

## Speaks In Behalf Of Research Fund Friday Afternoon

**Carl Hicks, Tobacco Stabilization Corporation Head, Pleads For Funds**

Stressing the importance of raising funds to supplement research work in plant diseases and telling how much a planned program could save farmers, Carl Hicks, head of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation, at the Farm Bureau meeting last Friday pleaded for support of the program. He pointed out that plant diseases are costing farmers millions of dollars each year, that the farmers can help themselves by helping finance the program.

Martin County is being asked to raise \$1,050 as its part in financing the program. A free will offering was taken at the barbecue last Friday evening and \$97.54 was raised. Plans will be made later to carry the appeal to all farmers.

Mr. Hicks' appeal follows: "For several years now, the Farm Bureau in North Carolina has worked diligently to promote and enlarge the experimental work in the conquering of diseases in tobacco, potatoes and other crops farmers grow in this State. The expanded facilities of our Tobacco Experiment Station, and its branches, the foundation work in peanuts just getting underway are all the result of our organized efforts along with other groups.

"So it is but natural that we would respond to the call from our great State College and join hands with them to intensify and enlarge their efforts to conquer many of the plant diseases that are now costing growers in such crops as peanuts, cotton, tobacco, Irish and sweet potatoes several million dollars annually. We in the tobacco belt where we have seen such remarkable results from the discovery of a type of tobacco that is resistant to Granville Wilt know how well a successful experiment can pay off. This one accomplishment has resulted in re-creating new values for farmers who had in some instances abandoned their lands.

"Unfortunately plant diseases like diseases attacking human beings continue to recur in different forms and attach in different ways. So we must treat plant diseases like diseases affecting us. We must be on the alert and have trained specialists to tackle these diseases when they first appear or we will soon awake and find the diseases have overcome us.

It is calculated that a fund of \$35,000.00 or about a minimum of 50c per member will provide a fund for the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation can invest and use the proceeds to supplement the salary of some of the best trained specialists in the field of plant pathology to work entirely upon plant diseases affecting principally row crops.

"This Agricultural Foundation was created by the leadership of our farm people for the sole purpose, as I understand it, to provide funds for supplementing the standard scale of salaries for specialists, who can not be hired at the present state schedule. The state salary schedule necessarily deals across the board in setting up salaries in each classification. Of necessity with no measuring rod to determine who may be entitled to a higher salary because of extra ability or increased efficiency. In order to get men and women of

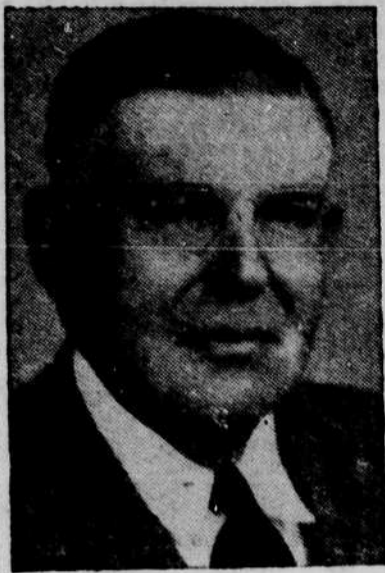
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## Car Turns Over, Driver Uninjured

Willis R. Sawyer, 510 N. Market Street, Washington, escaped unharmed when a pick-up truck owned by the Maola Ice Cream Company, went out of control and turned over with him about three miles from Williamston on Highway 17 last Tuesday evening.

Sawyer said that the wheels locked, that the car swerved to the left, ran into a ditch and did an end flip. The investigating officer, Patrolman J. T. Rowe, estimated the property damage at \$250.

## CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATE



The Enterprise today presents the first pictures of candidates for political offices in the county, district and State, starting with those for the State Senate from this, the Second Senatorial District. Pictured above are Messrs. O. L. Wil-



liams (left) Hyde County attorney of Swan Quarter; John Torney of Washington (center); and Sam M. Campen, prominent business man-



mer of Alliance, Pamlico County (right). The three men are running for the two seats allotted the seven counties in this district.

## Swine Raisers Forge Ahead at Stock Show

### CAMPAIGN

Meeting in the county agricultural building Monday afternoon, the USDA Council formulated plans for a county-wide campaign against rats.

The council is preparing 4,000 appeals to be directed to the people of the county, urging them to participate in the campaign which is to be advanced on Wednesday, May 19.

Special poisons will be made available the early part of next week, and it is hoped that every farmer will buy at least \$1 worth and help the campaign.

Williamston is financing a campaign out of its treasury, while those persons outside of town are being asked to finance it at the small cost.

