

Offering Special Prize On Tobacco Market Program

Awards Go To Best Guessers of Pounds and Averages of Local Market

Although the Williamston Tobacco market has been a promising and progressive one for many years, a new campaign was launched last week to promote sales here when L. P. Taylor, local merchant, canvassed the town soliciting aid from merchants and tobaccoists in organizing "The Williamston Boosters."

Through his efforts the merchants fell readily in line with his idea of promoting Williamston's market and contributed generously of their time and money to back the organization. Electing their officers, they placed Frank Margolis as president, and working with him as Vice President K. P. Lindsey, Treasurer Leman Barnhill and Secretary and Promotion Director L. P. Taylor. Serving on the Board of Directors with the officers are such capable men as Messrs. Urbin Rogers, Ernest Mears, Cortez Green, Jim Cook and Paul Simpson. Adopting the slogan, "Williamston On The March" and the motto, "Williamston Will," they immediately began making plans for an extensive advertising campaign.

The "Boosters" club was organized for a three-fold purpose and by the combined efforts of the merchants and tobaccoists, the club hopes to insure higher prices for the farmers' tobacco and other crops, to advertise the town, thereby bringing more people to Williamston and more business to our merchants and to create a bond of friendship through friendly dealings between the farmers and our merchants and professional men.

A complete schedule of advertising by newspaper and radio was completed down to the last detail last week. Advertisements boosting Williamston and its market appear in the local paper every week. A radio program is broadcast from 11:00 to 11:30 a. m. and from 3:00 to 3:30 p. m. daily except Saturday and Sunday from the warehouse district here. This program comes over WRRF, a Washington station and WCPS, a Tarboro station, simultaneously. The program which is a survey of the sales and activities in the warehouses, gives the prices the farmer is receiving for his tobacco and the daily and weekly high dollar averages. L. P. Taylor, originator of the organization, is the announcer.

At a meeting of the Williamston Boosters' Friday night, details of the advertising schedule were outlined and plans were completed for a merchant's prize campaign which started Monday. Two thousand numbered circulars have been printed, and one circular will be attached to each tobacco sales slip. Cooperating merchants will give away prizes each week to the holders of the lucky numbers appearing on the circular. Winning numbers will be announced over the radio each day.

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SETTLING THINGS

Any idea that the Martin County League race would end with the close of the season began to fade last week and was completely gone Monday morning when the scores were counted and the standings figured.

So to settle things, here's the brew for this week, on the stove to date:
Wednesday night at 8:00, Bear Grass and Robersonville in a game that will decide if the Bears are definitely and finally in first place.

Thursday night, Hassell and Oak City in a game that decides whether there will be play-offs for fourth place. If Oak City wins, the Roosters will be tied with Williamston. Friday night, Robersonville meets Everetts in a double-header that will decide second and possibly third place. There's plenty brewing.

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, Dianne, seven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cherry, Williamston; Lucian, seven, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Peel, Williamston; Betsy, eight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Keel, Everetts; Bottom row, Jane, nine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Barnhill, II, Williamston; Billy Britton, eight, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Thomas, Williamston; Sylvia, eleven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Rawls, Jamesville.

INSPECTION LANE

A scramble approaching the mad stage developed here early today when owners moved into the inspection lane to have their vehicles inspected ahead of the deadline this afternoon.

Several cars were placed in line twenty-four hours in advance of the opening of the lane, and several owners slept in their vehicles.

It was estimated at 9:00 o'clock that between two and three hundred vehicles were in the line. The cars were parked and jammed for blocks and travel was blocked on parts of Hatton, Biggs and Harrell Streets.

The line will handle around 300 vehicles today. Those owners who do not meet the deadline are subject to get citations, either to appear in the courts or have their vehicles inspected within a certain time. One or two owners traveled almost 100 miles to get into the line, but turned back when they realized they were crowded out by the early "birds."

