

## Two Additional Teachers to Work In Local Schools

### All Positions In Williamston Have Been Filled; Few County Openings

All positions in the faculty of the Williamston High School have been filled and there are but a half dozen vacancies in the county school faculties, it was revealed this week along with the announcement that two additional teachers are being provided the Williamston schools because of an increased enrollment and to reduce the teacher load.

The turnover in the teaching profession in the county has not been large this summer and a few applications are coming in for the several openings that have occurred in various schools.

No resignations were filed by teachers in the Williamston elementary school here, Principal B. G. Stewart has announced although three members of the high school faculty are vacating their positions. All places have been filled.

Those who will not return to their places next year include Miss Mary Ellen Sawyer, science teacher, Mrs. Wheeler Manning, English, French and Library, and Mrs. Ralph Gorham, English teacher.

Additions to the faculty, some of whom have been previously announced, are:

Miss Helen Marie Jones of Edenton, who has been employed in home demonstration work, will take "her position of science teacher here. English, French and Library classes will be taught by Miss Betty Sue Tilley of Fuqua Springs. Miss Tilley is a 1948 graduate with an A. B. degree from Woman's College. She had an outstanding record at W. C., including among her accomplishments membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

The English position vacated by Mrs. Gorham will be taken by Mr. Rex East of Stantonburg. He holds a B. S. degree from Forest College and at the present time is working on his Master's degree. He has one and a half years experience in English and French in the Stantonburg schools.

The Social Study class will be taught by Mr. Carlyle Cox of Robersonville who attended Duke University for two years and Eastern Carolina Teachers College and holds a B. S. degree in teaching as well as a Master's degree.

Added to the sixth grade staff will be Miss Martha Whitehurst of Bethel. She comes from the Wilmington City schools where she has taught for five years.

Teaching one of the seventh grade groups will be Mrs. Edger Schuller, the local Methodist minister's wife. She has an A. B. degree from Duke University and four years of teaching experience.

## Mrs. Whitehurst Dies At Everetts

Mrs. Hattie Roebuck Whitehurst, 38, widow of James S. Whitehurst of Winterville, died last Saturday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rubin Bailey, near Everetts, where she had been visiting. She had been ill 11 weeks.

Funeral services were held from the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church at 3:30 p. m. Monday. The Rev. R. B. Spencer, Free Will Baptist minister of Ayden, conducted the services, assisted by the Rev. E. G. Cole, Baptist minister of Winterville. Burial was in the Winterville cemetery.

Mrs. Whitehurst was born and reared in Pitt County and had made her home in Winterville for a number of years. She was a member of the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, two sons, two daughters and 11 grandchildren.

Bayley, Mrs. W. N. Moore and Mrs. J. P. Stox of Winterville and Mrs. John G. Coltraine of Williamston; six sons, Robert L. and Ben F., of Williamston; Sam A. and Vernon of Greenville and Claude L. of Winterville and Willie W. Whitehurst of Bear Grass; 50 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

## CITIZENS OF TOMORROW



The Enterprise takes much pleasure in presenting another in a picture series of this section's "citizens of tomorrow". So far none has figured prominently in public affairs, but as future citizens they have a tremendous assignment to handle in a muddled world. Certain they'll do a better job than has been done or is being done. The Enterprise presents the youngsters as the one great hope for the future.

Top row, left to right, Charles, six, Walter, three, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Banks, Williamston; Margolie Jane, seven, Shelton, five, Ray, three, sons and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Gurganus, Williamston; Gene, seven, Charles, five, Garland Ray, four, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Whitley, Williamston; Bottom row, Carole, six, Patricia, five, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Terry, Williamston; Tommy, seven, Maris, eighteen months, sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Parker, Williamston; and Norma Haye, ten, Linda, three, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Bailey, Williamston.

## BARN BURNS

Fire destroyed a tobacco barn and around six or seven hundred sticks of tobacco belonging to Mr. Crawford Coltraine of the Farm Life community Tuesday afternoon. Having cured the tobacco, the attendant was ready to turn off the heat when the blaze was discovered. Nothing was saved.

## Outside Toilets Under Attack

The matter of outside toilets or privies in sections where sewer connections are available came up for serious discussion at the meeting of the town board Tuesday night and it was decided to start a campaign to eliminate the menace to public health as rapidly as possible.