## Jaycees Install New Officers At Meeting Friday

**J. M. Broughton Addressed Banquet Briefly In Woman's Club Hall Here**

The third annual Ladies and Installation Night banquet and dance of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce was held here last Friday evening. The dinner was held at the Woman's Club, with approximately 150 persons attending and enjoying a delicious meal served by the ladies of the Cross Roads Christian church.

Following the meal, retiring president Wheeler Manning recognized the toastmaster of the evening, Edgar Gurganus. Jaycee Gurganus introduced the invited local guests, which included the president of the Woman's Club, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., President and Mrs. Gene Kimball of the Kiwanis Club and President and Mrs. K. D. Worrell of the Lions Club. The ranking officers of several out of town Jaycee organizations introduced their representatives, after which Mayor Bob Cowen welcomed the group.

Bill Redding, eastern vice president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, installed all the new officers except the incoming president. The Wilson Jaycee stressed the need of co-operation and work on the part of the officers and directors and urged the wives and girl friends to be patient in allowing their Jaycees to attend the meetings and undertakings of the club.

National Director Billy Harrison of Rocky Mount installed the new president of the local unit, Jaycee Exum L. Ward, Jr., assisted by Mrs. Ward, the latter placing the president's button in the lapel of the new president. Mr.

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## County Fat Stock Show Sale Income Exceeded \$6,000.00

### Grand Champion Steer Sold For 50 Cents, and Best Hog For 80

Holding a secondary position ever since the first Martin County fat stock show was established by Former Assistant County Agent McLendon five years ago, youthful swine raisers—both 4-H club members and Future Farmers of America—moved in this year to get the acclaim. And they did an excellent job, Judge Jack Kelly declaring that the show held in the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse last Friday was the best in the State.

The youthful cattle raisers deserted or withdrew from the show in numbers, the entries dropping from forty-three last year to eight this year. But those eight proved that good beef can be produced right here at home. Apparently swine production fits more neatly and more economically into the farm picture in this county. However, farm leaders still declare that cattle raising can be advanced on a small scale, at least, in this county. Possibly some of the wrinkles will have to be ironed out before cattle raising is undertaken on any appreciable scale in these parts.

Although the beef cattle entries were limited, the show was very successful. Between an estimated 1,000 and 1,500 persons visited the show, and the gross income ranged above the average reported in many sections.

All told the show sales amounted to \$6,182.52—\$2,456.82 for the eight beef calves and \$3,725.90 for the 65 hogs. The beef sales averaged \$40.24 and the hog sales averaged right at \$22.78.

Mary Jane Rogers, exhibiting the reserve champion last year, pulled up to first place this year and sold her Hereford for 50 cents a pound to Colonial Stores. Bill Bailey of the Everetts Club fell back to second place after showing the grand champion last year, but he sold his Hereford for 40 cents a pound to Ward's Market in Williamston. John C. Gurganus of the Hamilton Club, took third place with his 774-pound Hereford which he sold to Colonial Stores for 36 cents a pound. Miss Lynette Haislip of Oak City was fourth with a choice 814-pound Hereford which was sold to Colonial Stores for 37 cents a pound. Johnnie Price of the Williamston Club had a small Hereford but he sold him to Roberson's Cafe for 40 cents a pound. Mayhue Bailey of Bear Grass sold the largest entry—a 915-pound Hereford—to Colonial Stores for 38 cents a pound. William Purvis of Everetts sold his 718-pound Hereford for 40 cents a pound to Roberson's

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## Claudius Hardison Died Suddenly At Home on Saturday

### Funeral At Piney Grove for World War I Veteran Monday Afternoon

Claudius Hardison, farmer and veteran of World War I, died suddenly at his home in the Smithwick's Creek section of Griffins Township last Saturday night at 11:30 o'clock. He had been in declining health for two or three years, but was thought to be getting along very well Saturday when he attended religious services and talked with friends. He suffered a stroke that evening about 9:00 o'clock, death following within a little over two hours.

The son of the late Stanley and Louisa Corey Hardison, he was born in Griffins Township and lived there all his life, successfully engaging in farming. He was in the armed forces with Company E, 322nd Infantry from September 20, 1917, until he was honorably discharged April 3, 1919, serving overseas from May 26, 1918, until March 28, 1919.

Mr. Hardison was a member of the Piney Grove Baptist Church, serving as a deacon there for nine years. He had taught a class in the Sunday School since it was organized, and was a leader in his community, holding the respect of all who knew him.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Addie Perry. Surviving are Mrs. Hardison; four children; Miss Josephine Hardison, and three sons, Stancil, Earl and Franklin; two brothers, James A., and Mc. D. Hardison; and two sisters, Mrs. W. N. Griffin and Miss Louisa Hardison, all of this county.

Funeral services were conducted in the Piney Grove Baptist Church Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment was in the Tice Community Cemetery in Griffins Township.

