

Appoint Woolford District Manager Of VEP Company

Succeeds R. H. Goodmon Who Was Recently Named Vice President

Sam Woolford, native of Virginia but a resident of Williams-ton for the past ten years excepting several spent in the armed forces during the war, was recently promoted to the management of the Virginia Electric and Power Company's Albemarle Division with headquarters in Williamston. He succeeds R. H. Goodmon who was recently promoted to a vice presidency in the company. Mr. Woolford entered upon his new duties a few days ago.

Born in Norfolk, Mr. Woolford studied in the schools there and was graduated from VPI in 1927. Following his graduation he entered the employment of the Virginia Electric Power Company as student engineer in Norfolk. Two years later he was transferred to Suffolk and remained there until 1937 when he came to Williams-ton as distribution engineer. A short time later he was made superintendent of distribution for the Williamston area.

His service record with the company was interrupted on January 31, 1942, when he entered the Army. After basic training, he was given a promotion and was stationed in Alaska for about sixteen months.

Discharged by the armed forces in late 1945 he returned to his old job here in November that year and was soon made head of the company's distribution system in the district, embracing the offices here, Ahsokie and Elizabeth City.

Purchasing a home on Watts Street, Mr. Woolford is making repairs to it and plans to move his wife and two daughters here within the next few weeks. When the war broke out, the Woolfords gave up their home here and she and the children have been making their home with her relatives in Holland, Va.

Suggests Settlement In Father-Son Case

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Former Rector Of Church Here Dies

Rev. William Jones Gordon, former rector of the Church of the Advent here, died in a Leaks-ville hospital Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The minister suffered a heart attack last Friday while visiting a parishioner in the hospital. His condition was apparently improving until early Wednesday when he suffered a second attack.

The minister and his wife visited here the early part of last week and was apparently in good health at that time. A native of Wilmington he was graduated from the University of North Carolina and the School of Theology of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn. Rev. Gordon came to the local church from Plymouth in 1908 and left about 1911 for Spray where he had since made his home and served the church there.

He was married to Miss Anna Clark, a native of Hamilton, who moved in her early youth to Scotland Neck.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Episcopal church at Spray Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock and burial will follow in the cemetery there.

Besides his widow he is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Donald E. Williams of Recife, Brazil; Mrs. E. P. Dameron of Marion, America Gordon of Salisbury, Jocelyn Gordon of Calabash, Mary Irwin Gordon and Gracie Gordon of the home; one son, the Rev. William J. Gordon, Jr., of Point Hope, Alaska; one sister, Betty Gordon of Leaksville, and six grandchildren.

March Meeting of Local P.T. A. Is Called Off

First postponed on account of the influenza epidemic, the March meeting of the local post-teacher association was called off yesterday. The next meeting of the organization will be held on the fourth Monday night in April, it was announced.

UNCERTAIN

Although tentatively scheduled to die a natural death next Monday, the Selective Service System may linger on in one form or another after that time, according to unofficial reports heard here this week. It is thought by some that the offices will be maintained on a part-time basis, but the system as far as its effectiveness is concerned is just about petered out.

A few youths have continued to register in recent weeks upon reaching their eighteenth birthdays, but no registrants have been classified in months, and no one has been inducted into the service from the county in even a longer time.

Superior Court In Final Session Of Term on Tuesday

Judge Paul Frizelle Says One Case Most Unusual He Ever Heard

The Martin County Superior Court held the last sessions of the March term last Tuesday and adjourned early in the afternoon, but not until it had heard a very unusual case. Declaring that he had not tried one like it during his sixteen years on the bench, Judge J. Paul Frizelle, the presiding jurist, dismissed the jury from the room and suggested a settlement in the case of Chas. W. Moore, Jamesville farmer, against his son, Levi Clayton Moore.

Out of court, the jurist said one wonders how the nations can agree on anything when fathers and sons go to law and when men can't agree on the possession of a tiny bit of land.

After creeping from under a ragged criminal docket last week, the court tackled the civil calendar Monday, grinding out in its mill sixteen divorces in less than two hours that day. A seventeenth divorce was added to the list Tuesday when Delia Major was granted an absolute divorce from Cap Major, the action being based on two-year separation grounds. More than two thirds of those seeking divorces were colored persons.

Centering its attention on the Moore case Tuesday morning, the court heard evidence of both sides until almost noon. The father plaintiff explained to the court how he and his returned soldier son had entered into a contract in early 1946. "I deed him two tracts of land. He paid me \$1,200, and I was to have a life estate. He was to cultivate the farm and divide the crops," the father said, adding that the son was to add two rooms to the house.

The plaintiff admitted that the son had done a fair job farming, that he had divided the crops. However, differences developed during the farming year, the father grouping them under three heads. It was alleged that the son broke the contract when he did not dig the peanuts, when he whipped a mule and when he did not build a house. Other differences were aired before the court, and the testimony was bitter at times.

Taking the stand the son defendant explained that the rains had drowned the peanuts, that they were not worth digging. He said that he had ordered material for the house, that some was delivered but delivery was delayed on dressed lumber and other items. It was fairly apparent that the terms of the contract could not be met.