City Attorney Charles H. Manning read to the board, the law covering the situation. This regulation calls for the letting of a contract for the installation of proper toilet facilities, at least one separate toilet for each family, within 30 days after receipt of notice from the town clerk that a connection to the town sewer system is available and required. The installation of the facilities is to be completed within 25 days after the letting of the contract to the plumber. In other words, 55 days after notice is received from the town clerk that connections must be made the toilet facilities must be ready for use.

The board noted that prosecutions have been started in some of the larger towns but expressed a desire to avoid that here if possible. They advised property owners to contact town authorities to determine what facilities are available to them and to make arrangement for connections as early as possible.

The responsibility for making the connections to the sewer lines lies with the owner of the property regardless of who lives on the premises.

The board also decided to take up the matter of extending the cemetery with owners of adjoining property, it being pointed out that some action in the matter is necessary before the fall.

A hose drier for the fire department was considered but final decision in the matter was delayed. The budget for the coming year is to be considered at a called meeting to be held some time during the next few days.

**Continues Quite Ill**

In declining health for the past few weeks, Mrs. S. Claude Griffin continues quite ill in a Washington hospital, according to reports reaching here this morning. She was reported to have rested very comfortably last night, but her general condition was little changed, it was learned this morning.

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Williamston High School Band has issued a call for all members of the band to report to the high school at 5:30 Sunday afternoon with their uniforms for the purpose of having a picture taken of the band. Those who cannot be on hand are asked to bring or send their uniforms to the school not later than 5:30 Sunday afternoon.

## Parking Meters Will Be Installed Here This Month

### Miller Meter Is Selected for Use In Business Section of Williamston

Reiterating their wish that the action could have been avoided, the Town Commissioners of Williamston Tuesday night purchased parking meters for the business section of the town.

Wrestling with the parking problem here for many months, and noting that it was growing steadily worse, the town board a few weeks ago delegated Chief of Police Whit Saunders to poll the merchants and business men of the town to get their sentiment in regard to the installation of the parking meters. The results of that poll showed that 67 favored the meters while nine opposed them. The board accordingly, issued a call for demonstrations of meters and reached a decision on the type to be installed Tuesday night. The meter being purchased is the Miller Meter, the same type that is being used in Washington at the present time. They are to be installed within two or three weeks.

The meters are to be installed by the manufacturer and are to be paid for out of their earnings. If they should prove objectionable or unsatisfactory they will be removed without cost to the town. The meters are being installed for the purpose of discouraging extended parking in the business section so as to remove the necessity of local shoppers having to carry merchandise in their hands or arms for blocks to reach their cars after they have completed their shopping. The meters are "cumulative" as to timing. That is, a parking motorist who has put a penny in for a 12 minute stop and realizes he needs 24 minutes, can go back and put a nickel in and get an hour; and 12 minutes or can put pennies in for the added 12 minute periods he deems necessary to make sure he does not overpark. Also, a motorist who drives into a parking space for an hour's stay and finds 24 minutes time left on the meter may add three pennies and thereby get the full hour's time.

The board members emphasized that they do not want to make money on the meters but merely to increase the turnover in parking space in the business section.

## Body Of Youth On Its Way Home

The body of Pfc. Asa J. Taylor, Martin County young man who gave his life in World War II, is being returned home for burial in native soil.

One of 4,842 Americans making the last journey home on the U. S. Army Transport Carrol Victory, the young man was killed in action in Italy on June 2, 1944. Traveling through New York, the young man's body is expected to be handled either direct from there or through the distribution center at Charlotte. Date of arrival will be announced later. His is the eighth body of a Martin County young man to be returned from overseas for burial in native soil.

He was a son of Mr. George Robert Taylor of Bear Grass where he is remembered as being a young man of sterling qualities and promise.

## Fire Damages Car Parked On Street

Fire which apparently started from a cigarette dropped in the back seat, caused slight damage to the 1946 Ford of Gene Boney while it was parked on Church Street here Tuesday night.

Fire Chief Hall reported that Mr. Boney, government peanut inspector, parked his car about 10:30 at the Herman Bowen home where he is staying and the fire was discovered about 1:15. Lack of ventilation prevented the fire from blazing but it had smoldered long enough to burn a hole in the back of the seat and in the cushion doing damage estimated at \$50 to \$75. Firemen were called and extinguished the fire without difficulty.

The alarm was the second of the week for the local firemen who went to Hamilton Monday night.

**Continues Quite Ill In the Hospital Here**

In declining health for more than three years, Mr. Chas. Sexton entered the hospital here a few days ago for treatment. A patient in hospitals at intervals for the past three years, Mr. Sexton was reported quite ill this morning. He has an appointment for special treatment at Duke hospital tomorrow, but it could not be learned immediately if he'd be able to make the trip there.

