

## Make Plans For Mass Tubercular X-Ray In County

### Five Mobile Units Coming To County To Make Survey In January

Meeting in the county health department offices here last Tuesday, a special citizens' committee mapped plans for handling a mass tubercular x-ray survey in this county, beginning January 27. Those present for the meeting and pledging their support in helping complete arrangements for handling the survey, included: Rev. E. R. Stewart, N. L. Hyman, Nat Johnson, Rev. W. B. Harrington, Frosty Martin, J. L. Knowles, Chas. H. Manning, Mrs. S. H. Grimes, Mary Taylor, Jas. C. Manning, Elizabeth Parker, Garnette Crocker, Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, Mrs. Ben James, Chas. Daniel and members of the health department staff.

Drs. Vestal and Richardson and Miss Carnegie of the State Board of Health attended the meeting and outlined plans for the mass survey, an important first step in an all-out drive against tuberculosis.

Miss Carnegie will return to the county the second week in December and remain until the work is completed.

Five large mobile trucks, accompanied by one physician and sixteen staff members, will be brought into the county on January 27. Twelve volunteer clerks are wanted to help handle the work.

Commenting on the survey, Health Officer J. W. Williams said:

"We are extremely fortunate in getting the service for the county, and we certainly need it.

"As a preliminary to the survey, picture shows are being scheduled in the county schools and before parent-teacher groups. Printed matter and posters, furnished by the State, will be distributed shortly."

Further plans for the survey will be announced just as rapidly as they are completed, Dr. Williams added.

## Former Resident Dies In Norfolk

Robert L. Herring, former Williamston resident, died in a Norfolk hospital early Thursday morning of a heart attack. He had been suffering with heart trouble for some time, but was getting along very well until early Thursday morning when he suffered another attack at his home and died shortly after he was removed to the hospital.

About 37 years of age he was born and reared in Wilson County, coming to Williamston about nine years ago. He was later married to Miss Susie Griffin of Williamston and located in Norfolk.

Surviving besides his widow are a daughter, Carolyn Elizabeth, his father and several brothers and sisters.

The body is being brought here for funeral services and interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, but final arrangements are yet to be completed for the service.

## Fined in Justice Of Peace Court Wednesday

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes and inadequate lights, Effie Brown was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs in Justice J. L. Hassell's court here Wednesday evening.

## Civil Service Jobs Are Opened By Commission

The Civil Service Commission has announced examinations to fill physical therapist and tobacco inspector positions.

### TRAILING

The issuance of automobile drivers' license in this county is trailing badly behind the announced schedule. Hardly more than half have taken the tests.

## Final Report For Tobacco Market Filed Here Today

Ring down the final curtain last Tuesday, Williamston's tobacco market established a new poundage record but despite that record, income for the 1947 crop is measuring just about half a million dollars short of the gross received for the 1946 crop.

According to unofficial but reliable reports, the market during the season just ended sold 12,205,114 pounds for \$5,026,962.37, an average of \$41.19 per hundred pounds. In 1946, the market here sold 10,874,674 pounds for \$5,515,721.11, an average of \$50.72 per hundred pounds. In 1945, the market sold 11,278,890 pounds for \$4,978,413.28, an average of \$44.14 per hundred pounds.

When the first sales were held on August 25, this year, it was predicted that the price average for 1947 would trail the 1946 figure by \$10 a hundred pounds. Sad to relate, the prediction proved

about right, the preliminary reports showing that the average this year was \$6.53 per hundred pounds lower than it was last year.

Despite the half million dollar financial beating the growers took this past season with a million and one-thirds pounds more of tobacco to offer for sale, the income is slightly more than it was in 1945. When compared with the 1945 sales, the income figure this year does not appear to be as bad as it would first seem to be.

Handling nearly 50,000 pounds on the final sale last Tuesday, the market averaged hardly \$20 per hundred. Unable to sell their scrap as scrap, farmers tied up the "leavings" and marketed them for about two cents a pound, the large quantity of inferior tobacco playing havoc with the average which had been declining for several days.

## Explains Quota Plan For Peanuts In 1948

**CRITICAL**  
While all hope had not been abandoned for it, the peanut situation is recognized as critical in this section as the result of the continual rainfall. Only a very small percentage of the crop has been picked, and it will be days before the threshing operations can be resumed. The weather man is predicting fair weather for Friday, but is promising more rain for Saturday.

## Carolyn A. Stalls Dies In Hospital

Little Miss Carolyn Arlinza Stalls, daughter of Mrs. Carolyn Stalls Daniel, and the late Lawrence Stalls of Williamston, died in Duke Hospital, Durham, Wednesday morning.

