

## Make Plans For Peanut Festival Here In October

Committees Are Named At  
Meeting in Courthouse  
Last Evening

Plans were completed and minor details were worked out last night for Williamston's Peanut Festival when Mr. Lynn Taylor met with his committee chairman at the courthouse.

The Baby Parade at 3:30 on Thursday, October 14, which will follow a band concert, is expected to feature around 100 children under six years of age. There are no requirements for the entrants; any child under six may enter in the following classes: Most attractive baby (boy or girl around three years of age), Most attractive boy, most attractive girl, largest, smallest, cutest, most original costume and most attractive twins.

Prizes will be practical and valuable gifts donated by merchant members of the Williamston Boosters. These gifts will be on display in the State Employment office window.

Several children have already been registered in the contest. Those entering are Kathrine Lamont Roberson, 3; Laverne Roberson, 5; Sammy Hardison, 2; Frank Carstarphen, Jr., 2; Nora Lee Roberson, 1 1-2; Nancy Roberson, 4; Linda Roberson, 2; Linda Harrell, 4; Mary Emma Peele, 5; Jean Tracey, 5; Judy K. Bullock, 3; Sammy Manning, 1 1-2; Nina Paul Edmondson, 5; Jack Edmondson, 2; Nancy Allen, 3; and Carrol Coltraine, Jr., 3.

Anyone interested in entering their child in the Baby Parade is asked to contact Co-chairman, Mrs. H. O. Peel and Mrs. James Bullock, Mr. Lynn Taylor or the following ladies: Mrs. Kirkman or Miss Camille Rawls of Jamesville, Mrs. J. E. Copeland of Oak City, Mrs. Henry Johnson, Jr., of Hamilton, Mrs. Lynn Taylor of Bear Grass, Mrs. Buck Ayers of Everetts, Mrs. C. B. Martin of Robersonville, Mrs. James Harrington or Mrs. Raymond Gurkin of Farm Life.

Mr. Taylor stated that four bands will be here for the parade. Williamston and Washington High School Bands and Williamston and Pinetops Colored High School Bands. He also stated that there is a possibility that the Elizabeth City High School Band will be here. On Friday a nationally known speaker will take part in the program.

The services of a professional decorator have been procured to decorate the floats for the parade and to decorate the store fronts. Anyone who is interested in sponsoring a float or participating in a

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## Last Rites Today For J. A. Bailey

Funeral services for James Augustus Bailey, 78, who died at his home near Bear Grass at 8:00 Wednesday morning after suffering an illness for a week, will be conducted in the Bear Grass Presbyterian Church Thursday afternoon at 3:00 by the pastor, Rev. James Lowry, assisted by Elder A. B. Ayers, Primitive Baptist minister of Bear Grass. The body will be taken to the church one hour prior to the time of service and burial will follow in the Bailey family cemetery near Bear Grass. Nephews of Mr. Bailey will act as pallbearers.

Mr. Bailey was born and spent all his life near Bear Grass. He was first married to Louinda Rogerson who died in 1913. Surviving in this union are one son, Walter Bailey, of near Bear Grass and two daughters, Mrs. James Mizelle of Stubenville, Ohio, and Mrs. Robert Roy Bechum of near Washington. He was later married to Mary Leary who died in 1941. Surviving in this union are five daughters, Mrs. Roy Martin of Plymouth, Mrs. Johnny Knox of near Bear Grass and Mrs. Velma Bailey and Misses Hazel and Rachel Bailey of the home, one son, Frank, of the home, and one sister, Mrs. Marcellus Coltrain of Williamston and twenty 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, Ann, eight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Williamston; Guy, seven, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Thomas, Williamston; Rebecca, six, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gurganus, Williamston; Bottom row, Brenda, seven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heath, Williamston; Billy, twelve, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams, Williamston; and Betty, seven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Keel, Williamston.

## Downward Trend In Legal Whiskey Sales

### FIRST MONDAY

Meeting in regular session here next Monday, the Martin County Commissioners likely will find little new business on their calendar for consideration, the clerk explaining that only routine business had been scheduled up until noon today.

Jurors for the special term of the superior court convening in November will be drawn and the board will hear reports from the various department heads.

The board of education is not slated to meet next Monday.

## Native of County Dies at Her Home Near Wake Forest

Funeral in Rolesville Baptist Church Today For  
Mrs. Ida Walters

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Rolesville Baptist Church, Wake County, for Mrs. Ida Taylor Walters, native of this county, who died at her home near Wake Forest early yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Walters had been in declining health for two years and her condition had been serious for several weeks.

