County Chairman Declares Farmers **Not Getting Rich**

Per Capita Farm Income In 1948 Was Only \$909, Griffin Says

Although almost everyone knows of farmers who have "made money" during the past 8 or 10 years, most farmers have not been "doing as well" as the people in

Geo. C. Griffin, chairman of the Martin County Agricultural Conservation committee, backs up this statement with the fact that the average net income of farm people in 1948 from all sources was only \$909 per capita, including the value of home-produced food and income from non-farm sources. This compares with the non-farm average of \$1,569.

Mr. Griffin said that consum-rs are often misled by the prices ers are often misled by the prices they have to pay for groceries and I other commodities produced on the farm, or made from raw materials produced on the farm. Too often, they are not aware of the prices actually received by farm-

ures show that for the wool in a \$5.70; for \$10 worth of meat, the the tobacco in a 20 cent pack of cigarettes, the farmer received about 2 2-5 cents; for the wheat in a 14 1-2 cent loaf of bread, the farmer received about 3 cents. And if the farmer had given away the hide for a \$10 pair of shoes, they still would cost \$8.63.

Too often, Mr. Griffin said, this gets and what the consumer pays and the difference between farm and non-farm incomes are overlooked when farm programs and

Robbers Entered

Gaining an entrance through a club. sidedoor transom, a robber or roblast Thursday morning and carted away about \$50 worth of merchan- year, and urged all members to

established as yet, Deputy Sheriff mittee for their efforts and assur-Murray Holloman said that the ed the club that it would continue robbers stole thirty-five cartons of to render a great good in the comcigarettes, mostly the Camel munity. brand, two boxes of chewing gum else was missed.

Robbers were also active in Robersonville during the weektry supply firm was robbed of \$50 last Friday night, and that the ice house was entered Sunday night. The robber at the ice house is believed to have cut himself gaining an entrance.

Work on Budget pital only a short time before and

Meeting in special session tonight, Williamston's town officials will take another whack at the budget figures for the 1949-50 fiscal year. Troubled with an acute revenue shortage and almost endless needs, the officials admittedly are hardpressed for a decision.

Bids for laying approximately 1,500 feet of sewer line will also be canvassed at the meeting to-

ROUND-UP

Although it was admittedly too hot for anything, five persons managed to violate the laws and land in the county jail during the week-end.

One was booked for nonsupport, one for operating a motor vehicle without a license, and three for public drunkenness. One of the five was white and the ages of the group ranged from 18 to 43

MEASUREMENTS

Compliance measurements for peanuts and tobacco are nearly complete in this county, according to unofficial information coming from the county Triple A office. More than 1,200 of the 1,600 farms have been measured and checked, and it is expected that the work will be completed this week.

No official check has been made, but it is estimated that nearly 80 percent of the peanut growers planted in excess of their allotments. They are planning to "hog down" the excess. Quite a few tobacco growers also were reported to have exceeded their allotments, but it could not be learned what they planned to do to comply with the contract terms.

Head Lions Here

At their regular dinner meeting last Thursday evening the Williamston Lions elected Lion E. R. Froneberger as president of the club for the 1949-1950 fiscal year Lion Froneberger is a charter member of the Williamston Club They confiscated three and oneand has been active in Lionism for several years, serving as first vicepresident last year. He was also chairman of the Sight Conservation Committee, the primary work of the local club, and was a member of several other committees, devoting considerable time and effort to various activities of the club. Other officers elected to serve under Lion Froneberger's business is hardly holding its own leadership were, 1st Vice President: J. J. Davenport, 2nd Vice he anticipated an increase during President: J. E. Bullock, 3rd Vice the course of the next few weeks President: W. L. Howell, Treasurprice-support measures are being discussed.

er: R. L. Welch, Tail Twister, W. H. Abernathy, Lion Tamer: R. A.

