

Slight Decrease In Marriages In County Last Year

Issuance In 1947 Is Second Largest On Record In Martin County

Over three hundred marriage licenses were issued in this county last year, the count while showing a slight decrease compared with the 1946 issuance being the second largest on record in this county. The issuances last year and the year before were more than 100 larger than in any previous year since 1938. Last year there were 128 licenses issued to white couples and 178 colored couples in the county, as against a total of 335 in 1946.

The December, 1947, issuance did not come up to expectation, the number of licenses going to white couples holding at 18 while the number of colored couples applying for licenses dropped from 27 to 14.

Licenses were issued to the following in December, 1947:

White
William Thomas Kirkman of Robersonville and Ruth Hazel Gurganus of RFD 3, Williamston. Carroll Alton Whichard of Stokes and Gloria Seable Rogerson of Robersonville.

Dennis Cornelius Briley and Mildred Marie Bryant, both of RFD 1, Bethel.

Ernest Johnson of Palmyra and Marguerite Page Smith of Robersonville.

Marvin Knox, RFD 2, Robersonville, and Nettie Smith of Greenville.

James Dalburgh Riddick of Everetts and Sallie Coltrain of Williamston.

Simon C. Revels and Betty Lou Edwards, both of Williamston.

Walter E. Everett of Robersonville and Florine Clark of Everetts.

John Cottrill, Jr., of Williamston, and Maydell Hardison of Plymouth.

John W. Simorowich of Richmond and Hollie Marie Lilley of Portsmouth.

Preston Johnson and Sally Bailey, both of RFD 1, Williamston.

Charles Howard Briley and Margaret Brown, VanNortwick both of Robersonville.

Maurice E. Whitehurst and Loraine Wynn, both of RFD 2, Williamston.

Ernest L. Sutton and Rulla Sue Taylor, both of Williamston.

Sidney Stevens Baggett of Windsor and Dorothy Louise Chesson of Williamston.

Clarence B. Ayers, Jr., and Doris White Roebuck, both of Williamston.

Wallace Reed Bullock and Josephine Everett, both of Robersonville.

Bruce Edwin Roebuck and Annie Louise Mobley, both of Robersonville.

Colored
Alexander Hill of Jamesville and Sarah Frances Speller of Windsor.

William Jasper Keel and Mamie Louise Bess, both of Everetts.

Joe Outerbridge and Catherine Moore, both of Williamston.

Elmer Harris and Bertha Lee Sheppard, both of Robersonville.

Luther Spruill of Palmyra and Mamie Everett of Oak City.

Robert L. Wimbush and Eva Mae Baker, both of Williamston.

John A. Parker and Susie Powell, both of RFD 1, Oak City.

LeRoy Coffield and Velma Wil-

No Peanut Quotas Will Be Invoked On the 1948 Crop

No peanut quotas will be invoked for 1948, according to recognized but unofficial information reaching the office of the farm agent in this county last week-end. Even though farmers voted last month by a large majority in favor of quotas, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson was quoted as saying that the need for oils and other peanut products was so great that quotas would not be necessary for the 1948 crop.

The action greatly relieves the farm situation in this county, but farmers are still confronted with the problem of offsetting a decrease of several thousand acres in scheduled tobacco plantings for 1948. It is quite likely that the county will plant between 25,000

- QUOTA

Martin County is being asked to raise \$2,000 during the latter part of this month in the furtherance of the drive against infantile paralysis. L. B. Wynne who will again head the drive in this county, announced this week.

The quota is \$350 larger than it was last year, the chairman explaining that the larger amount is being solicited since the funds in this county have just about been exhausted. Detailed plans for the drive will be announced later along with a review of the noble work that has been accomplished right here at home and throughout the nation.

Discuss Lighting Recreation Park

At their regular monthly meeting, held at the Firemen's House Boat last Thursday evening, the board of directors of the local Lions Club discussed, among other things, the possibility of a lighted athletic park for Martin County. A committee of Lions Hack Gaylord and Dick Elliott was named by President Worrell to investigate the possibilities of obtaining a suitable site and then report to the board.

The group heard reports from the Scout Committee, the Blind Committee, and they approved the expenditure of the cost of a banner to be displayed across Main Street here in connection with the forthcoming mass x-ray campaign being held in this county the latter part of this month.

Lion B. G. Stewart reported to the board the cost of lighting the football field at Ashokie recently, this cost being approximately \$3500. Plans for the "Bosses' Night" for next week were discussed.