The lane here will be open through next Monday, the inspectors working Labor Day, if necessary.

Badly Hurt When Struck By Truck

Lubina Slade, 5-year-old daughter of Emma Corey, of Route 3, Williamston, was critically injured about 5:00 o'clock last Thursday afternoon when she was hit by a truck driven by William Brown, 107 White Street, Williamston, and owned by R. A. Cramer and Brother. Picked up by the driver and others in the truck, the victim was carried to the local hospital where it was found she suffered a skull fracture and lacerations of the neck and bruises on the body. The little girl regained consciousness during the night and reports from the hospital today indicated she has a chance to recover if no complications set in.

Brown, accompanied by Harry Lee Speller, George Stewart and Andrew Stillely, was driving the 1946 model Ford log truck on the old Ballard Bridge Road toward N. C. Highway 125 in Poplar Point Township when the child ran out of the yard of her home and into the road. Brown applied brakes and swerved to the left, traveling possibly 60 feet before the machine struck the child. She was dragged about 25 feet before the vehicle was stopped.

The child's mother and others were working across the road from the home, and the child, planning to join them, dashed into the road, apparently without looking for vehicles. Witnesses said that Brown could hardly have avoided striking the child. Patrolman J. T. Rowe, investigating the accident, filed no charges against the driver.

Over One Hundred Register Monday In Martin County

Kentucky Young Man First To Register; 64 Percent of Registrants Colored

One hundred and twenty-eight young men registered in this county Monday under the provisions of the 1948 Draft Act, the number including forty - one World War II veterans, thirty-six non-veteran married men, forty-one single non-veterans, eight 18-year-olds and two whose registrations cards will be forwarded to other draft boards.

The registration was handled by volunteers, headed by Rev. John W. Hardy under the direction of Draft Board Chairman Eugene Rice, in the American Legion Hut on Watts Street in Williamston. Scheduled to remain open through September 18, the registration center is handling all registrations for the entire county. Young men are slated to register according to age groups. Although the center handled a few registrations besides those for the young men born in 1922 after August 30, the designated group was given preference. Young men are urged to observe the following registration schedule:

Men born in 1923 are registering today and tomorrow.

Men born in 1924 are to register September 2 and 3.

Men born in 1925 are to register on September 4 and 7.

Men born in 1926 are to register on September 8 and 9.

Men born in 1927 are to register on September 10 and 11.

Men born in 1928 are to register on September 13 and 14.

Men born in 1929 are to register on September 15 and 16.

Men born in 1930, before September 18, are to register on September 17 and 18.

Men becoming 18 years of age on and after September 19 are to register within five days after their birthday.

The first man to register in this county Monday was Raymond Tye Faulkner, 531 Hoskins Ave., Campbellsville, Ky. Employed by the W. I. Skinner Company, he is a World War II veteran.

Eighty-four of those registering in this county the first day were colored, or just about 64 percent of the total.

Shoots Intruder Here Last Night

Prowlers, disturbing his rest over a period of weeks, were subjected to pistol fire at the hands of David Archer at the Archer home on the railroad here early last night. As far as it could be learned, neither of the two shots fired from a .38 caliber pistol hit the target, but Archer declared that he tried to shoot to kill.

Archer who works for the A. C. L. Railroad Company and who lives in one of the section houses, told officers that someone had been prowling around his home for weeks. Last night the prowler went to his porch and tried to break in. Archer said he rushed to the door and opened fire at about thirty yards from his target.

Rod Rogers, colored man, was questioned by officers.

Robbers Strike In Robersonville

Striking between 4 and 5:00 o'clock yesterday morning, robbers made an extensive haul at the store of A. O. Roberson and Company in Robersonville. First reports indicated that goods valued at about \$2,000 or more were hauled away in an old model car. Local and county officers are working on the case, but no developments have been reported.

