims, weary with over-work and hot weather, thought someone was after them when it was nothing more than a green persimmon or leaf falling from a tree. Without stopping to investigate, they fled from the scene and reported to officers.

No direct report on the "squeezer," as many are now calling the fellow who is believed to have escaped from a road camp, has been received since he tried to attack a small colored girl near Williamston some days ago. Officers believe the man has left this section, but reports on prowlers continue to pour in.

Last Thursday night, local officers were called to the corner of Wilson and Sycamore Streets. Two officers and a patrolman answered the call. Searching in a backyard, Patrolman W. E. Saunders stumbled over a courting couple, and about that time Henry "Booze" Joyner fired a broadside into the air. Windows were closed and doors were banged shut.

Early Saturday morning Azariah Roberson, on his way about 4 o'clock to clean the Hassell plot in Skewarkey Cemetery, saw a man loitering around the church and he reported to officers. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Deputy J. H. Roebuck, jacked up the trail and ran Moses Williams, Beaufort County colored man, down on the Washington Road. Williams explained that he came to Williamston the night before, got a little too much to drink and was late getting a start home.

Trained bloodhounds were delivered to the Martin County prison camp near here from Halifax last Friday night, and law enforcement officers are working and making ready to close in on the phantom convict or squeezer. During the meantime, the reports on prowlers will be received over the regular telephones.

Advised that a prowler had been reported on the railroad near Sweet Water Creek, farmers living and working near the railroad below Jamesville are hesitant to stay at their curing barns at night. They were said to be carrying their guns with them.

Previously, the squeezer was reported to have jumped on a local colored woman's porch and snatched a glass from her hand.

The last report on the prowler came from Roosevelt Wilson. (Continued on page four)

## Second Infantile Paralysis Case

The second case of infantile paralysis in the county this summer was reported last Friday following a diagnosis made by doctors in a Greenville hospital.

Taken ill a few days before, John Wade Coltrane, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Coltrane of the Farm Life section of Griffins Township, was treated by a Williamston doctor who advised the parents to remove the child to the hospital for treatment.

The case was described as quite severe, one report stating that the youngster had no use of his legs.

Advised of the case, the Martin County chapter of the National Paralysis Fund Foundation immediately made arrangements to have the child received in the special hospital at Gastonia. Transportation was provided and the child will be treated at the expense of the national foundation, one report stated.

A small colored child whose parents live in Gold Point fell victim of the disease about six weeks ago and he was removed to the hospital at Gastonia.