

## Revitalize Rural Church, Governor Tells Fair Group

### Addresses Thousand Or More In Jamesville Last Friday Afternoon

Addressing a thousand or more at Jamesville's splendid community fair last Friday afternoon, Governor Kerr Scott called for a revitalized rural church and pleaded with the leaders not to wear of the church program. Most considerate of his listeners who were standing, the chief executive limited his talk to a very few minutes, said his speech and withdrew a short time later to make an address in Hobgood, his third public appearance of the day.

It was very apparent that the governor felt at home among the farm people who gave him a majority in the primary. "I am glad to be here and see so many people. I did not see quite so many a while back," the governor said, meaning that the crowds were hard to find in these parts when he was campaigning for governor.

The creditable fair, sponsored by the Jamesville Ruritan Club with the wholehearted support of the entire community, was highly praised, and the governor commended the community for its unique accomplishment. The Ruritan program fits well into the picture of our State, possibly more so than any other civic organization since the population is about two-thirds rural, the governor said, "and it should be the interest of the clubs to see that the rural areas benefit more from State services," he added.

Expressing the hope that all rural people will get full consideration under the \$200 million road program, the governor briefly reviewed the State's "Go Forward Program". "The last legislature did some constructive work," Governor Scott said. Pointing out that two school teachers in this section had died of tuberculosis because there was no room in sanatoriums for them, the governor said he hoped in two years' time that everyone needing treatment could get it, that there would be ample facilities to hospitalize the sick. He referred to the hospitalization program in the State and the teaching hospital at Chapel Hill. The chief executive also assured the large crowd that there should be ample facilities within the next two or three years to care for all the mentally ill.

He commended the last legislature for enlarging the State Utility Commission membership, the action paving the way for expanded electric and telephone services. One out of every four farms in the State is without electricity, the governor said, adding that those without service should let them know in Raleigh and everything possible would be done to have the service made available to them.

The speaker, going back to the legislative record, said, "We argued over schools and roads, and attempts were made to block a referendum. We carried the referendum, and we are making progress in bringing our schools up to standard and in paving 12,000 miles of rural roads and stabilizing thousands of other miles. The governor paused long enough to express his appreciation to those who supported the road and school programs. "North Carolina is moving along and the State must give all people an equal chance," the governor said, continuing, "but

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### EXPLAINS NAME

Addressing Jamesville's Community Fair crowd last Friday afternoon, Governor Kerr Scott explained, following his introduction by Professor V. B. Hairr, the pronunciation of his given name. "It seems that they passed a law up in Alamance, making it unlawful for 'curs' to run at large, so they called me 'Kar'."

## Tobacco Market To Close Season Friday

### ALL THE WAY

Convinced he had benefited greatly, Farmer W. R. (Billy) Cratt of Bear Grass yesterday went all the way in support of the Farm Bureau. Contacting Membership Canssaver H. U. Peel, Mr. Billy signed up himself, Mrs. Cratt and seven members of the family. "If everybody would really support the Farm Bureau we would really have a great organization," the farmer said.

As many as seven members have signed in one family, and Mr. Cratt has never lagged, but it was the first time that nine supporters came forward to give the Farm Bureau all-out support.

## Bookmobile Has Many New Books

The Regional Bookmobile is operating in Martin County this week with a wide selection of books to satisfy even the most particular reader. Each month this traveling library takes books to many parts of Beaufort, Hyde and Martin Counties. But there are also sections of these counties it does not visit. If the Bookmobile does not now come to your community and you wish to take advantage of the many services it offers, write to the Regional Library in Washington, and arrangements will be made to include you in the regular schedule.

Some of the books being brought to readers this month are: "The Mudlark" by Theodore Bonnet. Irony, history and humor mixed up in an unusual tale of the repercussions that followed the entry of a little London ragamuffin named Wheeler into the dining room of Queen Victoria. The Playtime is Over by Clyde Brion David. Stephen Fletcher Lewis, soldier of Fortune, has for reasons of health retired from the army and settled down on an Arkansas farm. This book tells how he copes with the girl Judith and with his newly quiet life: a study of a man's search—in retrospect—for a philosophy of life.