The robbers forced an entrance at the front door with a bar and filled suitcases with expensive merchandise. High-priced guns were taken from a show window. Nathan Roberson, merchant going to his place of business, frightened the robbers and they left before they could load all the stolen goods in their car and before police could be reached.

Flimflammer Gets Road Sentence In The County Court

Patrolmen Trail Quartet In to Another County Sunday Afternoon

After meeting with very little success, a flimflammer ran his course across Martin County Sunday afternoon, landed in the county jail that night and drew twelve months on the roads in Judge J. C. Smith's court Monday.

Advancing larceny by trick, William H. Sherman of Newport News and Weldon, stopped at Junior Wynne's store at Batts' Cross Roads in Beaufort County and ordered a package of cigarettes. He tendered a \$20 bill in payment, and when the changing process became complicated, Wynne donated the cigarettes, it was reported.

Accompanied by Ernest Davis, 37, Joseph D. Woodson, 21, Bennie Harris, 23, Sherman, 21-year-old colored man, stopped next at Oliver Coltrain's station near Macedonia. Sherman called for a can of sardines and offered \$20 in payment. The merchant did not have the change and he sent for it. About that time one of the accomplices came in and called for a 10-cent item and offered a \$10 bill in payment. He complicated the change system and when the men hurried away, they carried the items and an extra \$10. They stopped next at Paul Lilley's station where they were chased away.

During the meantime, Mr. Coltrain realized his mistake and he gave chase, calling in the highway patrol. Patrolman M. F. Powers picked up the trail, but the flimflammers traveled little-used roads as much as possible and went into Scotland Neck via the old River Road and Palmyra. The quartet was overtaken at Scotland Neck and returned to the county jail.

Given a hearing Monday morning before Justice R. T. Johnson they were bound over to the county.

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Local Schools Open Tomorrow

With all teacher positions filled except one and with a substitute in sight for that place, the local schools are ready for the opening tomorrow. Pupils are to report and enroll at 1:30 o'clock, those in the first six grades going to the elementary building and those in grades seven through twelve reporting to the high school building. Principal B. G. Stewart announced.

Teachers from all over the county are meeting here today, and tomorrow morning the individual groups will meet preparatory to the enrollment of the pupils at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. A. R. White has been drafted for one of the seventh grade positions, leaving only one opening to be filled.

Principal Stewart announces that supplementary fees in the elementary school are, \$1 for grades 1 and 2, \$1.10 for grades 3, 4 and 5, and \$1.20 for grades 6, 7 and 8. In the high school, the book rental fee will be \$3.00. Those taking typing are asked to pay a \$9 fee, half of which may be paid Wednesday and the other half at the beginning of the second semester.

Following the registration Wednesday afternoon, the pupils will report Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock for books and lesson assignments. The lunch rooms will not be opened until Monday of next week.

Receiving Treatment In Baltimore Hospital

Mr. Van G. Taylor, prominent county citizen-farmer, entered the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore last week-end for treatment. He was said to have been quite ill when he entered the hospital but his condition is understood to be improving and he is expected to be able to return home in about three weeks.

Coastland Residents Seek Shelter Here From Storm

Traveling in a large motor freight truck and one or two private cars, twenty-five or more coastland residents moved into town this morning about 3:00 o'clock seeking shelter from the hurricane tentatively predicted to strike along the North Carolina coast some time this morning. There were men, women and children, mostly children. Included in the group was a 78-year-old woman, a semi-invalid who had not been out of her home in five years. Given a place of preference on a cot in the big transport truck, the victim remained cheerful during the long trip and this morning declared she was feeling fine.

The evacuees, deserting their homes along the Dare County coast, were temporarily located at the high school. The local chapter of the Red Cross, headed by Mrs. John W. Hardy, chairman, and

Mrs. Edna Laughinghouse Bondurant, home service director, moved to aid the group, but once assured that the course of the storm had changed to a north, northeasterly direction, the evacuees soon started the return trip. They expressed relief when they were assured that the course of the storm had changed and that their property would escape the full force of the hurricane. Several of the group had "ridden" out storms in the past, and they did not choose to go through another with their little ones, they said.

