

## Sale of TB Seals Exceeds Its Goal In Martin County

**Incomplete Report Shows  
Drive Exceeded \$2,500  
Goal By About \$100**

The annual sale of TB Christmas seals, recently concluded in this county, exceeded its \$2,500 goal by about \$100, it was announced last week-end by County Chairman Chas. H. Manning who pointed out that a few districts had not at that time submitted complete reports.

The fund will fit in with the mass TB X-ray survey to be made in the county beginning on Tuesday, January 27.

Up until last week-end a total of \$2,693.67 had been raised and reported to the chairman who pointed out that late contribution will boost the total by \$100 or more.

Several townships reported splendid results, but the sale of seals did not come up to expectations, as a rule.

Unusually large TB bond sales in Williamston saved the campaign, the chairman pointing out that approximately one-half of the county quota was raised through the liberal purchase of the TB bonds.

Williamston led the county with seal and bond sales amounting to \$1,594.41. Robersonville was next with \$296.35, followed by Goose Nest where the sales amounted to \$162.00. Jamesville was fourth in the list with \$125.00, and Griffins raised \$110.87. Other townships reported as follows: Hamilton, \$82.58; Cross Roads, \$70.35; Bear Grass, \$67.50; Williams, \$58.71; and Poplar Point, \$36.00.

The Williamston white grammar school purchased seals in the amount of \$23.88, the high school buying \$10.00 worth. The girl Scouts added \$58.00 with the bangle day sales.

Reports from the colored schools were not yet complete, but by last week-end, the following amounts had been collected: returned in: Williamston, \$52.45; Robersonville, \$20; Hamilton, \$16.08; Dardens, \$12; Rogers, \$10; Burroughs-Spring Hill, \$8; Whichard-James, \$8; Biggs, \$7.58; Jamesville, \$7; Williams, \$6.45; Smithville, \$5.87; Jones, \$5; Oak City, \$5; White Oak Springs, \$6; Everetts, \$7.70; Bear Grass, \$2.25.

The chairman is asking all those districts that have not reported on the sale to get their reports in as early as possible.

## German Girl Is Married Locally

Miss Theresa Stimpfle, just a few days out of Darmstadt, Germany, and William C. Gerard of Hunters Bridge, Beaufort County, were married in the Christian church parsonage on Marshall Avenue here on Saturday, January 3.

Information obtained from the marriage license just returned to the office of the register of deeds here the young bride of seventeen years traveled to this county just before the holidays to marry Gerard following a brief courtship in Germany. She is the daughter of Johann and Elise Stimpfle of Darmstadt, Germany. The groom is the son of Andrew K. Gerard of Beaufort County and the late Mrs. Gerard.

The young couple, it was learned, plan to make their home in Wilmington.

Mrs. Gerard, described as being very attractive, spoke English fluently.

The young couple, a bit excited, were unaccompanied when they reported for their marriage license.

## Building Dry Kiln At Supply Company Plant

Construction work on a new lumber dry kiln for the Williams-ton Supply Company is going forward rapidly on the company's property just back of its plant and on the site where the Station cotton gin once stood.

The kiln, constructed on a modern plan, will operate automatically and handle about 20,000 feet of lumber twice each week.

## Start Paralysis Fund Drive On January 15

**Asking County To  
Raise \$2,600 For  
Cause This Month**

**Direct Mail Appeals To Be  
Made; Schools To Help  
With Solicitations**

L. Bruce Wynne, county chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Fund Raising Campaign, announced this week that the drive to raise \$2,600 in this county to fight the dreaded disease would get underway on Thursday, January 15. While the drive is slated to continue through Saturday, January 31, the chairman is hopeful the people of this county will pitch in and help carry it over the top during the next week or ten days.

Pointing out that the fund in this county has been depleted and that individuals had volunteered financial assistance in caring for three victims last year, the chairman said that there is a potential urgency for the drive to be raised immediately and in its entirety. While there were new cases of infantile paralysis reported in the county last year, \$1,092.22 was spent in helping three children to walk again. Should an emergency arise this year, the victims would be at the mercy of the world, so to speak, unless the pending drive meets with 100 percent success, it was pointed out.

The quota this year is \$350 larger than the one assigned this county in 1947, the chairman explaining that it was increased because the fund had been depleted handling heavy obligations last year and the year before.