Lions Clyde Griffin and Julian Harrell were hosts to the group at a delicious rock muddle supper, being aided with the cooking chores by Ira Harrison and Benny Baldree. Those enjoying the hospitality of the evening and attending the meeting were Lions B. G. Stewart, Dick Elliott, Hack Gaylord, D. V. Clayton, H. P. Mobley, E. S. Mears, Exum Ward, Jr., James Bullock, E. R. Froneberger, K. D. Worrell, C. J. Goodman and Wheeler Manning.

Baby Badly Hurt In Fall Here Saturday

James George Harris, nine-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Harris, Sr., was badly hurt in a fall off the bed at their home on East Main Street here last Saturday.

Thought to have suffered a brain hemorrhage, the child was removed to a Greenville hospital, last reports reaching here stating that the infant was improving and was expected to be able to return home shortly.

Enters Hospital For Treatment Saturday

His condition taking a turn for the worst last week, Mr. N. T. Tice, Griffin Township farmer, entered a Washington hospital late last Saturday afternoon for treatment. He was reported slightly improved yesterday.

Cafe And Market Ratings Released For This County

Eleven Cafes and a Dozen Markets Get A Rating For Fourth Period

Cafe and market sanitary ratings were released for the fourth quarter by County Sanitarian W. B. Gaylord this week. The list carries eleven cafes and a dozen markets held "A" ratings for the period.

The ratings follow:
Markets, Grade A
Colonial Frozen Foods, Williamston, 94.5; Ward, Williamston, 94; Everett & Warren, Robersonville, 93.5; Hardison, Williamston, 93.5; Colonial, Williamston, 92.5; Hardy, Williamston, 92.5; McClees, Williamston, 92.5; Peele, Williamston, 92.5; Page, Robersonville, 91.5; Tiny, Williamston, 90.5; West End, Williamston, 90.5; Williams, Robersonville, 90.

Grade B: Johnson, Asa, Hamilton, 89.5; Hardy, Everetts, 89; Ayers, Oak City, 88.5; Cherry, Everetts, 88.5; Edmondson & Cherry, Hamilton, 88.5; Sunny Side, Williamston, 87.5; Williams Community, Williamston, 87.5; B & B, Hamilton, 86.5; Donaldson, Williamston, 86.5; Robertson, Williamston, 86.5; Gold Point, Robersonville, 86.5; Sexton, Jamesville, 86; Ben, Williamston, 85.5; Bryan, Robersonville, 85.5; Smith, Williamston, 85.5; Jones Community, Williamston, 85.5; Brown Bros, Jamesville, 84.5; Bunting, Oak City, 84.5; Mizelle, Williamston, 84.5; Moore, Williamston, 84.5; H. S. Johnson, Hamilton, 83.5; Lilley, Williamston, 83; Brown, Williamston, 82.5; Red Front, Williamston, 82; Rodgers, Williamston, 82; Slade Rhodes, Hamilton, 82; Eason & Briley, Robersonville, 81.

Grade C: Daniel, Oak City, 78.
Cafes, Grade A
Crystal Grill, Williamston, 95; Griffin, Williamston, 94.5; Central, Williamston, 91.5; City Lunch, Robersonville, 91.5; Leggett, Williamston, 91.5; Jernigan, Williamston, 91; Friendly Coffee Shop, Robersonville, 90.5; G. & C., Williamston, 90.5; Mickey Inn, Williamston, 90.5; Sunny Side, Williamston, 90.5; City Lunch, Everetts, 90.

Grade B: Big Apple, Robersonville, 88.5; Edmondson & Cherry, Hamilton, 88.5; Roberson, Williamston, 88; Sumara, Williamston, 87.5; Clark, Jamesville, 87; Harris, Williamston, 86; Roanoke, Williamston, 86; Raynor, Hamilton, 85.5; Andrews, Williamston, 84.5; Hardison, Williamston, 83; Cotton Club, Williamston, 82; Hitching Post, Williamston, 82; Pete's Place, Williamston, 81; Rodgers, Williamston, 81.

Grade C: Peoples, Robersonville, 77.5; Hollywood Inn, Williamston, 77; Little Savoy, Williamston, 70.

One of the best ways of finding these cases is by X-raying apparently healthy people. Only twenty years ago, a chest x-ray was still rather costly and at times difficult to obtain. But today, due to improvements in equipment, chest x-rays are accessible to our entire population. Every adult should get into the habit of getting a chest X-ray once a year.