While the course of the storm has changed, weather prognosticators admit that it is difficult to chart its path, but it was fairly certain shortly before noon that the focal point would maintain itself off the North Carolina coast, that only gale winds would be felt.

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Tobacco sales on the local market passed the two-million-pound mark early today with the price average for the first eight days holding between 48 and 49 cents a pound. During the first eight days of the current marketing season the market sold nearly half million pounds more than it did in the corresponding days last year when the price averaged a little better than 42 cents a pound.

The market had its largest sale of the season last Friday when 312,302 pounds were sold for \$139,644, or an average of \$44.71. The average was the lowest of the season. While tobacco prices apparently are not as high as they were on opening day, the 19th, the average decline is traceable mainly to the large offering of tips and inferior quality tobaccos.

The following report released by the United States Department of Agriculture, gives an over-all picture of the belt:

During the second week of Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco sales, prices by grades were steady to higher in most cases than the first two days of the season. However, the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture report a heavy influx of tips and lower quality primings to the markets caused a considerable increase in inferior offerings. This resulted in an average of only \$47.77 per hundred for the 35,132,041 gross pounds marketed the week ending August 27. The average was \$3.03 below that established the previous week. For the first seven days of the season gross sales reached 50,615,035 averaging \$48.69. In spite of the light volume sold early in the week, season sales were running heavier than the comparable period last season with the general average \$5.31 higher.

Comparative prices with the first two days show increases ranging from 25c to \$5.00 per hundred. Most were \$1.00 to \$2.00. The gains were principally for lugs, primings, and lower leaf grades. Better quality leaf and low orange cutters were slightly weaker with losses generally at \$1.00.

The proportion of lugs sold decreased about one-half from last week. More leaf, primings, and nondescript appeared. More offerings were of green and red color as many tips were marketed. Common to good leaf, fair to fine lugs, low and fair primings, and nondescript made up the bulk of sales.

Deliveries to the Flue-cured Stabilization Corporation this (Continued on page six)

MEETING

Meeting in the courthouse Wednesday evening of this week at 8:00 o'clock, a special committee will outline plans for handling the annual Farm Bureau Membership Drive in this county. The meeting is being called by President Chas. L. Daniel.

The county is being asked to sign up 2,300 members for the new year. The organization had 2,116 members in this county in 1947-48.

Henry C. Griffin Died Friday At Jamesville Home

Prominent County Merchant Had Been In Failing Health 10 Years

Henry Gray Griffin prominent county business man, died at his home in Jamesville last Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. He had been a semi-invalid for about five years and his condition was recognized as critical for four weeks before the end.

The son of the late William Jordan Griffin and wife, Sarah Jane Coltrain Griffin, he was born in the Fairview Community of Williams Township 71 years ago on November 5, 1876. After spending his early life on the farm there he moved to Jamesville where he was engaged in the timbering business for a few years. About 1908 he built a store on Jameville's Main Street, marking the beginning of a long mercantile business career, one that was marked for its untiring service and accommodation to the general public. His store, operated for forty years by Mr. Griffin with the aid of his brother, Chas. J. Griffin, until the latter's death a few years ago, was headquarters for business interests in that community for many years. Although much of the community's business houses followed the highway, two blocks away, Mr. Griffin never deserted the main street, maintaining his establishment and serving his customers until the end.

He was married to Miss Lillian Moore Davenport on August 23, 1914, and she survives with a daughter, Mrs. Edgar Brown of Jamesville; a sister, Mrs. George E. Roberson of Griffins Township; two brothers, Adolphus Griffin of Pactolus, and W. W. Griffin of Williams Township.