In handling the drive beginning on Thursday of this week, Chairman Wynne will make direct appeals by mail to approximately 500 citizens in the county. Fifty of these are to be located throughout the county and the general public is being asked not to pass them by. The drive is expecting strong support in the schools where the principals are to stress the need for replenishing the fund. In Robersonville, Bob Adkins will work with Principal C. B. Martin as assistant to the county chairman.

The fund has been depleted several times in the past. Through its support near miracles have been made possible for little children in all parts of the county. "We can't take chances. We must be prepared," (Continued on page eight)

## Oil Stove Goes Out Of Control

No fire damage resulted, but smoke filled part of the home of Mrs. Walter Halberstadt on West Church Street at 7:30 o'clock last Thursday evening when a bathroom oil heater went out of control. No estimate on the damage could be had immediately.

Volunteer firemen answered a call to the home, but did not find it necessary to use any of the fire-fighting equipment.

## Griffins Farmer Able To Return To His Home

His condition greatly improved, Mr. N. T. Tice, Griffins Township, farmer was able to return to his home there yesterday morning after receiving treatment in a Washington hospital for about ten days. His condition was serious for several days while he was in the hospital. He made the trip home in a Biggs ambulance.

## School Lad Improving After Major Operation

Undergoing a major operation in a Washington hospital a week ago, Melvin Lee McKeel, Hamilton school boy, is recovering rapidly and is expected to be able to return to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McKeel in Poplar Point this week.

The youth was injured in a fall at school on January 1.

### MEETING

Arrangements are complete for holding the quarterly meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Firemen's Association in the Legion Hut here this evening at 7:00 o'clock. Fire Chief G. P. Hall announced this morning. Unfavorable weather is expected to cut the attendance figure from an estimated 150.

Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell will be unable to attend but State Insurance Commissioner W. P. Hodges and Fire Chief Woolard of Norfolk will have parts on the program. Stanley Davis, president of the association, will preside over the business session which calls for an election of officers.

Dinner is cooking, Chief Hall said this morning.

## Mrs. Louis Peel Died In Hospital Tuesday Morning

**Funeral Will Be Held At  
Home In Griffins Wed-  
nesday Afternoon**

Mrs. Malinda Griffin Peel died in the local hospital Tuesday morning at 7:40 o'clock after a long period of declining health. Her condition had been serious for about three weeks and she entered the hospital on January 5. Death was attributable to a cerebral hemorrhage. Even though she experienced declining health she was very active up until her last illness.

The daughter of the late George W. and Belle Griffin, she was born in Griffins Township 62 years ago the 25th of next May, and lived in that community all her life. She was married about 1905 to Mr. Louis Peel who died in September, 1934.

Mrs. Peel was a member of the church at Macedonia. She was a good neighbor and a devoted mother and a friend to all.

Surviving are three children, both of the home; and a daughter, Mrs. Clarence Gurkin of Griffins Township; a sister, Mrs. John Gray Corey of Williamston; and a brother, John E. Griffin of Griffins Township.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Her pastor, Rev. Dennis Warren Davis, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister, will conduct the last rites. Interment will be in the family cemetery near the home.

## Plan To Widen Highway No. 64

According to unofficial reports reaching here, the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission is calling for bids for the widening of U. S. Highway No. 64 from the Martin County line at Ward's Bridge to Roper. The road is to be widened by six feet, making it a 22-foot road.

It is proposed to change the location of the highway and run it around the town of Plymouth. The route as proposed will leave the present highway near the Lucas farm and join No. 64 near Juniper Lodge.

## Improving In Hospital After Farm Accident

Crushing his hand in a farm accident about two weeks ago, Samuel Rogerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rogerson of Bear Grass, was reported improving yesterday in a Washington hospital.

Lockjaw resulted despite every precaution and the young man's condition was said to have been critical for several days after entering the hospital the early part of last week.

## Big Damage Suit Filed In County By E. G. Modlin

**Asking \$10,000 for Injuries  
Received in Accident  
Last November 8**

A friendly suit to recover \$10,000 damages was filed in the Martin County Superior Court a few days ago by E. G. Modlin against Robert Hardison, the action growing out of an automobile accident in which the plaintiff was nearly killed last November 8 in or near Plymouth. No answer has been filed in the case by the defendant who is reported to have carried all kinds of insurance on his automobile.