## Truck - Auto In Minor Accident

No one was hurt but damage estimated at \$225 resulted when a 1940 Buick driven by James Perry, colored of Washington, and a truck, driven by Robert Purvis and owned by Roberson's Slaughter House, crashed at Park Avenue (the old fair grounds midway) at 8:15 o'clock last Saturday morning.

Traveling toward Williamston, the truck started to make a left turn just as Perry started to pass. Purvis said he gave a left-turn signal and Perry stated he did not see it. Investigating the accident, Patrolman J. T. Rowe said that each accepted his own damage and no charges were preferred.

### Baptist Services Are Being Well Attended

The special services now underway in the local Baptist Church are being well attended. The pastor is conducting the services and Mr. John Holmes of Raleigh is leading the song programs.

## Arrests Made In Cherry Robbery Case Late Friday

**Frank Crews Admits Attack And Involves Henry Williams**

Frank Crews, 30-year-old colored man and an ex-convict, and Henry Williams, 28, were arrested late last Friday night and formally charged with brutally attacking and robbing Haywood Cherry, night watchman at the Marvil Package Company plant near Roanoke River here a week earlier. Crews, originally from South Carolina and who was sentenced to prison in Washington County for an assault, first denied the charge but admitted it when officers tore down his alibi. He then involved Williams who denied having any connection with the brutal crime.

A \$550 reward, offered by friends of the attack victim, developed a lead in the case late Friday evening and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Chief W. E. Saunders picked Crews up in the home of Mary Bell Whitehurst Hill on Griffin Street a short time later at 11:30 o'clock. Crews declared that he was engaged in a gambling "skinning" game back of Brown's barbershop on the night the watchman was attacked and nearly killed. The officers, having gained possession of the watchman's gun from John Griffin in Everetts, checked Crews' story and learned that he had not been to Brown's shop at the stated time. Incidentally the officers were at Brown's shop hardly four hours ahead of Abram (Bud-dy Rowe) Fonville who went there and killed Lewis Riddick.

When his alibi had been discredited and he was shown the gun, Crews admitted the attack and told about it in detail. Crews, working around the county home, said he and Williams, an employee at the basket factory, planned the robbery a day or two before hand, that Williams was to hide under the building so he could watch the watchman and give a signal for the attack. Crews admitted hitting Cherry over the head, and the weapon, a large stick, was recovered.

Crews said that after he struck the watchman, Williams came out and said, "You've killed him. You'd better go," explaining that he moved off along side the railroad and traveled the path later followed by blood hounds. Crews said he grabbed the gun and left Williams there.

Williams, listened to Crews tell the story, offering at no time to interrupt him but denying the charge when Crews had finished the story.

Those persons, pledging the \$550 reward, are advancing the cash which will be paid over to the informer when the case is cleared in the court. The name of the informer was not revealed. Officers declared that they had exhausted every possible lead in the case when the reward was announced in The Enterprise last week and the informer recalled having seen a pistol similar to the one described as belonging to the watchman.

## Car-Truck Wreck At Intersection

Considerable damage was done but no one was hurt in a recent truck-car crash at Skewarkey on Highway 17.

Charles Dixon, driving a lumber truck owned by the W. R. Taylor Company of Robersonville, started to make a left turn into the lane just as William Bell of Warren, Rhode Island, started to pass.

Patrolman M. F. Powers, making the investigation, estimated the damage to Bell's Buick at \$275.

### PAY-UP

Abram Fonville, resorting to tragic methods in settling up claims he held against others, started a pay-up campaign here last week-end. Reports declared that quite a few debtors contacted their creditors, paying up in some instances and promising payment in others.

## Kills One and Gravely Wounds Another Over Gambling Debt

### Democrats To Hold County Meeting Saturday At Noon

Meeting in biennial session in the courthouse Saturday, May 15, at 12:00 o'clock, noon, Martin County democrats will perfect their organization and discuss any business placed before the convention. No record attendance is anticipated by the committee chairman, E. S. Peel, but he is asking as many party members as possible to attend the meeting.

A chairman of the executive committee is to be named along with a co-chairman, secretary-treasurer and various committees. The important business will be to name delegates to the State convention which is to be held in Raleigh next week. Heretofore, the county's delegates have been sent to Raleigh without definite instructions. While it isn't likely they'll be instructed this time, it

is possible that the convention Saturday will discuss presidential candidates and voice a preference. It is the consensus of opinion that the Democrats in this county do not favor Truman's nomination. As far as it could be learned, only one precinct meeting was held in the county last Saturday. Good and true Democrats, including several figuring prominently in the current political campaigns, met in Robersonville and handled the business at hand. Paul D. Roberson was named chairman and J. H. Gray, Sr. was made secretary-treasurer.