If there are facilities for chest x-rays where you work, or if your community has a mass x-ray project, by all means take advantage of it. If not, your doctor can tell you what to do and where to go for your chest x-ray. Every state has a tuberculosis association and most cities, towns and counties have local tuberculosis associations to aid and advise you.

After continuing their educational pursuits in a somewhat haphazard fashion in churches and lodge halls, colored school pupils at Everetts and Jamesville moved into their new buildings on Monday morning of this week.

The make-shift arrangement had been in effect at Everetts for one and one-half years. The building there, a six-room structure, cost approximately \$18,000 equipped. Destroyed by fire about two months before the end of the 1947 term, the four-room structure at Jamesville cost approximately \$12,000, including equipment.

Crowded conditions in the local colored school were relieved greatly last week when four additional rooms were made available. Added to the manual arts building, the four new rooms cost approximately \$9,000.

Construction costs continue to hold to a high figure, but the new buildings were made available at a cost far less than contract estimates offered the board of education soon after the Everetts building was burned the last week of school in the spring of 1946.

No other construction projects in the school system of the county are contemplated at this time, even though additional room is badly needed in several schools.

Jaycees Remove Nativity Scene

The Christmas Nativity Scene, located on the lawn of the local Presbyterian Church, has been dismantled and stored by members of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The scene is said to have drawn a great deal of favorable comment, especially from among tourists, and quite a few were seen taking pictures of it. It is felt that the town gained a considerable amount of favorable publicity from the display.

Statistical High Lights In Record Peacetime Period

Business Last Year In This Country Was Greatest On Record

Business activity in 1947 was the greatest in the peacetime history of the United States. Following are the year's statistical high lights, all peacetime records:

Gross national product—Ended the year at a rate of approximately \$235,000,000,000 compared with an average of \$203,700,000,000 in 1946 and \$90,400,000,000 in 1939.

National income—Passed rate of \$200,000,000,000, compared to average of \$178,200,000,000 in 1946 and \$72,500,000,000 in 1939.

Industrial production—Federal Reserve index reached 192 in November, 1946, compared to 183 in November, 1946, an average of 109 in 1939.

Employment—About 60,000,000 employed, 1,600,000 unemployed.

Wages paid—Approximately \$130,000,000,000 rate at year-end, compared to \$116,800,000,000 in 1946 and \$47,800,000,000 in 1939. Industrial workers' hourly wage at average of \$1.25, roughly double prewar.

Farm income—\$18,000,000,000, compared to \$15,200,000,000 in 1946 and \$4,500,000,000 in 1939.

Corporate profits after tax—About \$17,000,000,000, compared to \$12,500,000,000 in 1946 and \$5,000,000,000 in 1939.

Railway freight traffic—647,358,500,000 ton miles, compared to 591,954,432,000 in 1946. Federal Reserve index of carloadings about 142 for year, compared to 132 in 1946 and 101 in 1939.

Foreign trade—Exports at rate of \$14,500,000,000 compared to \$9,502,500,000 in 1946 and previous record of \$14,200,000,000 in wartime 1944. Imports about \$5,500,000,000, compared to \$4,909,000,000 in 1946.

Steel production—Estimated at 85,000,000 ingot tons, compared to 74,000,000 tons in 1946.

Oil production—Estimated 1,850,000,000, compared to 1,733,424,000 in 1946.

Electric output—305,000,000,000 kilowatt hours, compared to 270,000,000,000 kwh in 1946.

Automobile production—Dollar volume at factory level estimated at \$5,000,000,000, compared to previous record of \$3,761,549,000 in 1946.

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Home Damaged By Fire On Monday

Starting in the attic possibly from defective wiring, fire did considerable damage to the Jesse Rogers home on the Washington Road near Sunny Side Inn at 11:00 o'clock yesterday morning.

While the fire was confined to the attic and roof, considerable damage was done by water to every room in the house. Furniture and furnishings were also damaged by water and many were broken when moved hurriedly from the house.

No definite estimate on the loss could be had, but it will run possibly between \$1,000 and \$1,500. A strong north wind fanned the fire and choking smoke made it difficult for volunteer firemen to bring the fire under control. A line of hose was laid from the water main at Sunny Side Inn, but a small booster hose was used during the greater part of an hour to ferret out the fire between the wooden and composition shingles.

A small amount of insurance was carried on the property, Fire Chief G. P. Hall said.

ROUND-UP

Little activity was reported on the crime front in this county during the early days of January, according to a report coming from the sheriff's office. Only four persons were arrested and detained temporarily in the county jail during the first five days of the new year. Two of those jailed were charged with assaults and two were booked for being publicly drunk. All four of the victims were colored, their ages ranging from 19 to 37 years.