Mrs. Walters was born near Williamston sixty years ago, the daughter of the late Eli and Jennie Mobley Taylor. She spent most of her life in the community of her birth and in early womanhood was married to Luther Walters who came to this county as a pioneer in tobacco culture in this section. About twenty years ago the family moved to Rocky Mount, locating about ten years later in Mr. Walters' old home community near Wake Forest.

A member of a family long prominent in the county's political and civic affairs, Mrs. Walters was active in the work of the Baptist Church down through the years, and is remembered here as a good neighbor, friend, a devoted wife and thoughtful mother.

Rev. John U. Garner, pastor of the Rolesville Baptist Church, is conducting the last rites and interment will be in the Rolesville church cemetery.

Surviving besides her husband are two daughters, Misses Daisy Mae and Ida Taylor Walters, both of the home; four sons, Leon T. Worth C., Newton A. and W. Thomas Walters, all of Rolesville; three sisters, Mrs. Lena Manning, and Mrs. Daisy Purvis, both of Williamston, and Mrs. B. R. Barnhill of Durham; thirteen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

## Sails Out Window Near Hamilton To Escape Intruder

Prowler Threw Cart Saddle  
Through Window Of  
Paul Hyman Home

Mrs. Paul Hyman saved herself from possible bodily harm about 9:30 o'clock last night when she jumped out of a window at her home near Hamilton and fled before an intruder. She was not hurt but was unnerved by the attempted invasion of her home by a party yet unknown to her or officers.

At home alone while Mr. Hyman attended to business in Hamilton, Mrs. Hyman was in the living room listening to the radio when someone knocked on the back door. She paid no attention to the noise, but asked who it was when the person knocked a second time. Receiving no answer, she went into the hall to make certain that the front door was locked. While she was standing in the hall the prowler, having found the back door locked, hurled a cart saddle through the living room window, knocking out the top sash and scattering glass all over the room. The saddle struck the far wall of the room. Mrs. Hyman called loudly to her husband, telling him to come down stairs quickly. The ruse apparently worked, for it is believed the prowler became frightened and ran away without entering the house.

During the meantime, Mrs. Hyman went to a room on the other side of the house, jumped out a window and ran two or three hundred yards to a neighbor's home. Mr. Hyman was called from Hamilton and he contacted the sheriff. Captain Arthur Sessoms and bloodhounds were called from the prison camp and a trail was picked up at the window of the home. The dogs followed the large tracks down the road toward Oak City for about one-half a mile before a heavy rain fell and blocked the search.

Officers are continuing their investigation, but no arrest had been reported early this afternoon. During the meantime, Mr. Hyman posted a \$100 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the prowler.

## Offering A Superb Ambulance Service

Emphatically explaining that he was not a wreck chaser or that he was doing just a little bit of chancing in and around Richmond, the fact remains that Billy Biggs, popular local undertaker, offers a superb ambulance service.

Having safely and quickly delivered a patient to a Richmond hospital Tuesday, the young man, traveling alone, had driven only three or four blocks from the hospital on the return trip when a big car ran down a little car at the intersection of Patterson Street and the Boulevard, just about fifty yards in front of him.

Biggs said that the little car was turned over and that the several occupants were well mixed up, that he was the first to reach the wreck and that he with the aid of the driver of the big car pulled the victims from the overturned Crosley. The last victim, a Mrs. Griffin, suffered severe cuts and bruises about the head and one hand, broken ribs and possibly a hip fracture. The young man backed up his Cadillac ambulance and blazed a trail three or four miles down Richmond's Broad Street and delivered the victim to Virginia Medical College Hospital.

## Continues To Improve In Rocky Mount Hospital

A patient in Park View Hospital since last Friday night, Mr. Geo. H. Harrison, well-known business man in this section of the State, was reported improved early this afternoon. X-rays, taken this morning, showed some infection still existed, but attending physicians felt certain that added penicillin would clear up that condition shortly. Nothing has been said as yet about his returning home. However, he is expected home possibly sometime next week.

## County Draft Board Classifies Large Number Of Registrants

1-A Group Must  
Submit Facts To  
Support Claims

Small Call for Men Expected  
During Latter Part  
Of November

The peacetime draft moved rapidly toward reality in this county this week when the draft board—Messrs. Eugene Rice, L. R. Everett and Chas. R. Gray—classified 142 registrants in anticipation of a call for a few men the latter part of November.