The little girl, born November 18, 1939, underwent a major operation for a brain tumor in Duke last December. After staying there about a month she apparently recovered and was thought to be getting along very well until last Sunday when her condition became serious. She was returned to the hospital immediately.

Surviving besides her mother are two half-brothers, Master Herman Daniel of Williamston and Bethel, and Leon Stalls of Virginia.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Bethel Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Howard, at 3:00 o'clock, and interment will follow in Williamston's Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Has Three Cases In Mayor's Court

Mayor Robert Cowen heard three cases in his court this week.

Gabriel Wiggins, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost. The defendant denied standing idly by while someone else beat his (Wiggins') wife.

Publicly drunk Dorsey Hinton was fined \$5, plus costs.

Sallie Little was taxed with the costs in the case charging her with public drunkenness.

## Minor Highway Wreck Tuesday

No one was injured and very little property damaged when a 1937 Ford truck driven by J. K. Rogerson and a 1946 Chevrolet driven by Jack Whittly of Greenville crashed at the intersection of Highway No. 64 and the Prison Camp road at 6:15 o'clock last Tuesday evening.

Investigating the accident, Patrolman W. E. Saunders said the damage to both vehicles would hardly exceed \$50.

## Hardy Whitford Dies At Home Of Daughter Tuesday

### Funeral Here Wednesday And Interment In New Cemetery

Hardy Whitford, retired merchant, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mayo Hardison, on South Haughton Street here last Tuesday morning at 8:45 o'clock, the victim of a heart attack. Getting up about his usual hour that morning, Mr. Whitford seemed to be in his usual health. About two hours later he told members of the family that he wasn't feeling very well and sat down in a chair, suffering the attack and dying in less than five minutes or before medical aid could reach him.

A son of the late Alonza and Mollie Gaskins Whitford, he was born in Craven County not far from New Bern on October 3, 1875, and spent most of his life there where he farmed and later entered the mercantile business. In early manhood he was married to Miss Minnie Whitford who died here three years ago. Following a long residence in Craven, he located in Edgecombe County near Tarboro, and came to Williamston four years ago to make his home. During his stay here he made many friends. He was an ordent Mason, holding membership in St. John's Lodge in New Bern for many years. He was a member of the Episcopal Church in New Bern.

Surviving besides his daughter with whom he made his home here, are a daughter, Mrs. Edward Belangia of New Bern; a brother, Bryan Whitford of Washington and a half-sister, Mrs. Mamie Whitford of New Bern; and two grandsons, Edward Belangia and Eddie Mayo Hardison.

Funeral services were conducted at the Haughton Street home here Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by Rev. John W. Hardy and Rev. John L. Goff. The Massons and the Rev. Charlie Williams, Episcopal minister of New Bern, conducted the last rites at the graveside in New Bern's Cedar Grove Cemetery at 4:00 o'clock.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

For the first time since June 22 motorists on Martin County highways traveled through a week without accident, members of the highway patrol stating that the motorists had a clean slate for the 46th week in the current year. However, the motorists got a fairly good start in the 47th week, several accidents having been reported during the first two days.

The property damage for the two years is almost the same.

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.

46th Week			
Accidents	Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge
1947	0	0	\$ 0
1946	4	4	850
Comparisons To Date			
1947	121	56	\$26,635
1947	112	86	26,840

## First Colored Citizens On Petit Jury In This County

The first colored citizens ever to sit on a petit jury in Martin County served in that capacity in the superior court last Tuesday. Maude Alexander, popular nurse of Williamston and John Cherry, farmer of near Hassell, both highly respected citizens, were accepted as a matter of routine when the jury was selected in the case of Smith against Pittman. The court spent a greater part of Tuesday hearing evidence and argument in the case, and the jury deliberated the issues hardly more than ten minutes before reaching a decision.

In addition to being the first Martin County woman to serve as a member of a petit jury, the nurse is believed to be among the first, if not the first, of her race

## Proposed Extension Of Town Limits Has Strong Opposition

### RAINFALL

Rain has fallen here on eleven of the first twenty days in the current month. Bridgekeeper Hugh Sprull stating Thursday morning that a total of 5.36 inches had fallen to date. While most of the rain fell on the second and eleventh, the others were of sufficient size to block the peanut harvest and play havoc with the roads.

The weather man is predicting more rain for the weekend in this section.

Roanoke River, reaching a level of 11.3 feet Tuesday, was holding to that point Thursday afternoon.

## Bishop Darst To Speak Here

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, retired bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will be in Williamston this week-end to speak at the annual Parish Supper of the Church of the Advent at the Hotel George Reynolds on Friday night at 7:00 o'clock. He will speak on the Challenge of the Church to the World today. At the supper Mr. N. C. Green, senior warden, will preside and Mr. C. B. Clark, Jr., Every Member Canvass chairman, will present the budget for 1948.