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Jamesville Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the Williamston Christian Church, assisted by Rev. B. E. Bingham, Methodist minister of Roper, and (Continued on page six)

Teachers Named For The Schools In Martin County

One Hundred and Twenty Are Included In Nine White Schools

All but four of the 120 faculty positions in the nine county white schools have been filled and substitutes will be recruited for the four places for the opening tomorrow, it was announced by the office of superintendent of school of schools yesterday.

Names of the faculty members, assigned duties and subjects, and home addresses are as follows:

Williamston school: Burton G. Stewart, principal, Williamston; Anna Belle Privott, mathematics, Edenton; Rex M. Best, Jr., English and French, Stantonsburg; Betty Sue Tilley, English and literature, Fuquay Springs; Carlyle L. Cox, history, Robersonville; Helen J. Sumner, science, Williamston; Ida O. Roberts, home economics, Williamston; Peggy Hopkins, commercial, Oak City; Stuart Maynard, physical education, Williamston; Jack F. Butler, band, Williamston; Beecher M. Patterson, physics, science, mathematics, Scotland Neck; Mary G. Whitley, 8th grade, Murfreesboro; Anne J. Corey, 8th grade, Williamston; 7th grade, to be filled; Mildred Byrum, 7th grade, Edenton; Mary D. Shuller, 7th grade, Williamston; Erma A. Benson, 6th grade, Benson; Marion Rogerson, 6th grade, Aulander; Martha Whitehurst, 6th, Williamston; Velma H. Coburn, 5th, Williamston; Dora O'Neil Bailey, 5th, Everetts; 5th grade, to be filled; Frances Jenkins, 4th grade, Robersonville; Margaret E. Harrison, 4th grade, Williamston; Alma J. Fussell, 4th grade, Williamston; Ruth Manning, 3rd grade, Williamston; Elise D. Kinball, 3rd grade, Williamston; Rosalie I. Fronczenger, 2nd and 3rd grades, Williamston; Mary B. Carstarphen, 2nd grade, Williamston; Estelle Crawford, 2nd grade, Williamston; Lamina Baker, 1st grade, Williamston; Grace Talton, 1st, Clayton; Miriam P. Saunders, 1st, Williamston.

Robersonville School: C. B. Martin, principal, Robersonville; James Wallace, mathematics, Jamesville; Kelly Abeyounis, history, Bethel; George S. McRorie, English, Robersonville; Adrian Brown, science, Manteo; Jessie E. Richardson, library, Kingston; Beatrice S. Mullen, English and French, Robersonville; James E. Mullen, agriculture, Robersonville; Queenie McGowan Warren, Home economics, Robersonville; Ellen E. Riddick, commercial, Hobbsville; Sophia Webb Critcher, physics, science, mathematics, Williamston; Irene J. Roberson, 8th grade, Robersonville; Ruth E. Hollowell, 8th, Hertford; Marvin M. Everett, 7th grade, Robersonville; Evelyn B. Cherry, 7th grade, Stokes;

Annie P. Roberson, 5th and 6th grades, Robersonville; Doris E. Roebuck, 5th grade, Robersonville; Hilda L. Sumrell, 6th grade, Ayden; Millie J. Roebuck, 4th grade, Robersonville; Alida S. Tyler, 3rd and 4th grades, Robersonville; Reba Carson Winstead, 3rd grade, Whitakers; Louise Dixon, 2nd grade, Elm City; Carrie R. Martin, 1st and 2nd grades, Robersonville; Minnie Cochran, 1st grade, Robersonville.

Everetts School: J. Eber Manning, 7th grade, Everetts; Marjorie B. James, 6th grade, Everetts.

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ROUND-UP

The drunks tried but failed to take over last week-end, but officers had to round up and temporarily detain at least eight before checking the drive. Four other persons, charged with flim-flamming, were also detained. Officers stated that they encountered opposition in handling some of the drunks, but in the county court yesterday the violators were thrown for a loss of \$50 each in at least two cases.

Two of the 12 persons arrested were white and the ages of the group ranged from 21 to 55 years.