A climax in the case was reached when the defendant mentioned a fight between the litigants' dogs. Judge Frizelle readily recognized the real bone of contention, and it was apparent that the law suit was the outgrowth of a dog fight.

"We were chopping peanuts one day and our dogs were along. All went well until we started to get into my jeep and drive home. One of the dogs hopped into the back, and a hand on the farm picked up the other dog and placed him in the jeep. They started fighting. My father kicked my dog in the head as hard as he could and temporarily stunned him. The other dog had the advantage for a while and that was all right with my father. But when my dog recovered from the kick, the situation was reversed and my father wanted me to pull my dog off. He had boasted that his dog could whip mine, and I had told him we could let them fight and see which was the best. I did not pull my dog away and they fought for about twenty minutes. My father would not ride home with us," the son said.

Asking the jury to retire from the room, Judge Frizelle told the litigants' counsel that he felt certain the jury would not act to oust the son and see him lose the farm.

Red Cross Drive Goes Over Top In County's Chapter

Liberal Response Sends Drive \$410.97 Over Original Goal

Liberal and willingly supported in nearly every one of the districts, the annual Red Cross Fund Drive exceeded the original goal in the Martin County Chapter this week. Fund Drive Chairman C. B. Clark announced yesterday.

Up until noon Thursday, \$2,910.97 had been raised and reported in the chapter. Three districts had not reported at that time, and the drive was not quite complete in about four others. Mrs. J. C. Kirkman, co-chairman of the drive in Jamesville, explained that several of the canvassers had been ill and that the drive had been delayed. However, the district was hardly \$25 short of its quota late Wednesday, Chapter Chairman Clark explained.

According to the last report filed by the chapter drive chairman, nine of the sixteen districts had exceeded their quotas.

Even before all reports are in, the colored citizens in the chapter have almost exceeded their quota, the Jamesville community, Williamston, Smithwick's and Woolard's or Rogers' going over the top since the last report was made public.

Reviewing the drive to date, Chairman Clark said that reports are not yet complete for Jamesville, Williamston, Dardens, Corey's, Burroughs and Williamston (colored), the number including two who have not yet submitted the first report.

Following is a review of the quotas and amounts collected by districts:

District	Quota	Raised
Jamesville	\$ 225.00	\$ 195.70*
Williams	40.00	61.39
Griffins	225.00	269.05
Bear Grass	225.00	198.50
Williamston	1,335.00	1,768.90*
Colored:		
Dardens	50.00	.00
Jamesville	30.00	31.35
Williams	27.50	45.01
Corey's	12.50	.00
Poplar Point	12.50	12.50
Bear Grass	12.50	7.60
Biggs	25.00	32.00
Woolard's	40.00	46.38
Burroughs	25.00	.00
Smithwick	15.00	18.00
Williamston	200.00	224.59*

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*Incomplete reports.

Schedule County Dog Vaccinations

Beginning next Tuesday, Dr. W. F. Coppage, veterinarian and rabies inspector, will handle the vaccination of all dogs in the county. The first of the clinics will be held in Dardens that day, April 1, and others will be held at convenient locations in the county through April 24. The schedule for the clinics has been published and most of the dog owners have been advised directly to carry their dogs to the nearest clinic.

This county has been free of rabies for many years, but a few mad dogs have wandered across the boundary lines. County authorities cannot control the influx of infected animals, but they propose to reduce the danger to an absolute minimum within the county. Following the completion of the immunization program, a house-to-house canvass will be made. Dogs that have not been vaccinated will be subjected to the immunization program or they will be eliminated with the possibility that the owners will be indicted in those cases where they do not cooperate.

ATTENDANCE IMPROVING

A steady improvement in attendance is reported at the local schools following their reopening Wednesday morning after being closed because of an epidemic of influenza. The number of absences was cut to half of that at the time of the closing. Increasing absences at Bear Grass and Jamesville may force those two schools to close temporarily, it was reported Thursday.

General Assembly Planning To Quit Early Next Month

Much Yet To Be Done And Isn't Too Late For Some Fireworks

There is some talk of adjournment the early part of next month for North Carolina's General Assembly, but leaders admit that much work is yet to be done, and observers point out that it isn't too late for some fireworks to explode in the once august and respected body.

Although a few bills were passed, the activities of the past few days in the legislature merely tended to befuddle an already complicated and muddled situation.

After denying a minimum wage to over 200,000 workers, the lawmakers tasted some of their own bitter medicine when the attorney general's office suggested that a proposed \$6 pay raise for the legislators would be unconstitutional. But, judging from past antics, the assembly hasn't pulled all its tricks out of the bag.

A bone of contention from the beginning, the alcoholic beverages question is still being argued, and the situation is more muddled and jumbled up now than it was back in January.

