

Plans Going Forward For Friendship Train

To Receive Cash And Various Types Of Farm Produce

Admirable Response From Township Committee Groups Reported

Plans for running the Friendship Train through Martin County not later than December 12 are going forward rapidly, and the chairman, Messrs. Jesse B. Sumner, assistant farm agent, and Mayo Little of Robersonville, declare that the township committee groups are responding admirably, that the movement is assured success.

Farmers contacted here this week were most encouraging and willingly said they would cooperate in the undertaking. "They can count on me for the best bag of peanuts I have and a sack of corn," Farmer Mayo Hardison said when asked what he thought of the plan included in the Christian Rural Overseas Program and known as "CROP." "We can't afford to let Martin County fall down after hundreds of other counties in most of the states have packed thousands of carloads of food and equipment for distribution among the starving in the war stricken areas," another farmer said. "I am convinced that I can keep some little boy or girl or some helpless adult from starving, and I'm going to support the Friendship Train," another said.

Time is short for handling the project, but the county chairman, are devoting much of their time especially after their regular working hours to it, and they are optimistic. Preachers of the

Justices Of Peace Hear Eleven Cases In Past Few Days

Fines Amount to \$70; One Defendant Is Bound Over To The County Court

Justices of the Peace John L. Hassell and R. T. Johnson handled eleven cases in their courts during the past few days, imposing fines in the sum of \$70 and sending two cases to the higher courts for trial.

Justice Hassell heard the following cases:

Oscar J. Knips, charged with passing a school bus while passengers were being discharged, was fined \$10 and taxed with \$6 costs.

Charlie Wiggins, Ernest Bonds and Eddis Bonds, charged with being drunk and disorderly were each fined \$5 and taxed with \$8.50 costs.

Charged with disorderly conduct, William Stokes was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road term upon good behavior for one year and the payment of \$7.50 costs.

Justice Johnson handled the following cases in his court:

Tom Pierce, booked in two cases for being drunk and disorderly and threatened bodily harm to a neighbor, and resisting arrest, was bound over to the county court under \$1,000 bond.

Drunk on highway, Raymond M. Campbell was fined \$5 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Charged with assaulting a female, William Livingston was adjudged not guilty.

Operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment, William A. Jones was fined \$10 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Gloria Biggs, drunk on highway, was fined \$5 and required to pay \$5.85 costs.

Drunk on highway, Early May Boston was fined \$15 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Charged with simple assault Simon and George Beach were

TOY COLLECTION

Sponsoring again a Christmas party for underprivileged children, Williamston's Jaycees are asking local people to support the program. Representatives of the organization will canvass the town Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for used, discarded toys and other items suitable for gifts. Household items are cordially requested to place the bundles on their porches.

Last year's party was a great success, and the Jaycees are working to make this a better one.

Brief Review Of TB Sanatorium In Martin County

Institution Has Cared For 128 Patients Since It Was Opened In 1941

By Mrs. Eva Grimes
As a result of established need in Martin County, the first tuberculosis sanatorium was officially opened on April 11, 1941, with Dr. E. T. Walker as physician in charge and Mrs. Carrie Corey as the first nurse. Since Dr. Walker left, Dr. J. T. Llewellyn has been physician in charge.

So many applicants for assistance were in need of treatment or probable isolation that the Superintendent of public welfare, who had been given the task of supervision over the county home removed the inmates who were able and willing to live in private homes or with relatives. This left part of the building vacant and made room for those who were in dire need of medical care and rest. Dr. Ferguson, who was county health officer at that time enthusiastically cooperated in developing the sanatorium. The old bathroom was remodeled into a kitchen. A second hand stove was purchased for \$25.00 and also a second hand refrigerator. Dishes, glasses and cooking utensils were begged from individuals and local organizations.

And that's how it all started. The first patient was a negro woman who was admitted on April 1, 1938 and the second patient was a white woman who was admitted April 15, 1938. These patients were admitted before the sanatorium was officially opened but are mentioned to show that they and many others in like circumstances were in dire need of special care which up until that time had not been provided by the county. From the official opening on April 11, 1941 (when the "small hospital," which was far from being adequately equipped but had already met so much need) until the present time there has been a total of 20,723 days. Total number of white women—12—average age at time of admission 35 1-2. Six died, two were cured and four were sent to a state sanatorium.