At the invitation of Hardison, owner and driver of a 1941 Pontiac sedan, Modlin with two other young men went to a dance in Roper on November 8. Late that night they were returning to their homes in Jamesville, when, according to the allegations in the complaint, the defendant upon entering Plymouth drove his car in a "reckless and careless manner and at a speed greatly in excess of that allowed by law." The plaintiff also alleges that the car ran off the road and crashed into a light pole, demolishing the vehicle and throwing the plaintiff out.

The plaintiff says his right leg was broken in two places, that a head injury necessitated fourteen stitches, that his left leg was hurt, his chest bruised and that he suffered internal injuries and severe shock. He also points out that he has been unable to work since the accident, and that he'll hardly be able to work for a long time. He further declares that his injuries are of a permanent nature.

Pointing out that he was earning \$35 a week at the time he was injured, the plaintiff avers he is entitled to recover at least \$10,000.

The suit was filed by Attorneys Peel and Manning, and is the first major one to be entered in the court records of the county this year.

## Native Of County Dies In Norfolk

Mrs. Lucy Weathersbee Mastangelo, 28, a native of this county, died at her home, 314 Ward Avenue, Norfolk, Sunday morning, Jan. 11, after a long illness.

She is believed to have inhaled gas and died Sunday morning. Her body was found that afternoon.

A daughter of the late George Weathersbee of Martin County and Mrs. Lillie Brown Weathersbee of near Stokes, she was said to have separated from her husband about a year ago.

The body was returned to her native county late Monday, but funeral arrangements had not been completed early Tuesday morning.

## Critically Ill For Weeks, Baby Improving

Critically ill for several weeks, Becky Griffin, five-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Griffin of Smithwicks Creek, is greatly improved, last reports reaching here stating that the child was getting along fine.

She received treatment in a Durham hospital for a period and later lived under an oxygen tent in a Greenville hospital for nearly two weeks. She was able to return home last week.

### ROUND-UP

Following a period of very little activity on the crime front, local, county and state officers participated in a brisk round-up of alleged law violators last week-end. Seven persons were arrested and detained temporarily in the county jail. Five were charged with public drunkenness, one was booked for drunken driving and still another was detained for using profane language on the streets.

One of the seven was white, and the ages of the group, ranged from 22 to 50 years.

## Schedule Arranged For Mass TB Survey In Martin County

**Peanut Marketing Season  
About Ended In This Area**

Following one of the most hectic harvests on record, Martin County farmers have just about completed the marketing of the 1947 peanut crop, reports stating that only a few scattered lots are to be found in this section.

Blocked by continual rains during the fall and early winter, the harvest was only completed in this county during the past few days following an unusually dry period the first days of this month. Only .36 of inch of rain had fallen from the 1st until last night.

While most of the peanuts have already moved to market, quite a sizable number of bags were rejected because they were wet and could not be used by the cleaners. Favorable weather has helped dry out those wet peanuts to a great extent and they are beginning to move to market for the second time.

Comparatively few peanuts were received by the government warehouses in the county, the inspectors explaining that if the crops offered were not acceptable on the open market they could hardly be used by the government. However, some peanuts were received in government warehouses, and the government support price was maintained on the open market, unofficial reports stating that the crop averaged between ten and eleven cents.

In a few instances, the peanuts offered by farmers were so badly damaged by the weather that the owners could only offer them to the hogs. In other cases where the damage was not so great, the peanuts were converted into oil stock at various prices, according to market quotations from day to day.

## Re-elect Officers For County Farm Bureau

### MAKING SURVEY

Contemplating the removal of Norfolk Southern trains operating between Norfolk and Raleigh, postal authorities were here last week making a survey for handling the mails.

It could not be learned what arrangements could or would be made for a service to replace that now made available by the trains, but it is possible that the department will consider operating a highway post office along or parallel to the route now being served by the trains.

## President Offers 10-Year Program For The Country

### Bitter Opposition Certain And Passage Of Tax Relief Plan Doubtful

Addressing the second session of the eightieth Congress, President Harry S. Truman offered a ten-year program for the nation. But republican opposition began to stir immediately and passage of the proposed measures, particularly the one calling for tax relief in the lower income brackets, is very doubtful.

An outline of the President's proposed program follows: Taxes.—A \$40 cut for every taxpayer, and \$40 for each dependent, with the loss in Federal revenue made up by increased taxes on corporate profits.

