

Big 3-Day Peanut Festival Opens Here Thursday Afternoon

Raise One-Fourth Of County Quota For Hungry Tots

Total of \$625.98 Raised And Reported To Treasurer Up To Saturday

Approximately one-fourth of the \$2,500 quota assigned Martin County as its part in the drive to raise sixty million dollars for starving children in foreign lands has been reported to the treasurer, Mrs. N. C. Green. The \$625.98, reported last Saturday, was raised mainly Williamston, reports stating that the drive is meeting with some success in other sections of the county.

Finding it difficult to get canvassers to carry the appeal to all parts of the county, the leaders are urging those who have not been contacted directly to forward contributions to the treasurer, Mrs. N. C. Green, Williamston. The movement, sponsored by the United Nations, means the difference between life and death for helpless little victims of war. The plea has the endorsement of the governments of about forty-five nations.

Up until the last report, \$452.76 had been raised and turned over to the treasurer, the last contributions swelling the total to \$625.98. Donations, not previously acknowledged, follow:

- Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Llewellyn, \$5; McLawhorn Furn. Co., \$2.50; Muse Jewelry Co., \$2.50; Margolis Bros., \$5.00; Ward's Market, \$2.50; E. and W. Grocery, \$2.50; Pioneer Shop, \$2; Proctor Shoppe, \$5; Peele's, Jewelers, \$2; Rose's Five and Ten, \$2; G. and C. Soda Shop, \$2.50; Martin's Bakery, \$1; Lindsley Ice Co., \$5; Heilig-Myers Co., \$3; Russell Griffin, \$5; Martin Supply, \$5; Farmers Supply Co., \$5; Williamston Hardware Co., \$3; Mrs. W. E. Decato, 50c; Mrs. Cecil Brown, 25c; Mrs. Horace A. Ray, \$1; J. R. Everett, \$1; Miss Julia F. Everett, \$1; Mrs. James B. Peele, \$1; Mrs. Neal Jones, \$1; Mrs. Roy Gurganus, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weaver, \$1; Charles H. Bagley, \$1; Mrs. R. S. Harrison, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weaver, \$1; Mrs. B. E. Powell, \$1; Mrs. Daniel Manning, \$1;

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wood, \$1; Noel E. McDaniel, \$5; Mrs. S. R. Biggs, \$1; Mrs. J. H. Saunders, \$1; Miss Ida Roberts, \$1; Mrs. L. T. Fowden, Jr., \$1; Miss Betty Sue Tilley, \$1; Mrs. Hec. Harrington, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Levin, \$5; Mrs. David Modlin, 50c; Mrs. Carlisle Langley, 50c; Mrs. Jack Darci, 50c; Mrs. Ed Hardison, 25c; Mrs. Tilmon Coltrain, \$1; Mrs. J. H. Edwards, \$1; Mrs. Harrell Everett, \$2; Mrs. H. L. Meador, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Joshua L. Coltrain, \$5; Mrs. N. C. Green, \$5; Williamston Grammar School, \$43.62, reported by the following teachers: Miss Baker, 5c; Miss Talton, 85c; Miss Crawford, \$1.08; Mrs. Froneberger, \$3.82; Miss Manning, \$1.65; Mrs. Kimball, \$2; Mrs. Futrell, \$1.25; Miss Jenkins, \$1.70; Mrs. Harrison, \$5; Miss Bailey, \$3.85; Mrs. Abernethy, \$2.83; Mrs. Coburn, \$8; Miss Benson, \$1.50; and Miss Whitehurst, \$1.06.

Mrs. J. B. Glenn, \$1; Mrs. J. O. Manning, \$1; Mrs. O. L. Willard, \$1; Mrs. F. E. Weston, \$2.35; Chi Rho Group Christian Church, \$3;

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HUNTING SEASON

Undisturbed these past months except by a few who broke the law, squirrel and deer will be made targets of hunters in this county next Friday, October 15. The "sportsmen" are already planning hunts and "framing" up on the deer, and the squirrel hunters are certain to move into the woods in big numbers.

Preliminary reports state that game is fairly plentiful in the county this year, but that the squirrels are holding mainly to the highlands where peanut and corn fields are more convenient.

New Polio Case Reported In This County Last Week

A new polio case was reported in this county last Wednesday when Little Miss Velma Louise Harris, five years old, was removed to Rex Hospital, Raleigh, for treatment. The child, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris who live on the Creek Farm about a mile off the Washington Highway and about two miles from Williamston, was treated by local doctors. Her ailment was diagnosed as polio at that time, and the diagnosis was supported following an examination in Greenville where a specialist examined her. The ailment was reported as polio by the Raleigh hospital.