Lion Thad Harrison; president of the Williamston Junior Cham-Hamilton Station ber of Commerce, and Lion A. L. Sweat, Director of the Williamston Boosters, were inducted into the

Lion Wheeler Manning, the rebers entered Stokes' service sta- tiring president, expressed his aptien in Hamilton sometime during preciation for the support and cooperation received during the past put forth their best efforts in sup-Investigating the robbery and porting the new officers. He comexplaining that no lead had been plimented the nominating com-

A delicious bar-b-qued chicken and four flashlights. The money dinner was served by Lion C. J. drawer was left intact and nothing Brady's Hotel Dining Room. The fellowship prize was presented by The robbers left by the front Lion J. W. Snead to Lion J. R. Rogers.

end. It was reported that a poul-Dies In Hospital

month-old son of James E. and gistrations. Lennie Pollard Taylor of Williams Township, died in a Washington ness. He was entered in the hos-

when his condition became worse. Services are being conducted

Earl and Simmie Taylor, and a sister, Eubond.

Firemen Called Out

Local firemen were called out at 7:00 o'clock Sunday evening Street next to the Senecals. when someone fired a "junk" car near Council's Garage on Washington Street. Very little damage was done.

Recovering From Leg Amputation In Hospital

Mr. Lon Griffin, Griffins Township farmer, was reported to be getting along very well late yesterday following the amputation of his left leg in a Rocky Mount hospital last Saturday. The limb was amputated above the knee.

Hot Weathe. Does Not Stop lost one of its finest and most noble men, an effective leader and Manufacturers Or The Raiders

Despite the extremely hot weather that prevailed, ABC Officer Joe H. Roebuck and Deputy in this county last week. Apparpressure exerted by the raiders was felt in three instances.

ped with a 100-gallon capacity copper kettle. They captured the

Before leaving the area, the officers found a second plant and captured a 50-gallon copper still. ed the five barrels into a corn field. Without an axe and hesitating to dynamite the barrels and destroy corn, the officers left the barrels until a later visit. half gallons of white liquor.

Still in their raiding clothes, the officers moved into the Poplar Point section that afternoon and found another plant. They capper kettle, poured out 250 gallons in the favorable reports released home; six brothers, Walter Oak- relief was only temporary. His tured the 50-gallon-capacity copof sugar beer and wrecked the annually by that organization. For ley of Robersonville, Russell Oak-condition worsened rapidly Sunseven 50-gallon germenters.

Officer Roebuck says that the in the county at present, but that when the manufacturers will have an eye on the market opening.

Critcher III, Directors; C. U. Rog-ers and G. H. Gurganus. Make Last Call

allegedly draft delinquents in this county, Chairman Eugene Rice exwould be given until Friday of this week to meet the requirements of the Selective Service law. After that time, the names will be turned over to the attorney general's office for court action.

According to the list submitted by the board chairman, the following are delinquent: Willie Lee Williams, RFD 1

Williamston. Lester Williams, RFD.2, Robersonville.

John Ben Roberson, RFD 1, Oak City.

Octavius Roberson, Elm Street. Williamston. William Berry, RFD 2, Rober-

sonville. There has been little activity in the local draft board office, but according to unofficial information thirty-two men are being called Kennie Wayne Taylor, eight- for duty from the Pitt County re-

nospital Monday after a short ill- Accepts Position with Oil Company

this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and the Texas Oil Company in Elizainterment will be in the family beth City for a number of years, plot in the Robersonville Ceme- has accepted a position with the Harrison Oil Company here and votion to the undertakings at utes later by its grandmother, will enter upon his new duties on hand, he became known as a true Mrs. Billy Gurganus, who explainare four brothers, Shelton, Bobby, July 1, it was announced by Mr. G. H. Harrison, Jr., manager, to-

Mr. Davis with Mrs. Davis and their two children is now at home Here Sunday Evening temporarily on Simmons Avenue. They will move to their new home as soon as it is completed on Lee

VISITOR

William Dave Manning, Griffins Township farmer, visited Williamston last Saturday for the first time in four years. Mr. Manning has been suffering with an acute sinus condition for several years and he was able to make a trip here Saturday for the first time in "four long years."

a proven Christian gentleman, one who walked humbly before his God and among his fellowman.