In session last night until almost 11:00 o'clock, the board limited its classification work to the non-father, non-veteran single group of registrants, most of those in the other groups including war veterans, married men and others, having been automatically exempted from the service calls.

Just about all those men whose questionnaires have been examined were placed in the 1-A classification, meaning they are subject to call. A few registrants have been notified of their classifications and if they plan to appeal they must do so within ten days. Others will get their classification cards in a day or two. It is fairly apparent that many of those placed in the 1-A group are entitled to deferment or other classifications, but the board says the registrants in those cases must submit bona-fide facts, affidavits and other pertinent information to support their claims.

"It isn't enough for a registrant to say he is a farmer or that he has dependents," one board member said, adding that sworn statements and detailed facts must be submitted to the board by the registrants who would have their classifications changed. Registrants can submit their appeals for another classification in writing and not find it necessary to report to the board in person at this time, according to one report.

A few registrants were ruled out because of physical disabilities, and three others got immunity because they had reached their 26th birthday since registering for the draft. It has not been officially announced, but it is understood that no registrant will be drafted who has attained his 26th year of age on or before November 29.

Registrants who are escaping on the age clause are being placed in the 5-A classification. In this group have been placed the following registrants in this county: LeRoy Ballard, col, R1, Oak City; Paul Chester Edmondson, w, Haswell; Leslie Elbert Godard, w, R1, Jamesville.

Physically handicapped registrants are placed in 4-F, the first to go into that group in this county including the following: Eulise Ruben Cherry, w, R1, Williams; Harley J. Manning, w, R1, Williamston; and Herbert Barber, w, R1, Jamesville.

Eighty-six of the 142 registrants classified so far by the board in this county are colored, and all but six of the 142 went into the 1-A classification. Their stay there is subject to change if and when additional information is offered. However, the non-father, non-veteran single men group offers about the only manpower to be used.

The following men have been placed in the 1-A classification, it was announced by the board secretary, Miss Mildred Everett, today:

Ernest Octavius Godard, col, R2, Williamston.  
Ovra Plato Majette, col, Parmele.  
Murray Wallace, col, Everetts.  
David Andrews, Jr., col, R1, Robersonville.  
Dallas L. Taylor, w, R2, Robersonville.  
Pittman Lynch, Jr., col, Williamston.  
Linwood M. Brown, w, Jamesville.  
Jasper Council, col, R1, Bethel.  
Jesse B. Black, col, R2, Robersonville.

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## Tobacco Prices Climb To New High Peak This Week

Tobacco prices, showing new strength for the past two weeks, climbed to the highest peak of the season yesterday when 190,136 pounds of tobacco were sold for \$103,764.00, an average of \$54.57. The price topped the previous high peak of the season by \$1.08 per hundred pounds.

The market reported an estimated 150,000 pounds on the floors this morning with prices holding up on all grades.

So far this season the market has sold 7,166,804 pounds for \$3,362,563.16, the price average standing right at \$47 per hundred pounds, or \$46.92,

to be exact.

Although a large percentage of the crop in this section has been sold, it is predicted that well over another million pounds will be marketed here, that possibly the total sales will push right close to nine million pounds. It is quite likely that the sales will reach and possibly pass the seven and one-half million-pound mark tomorrow when a large sale is certain. Peanut farmers, forced out of their fields this week by rain, resumed their tobacco marketing work and larger sales are anticipated during the next few days.

## More Donations Made To Crusade For Hungry Tots

However Contributions Are  
Less Than One-Sixth Of  
Quota For County

More donations were made during the past few days to the Crusade for Children fund by Martin County citizens, but the total contributions represent less than one-sixth of the quota assigned the county in the name of starving little children in foreign lands.

In a report released yesterday, Mrs. N. C. Green, treasurer of the fund in this county, said that a total of \$373.81 had been contributed to date, that the leaders of the drive were again directing an appeal to all the people in the county, urging them to support the movement in the name of suffering humanity.

While the drive was delayed in this county, every penny raised will mean much in relieving the tragic conditions in foreign lands where millions of orphans and other helpless children anxiously look to the people of this nation for a chance to live.

The crusade, handled by the United Nations Appeal for Children is recognized as one of the most effective means for getting relief directly to the starving.