One of thirteen children, the victim is thought to have a very mild case. She had a chill and the first symptoms of polio soon followed, reports stating that she would fall to her knees when walking. While the child is in the hospital, the Red Cross maintains contact between her and the family at regular intervals.

Call First Men For Pre-Induction Tests

TO ORGANIZE

Meeting in the Martin County courthouse Thursday evening of this week at 8:00 o'clock young Democrats of the county are to perfect an organization within their ranks and push for a big vote for the regular tickets November 2, it was announced by Attorney Clarence Griffin.

Hoover Taft, past state president of the Young Democrats, will address the meeting and help perfect the organization. Young Democrats, say those forty years or under, are invited to attend the meeting. There are no fees or dues, and all that's necessary is an interest in Democracy. A large crowd is expected for the meeting.

Man Shot While Hunting Squirrel Saturday Morning

Henry Crawford removed to hospital in Kecoughtan for operation. Henry Crawford was painfully and possibly dangerously but not gravely shot while hunting squirrel in Bear Grass Township early last Saturday morning. While the victim holds a different opinion, the attack was declared accidental by G. T. Bailey, young white man, who claims he mistook the man for a squirrel or coon.

Hunting in a small swamp near the Bailey home, neither of the men apparently knew the other was about. Bailey says he saw something move at a tree, that he thought it was a squirrel or coon climbing up it and he fired away. Just as the gun fired, Crawford stuck his head out. Some over 100 shot tore through Crawford's hat and several struck him in the face, a few others piercing the neck. It was first thought that his injuries were just minor ones and he continued about town after receiving treatment. Later in the day Crawford could not swallow and he was removed in a Biggs ambulance to a government hospital at Kecoughtan, Virginia.

It was reported that the officer on duty called for the chief surgeon to report to the hospital, intimating that an operation would be performed. Investigating the shooting, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said that he could not establish any motive for the attack, that Bailey maintained it was accidental.

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Two Hurt In Car-Train Accident Sunday Afternoon

Old Model Car Crashed Into Train At Street Crossing In Jamesville

Two of four persons were badly but believed not critically hurt last Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock when their car, a 1930 Model Ford, crashed into a Coast Line train at a grade crossing in Jamesville. The car, a complete wreck, was rolled into a jumbled heap, Patrolman J. T. Rowe declaring that all of the teen-age group barely escaped with their lives.

The train, traveling toward Williamston, was crossing the street when William Robert Woolard, 17-year-old white boy of RFD 2, Washington, driving the old model coupe into Jamesville, crashed into left rear drive wheel of the locomotive at the Jamesville freight station. The car was knocked about thirty-two feet, coming to a stop with its nose buried in the ground. The driver of the car rode out the accident and suffered only minor cuts and bruises on his head and hand. His brother, Russell Earl Woolard, was thrown clear of the car and is believed to have suffered two broken bones between his back-bone and pelvis when he landed against a telephone pole, thirty-five feet from the spot of the crash. Rice Allgood, another passenger in the car suffered a head concussion and other injuries. William Thomas Woolard was thrown out of the car, landing about thirty feet away. He missed the pole and was not hurt other than shock and minor bruises.

The injured were transferred to the hospital here in a Biggs Ambulance for treatment, last reports stating the wreck victims were getting along as well as could be expected.

Owned by William Robert (Continued on page six)

Offer Limestone To Farmers Again

Beginning at once, the county agent's office will accept orders for ground limestone under the 1949 soil conservation program, it was announced this week by T. B. Slade, Triple A clerk in this county. Delivery will be effected on the basis of "first come, first served," the agent explaining that while there is no limit to the amount, the orders must be placed reasonably early to insure delivery by a certain time.

The limestone, delivered to the farm, costs \$4.25 a ton, but the government will pay \$2.55 of that amount, leaving the farmer to pay \$1.70 net per ton. If the farmer wants it spread in his field, the added cost will be \$1 per ton. It is one of the most attractive soil conservation plans yet advanced, and it is fairly certain that Martin farmers will order several hundred tons.

Local Man Continues Ill In Kecoughtan Hospital

Visiting Mr. Jesse Ambers in a government hospital at Kecoughtan, Virginia, last Saturday evening, Billy Biggs said that Mr. Ambers, local man, continues ill, but that possibly his condition is slightly improved. Mr. Ambers, faithful mail carrier here for years, has been a patient in the hospital for several months.

Slightly Hurt In Street Accident Here Thursday

Little Miss Beth Spivey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Spivey, was slightly hurt in a street accident in front of the Baptist church late last Thursday afternoon. Playing with several other children she stepped into the street and was hit by a car driven by Evan Moyer. The car, hardly moving when it struck her, pushed her down but did not run over her.

Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of The Army To Be The Principal Speaker Here Friday At 3 P. M.