The advisability of having a rotating vestry will be discussed. If the plan is adopted by the congregation a vestryman will be elected for three years but may not succeed himself.

On Sunday morning at 11:00, Bishop Darst will preach at the Church of the Advent. Having made a host of friends during his many visits here a large congregation is expected to hear the bishop. He is one of the outstanding speakers in the church and even though he has retired he is as active and has as many calls to speak as before his retirement.

Bishop Darst expects to spend two weeks in Delaware following his visit here. Mrs. Darst will accompany the bishop. They will be guests at the rectory with the Rev. and Mrs. John Hardy.

## Revival To End Here On Sunday

The series of meetings which have been in progress at the Williamston Christian Church for the past two weeks will come to a close with morning and evening services Sunday.

The services have been characterized by strong and appealing sermons by Dr. C. M. Gordon, pastor emeritus of the First Christian Church of Norfolk.

Cooperation of the other churches in town have helped to fill the church during most of the services. The organ medley of old hymns of the church which is presented for 15 minutes prior to the opening of the service, has added much to the success of the revival.

## Vote Proposal Is Opposed By Large Majority In Area

### Suggest Appointment Of Special Committee To Study The Proposal

A proposal to extend Williamston's town limits met with overwhelming opposition at a public hearing held in the courthouse Wednesday night, the action climaxing a strong movement instigated in the West End Baptist Church last Monday night against the expansion plan.

Discussions, carried on for well over two hours, brought out some frank facts, but left the matter unresolved but not altogether hopeless. Just now no definite plan of procedure has been advanced, and there is no assurance that one will be considered. However, it was suggested that those citizens in the affected areas appoint committees and make a detailed study of the proposal, considering all the advantages and disadvantages before abandoning it once and for all.

Mayor Robt. Cowen, with three members of the board present, opened the meeting, briefly outlining the question before the house. The town's civil engineer, Henry Rivers, of Greenville, briefly explained the projects proposed for the town and adjoining territory. Speaking as an engineer, he pointed out that he had made a study for a long-range improvement program here, that it was timely to advance the program after a mutual fashion. If the "Doodle Hill" and West End territory is to participate in the program one size of pipe should be installed; if the territory wished to maintain its identity, then about the only thing to do would be to fit the program to the need of the town as the lines are now established.

The first shot out of the box, fired by employed counsel, raised the question about taxing farm land. It was pointed out that the 1779 charter exempted strictly farm land from town taxation.

Then before many of the advantages and disadvantages were earnestly discussed after a friendly manner and mutual fashion, a paid representative of the citizens of the "Hill" and West End exploded a bomb shell in opposition to the movement when he presented four petitions carrying names of citizens living inside and outside the territory. One West End petition, carrying the signatures of 113 persons which were accepted at their full value, "demand (ed) that the question of including this territory within the town of Williamston be submitted to a vote of only those residing within or having property in the proposed territory." A second petition, carrying the names of 101 citizens in West End, put a fairly solid clincher on the proposal as follows: "... do hereby express our desire not to be so included within the town of Williamston and to that end we do hereby promise and agree to vote 'against extension' of the city limits and further request that the town board refrain from extending the town limits at this time and save the expenses of an election on that issue."

Identical or almost similar petitions were signed by citizens on "The Hill," approximately 83 asking that an election be limited to them, and 78 "promising" and "agreeing" to vote "against extension." The group, while taking a determined stand now, made a reservation around the time element, but when the citizens there would consider an expansion of the town limits, the spokesman for the two groups said that the town is not properly serviced as it is and feels that that should be done before any extension is made, adding that he did not feel the town was able to take on the obligation.

Commenting briefly on the petitions, Mayor Cowen stated that it was fairly apparent that they were prepared before the proposal. (Continued on page six)

### DELAYED

Unfavorable weather prevailing during the past several days has again delayed the opening of the new Roanoke River bridge draw span here, and it could not be learned when traffic would be turned on the structure. "It won't be as long as it has been," one report coming from the river Thursday morning stated.

Several tentative dates for opening the bridge have been unofficially mentioned, but the elements and other factors beyond human control delayed the event.

## Court In Recess Unexpectedly At Noon Wednesday

### Most Of Cases Continued For One Reason Or Another For The Term

The first week of the current two-week civil term of the Martin County Superior Court went into a recess unexpectedly about noon Wednesday until next Monday morning. Several consent judgments were reported, eliminating lengthy trials and most of the cases scheduled for Thursday were continued for one reason or another.