Contributions not previously reported follow:

Mrs. J. C. Eubanks, 50c; Mrs. Geo. Mahler, \$1; Mrs. C. W. Whickard, \$1; Mrs. B. B. Williams, \$1; Mrs. B. B. Daniels, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cowan, \$2; Mrs. J. E. King, \$5; Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., \$3; Mrs. Oswald Stalls, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Sr., \$2; Mrs. Effie Sparrow, \$2.50; Mrs. Lennie Manning, 50c; John D. Lilley, 25c; Eli Marion Taylor, 25c; Mrs. Thessie Barnhill, 50c; Mrs. Fletcher Thomas, 25c; Mrs. W. E. Saunders, 50c; Mrs. R. W. Sullivan, 10c; Mrs. D. L. Roberson, 35c; Mrs. Chas. Manning, \$1; Mrs. Walter Cherry, 50c; Mrs. C. T. Roberson, \$1; Mrs. Elbert Manning, 50c; Mrs. Joseph Griffin, \$1; Garland Whitley, 25c; Mrs. John A. Ward, 50c; Alex Jones, 50c; Mrs. Jack Hardison, \$1;

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## Suffers Broken Back In Fall Here Tuesday

Mrs. Roger Critcher suffered a compressed fracture of a vertebra in her back in a fall at her home here on North Watts Street last Tuesday morning. The injury was described as being worse than a break. Home alone at the time, Mrs. Critcher was found a few minutes later on the bathroom floor by her daughter, Mrs. Dan Sharpe. Mrs. Critcher could not tell immediately just how she hurt herself.

Accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sharpe, she was removed to Johnston-Willis hospital in Richmond in a Biggs ambulance after receiving first aid treatment here. She made the trip very well, it was learned.

## Court Adjourned Abruptly Today By Sudden Death

Mother Given Custody Of  
Child in Habeas Corpus  
Proceedings Yesterday

Its schedule thrown out of whack by the delayed trial of criminal cases, the Martin County Superior Court with Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn presiding, forged ahead this week and cleared, mostly by compromises, a majority of the cases from the civil calendar before adjourning abruptly this morning when it was learned that the mother of Miss Anne Wollet, court stenographer, had died suddenly last night.

Despite several long, drawn-out trials devoted to a few more or less insignificant cases, the court virtually caught up with its schedule.

Most all of Tuesday was devoted to the trial of the case brought by Edward Hollis against James H. Everett. Hollis, some months ago, brought action to get possession of a tenant house on his farm. The defendant entered a claim for improvements. The plaintiff maintained that the defendant moved into the house without permission and made the improvements on his own. The defendant maintained that he contacted Stanley Hollis, agent of the plaintiff. The jury found that Stanley Hollis was the plaintiff's agent and allowed the defendant Everett \$125 less \$35 rent.

In the case of James A. Mendenhall against James E. Taylor, the plaintiff was given a judgment in the sum of \$463.62 without interest.

The defendants in the case of Virgil W. Stevenson against George M. Stevenson and wife were ordered by the court to deposit with the clerk \$1,000 on or before November 1, 1948, the amount being rent due the defendants by Paul Dolberry, tenant. The money is to be made subject to further court orders. The plaintiff is to receive \$200, or one-sixth of \$1,200 rent direct from the tenant.

The case of Eli Bowen against Ephraim Woolard was settled by agreement.

Seeking alimony without divorce, Carolina Jefferson was awarded \$25 a month in her case against Joseph Jefferson.

The court spent much time Wednesday afternoon handling the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by Mrs. Charlie Frances Leggett to get custody of her child, William Ward Leggett, three years old. The child, a bright little fellow, has been making his home with his paternal grandparents where his father, William D. Leggett, makes his home.

No formal judgment had been entered in the records early this morning, but Judge Burgwyn, after

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## Mrs. Ola Simpson Dies In County

Mrs. Ola Holliday Simpson, 67, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Rawls, in Poplar Point Township yesterday morning. She had been in declining health for a long time and an invalid for several years as a result of a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Holliday was born in Jamesville Township and spent much of her life there. In early womanhood she was married to John Simpson who died some years ago.

Surviving are three sons, Louis of Jamesville, W. M. Simpson of Tarboro, and David Simpson of Mildred; four daughters, Mrs. Chester Hollis, Mrs. Collins Griffin, both of Williamston, Mrs. Rawls and Mrs. Lockwood Casper of Norfolk, Va.; four brothers, Hoyt and Pearl Holliday of Williamston, Waldo of Jamesville, and Gaynor Holliday of St. Johns; one sister, Mrs. Courtney Moore of Bath; 16 grandchildren.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home in Poplar Point this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington, and interment will follow in the Barber Cemetery near Jamesville.

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