As the Assembly moves to adjourn, the legislative mill is being jammed with measures of one kind or another. Over 1,000 have been dumped into the hopper, and so far about half of them have been enacted into law. Beverage laws offer a crazy patched quilt pattern, some of them outlawing the sale in a little nook here and another yonder. Others provide for the sale of beverages in this or that area, but the people defied by the strong lobbies and some of the dear lawmakers, are still being denied the right to express themselves after a democratic fashion.

A lone fertilizer company, supported by a few farmers, moved last Tuesday to challenge the right of a recognized agency to control in the interest of the farmers the manufacture and sale of fertilizer. The company maintained it was terrible for the farmers to have someone protect their interests, but that it was all right for individuals to jeopardize the public. No action has been taken on the proposal calling for the stamping in bold letters of the contents, and to prohibit the manufacturers from changing formulas on advertised brands without permission of the department of agriculture.

Another bill, empowering the highway commission to fix load limits on secondary roads, is being challenged by the big interests. To fix load limits would "seriously hamper the business of his client," one witness said. No mention was made of the fact that excessive loads would ruin the roads and seriously hamper the business of hundreds of little guys.

A bill is being advanced to place taxis under state control. Delivering some telling blows against labor earlier in the session, the lawmakers are now proposing to eliminate the picket line. It has been rumored that the representatives of the economic interests contacted Thursday morning one said that they had discussed filing to succeed themselves, that they would make known their plans next week.

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Older Youth Group To Meet Here Monday Night

The Older Youth Club will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday night March 31st at 8 p. m., in the Agricultural Building in Williamston. An interesting program has been planned. All young people between the ages of 16 and 26 are cordially invited and urged to attend. A summer camping trip will be planned, it was announced.

Plan Pre-Easter Services In The Theater and Churches

A schedule of pre-Easter services for this community was announced this week by the Williamston Ministerial Association, calling for daily services in the Watts Theater from 10 to 10:30 o'clock each morning and in one of the several cooperating churches each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The morning services centering around the theme, "The Event of the Day," will hear local ministers, as follows: Monday, Dr. Ira Knight; Tuesday, Rev. John W. Hardy; Wednesday, Rev. B. T. Hurley; Thursday, Rev. John L. Goff; Friday, Rev. B. T. Hurley. A special invitation is being extended to business operators and employees to attend the 30-minute services in the theater each morning through next Friday.

The entire student body at the high school is to attend the morning services, it was announced, and they with others are expected to fill the theater for each service.

The evening services with "One of the Seven Words" as the discussion theme have been scheduled as follows: Monday at the Methodist church, Rev. John W. Hardy; Tuesday in the Episcopal church, Rev. B. T. Hurley; Wednesday in the Baptist church, Rev. John Goff; Thursday in the Christian church, Rev. Ira Knight. A climax in the religious program for the week will center in the Community Choir Sing, "The Seven Last Words," on Friday evening in the Methodist church.

The public is invited to attend all the services.

Town's Political Pot Is Beginning To Boil

John L. Hassell Files To Succeed Himself as Mayor

Several Announce For Places On Board; Old Members Plan to Run

Williamston's political pot, after cooking peacefully until a movement was started to eliminate an open nominating convention and create a primary election, started simmering this week when the first candidates entered the campaign. Mayor John L. Hassell, fourteen years in the position, opened the campaign when he filed to succeed himself. In feeble health for some months, the mayor is much improved. A contest for the position developed Thursday morning when Robert H. Cowen, local young attorney who recently returned home after a stay of several years in Richmond, formally announced his candidacy for mayor. It was rumored that there were other potential candidates, but no formal announcement has been made by any of those, and up until noon Thursday, Mr. Cowen had not filed with the clerk.

Three candidates announced for places on the board of commissioners Thursday noon with the possibility that three others would announce over the week-end. It was reliably rumored that several if not all the members of the present board would enter the race to succeed themselves.

Messrs. John Hatton Gurganus, Ben D. Courtney and K. D. Worrell formally announced their candidacies for places on the board of commissioners. It was unofficially reported that H. Leeman Barnhill, A. J. Manning and C. D. Carstaphen would enter the race, the first two for commissioners, and the third either for mayor or commissioner. No formal announcement has been made by any of the members of the old board.

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The daughter of the late Edwin and Hester Waters Ange, she was born in Jamesville Township 57 years ago on August 18, 1889, and spent her entire life in that community. She was a member of the Cedar Branch Baptist Church for a long number of years, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Mrs. Ange, devoted to her church, was active in its service as long as she was able to be up, giving freely of her time and support. She was a devoted wife and thoughtful mother, and enjoyed a large circle of friends.

In early womanhood she was married to Horton C. Modlin who survives with six sons, Arthur L., Wendell and Arnold Modlin, all of the Jamesville community; Willie and Dennis Modlin, both of near Williamston; Rex Modlin, of Plymouth, and an adopted son, Luther Respass of Jamesville; two daughters, Mrs. Willie Mayo Gardner and Mrs. Joe A. Hardison, both of Jamesville, and a brother, Ed E. Ange, of Jamesville, and twenty grandchildren.

PROPERTY SALE

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Kiwanis - Lions Schedule Game

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