**BAND PICTURE TO BE TAKEN AT 5:30 SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

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will be held this Sunday evening, at 8:00 in the Christian Church with Rev. E. R. Shuller delivering the sermon. The following Sunday evening Rev. John L. Goff will speak at the Methodist Church. These services will alternate between the two churches during the months of July and August. The public is invited.

## Roberson Urges More Support of Fat Stock Shows

### Kiwanis Club Hears Speakers On Program Aimed At Boosting Event

Greater and more varied support for the annual fat stock show in Williamston was urged by David Roberson and other speakers before the local Kiwanis club at its regular meeting at the Hotel George Reynolds last week. The purpose of the program, featured by Mr. Roberson's talk, was to stimulate more interest in the livestock movement.

The speaker admitted that the civic clubs of the county were co-sponsoring this biggest annual event for the town of Williamston and Martin County by contributions of prize money for the show, but at the same time he said there was much that could be done to make the annual fat stock show an even greater event. In accomplishing this end, Mr. Roberson urged the civic clubs to give the show the necessary push by way of much needed publicity.

As civic minded citizens of Martin County it was suggested that each club member encourage the production of prize livestock through visiting and assisting in any way possible the young 4-H Club members who volunteer to culture a young beef for the show.

In other communities where fat stock shows are annual events, the sponsoring agencies have charge of exhibiting the livestock as well as publicizing the event in advance of the showing, he said. A successful fat stock show is one that creates public interest and as a result of such interest, a good market is created for the prize winning livestock.

Mr. Roberson said that if any group is to profit from a successful fat stock show in Williamston it would be the local merchants, since such an affair linked with a barbecue dinner, annually attracts from 2500 to 3000 people to Williamston. He expressed the opinion that the local merchants could be reached through the local civic clubs, which he hoped would "take the bull by the horns and make this annual event in Williamston the largest Junior Fat Stock Show in the State."

Following Mr. Roberson's talk, remarks were made by Kiwanian Tom Brandon, county agent, and Messrs. D. W. Brady and J. W. Sumner, assistant county agents.

An open discussion was then held by members of the Kiwanis club who displayed much interest in a bigger and better fat stock show in 1949 for their community. During the discussion Mr. Sumner was asked, "What size Fat Stock Show would be considered a successful and good show." Mr. Sumner's reply was, "A good show consisting of about 40 steers and 100 fat hogs would be a successful show from the standpoint of size."

Kiwanian Wheeler Martin made a motion that a special Kiwanis committee be appointed to work in conjunction with the other two civic clubs of Williamston towards a bigger and better fat stock show for 1949. The motion was carried unanimously but President Gene Kimball delayed appointment of such a committee until the presidents of the Lions and Junior Chamber of Commerce groups could be contacted regarding their willingness to take part in the promotional activity.

## Jamesville Man Hurt In Accident

Isaac Nichols, Jamesville colored man, sustained a broken left leg and injuries to his head when his bicycle was struck by a car driven by George H. Manning Monday night on the Jamesville-Williamston highway about one mile west of Jamesville.

According to information received here, Manning was driving his Ford toward Williamston at 11:15 p. m. when he met another car which blinded him for a few moments so that he did not see Nichols riding on the right side of the road just ahead of him, until he was almost upon him. The driver swerved to avoid striking the bicycle but Nichols was knocked down and the bicycle caught on the handle of the car door on the right hand side. Little damage was done to the bicycle, it was reported here and the only damage to the car was a broken headlight glass.

Nichols was carried to the local hospital where he is reported recovering.

## Evening Services Being Combined

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coach on a dirt road about three miles out of Robersonville at 7:40 p. m. when he rounded a curve and collided with a 1942 Chevrolet driven by James Earl Manning. Damage to the Chevrolet was estimated at \$500 and to the Ford, \$200. Two stitches were required to close the gash in James Earl's head.

## Long July Fourth Holiday Is Observed Quietly Here

Martin county residents took full advantage of the long Fourth of July holiday last week-end as they sought refuge from the hot weather at various and sundry beaches and resorts.

Although the long holiday was started with an accident near Robersonville in which one person was slightly injured last Friday evening and closed with another near Jamesville on Monday evening when a colored man sustained a broken leg and other injuries in a crash involving his bicycle and an automobile, the holidays themselves, Sunday and Monday, were unusually free of mishaps considering the very heavy volume of traffic.