Inflation.—Authority to impose rationing and price-wage controls if needed.

Housing.—A long-range program along lines of the Taft-Elder-Hartley bill for construction of 15,000,000 units in next 10 years.

Rents.—Extend and strengthen controls.

Social Security.—Extended coverage and increased benefits.

Health.—A National health insurance program.

Education.—Federal aid to the schools.

Wages.—Boost the 40-cent hourly minimum to 75 cents.

Labor Laws.—Emphasis on a "sound system of collective bargaining" as opposed to the restrictive Taft-Hartley Act, which he repeated he will dutifully administer "as long as it remains the law."

Monopoly.—Appropriation of sufficient funds to enforce anti-trust laws.

Security.—Immediate passage of a universal military training

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## Bureau Starts New Year With Record Membership Count

**Delegates Named To State  
Meeting To Be Held  
In Asheville**

Martin County Farm Bureau officers, completing several years of effective service, were re-elected for another term in a meeting of the membership held in the courthouse last Friday evening.

The votes were unanimous and the re-elections were supported by a rising vote of thanks offered as a gesture of appreciation for the unselfish work handled by the leaders in the past.

Mr. Chas. L. Daniel, Williams Township farmer, was chosen to head the organization for the coming straight year. President Daniel, just prior to the elections, explained that he thought it was about time to make a change, that he wished to retire. The meeting would hear nothing of it and literally drafted him for the task.

"Now that you have re-elected me, I want to assure you that I appreciate the honor. In giving me the task, you must support me. We need the Farm Bureau and we don't want to see it go down. We must stick by it," Mr. Daniel said in pledging his best efforts in handling the duties as president of the organization.

Mr. S. T. Everett, Robersonville farmer, was re-elected vice president, and Mayo Hardison, Poplar Point farmer, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Township directors, renamed at the meeting, include: George Oglesby, Hamilton; Henry Early, Goose Nest; S. T. Everett, Robersonville; Mayo Hardison, Poplar Point; G. H. Forbes, Cross Roads; H. U. Peel, Bear Grass; D. V. Clayton, Williamston; Carl Griffin, Jamesville; C. L. Daniel, Williams; and Geo. C. Griffin, Griffins.

Delegates H. U. Peel, E. VanNoy Smith and Mayo Hardison reported on the national convention which they attended in Chicago last month. All three of the delegates said they greatly enjoyed the convention and got much good out of it. "Delegates were there from nearly every state in the Union and there were others there from several foreign countries," Delegate Hardison said. "There was no sectionalism there; the thousands there from south, north, east and west being just one big farm family, working for the betterment of agriculture," Mr. Hardison continued.

Delegate Smith said he was impressed by American farm youth before his promotion this week.

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## First X-Rays Will Be Made Starting On January 27th

**Four Mobile Units To Visit  
Every Part Of County  
In Three Weeks**

Arrangements are rapidly shaping up for a mass TB X-ray survey in this county, and authorities are anticipating a full-fledged support in every quarter and a most effective campaign to ferret out tuberculosis.

The campaign, scheduled to get under way on Tuesday, January 27, is to be extended to every person, white or colored, rich or poor, 15 years of age or older during a three-week period.

Four mobile X-ray units are being brought into the county to take approximately 20,000 X-ray pictures. One of the units will be stationed in front of Clark's Drug Store in Williamston on the second day of the campaign for the remainder of the three-week period. Another unit will be stationed in Robersonville for seven days, beginning January 30.

The schedule for operating the units as prepared by the State Health Department in cooperation with the Martin County Health Department, follows:

Tuesday, January 27: Farm Life School, Everetts, and Dixie Peanut Company, Williamston.

Wednesday, January 28: Bear Grass School; Cross Roads, and Williamston.

Thursday, January 29: Parmele, Lilly's Store, Gold Point, and Williamston.

Friday, January 30: Robersonville School, Corey's Store, Edward's Store in Poplar Point, and Williamston.

Saturday, January 31: Robersonville (street), Prison Camp, Hamilton and Williamston.

Tuesday, February 3: Robersonville, Hamilton, and Williamston.

Wednesday, February 4: Robersonville, Smith Brothers' Store, and Williamston.

Thursday, February 5: Robersonville, Hassell, and Williamston.

Friday, February 6: Robersonville, Oak City, and Williamston.