The total number of white men—20—average age at time of admission 38 1-2. Five died, three were cured, two were entered for

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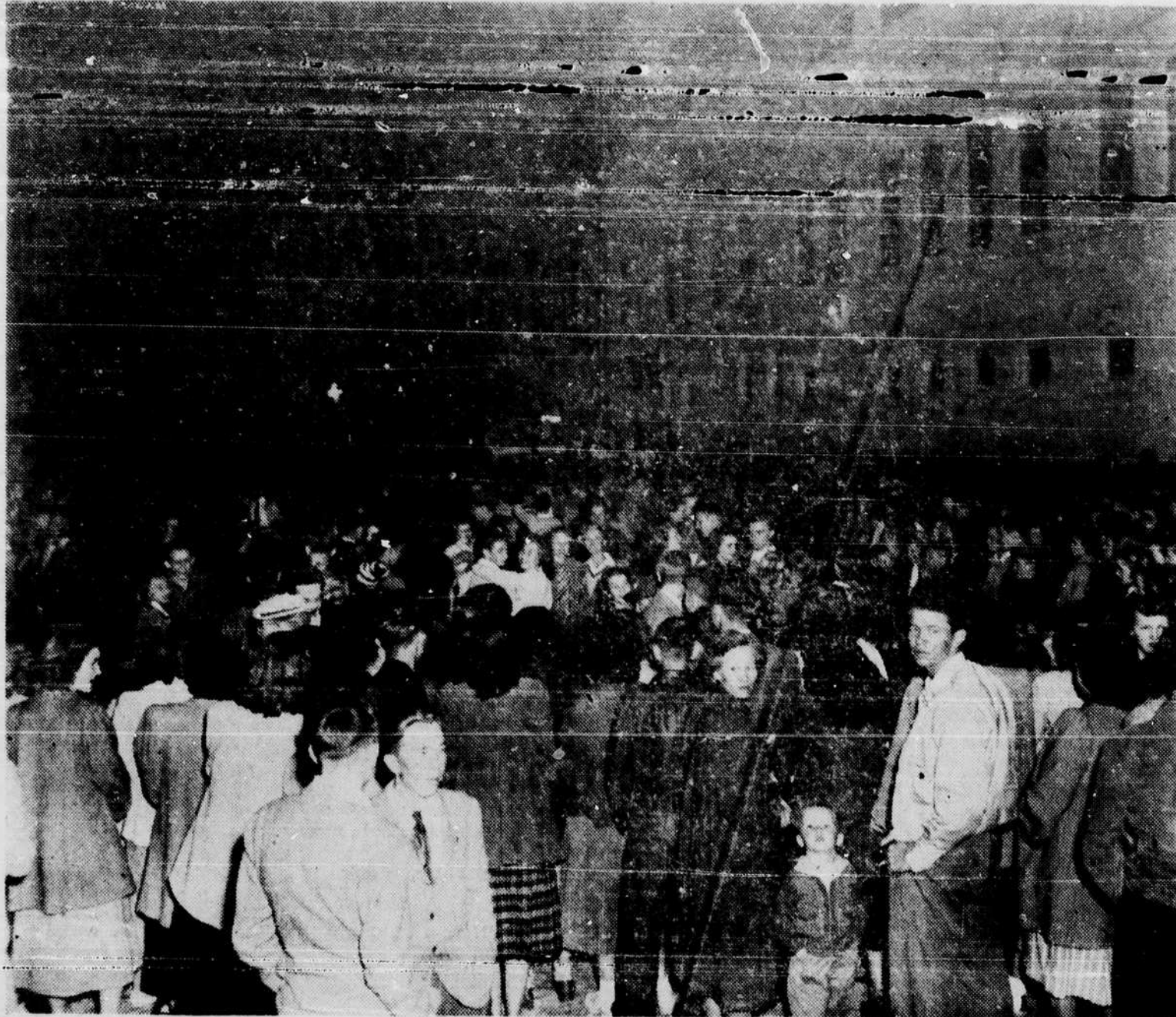
Minor Accident On County Road

No one was hurt and comparatively little damage resulted in an automobile accident between Gold Point and Robersonville Wednesday morning.

John Lawton House of Hassell was driving his 1941 Chevrolet toward Robersonville when a motorist ahead of him started to turn off the highway. House slowed down and Jodie Haislip, driving a 1938 Chevrolet, plowed into the rear of the House car, doing about \$5 damage to House's car and about \$25 to his own, according to Patrolman B. W. Parker who

accepted his own damage.

Crowds Attend Peanut Festival Street Dance Here



Pictured above is a segment of the crowd of several thousand persons crowding into Washington Street for the recent Peanut Festival dances. In the above picture, the litterbugs are in action, the spectators hardly giving them enough room for the young folks to do their stuff. The crowd continued all the way out the street, to the railroad where a square dance was in progress at the same time. (The last and feature picture in the Festival series is scheduled to appear next issue.)