In the other precincts where no meetings were held Saturday it is expected that organizations will be perfected just before the county meeting Saturday in the courthouse.

## Over Two Thousand Attend Bureau Meet

### Secretary Speaks To Farmers And Visitors Friday

### Can't Live By Proposed Farm Bill, Shaw Tells Annual Meeting

The Martin County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting and barbecue at the high school in Williamston last Friday afternoon, the event, recognized as one of the largest events of its kind to be held in the State, attracting over two thousand farmers, friends and special visitors.

Started late and interrupted to get the program to fit into a radio broadcast, the meeting heard several nationally known farm leaders and brief talks by Congressman Herbert Bonner and J. M. Broughton, candidate for the United States Senate.

Rev. W. B. Harrington read the Scripture of the talents and offering a brief prayer to open the meeting, and Mr. Chas. Daniel, president, briefly addressed the group. "We can't sit down and lose what we have gained," he told the members, urging them to sustain the organization and march forward together.

Following a short talk on the need for supplementing a program for research in plant diseases by Mr. Carl Hicks, president of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation, President Daniel introduced W. W. (Cap) Eagles, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau. Mr. Eagles said it was always a pleasure to come to Martin County "where things are done right." He also declared that Martin County has always been found at the front. "It is hard to get any one program to fit all of agriculture, but Farm Bureau comes nearer doing it than any other," the state president said, adding, "When we had no organization, we did not have any idea what price our crops would bring. Now, with a program, we have some idea."

The official explaining that the program guarantees 90 percent of parity. He went on to predict that the outlook for peanuts is good, that they are expected to sell for over 10 cents this fall. The top winners in the stock show were briefly interviewed at the meeting by C. J. Goodman, chairman, who read a brief history of the show.

In his opening remarks, R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the Farm Bureau, said that he had learned to know the people of Martin County and that he had learned to respect them and the way they do things. "I am grateful to Martin County for its work

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## Lewis Riddick Is Fatally Shot Here Saturday Morning

### Abram Fonville Arrested A Few Minutes After Dual Attack

Willie James Melton, colored, was seriously wounded and Lewis Riddick, also colored, was instantly killed by Abram Fonville, also colored, here between 3:00 and 4:00 o'clock last Saturday morning, police explaining that the man took the drastic action in an effort to collect gambling debts created a few days before. A .45 calibre bullet piercing his stomach, Melton underwent an operation in a Washington hospital Saturday and was reported still alive early today, doctors giving him a chance to recover. A second bullet grazed the man's arm and one or two other shots went wild.

Struck twice, Riddick died almost instantly, police saying that the victim, plugged through the heart, scrambled off the bed where he had been sleeping with two other men and fell dead on the floor a few feet away. One of the bullets struck the man in the hip and plowed upward through the stomach and lodging in the chest. The second bullet went through the hip.

Little has been learned about the origin of the gambling debt, police saying that differences reached a climax about 3:00 o'clock Saturday morning when Fonville went to Ernest Stallings' home, corner of Broad and Hyman Streets near Woodlawn cemetery, where a social event was in progress. Taking a stand at the front door, Fonville was quoted as saying to Melton, "You owe me \$6 and I want it." Melton explained that he had only \$2, that he would pay the remainder as soon as possible. The terms of the proposed settlement were apparently not acceptable, and Fonville expressed his terms with gun fire. The first shot took effect and literally froze the victim and witnesses to their tracks, but recovering from the shock seconds later the witnesses departed, leaving the victim and his attacker. One report declared that exits were gained through a door while others went through the window, taking curtains, shade, sash and glass with them.

Fonville is believed to have gone to his rooming house in the Ormond Hall not far away, picked up a few clothes and moved about one-half mile across town on foot. He knocked on the back door of a bedroom in the rear of Guilford Brown's barbershop on Washington Street, two doors from the Red Front grocery. Some one turned him in, and Fonville took a stand at the foot of the bed where Riddick and two others were sleeping with Riddick in the middle.

"I've killed one . . . Nigger tonight, and I'll kill another. I want the \$11 you owe me," Fonville was quoted as saying. Riddick explained that he did not have the money, and Fonville brought his .45 calibre pistol into action.

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## Escape Injury In Automobile Wreck

Two Oak City High School girls and two young men escaped with minor bruises when a 1941 Ford owned and driven by Virgis Scott, 22, went out of control and turned over on a dirt road between Hassell and Oak City late last Wednesday night. Few details of the accident could be learned here, Patrolman R. P. Narron stating that he had not completed his investigation.

The car, moving in the direction of Oak City was said to have turned over twice on a curve. The driver was quoted as saying that he was not driving more than twenty-five miles an hour. Damage to the machine was estimated at \$350.

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