Saturday, February 7: Robersonville, Oak City, and Williamston.

Tuesday, February 10: Fertilizer plant Williamston; Pulp Mill, and Williamston.

Wednesday, February 11: No. 90 Filling Station, Pulp Mill, and Williamston.

Thursday, February 12: Swinson's Store in Dardens, Pulp Mill, and Williamston.

Friday, February 13: Jamesville, Pulp Mill, and Williamston.

Saturday, February 14: Jamesville and Williamston.

Every person, 15 years old or older, is asked to note the schedule and make plans to have an X-ray made. There is no charge for the service, and only a few seconds are required of one's time to have the X-ray made.

The mass survey, sponsored by the State and County Health Departments in cooperation with the Martin County Tuberculosis Committee, has the unqualified support of every agency and the people. It is one of the most extensive movements to ferret out tuberculosis ever advanced in this county. Similar surveys have been conducted in other counties with marked success, and still other counties are clamoring for the service.

## Named Manager Of Local Theatres Early This Week

Noan Hardison, Williamston young man, was named manager of the Watts and Marco Theatres by the operators, Messrs. Everett and Stewart. Mr. Hardison entered upon his new duties yesterday, succeeding Wallace McLamb who is being transferred to Kaniapolis.

Growing up in the show business and working for a number of years with Mr. J. W. Watts, Mr. Hardison had been managing the Marco here for several months before his promotion this week.

## Native Of County Died Monday Noon In Morehead City

**Funeral Service In Church  
At Hamilton Tuesday  
Afternoon**

Edward A. Council, native of this county and prominent in financial circles more than a third of a century ago, died at his home in Morehead City early Monday afternoon following a long period of declining health. His condition had been critical for several days.

The son of the late Thomas Taylor Council and wife, Temperance Brown Council, he was born on a farm near Oak City on August 8, 1880. After spending his early life on the farm he attended the University of North Carolina. Following his graduation from the University he went to Hamilton and was instrumental in organizing the Bank of Hamilton, serving as its cashier several years. He resigned that position to go with a bank in Morehead City and later engaged in the insurance business there.

When a young man he was married to Miss Fannie Matthews of Hamilton. He was a member of the Episcopal church for a long number of years, and was an active leader in religious and civic affairs in his adopted community for a long time.

Surviving are his widow; one son, Edward A. Council, Jr., a sister, Mrs. J. C. Ross, and a brother, Hardy Council, both of Oak City.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Hamilton's St. Martin's Episcopal Church and interment will be in the Hamilton Cemetery. Rev. John W. Hardy, the rector, will officiate.

## Open Center For Radio Here Soon

The Civil Aeronautics Administration is rapidly completing arrangements and installations for opening a remote radio control center for its range finder located near Jamesville. It is unofficially learned yesterday. It is planned to open the center next week, possibly on Tuesday.

Engineers have already installed much of the equipment in offices located in the City Hall and several of the technicians have already reported to duty. Mr. Knight has a room in the home of Mrs. W. E. Warren. Miss Labarre is stopping at the Hotel George Reynolds for the present, and housing arrangements for the others are pending.

In addition to Manager McGee, Miss Frances Labarre of Jackson, Miss, and Messrs. E. N. Wood and David L. Knight have already reported for duty. Mr. Knight has a room in the home of Mrs. W. E. Warren. Miss Labarre is stopping at the Hotel George Reynolds for the present, and housing arrangements for the others are pending.

## Jos. Henry Wynne Passes In County

Joseph Henry Wynne, 70-year-old farmer, died suddenly at his home in Bear Grass Township last Sunday morning at 8:00 o'clock. Apparently in his usual health, Mr. Wynne got up that morning and was walking across his yard when he was stricken, the apparent victim of a cerebral hemorrhage. Two of his adopted sons' boys were there and they helped him to the porch where he died before medical aid could reach him.

The son of the late John David and Susan Carraway Wynne, he was born in Cross Roads Township, locating in Bear Grass about twenty years ago. He was married to Alice Roberson who died about ten or twelve years ago. No children were born to the union, but he adopted a son, Mancy Roberson. Mr. Wynne was the last of his immediate family. He was a hard worker and carved a livelihood for himself and family out of a small farm.

Funeral services were held at the Mancy Roberson home Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Elder A. B. Ayers. Interment was in the Aushon Cemetery in Cross Roads Township.