County Commissioners Retiring



Messrs. Joshua L. Coltrain, left, and R. A. Haislip, right, are retiring next Monday as members of the Martin County Board of Commissioners after long terms of untiring service.

RECORD

A record rainfall for the month of November was recorded here last month, the weather station on Roanoke River placing the precipitation for the period at 8.62 inches. The rainfall was 1.29 inches greater than the previous record reported in November of last year when 7.33 inches of rain fell here. It was the largest rainfall since August, 1940, when 11.07 inches were recorded.

Rain last month fell on 22 of the thirty days, 2.05 inches having fell last Sunday.

The Roanoke, already in flood stage at 11 feet here today, is expected to crest at about 13 feet the early part of next week, and is certain to damage crops in the low areas.

Busy Month For ABC Law Forces

After reporting comparatively little business in October, ABC enforcement officers in this county had a busy time in November. Officer J. H. Roebuck's report for the period shows that thirteen plants were wrecked, and that he and his assistants poured out 72 gallons and five pints of illicit liquor and 3,850 gallons of beer.

Handle Few Cases In Superior Court

The Martin County Superior Court has worked fairly long hours in this the second of a two-week term but very few cases have been cleared from the calendar. Presided over by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, the court is handling civil cases only.

Slated to last a greater part of the day, the case of W. V. Ormond against D. G. Matthews was removed from the calendar last Tuesday by agreement. The plaintiff, it was reported, received \$500 and the defendant gets a clear title to certain property.

Tuesday afternoon, the court heard a contempt order, and instructed C. E. Jenkins to remove a fence from a boundary line in dispute.

A long, drawn-out trial was started Tuesday afternoon in the landlord-tenant case brought by Roosevelt Green against R. B. Hunt and Janie Flora, executors. The plaintiff claimed he was due \$515.01 as his part of the 1947 crop proceeds and asked \$1,000 for alleged breach of contract. Taking the case Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock after hearing every expense item and credit read, the jury could not agree immediately and was dismissed at 5:30 until this morning.

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Attend Meeting Of Farm Bureau

The North Carolina Farm Bureau took a definite stand against any tobacco acreage increase for 1949. Mr. Chas. L. Daniel, president of the Martin County Farm Bureau, said this week after attending a meeting of the organization's directors held in Raleigh last Saturday.

It was pointed out at the meeting, according to Mr. Daniel, that there is a tremendous carry-over of tobacco, that farm leaders were of the opinion that an increase would do no good.

Mr. Daniel was accompanied to Raleigh by Messrs. H. U. Peel and Roy Hadley, but they were in the meeting and did not get even a glimpse of the big parade there that morning.

Board of Education To Meet Here Monday

The Martin County Board of Education will hold a meeting in the courthouse next Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock to handle routine business.

REPORTED IMPROVING

A patient in a Rocky Mount hospital for several weeks, Mr. G. H. Harrison is improving, according to reports reaching here. He sat up for about two hours one day this week.

Name Township Committee For The Friendship Train

Lining up their township committees yesterday and this morning for the Friendship Train, Chairman Jesse B. Sumner and Mayo Little said they were receiving splendid cooperation, that all of the district leaders willingly agreed to even neglect their own work to help handle the task.

They and the other leaders are appealing to the people to lend the committees every aid possible. Contacting leaders in five townships, Chairman Sumner announced the chairmen as follows:

V. B. Hairr, Jamesville; Mrs. Weddell Griffin, Williams; Rev. W. B. Harrington and Geo. Griffin, Griffins; Mrs. Walter Wynne and Sidney Beacham, Bear Grass; Mrs. Johnnie Gorkin, Williams.

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Vance Roberson, Robersonville; Mayo Hardison, Poplar Point; Craven Roebuck, Hamilton, and P. C. Edmondson, Hassell; Nat Johnson, Goose Nest; George W. Taylor, Cross Roads.

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er, and so on for peanuts, pecans and other items.

Officials Of County Begin Term Monday

ROOSTED

The Children's Crusade, sponsored by the United Nations, was given another boost in the county this week when the colored citizens here and in the Dardens section offered \$72.37 in cash. The money was raised as follows: Williamston colored School, \$41.87; Dardens Colored School, \$5.75; Dardens Agriculture School, \$10.25; C. L. Bonds' class, Williamston Colored School, \$4.50, and Williamston Agriculture School, \$10.

Of an assigned quota of \$2,500, the county has now raised \$1,253.59, or just a little over half, Mrs. N. C. Green, treasurer, said.