He amassed little in the way of worldly goods, but few men have gone to their reward leaving a Martin County farmer, died at his against the illicit liquor business richer heritage. His accomplish- home near Robersonville Monday ments, while not centered in any afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. He had ently the heat did not interfere one field, were numerous and farwith the manufacturers, but the reaching, humbly handled with the care of a physician for some exacting care and thoughtfulness, time, but his condition was not He excelled as a teacher in the considered serious until just beschools of this county for more fore he died. Mr. Oakley was in raids was centered in the Free than a quarter of a century, im- Robersonville about 3:00 o'clock Union section of Jamesville Town- parting common sense knowledge Monday afternoon and soon after and setting noble examples so he returned home he was taken the officers found a plant equip- worthy of others to follow. His ill, and was making ready to rework as a public surveyor has turn to Robersonville and see the stood the test for nearly seventy doctor when he was fatally strickstill and poured out 150 gallons of years, and his life followed the en. Death followed quickly. The son of the late John L. and his death. true line set by the compass

> tion and reproach. During his service as chairman years ago on November 22, 1900. of the Martin County Board of When he was six years old he favor but in the name of truth, were readily accepted by the con-And then he ably served as presi- his home there since that time. dent of the Martin County Branch

prominently in the ranks of the Carl Oakley, all of Durham, and were called to his bedside. Democratic Party, aspiring to no Henry Oakley of Williamston; a government all along the line.

is best loved and remembered Woodlawn Cemetery here. through his every-day association and fellowship with his friends June Weddings and acquaintances. The invita-For Delinquents tion to visit his home literally bristled with sincerity. His hand-A last call was issued today for firm. His presence generated shake, even on his death bed, was

high and noble ideals.

duties. His last duty was performvote canvass from the State road and school bond election. He then

sideration and thoughtfulness and fin of Jamesville. respect of the opinions of others; his discriminating and seasoned judgment; his understanding of people; his cooperative willingness; and above all that sense of fairness possessed by so few now, characterized his service and seand for him not only the only but also the loyar teveron and

lege it was to know and work with Williams Township. Mr. R. D. Davis, associated with him in any manner at any time Placed in a tub of water for the during the long years of his life.

> gentleman and Martin County's ed that the mother had left the Grand Old Man. Always fair and room hardly two minutes before. always friendly and helpful and thinking the child would be safe always considerate of ciners, it alone for a short time while she was not strange that he found attended to other duties. himself surrounded by those who! Blue almost all over, the child were ever loyal to him, and whose was brought to the hospital effection he retained throughout where artificial respiration was his life. Mr. Peel was a man of given, followed by treatment. She high ideals and inspired all of was able to return home two days those around him to better living, later. and it was but natural that his counsel and support were sought and given to every worthwhile undertaking. Throughout his long life he remained a kindly, generous and gracious Christian gentleman, ever ready to give his best and his most up to the last measure of his strength to his duties and in the preservation of high

Well Known Young Farmer Foremost County And Macedonia

Aubrey L. Oakley, well known

straight as a die and beyond ques- Mattie Mallory Oakley, he was

Surviving besides Mrs. Oakley Mount.

Surely, his handiwork has earn- Funeral services will be con-

Trailing behind a normal schedgoodness, kindness and friendli- ule for weeks, business underwent ness, and he held high the torch of a noticeable increase in the counplaining that the delinquents righteousness, his life reflecting ty marriage license bureau last week to maintain June as the tra-He was faithful to his trust and ditional period for marriages.

Six licenses were issued to ed on June 7 when he received the couples in the county last week: Johnnie Franklin Edwards of Greenville and Naomi Brown, laid down his worldly tools and RFD 2, Williamston; James Elliott resigned to the fate which a nobly- Barnhill and Marjorie Roebuck lived life made him ready to ac- Bissinger, both of Robersonville; cept. He had given much and ask- Charles Felton Keel, RFD 2, Robed little, but his way of life un- ersonville, and Evelyn Lou Russ folded happiness in full measure of Washington; Alton Lorenzo Croom and Lynette Everett War-Mr. Peel possessed in a rare de- ren, both of Robersonville; Oscar gree those qualifications which Taylor of Williamston and Ruth are so necessary for a successful Caraway, RFD 5, Greenville: life and an able leadership. His Charles Edward Hardison of Wilmodesty, his humbleness, his con- liamston and Annie Lorraine Grif-

Almost Drowned.