Concert By Marine Band To Open Big Festival Thursday

Big Baby Parade - Contest Thursday Afternoon; Big Parade, Address Friday

Rated as one of the largest if not the largest peanut wagon market in the world, Williamston, at last, is rapidly completing arrangements for advertising that fast along with other important facts to the world during a big three-day peanut festival opening Thursday afternoon of this week with a concert by the U. S. Marine Band from the Cherry Point Marine Air Station.

The band will consist of the 32 key men out of the regular 87-piece band which is reduced for concert appearances. It contains outstanding musicians and will be placed on a large truck and give its concert in front of the Guaranty Bank on Main Street.

Receiving the cooperation and strong support by both white and colored business establishments and the citizenry, as a whole, the festival is expected to attract thousands of people here during the three days. Already the town is putting on special attire for the big event and business firms are giving Mr. Peanut a place in their show windows. Ten or more floats are being built, bands and speakers have been booked and all details about worked out for a great time in the three days. In the event of unfavorable weather most of the activities will be transferred from the main streets to the tobacco warehouses.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Thursday, October 14

- 3:00 to 3:30—Cherry Point Marine Band Concert.
- 3:30 to 4:00—White Division Baby Parade and Show. Bruce Wynne, master of ceremonies. Judges: Mrs. T. H. Patterson, Washington, N. C., Mrs. Margaret Jordan of Windsor, and Mrs. Johnny Mimms, Tarboro.
- All babies are to be assembled on Washington Street, starting at Main and back as far as necessary, not later than 3:15 p. m.
- Colored Division Baby Parade and show to follow immediately. Babies to be assembled on Washington Street not later than 4 p. m. Jesse Rogers, master of ceremonies. Judges: Mrs. J. B. Brown, Washington, N. C., Mrs. Rachel Ludden, Windsor, and Mrs. Vivian Morris, Washington.
- 9:00 to 12:00—Midnight—Street dances on Washington Street from Railroad to Main Street, Williamston String Band in front (Continued on page eight)

GOING STRONG

The annual Farm Bureau membership drive is going strong in this county, it was announced at a meeting of the organization's canvassers at Roberson Cafe last Thursday evening. Seventeen of the thirty-four canvassers were present, their reports pushing the total members signed and reported to the secretary to 854. It is estimated that the other canvassers have 350 members signed up but not yet reported, giving the drive about 1,200 members, a number about 1,000 short of the goal.

Prices Hold Firm As Sales Near Nine Million Pounds

Prices continue to hold firm as sales pushed on toward the nine million-pound mark on Williamston's Tobacco Market this morning. But the crop shortage is making itself felt in a big way, a report today stating that current sales are running from 100,000 to 200,000 pounds daily behind comparative sales last year. Up until last week-end, the current season sales were leading those of the same number of sales days last year, but the shortage is now asserting itself, and it won't be long now before all of the crop, good, medium, bad and scrap, is all gone.

The market through yesterday had sold 8,696,018 pounds for \$4,206,754.57, a resulting average of \$48.38. Prices averaged well over \$55 per hundred for the past several days, hitting a high of \$58 on the first. Last season the market averaged right at \$41 per hundred pounds for the first 37 sale days.

The market has received for the 8,696,018 pounds sold so far this season within \$800,000 of the amount the more than twelve million pounds sold for last year. The observers of the market have quit guessing. Some doubted if the sales would reach nine million. It now looks as if that figure will be passed by a comfortable margin with the possibility that sales will be nearer ten than nine million pounds. The market is more than holding its own, having sold really more tobacco this year than last when the acreage reduction and decreased acre yield are considered.

Plan Sweet Potato Market For County

Bureau President Names Committee To Study Problem

M. M. Levin Addresses Group and Offers to Aid In Establishing Market. The urgent need for an established sweet potato market in this section was ably stressed by M. M. Levin, qualified marketing specialist, at a meeting of Martin County Farm Bureau leaders last Thursday evening.

Contacted by Farmer H. U. Peel who has long recognized the need for an established potato market in this area, Mr. Levin briefly reviewed the rise of sweet potato production and effective marketing in Louisiana, South Carolina and the Tabor City area of this state. The sweet potato is now an important crop in those areas.

"Here, where the soil is possibly the best suited for sweet potatoes, the crop and marketing have been neglected," Mr. Levin said, advancing the opinion that the crop could be produced and marketed on such a large scale that it would figure prominently in the economy of this entire section.

Admitting that he was not well acquainted with production, he did point out that the distribution system has broken down. "You raise and cure your potatoes and then wait for buyers to come," he said, adding that such a system was at the best nothing but a hit and miss method.

Making a close study of the marketing of fruits, vegetables and other farm produce over a period of thirty years, the speaker pointed out that Tabor City in this state has a well organized market, that customers in New York, West Virginia and other states were demanding certain brands.