Mrs. Jas. Coltrain Passes In Hospital Tuesday At 5:40

Funeral Service At Late Home In Griffins Township This Afternoon

Mrs. James L. Coltrain, well-known and greatly beloved citizen of the Farm Life section in Griffins Township, died in the local hospital at 5:40 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the victim of a heart attack. She had been in declining health for about two years, but her condition continued about the same until last week-end when she was stricken with pneumonia. Removed to the hospital Monday she was responding to treatment for pneumonia, but a heart attack followed, death coming peacefully a few minutes later.

The former Miss Bessie B. Brown, she was born in Jamesville Township 67 years ago on May 30, 1881, and spent her early life there. She was married to Mr. Coltrain in 1902 and had since that time made her home in Griffins Township, where she was held in high esteem as a thoughtful and helpful neighbor and a cherished friend. Devoted to her family and to high ideals, she led a noble life. She was a member of the church at Maple Grove for many years.

Surviving are five daughters, Mattie B. Coltrain and Mrs. Daisy Marie Manning, both of the home, Mrs. W. Hugh Daniel of Baltimore, Mrs. J. R. P. Griffin of Griffins Township, and Mrs. Ashley Wynne of Robersonville; two sons, Roy C. Coltrain of Raleigh, and Archie Coltrain of the home; a brother, Tommie E. Brown, and a sister, Mrs. Raleigh Manning, both of Jamesville; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. D. W. Arnold and Rev. M. L. Ambrose and interment will be in the family plot in the Hardison Mill Cemetery.

Accused Killer To Get Hearing

Dave Brooks, aged colored man who stands charged with the fatal stabbing of his son at their home in Jamesville Township last week, will be given a preliminary hearing before Justice R. T. Johnson tomorrow evening at 7:00 o'clock in the court room.

Drunk at the time of the fatal attack, the old man has all but admitted the killing, officers say.

Charged with the theft of \$205 in cash from Simon Gardner in Bear Grass one night this week, Junior Wynne will be given a preliminary hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell in the courtroom tomorrow evening. Wynne maintains he found the money, but the victim says it was taken from his person while he slept in his automobile.

Judge And Board Members Retiring After Long Terms

Action Expected On Proposal To Revalue All Real Properties

Starting a new term next Monday, county officers will encounter a rather heavy schedule of duties. They'll be called upon to make several major decisions and set their stakes for another period in the county's history. Surely, the county's official family, including three new faces, are optimistic as they make preparations for the next two years, but there's a sneaking feeling that there'll be problems to solve.

Realizing that it has been a long time since the task was handled and aware that one might help relieve certain existing conditions, the county commissioners are expected to further study the need for a revaluation of real property in the county. The decision ranks with the major ones the new board will be called upon to make right from the start.

Following the old schedule, the board is to perfect its reorganization, make various appointments, call for bonds from the several officers and handle other routine duties along with any new business that might be placed on the calendar.

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Funeral Service Sunday In Church For Late Soldier

Dennis H. Whichard Made Supreme Sacrifice In Italy In 1944

Pfc. Dennis H. Whichard, Williamston young man who made the supreme sacrifice for his country in Italy on July 11, 1944, will be buried with full military honors in Woodlawn Cemetery here Sunday afternoon following the funeral in the Pentecostal Holiness Church on North Houghton Street at 3:00 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. N. J. Ward, and Rev. J. Floyd Williams, a former pastor, and the Rev. James I. Lowry, Presbyterian minister, will conduct the funeral, and a detail from the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion will be in charge of the military rites at the graveside.

The young man was born in this county on February 5, 1921, a son of Mrs. Edith Terry Whichard of Williamston and the late David Whichard, and spent most of his life on the farm. After attending school in Hamilton and Williamston he volunteered for service in 1941, and was among the first to go ashore in the North African campaign in November, 1942. He moved on to Sicily with the first invasion troops on July 9, 1943, and was killed in action near Florence, Italy. He was a member of Company A, 51st Signal Battalion, Fifth Army, and was the sixth Martin County man to give his life in the Italian campaign.

Surviving besides his mother are four brothers, Paul, Charlie, and Samuel Whichard, all of Williamston, and David Whichard of St. Pauls, N. C.; five sisters, Mrs. Ira Price, Mrs. Palmer White, Mrs. Edith Weathersbee, Mrs. Charles Hoell and Mrs. Gideon Harrison, all of Williamston and community.

He was a member of the Roberson Chapel Presbyterian Church and a promising young man.

The body will be removed to the late home on Plum Street Saturday where it will lie in state until shortly before the service in the church at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

This is the eighteenth body of a Martin County young man to have been returned from overseas for burial in native soil.