Almost everyone who could do so got out of town at one time or another during the week-end, a few of them going to the beaches Sunday without prior arrangement for accommodations and making out as best they could. The town itself was unusually quiet as the heat forbade any more than necessary activity. At home those who had not gone to the beaches attended baseball games or "just rested" at home in the shade or under an electric fan.

All stores, offices and places of business were closed Monday to allow for observance of the Fourth which this year fell upon Sunday. While no official estimate has been made of the traffic in this section of the state there is a possibility that it was the heaviest for a like period since the end of the war.

## Big Store And Home In Hamilton Burned

### \$100,000 Loss To Mercantile Firm And Home Owner

Starting from an over-heated electric motor, fire destroyed the large Johnson Mercantile Company and the Jesse Everett home in Hamilton shortly after 3:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, resulting in a loss estimated at about \$100,000. Accurate figures on the loss could not be had but Henry S. Johnson, Jr., who succeeded his late father as head of the business, said Tuesday it would take close to \$100,000 to replace stock and buildings and \$10,000 for the eight room dwelling of Mr. Everett. The company's loss included the large two-story store and two small warehouses, all well stocked with merchantable goods.

Cal's were sent out to neighboring towns and fire trucks were dispatched to the scene by Williamston, Robersonville and Tarboro, as well as a Fire Service truck from Scotland Neck. The larger fire engines could find no source of water supply large enough to accommodate their pumps and the small forest service apparatus picked up small amounts of water here and there and used it to the best possible advantage. For the most part, however, it was a matter of standing by and watching the fire burn itself out.

A few items were removed from some of the smaller storage places before the fire reached them but they were small as compared to the total involved. Nearly all of the furniture from the Everett home was reported as having been removed from the dwelling before fire forced workers to retreat.

There was some insurance on the store but it is not likely to be anywhere near enough to cover the loss while insurance on the house will cover part of the loss to Mr. Everett but this, too, is not likely to cover the loss completely.

Mr. Johnson estimated his loss as about half covered by insurance. (Continued on page eight)

## Traffic Law Violators Hailed Before Justice

Three violators of the highway traffic laws were hailed before Justice R. T. Johnson this week, two of them drawing fines and the other taxed with the costs. One case involving violation of game laws was also heard.

Surviving are one brother, W. L. Roebuck of Williamston and a half-brother, Andrew Roebuck, of Robersonville.

Funeral services were conducted in the Biggs Funeral Home in Williamston Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry. Interment was in the Robersonville Cemetery.

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## Offers Set Aside Time for Adults

Recreation Director Stuart Maynard reported today that he would be glad to set aside some evening hours when the municipal swimming pool would be open to adults only if the older group would signify enough interest to make the project worthwhile.

He has been anxious to have the grownups of the town use the pool more frequently and reports that a few of them have approached him about the matter of setting aside certain evening hours for adults only. He says that should there be sufficient demand to make the effort worth while he will start it soon. The plan would set aside one afternoon and one night each week for adults only.

## Deadlines Set For Inspections

Owners of all vehicles of models up to and including 1936 and vehicles of models 1947 and 1948 in Martin County were faced today with the choice of bringing these vehicles to the inspection lane in Williamston next week or driving them to another section of the district, Washington, Plymouth or some other place prior to August 31 by which time the cars must have been inspected.

While the schedule for the inspection lane will put it back in Williamston on August 31 it is not likely that it will be set up and going before the next day, September 1 or any other event the motorist would be taking a big chance to wait until the second trip.

Any vehicle can be carried to the lanes for inspection anywhere at any time but deadlines have been set by models to speed up the inspection program.

Models 1937 and 1946 must be inspected by September 30, 1938, 1939, 1943, 1944 and 1945 must be inspected by October 31; models 1940 and 1942 must be inspected by November 30; models 1941 and 1949 must be inspected by December 31.

Any person buying a car for which the inspection deadline has passed without its being inspected without inspection if proper papers are carried showing date of transfer of title.

Only about one-fourth of the state's 862,252 vehicles have passed inspection although half the year is gone. Lights, horn, brakes and steering the points getting the most attention at the inspections.

## Jas. J. Roebuck Funeral Monday

James Jasper Roebuck, native of this county, died at his home in Battleboro last Sunday morning of a heart attack. The son of the late W. A. and Mary Britton Roebuck, he was born between Everetts and Robersonville 39 years ago and lived and farmed in this county for a number of years before going to Edgecombe County. He later located in Battleboro where he engaged in business for about ten years. A member of the Christian Church at Battleboro he was highly regarded in his adopted town and many of his friends at