Mr. Levin explained the marketing of peaches and other crops, how those producers who studied marketing conditions were gradually taking the markets away from those producers who operated in a haphazard fashion.

While the Martin County sweet potato is actually one of the best produced in the country, it has no standing in any of the markets. Truckers come here when the market is strong, but when prices (Continued from Page Seven)

Colored Citizens Supporting Three-Day Festival Here

Cooperation Goes All Out For Promoting First Annual Peanut Festival

Williamston's first annual Peanut Festival gets underway on Thursday of this week, supported by the greatest spirit of cooperation among all citizens, white and colored, ever known to have been accorded any public undertaking. The event, hurriedly planned out of necessity, may have some problems to be ironed out, but with a continued cooperation it can be counted on to be about the biggest thing of its kind ever attempted here.

More than half hundred colored business firms and citizens have pledged their cooperation, and the colored citizenry will be well represented in the baby parade Thursday afternoon.

Jesse W. Rogers is heading up the colored division and he has able assistants. The colored citizens are preparing to take part in the big parade with floats, bands, special clubs, and organizations. The crack colored Pinetops band is expected to hold a high rank in performance.

The following colored merchants and business men are cooperating with Chairman Lynn Taylor:

- Jane's Cozy Nook, Elmwood Grocery, Julia's Tavern, Woolard Beauty Saloon, Jones' Grocery, Green Front Grocery, Bob's Place, James Washington, Johnson Grocery, William Rodgers Fancy Grocery, Community Grocery Co., E. L. Brown Grocery, George H. Rodgers, Van's Beauty Nook, John's Grocery, Wood- en Barber Shop, Crystal Grill, Hitching Post, Plum Williams' Grocery, Perlie's Place, Cotton Club, Little Savoy, Ransome Green's Barber Shop, Sadie's Place, Flostine's Beauty Saloon, Everett's Funeral Home, Smith's Funeral Home, Lawrence Payton's Grocery, Bond's Lunch Room, Wilson Brother's Cleaner, George Smith's Store, Jesse W. Rodgers Building Contractor, Wilson's Roofing Co., W. T. Alexander, Agent, Gilford's Barber Shop, Ridley's Barber Shop, W. B. Mizell Grocery, Slade Brother's Service Sta., Carver Theatre, Brown's Cafe, David Rodgers Wood, Herbert Everett's fish and oysters, Stoke's rooming house, J. D. Gray Grocery, Joe Peele, blacksmith, W. S. Faulk fish and fur buyer, Abe Sprull, tin smith, Dr. Edward L. Earley, Moran's Lunch Room, Everett's Florist, W. V. Ormond, G. T. Hill.

Chairmen of the various departments working with Chairman Rodgers include: Maud Alexander, baby parade; Cleopatra Tyner, 4-H Club floats for better health and living; Etta Coburn, Daughters of Elk's Society; Jane Green, Household of Ruth Society; Emma Harvey, Christian Aid Society; Sylvester Woolard, Odd Fellow's Society; G. T. Hill, Elk's Society; Joseph Sprull, Queen Easter Burial Society; W. S. Faulk, Mt. Zion Society.

The following names have been entered in the baby contest in his (Continued on page eight)

TO SPEAK HERE

The Honorable Cameron Morrison, one of the greatest champions of real, honest-to-goodness Democracy this State has ever produced, will speak to the Democrats of this section in the Martin County courthouse on Wednesday, October 20, at 8:00 p. m., it was announced this week by Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the county's Democratic Executive Committee. Seventy-nine years young, the former governor and senator, is still a greater speaker when it comes to Democracy, and an over-flow crowd is certain to be on hand to welcome and hear him.



Army Secretary Kenneth C. Royall will speak in Williamston on Friday afternoon of this week at 3:00 o'clock. His address is one of the features of the program planned for the three-day peanut festival opening here Thursday.

Mrs. Corey Died At Home Today

Mrs. Louinda Corey died at her home in the Farm Life community of Griffins Township this morning at 1:20 o'clock after years of declining health. She had been an invalid for five or more years and was confined to her bed for six or eight months.

The daughter of the late Joseph Williams and wife, she was born in Williams Township 82 years ago. In early womanhood she was married to Harry Corey and located in Griffins Township.

Surviving are three sons, Fernando W., of Jamesville, Marshall and Asa Corey; and two daughters, Mrs. James Wiggins and Mrs. Charlie Hardison, all of Griffins Township.

Mrs. Corey was a member of the church at Maple Grove and her pastor, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington, will conduct the last rites Wednesday afternoon. Interment will be in the family cemetery, near the home. Mrs. Corey was the oldest member of the Maple Grove church.