Request Widening of County Board In Regular Session Monday Morning

Delegations Went Before The Board With Plea Monday

Jamesville Group Cites Need for Surfacing Road To Beaufort Line

Waiting more or less patiently year after year until equipment could be made available, delegations from three sections of the county intimated they were tired waiting and went before the county board of commissioners in regular meeting Monday and pleaded for help in having the sweet water ridges now forming a portion of the rural highway system widened and other roads improved, and still others added to the highway system.

While all three groups were appreciative of any consideration that might be extended, they strongly intimated that they would be back, that now is the time to have the State Highway and Public Works Commission go to work on the strictly rural roads.

Many of the narrow roads, commonly known as 'tater ridges, were widened a few years ago, but there are quite a few miles of such roads in the county now. Spokesmen for the delegations pointed out that several of the ridges are used by school buses and rural mail carriers, that it is impossible for vehicles to pass each other except at sideroads or drive-ins. "Not so long ago," one spokesman said, "a representative of the highway department had to have a school bus back a goodly distance so he could get by."

Headed by A. Corey, the Jamesville delegation pointed out the need for surfacing the remainder of Highway 171 from a point near Jamesville to connect with the hard surface at the Beaufort-Martin line. Carl Griffin and Frost Martin spoke briefly in favor of the project, the delegation urging the commissioners to have the commission surface the approximately 12 miles this year.

The delegation asked that the Ward Road, beginning at the Jordan Thick road near H. B. Ange's and running via Levin and Arthur Ange's and others to L. R. Gardner's be widened. The group also asked that the road leading off No. 171 and running via S. J. Perry farm to the Jolly place on the Manning Road be added to the State system. It was also recommended by the group that the road leading off U. S. 64 at Richieu filling station in Williams Township via Tar Landing, Johnny Gardner's and Fairview Church to 171 be widened along with what is known as the Nurney Road. It was also recommended that the one-half mile of road starting near Dardens and running to the M. S. Fagan estate be worked as a community road.

The delegation was composed of Paul and P. M. Holliday, Hosea Fagan, Roosevelt Overton, G. M. Anderson, C. C. Martin, Carl Griffin, L. R. Gardner, C. G. Gurkin, R. C. Sexton, C. A. Askew, J. W. Long, Dennis Padgett, J. W. Martin, G. E. Martin, Herbert Sexton, Joe Davenport, A. Corey, W. C. Ange, J. P. Holliday, W. C. Wallace and Wendell Hamilton.

The Bear Grass delegation, composed of E. C. Harrison, J. B. Wynne, Johnny Wynne, Arthur Peel, C. G. Rogerson, W. A. Brown and Marvin Cowin asked the commissioners to recommend that the road beginning at John Wynne's on the Harris Mill Road and running west a distance of about three-fourths of a mile to a point near the Rose of Sharon Church be added to the State system. The group also asked that the road running off the Bear Grass-Greenville Road near Gilbert Rogerson's via E. H. S. Cowin's to a point near the Gid Harrison place be widened. The route is used by school buses and mail carriers, it was pointed out.

Forming a delegation from Griffin's, W. D. and Nick Daniel, Arnold Roberson, Henry Corey and N. G. Ellis pointed out that

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"C" AND "D"

The first drivers whose last names begin with C and D started reporting for new type drivers' licenses in this county last Friday at Robersonville. First reports indicate that the C and D group are imitating the A and B group in that they are putting off the test. They have six months to get their licenses, but are warned not to delay too long.

Examiner Boyce will be in the county courthouse on Wednesday and Thursday of this and each succeeding week, and Examiner Martin will be in Robersonville each Friday.

Those A and B vehicle owners who have not yet procured their licenses may apply on the days mentioned, but they are warned not to drive until they pass the tests and get the proper credentials.

Kiwanis Observes 33rd Anniversary

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Williamston will observe the 33rd anniversary of Kiwanis International during the week of January 18-24, with a program based on the service organization's 1948 administrative theme, "Citizenship Responsibility—The Price of Freedom."

Gene Kimball, president of the club, said today that plans for the anniversary meeting, to be held at 7 p. m., Thursday, Jan. 15th, at the Gop. Reynolds Hotel, had been virtually completed.

An outstanding feature of the anniversary celebration will be the reading of a message from Dr. Charles W. Armstrong, Salisbury, N. C., prominent southern physician and president of Kiwanis International.