Almost drowned in a tub of water, Little Miss Brenda Apre. mgs in his humbre, everyday walk dence and admiration and esteem, 17-month-old daughter of Mr. and love of all those whose good privi- along very well at her home in

his dealings, and his untiring de. found almost drowned two min-

Courthouse To Close For Funeral Today

County offices are closed this afternoon as a tribute of respect to the memory of Sylvester Peel whose funeral is being held at Smithwicks Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Mr. Peel was chairman of the Martin County Board ideals and the advancement of his of Elections for about twenty-

Officers Wrecked Three Plants In County Recently Sylvester Peel A. L. Oakley Died Monday Afternoon At Home in County Monday Afternoon At Home in County Mr. Sylvester Peel Concert Tomorrow

Citizen Died In Hospital Sunday

Noble Figure In Various **Phases of County Life** For Many Years

Sylvester Peel, foremost citizen and a noble figure in the various phases of county life, died in the local hospital Sunday afternoon at iod of declining health. Infirmities of age, aggravated by a heart condition, were given as the cause of

Mr. Peel, although in declining born in Nash County forty-nine health the greater part of two beer, apparently in anticipation of Elections for twenty-three years, moved with his parents to this mained faithful to his duties until a visit from the officers, and roll- his acts were never questioned, county and made his home in the just a few weeks ago. As chairand there wasn't the first irre- Macedonia community of Bear man of the Martin County Board gularity. His goodness and fair- Grass Township later moving to of Elections, he reported to the ness even permeated politics, and the Everetts section where he was courthouse on June 7 to canvass his decisions, made without bias or married when he was a young the returns of the State road and man to Miss Euzelia Forbes. Thir- school bond election. Returning teen years ago he located on a to his home in the Smithwicks quered as well as the conquerer. farm near Robersonville, making Creek section, he took his bed that of the North Carolina Farmers are three daughters, Hazel, Ger- the hospital the early part of last Mutual Fire Insurance Associa- trude and Betty Jean Oakley; a week and although he responded tion. His work there is reflected son, Russell Oakley, all of the to treatment for a few days, the more than sixty years he figured ley of New York, John, Tom and day and members of the family

In The County last big survey assignment was sories. handled about ten or twelve years

possibly his work in the school Club was the second place winner the River, waltz, arr. by Yoder; room over a period of about a in this group. She modeled a 12. Are You from Dixie, selection, quarter century stands out as his printed chintz school dress. greatest contribution to the ad- Other girls taking part in the very Moon, Edwards-Teague;

was held without a single protest they did on their dresses. or a lone irregularity.

Mr. Peel served as president of by merchants of the town. the Martin County Branch of the The judges for the revue were North Carolina Farmers Mutual Mrs. J. W. Sumner and Mrs. J. C. starting time, the program will be Fire Insurance Association for a Eubanks. number of years. Under his direc- Edith Rogers will model her but Professor Butler emphasized tion the association attained an dress at the 4-H Short Course in no mere afternoon shower would enviable rating and reached a new Raleigh to compete for state hon- chase the band inside. record of effectiveness.

He was a stalwart leader in the Democratic Party down through the years, and a member of the Child Recovering the years, and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Smithwicks Creek for almost half a century, exemplifying its teach-

1947. Surviving the union are treatment of paralysis of the hip, the old home community, M. day for treatment. By diligence and integrity in all the child toppled over and was Luther Peel of Williamston, and

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BEER LICENSES 4

Unconfirmed reports heard here this week indicate that a number of local beer retailers would be denied licenses in the new fiscal year beginning July 1.

No definite reason for the suspensions could be learned, but one report said that sanitary conditions surrounding the beer "joints" did not measure up to the requirements. The number of li censes facing suspension could not be learned, but the ban is centered in the colored areas, the report said.

It is about the first time that retailers' beer licenses have faced suspension here.