The case of R. B. Speller, administrator, asking \$15,000 damages of Edward L. Early, local doctor, was continued when the plaintiff's main attorney, J. LeRoy of Elizabeth City, was taken ill with food poisoning. The complaint charges the defendant with negligence which allegedly resulted in the death of Mary Speller on December 7, 1946.

Other cases continued for the term included the following: Critcher against Harrell, and Ray against Maynard.

Proceedings not previously reported: Suing for \$600 damages alleged to have resulted in a vehicle accident near Williamston last March 21, John A. Bennett settled for \$150 in his case against Leamon Strickland.

In the case of Minton Beach, administrator, against Paul Ricks, the plaintiff recovered nothing in his action to recover on an account.

The case of Olla Ray Boyd against H. J. Silverthorne was non-suited when the plaintiff failed to appear in court and prosecute the action.

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## Author Speaks To Club On Tuesday

Mrs. Mebane Holoman Burgwyn, writer and author, spoke very entertainingly to members of the Woman's Club and guests in the club room here last Tuesday evening. She was introduced by Mrs. J. C. Cooke, a member of the Reviewers' Club and former school-mate of Mrs. Burgwyn.

After telling about some humorous experiences when she first started writing, Mrs. Burgwyn reviewed briefly her book, "River Treasurer," which is primarily a book for young people. Then she spoke about the need for good adult literature, stating that the current popular books were not suitable reading for young boys and girls who had been accustomed to reading clean, wholesome books and the classics. She emphasized the fact that women can and should demand better types of books.

Following the address by the speaker Miss Ida Privette sang two Negro spirituals, accompanied by Miss Grace Talton at the piano.

Members of the Reviewers' Book Club who had charge of the program, decorated the hall with chrysanthemums and gladioli. They served Russian tea, cookies, mints and peanuts during the social hour. (Continued on page six)

## Big Civil Suits Slated For Trial In Superior Court

### Tribunal To Hold Sessions Only On Monday-Tuesday of Next Week

Although the Martin County Superior Court is scheduled to hold sessions only on Monday and Tuesday of next week, it has on its calendar several large civil cases for trial, in addition to several other actions.

Judge Paul Edmondson of Goldsboro is scheduled to take over after Judge Paul Frizzelle pinch-hit for him while the former was completing his work in the Bertie County court.

The big suits, amounting to a total of \$30,300, were brought as a result of a truck-automobile wreck at the intersection of Highway 17 and the Bear Grass Road last January 18. W. A. Bailey, driving from Bear Grass, had stopped his car at the intersection when Frank Green, one of the defendants, drove a truck belonging to Leslie W. Hardison into the car, fatally injuring James Garland Bailey and hurting several others seriously and permanently. Green was released soon after the wreck under bond offered by an insurance company, but he was later tried in the courts of this county and sentenced to prison on a charge of drunken and reckless driving.

Since the suits were instituted one of the plaintiffs, W. A. Bailey, died, presumably because of his worry over the accident. His death automatically drops his suit against Green and Hardison. He was asking \$800 property and \$4,000 personal damages. Maintaining he was seriously and permanently injured, Johnnie W. Wynne, a passenger in the Bailey car, is asking \$4,000 of Hardison and Green. Kathleen Bailey, administratrix of the estate of James Garland Bailey, is asking \$15,000 of the defendants for herself and her little children.

His skull fractured and sustaining other injuries, Verna Lee Harrison by his next friend, Roland Harrison, is asking \$4,000 damages from the defendants.

Roland Harrison, also a passenger in the Bailey car, is asking \$2,500 damages, declaring he was seriously and permanently injured in the wreck. The cases are scheduled for trial next Monday.

Among the other cases on the calendar for trial next Monday is the \$365 damage suit brought by E. R. Stewart against Ben D. Biggs as a result of a vehicle accident on Highway 125 near Williamston last March 7.

D. G. Matthews is asking \$1,404.90 damages of Veneer Products Company, alleging that the defendants did that much damage during logging operations on the plaintiff's property.

K. B. Crawford is suing J. S. Peel for possession of two steel (Continued on page eight)

## Safety Show Big Hit In Schools

Officer Pressley's traffic safety show is making a big hit in the schools of the county this week, principals and teachers declaring his work is the greatest ever advanced before the children in behalf of safety.

Children in those schools yet to be visited and who have heard others who have seen the show, are eagerly anticipating the event. Education leaders, unable to alter the schedule, transported an entire school not included in the schedule to a near-by point for the show, so greatly were they impressed by the show and its valuable lessons in safety.

Children by the thousands in questions to qualify for special safety certificates, reports declaring that the little folks are seriously interested in the safety program and that a valuable lesson has been advanced.

Officer Pressley is being lent to the State Automobile Association to carry on the effective work, and to help along the Charlotte Police Department is continuing him on its payroll, unofficial reports reaching here stated.