Founded in Detroit immediately previous to the beginning of World War I, Kiwanis International now embraces 180,000 business and professional leaders in more than 2,700 clubs throughout the United States, Canada, Alaska and Hawaii.

In its activities program for the past year, Kiwanis International has provided 418,374 lunches for needy children; aided 99,163 children in Kiwanis day nurseries, summer camps and clinics; sponsored 3,600 Boy Scout and Camp Fire Girl troops; gave 210,127 students vocational guidance; assisted 38,952 veterans with housing problems and 65,465 in reemployment; secured 29,592 workers for growing and harvesting crops; promoted 2,248 activities for farm youth and sold Savings Bonds and Stamps valued at more than \$33,000,000.

Regional Library Adds More Books

The regional library, operating its bookmobile in the county this week for the first time during the new year, recently added three hundred new volumes to its collection, the librarian announced this week.

It was pointed out that the added collection includes quite a few of the noted December releases.

The bookmobile will complete its current schedule in the county on Friday of this week, and return on Friday, January 30 for its second run of the new year.

Old Christmas Passes Unnoticed In County

Old Christmas, once observed on a limited scale, passed virtually unnoticed in this county yesterday. Even in its old stronghold down along the outer banks of Dare County, the day was hardly observed, reports state.

One or two local people recalled that Monday, January 5, was Old Christmas, but they were concerned to the fact that its observance has been lost in time.

Record Revenues Turned Into Treasury By Clerk Of Court For Month

After listening to road delegations from several districts for about two hours, the Martin County Commissioners in the regular meeting Monday settled down to routine duties, but had to go into an afternoon session to complete their work.

There was very little special business on the calendar other than that discussed by the delegations. Dr. W. F. Coppage briefly discussed with the board plans for the annual dog vaccinations, but the board deferred action until the February meeting. Tax Collector M. L. Peel who has been cooperating with Dr. Coppage in the work, asked to be relieved of that duty and suggested that it be turned over to the sheriff's department. While no action was taken, the commissioners expressed themselves as favoring a 100 percent drive in support of the anti-rabies program. Dr. Coppage explained that he handled thirteen mad dog cases last year, that five of the infected dogs came into Martin from Bertie and the others from Pitt.

The commissioners are now ready for Judge Clawson Williams and the grand jury. Called before Judge Williams last month and asked why certain needed repairs were not made to the county home, the commissioners yesterday announced that the work had been completed, that repairs to the barn and the construction of brick columns cost approximately \$723.00.

Making his report to the commissioners, Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne turned in record revenues that had accumulated during the month of December. Recorder's court fees, running about \$30 below the record amount reported last March, amounted to \$3,104.65. Superior court fines and costs amounted to \$123.55 and miscellaneous items, breaking all records and pushing the revenues to the highest figure, amounted to \$377.46, making a grand total of \$3,605.66.

Register of Deeds J. Sam Gettlinger reported \$523.45 collected in his office during December from the issuance of marriage licenses, delayed birth certificates and similar papers.

Tax Collector Luther Peel reported that \$147,999.82 of the 1947 levy had been collected, leaving a balance of \$86,307.13. The collections for 1946 now stand at \$201,147.80, leaving an uncollected balance of \$4,549.26. For the year 1945, \$127,746.19 has been collected, leaving \$1,825.50 uncollected.

Tax relief orders, amounting \$140.44, were issued for various reasons, most on account of errors. In other cases, the tax accounts were charged against personnel in the armed forces or against persons who had died. Orders were issued as follows for 1947:

Macon Barber, Jamesville, \$9.81; J. H. Jackson, Jamesville, \$4.69; Robert Boston, Jamesville, \$7.50; Albert Cordon, Jamesville, \$12.00; Raleigh Hopkins, Jamesville, \$6.38; Ivory K. Keyes, Jamesville, \$2.00; John Henry Lee, Griffins, \$2; Pete Raynor, Williamston, \$2; Jasper Bennett, Cross Roads, \$2; Andrew Roberson, Cross Roads, \$2; Jeff D. Etheridge, Hamilton, \$17.13; Claude Freeman, Hamilton, \$2; and A. L.

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Badly Hurt In Fall At School

Melvin Lee McKeel, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McKeel of Poplar Point, was critically hurt in a fall while playing at school in Hamilton last Thursday. The youngster was playing in the grandstand and fell through the seats, striking a cross beam and injuring himself internally.

He was removed to a Washington hospital where he underwent a major operation this morning. No late report could be had from the lad, but he is expected to recover if no complications develop, according to information reaching here.