FUNERAL TODAY

Funeral services are being held this afternoon in his old home community church at Smithwicks Creek for Sylvester Peel, widely and favorably known county citizen, who passed away in a local hospital Sunday afternoon at 5:00

Select Winners In 4-H Dress Revue

Mr. Peel was born in Griffins Dress Revue was held Saturday, high office but working for good sister, Mrs. H. D. White of Rocky Township 88 years ago on January June 25th in the American Legion the director, follows: 20, 1861, the son of the late Noan Hut. The winner in the senior 1. The Billboard, march, and Millie Roberson Peel. After group was Edith Rogerson of the 2. Russian Overture, Glazoroffed him a place among the counducted at 3 p. m. Wednesday at attending the schools in his home Bear Grass, Sr., 4-H Club. The Olivadoti; 3. A Night in June, serty's prominent men, but Mr. Peel the home and burial will be in community he studied at the dress was made of blue waffle enade, King; 4. Little Wooden Sol-Hughes Academy in Chocowin ty, pique with white pique accessor- dier, novelty song, Clark-Yoder; and in early manhood he started ies. Grace Rogerson of the Bear 5. Skaters Waltz, waltz, Wauldtesurveying in addition to teaching Grass, Sr. Club was the second ful-Chenette; 6. Circus Days, in the county schools and earry- place winner. She modeled a march, King; Intermission, 10 ing on farming operations. His white pique suit with blue acces- minutes.

ago when he amicably settled the ion was Betty Lou Phelps of Rob- mans-Yoder; 9. Three Blind Mice boundary between Beaufort and ersonville 4-H Club. Her dress clarinet trio, Colby-Waln (Sarah was a sunback made of feed bags Manning, Gloyden Stewart, Jim-Mr. Peel is well remembered in with contrasting ruffles. Lena mie Page); 10. Drake Relays, a several fields of endeaver, but Bennett of the Bear Grass, Jr. march, King; 11. Cruising Down

vancement of his section and Revue were Caroline Wallace of 14. Trombones on Parade, march the Jamesville, Sr. Club; Jean Taylor. He served as chairman of 'he Ange, Jamesville, Jr. Club and This will be the first full-scale Martin County Board of Elections Catherine Rogerson of the Bear "concert in the park" for the band for twenty-three years. Under his Grass, Jr. Club. The girls are to and its second annual summer direction, election after election be commended for the fine work concert. Anyone and everyone in

To Duke Hospital

Stallings who died on March 22. Spelier Black and wife of the Cross Roads section was removed four sons, Noah and Oscar Peel of to a Durham hospital last Thurs-

At birth about a month ago, the baby weighed only three pounds and when visited by a county health nurse a few days ago the infant weighed only two and onehalf pounds.

Expenses are being care for by the State Crippled Children's Fund, it was reported.

Recovering From Attack Made Upon Him By Dog

Master Radford Holton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Radford Holton of Ayden, is recovering here at the home of his grandparents from injuries sustained when he was attacked by a dog in Aurora a few days ago.

The dog, a large St. Bernard, was playing and jumped up on the boy, the animal's paw striking him on the neck and gashing it. Quite a number of stitches were necessary to close the wound.

He plans to return to his home in Ayden tomorrow.

Fourteen Numbers Listed By Director Butler For Program at 8:30

The numbers to be played by the Green Wave Band of Williamston High School in its open air concert on the playgrounds of the grammar school tomorrow night (Wednesday) at 8:30 p. m. was announced last week-end by Professor Jack Butler. It is quite an ambitious program and includes four-

teen numbers. Emphasizing that there would be no charge for the concert, Professor Butler suggested that those attending bring along folding to sit on if they prefer that to just

had been holding rehearsals for a long time on the program and he had been well-pleased with recent work of the young musicians as

evealed in their rehearsals. The program will open with a clarinet trio featuring Sarah Man-

the county or section is invited to The winners were given prizes attend the concert, a climax to the

moved indoors at the high school

Victim Of Wreck Dies In Hospital

of the Free Union section of Washington hospital last Satur-

day morning during or immediately following an operation on Critically injured when his autotomobile was wrecked be-

ween Jamesville and Dardens about the middle of May, James had been a patient in the hespital since that time. He was placed in a cast last Thursday and was to return home Friday. A bone in his leg slipped and an operation was necessary, but a weakened heart could not stand the strain.

PEANUTS

The Williamston Peanut Company is closing its plant here today with the possibility that it will reopen to handle a government shelling contract sometime in July. _ "We are cleaning the last of the regular crop today," the man-

agement said. All plant employes are enjoying a barbecue this even-