The Egyptian by Mika Waltari. Set in Egypt, this is the story of Sinuhe, physician of Pharaoh. Events of war, intrigue, murder, passion, love and religious strife are revealed as Sinuhe describes his often brilliant, often bitter life. The Gamester by Rafael Sabatini. Against a background of France during the period of inflation and financial panic, that followed the death of Louis XIV, Sabatini tells the story of John Law, exiled Scot who won control of the finances of France in a series of daring moves.

The Lily and the Leopards by Alice Harwood. Colorful novel of Tudar England, depicting the rise to the throne of Lady Jane Grey and her dramatic downfall after nine days. The main character emerges as a courageous and spiritual figure, although a tool in the hands of noble men.

Call It Treason by George Howe, an exciting suspense story based on an actual episode of the United States Army Intelligence work. For "riches and risk and faith" three German prisoners of war volunteer for service behind their own lines as spies for the American Army, and the account of their mission makes both an entertaining adventure tale and an authentic picture of what Germany was like just before the end.

## August Building Activity Gained

Building activity increased by three percent in August, according to the Commerce department, estimated new construction totaling \$1,900,000,000. Private home building formed a large part of the increase.

## Season Sales Are Just Under Goal Of Nine Million

### Poundage Offered Here Yesterday Hit Mighty Low For Season

Handling under 15,000 pounds in their houses yesterday, local warehouse operators were convinced that the tobacco is just about marketed in its entirety in this section and arrangements were continued to close the market at the end of sales on Friday of this week. The small sales yesterday were supported by two factors. The rain could have limited the sales, but farmers reminded the market operators that it was explained days ago that the tobacco was about gone. Whatever the cause, there were only 14,758 pounds of tobacco on the floors, but the price held to a figure well above the 50-cent average.

More pounds were on the floors today and the price continues to hold fairly firm. Through yesterday the market had sold 8,800,466 pounds for \$4,319,751, an average of \$49.09. The sales are not likely to reach the nine-million pound goal, but they won't miss the figure much.

Quite a few markets in this belt are closing the season this week with Clinton leading the list by winding up today.

A report on sales and prices in the belt by the departments of agriculture follows: Steady to lower grade averages, light volume of offerings, and slightly poorer quality was seen during the eighth week of Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco sales.

According to the Federal-State Market News Service many grades averaged from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per hundred below the previous week. Most of the declines amounted to only \$1.00. Practically all qualities were adversely affected whereas the previous week losses were generally confined to the lower qualities. The practical top remained at \$65.00 but there were considerably less baskets reaching this figure. A few leaf grades partially regained losses of the previous week.

Weekly gross sales were 27,750,264 pounds for an average of \$52.26 per hundred. These sales were the lightest of the season. The average was \$2.06 below the preceding week and the lowest in three weeks. Season sales totaled 373,027,089 pounds and have averaged \$48.64. Receipts of the Stabilization Corporation were around 2 percent of gross sales, a slight increase over week before last. Season deliveries amounted to slightly over 4 percent. On October 1 indicated production of this type was 384,400,000 pounds, the same as previously reported in September. Total flue-cured was estimated at 1,139,030,000 pounds.

The principal cause of the low quality offerings was the relatively large increase in the amount of damaged tobacco at some markets. However, there were more cutters and lugs sold. Most of the offerings graded low to good quality. Leaf predominated followed by an equal proportion of cutters, lugs, and smoking leaf.

## Jury Drawn For County's Court

Twelve persons were drawn for jury duty in the Martin County Recorder's Court next Monday, as follows: Jamesville: J. H. Dickerson, C. A. Hough and J. H. Davenport. Bear Grass: John Leggett. Williamston: Roland C. Cherry. Robersonville: H. A. Jenkins, L. B. Williams and W. W. Taylor. Poplar Point: E. L. White. Hamilton: J. Lloyd Coffield, Henry L. Hopkins and J. O. Stokes.

## Exhibit Winners Are Announced at Jamesville Fair

### Quality Of Exhibits Compares With The Best To Be Found Anywhere

While necessarily limited in quantity, exhibits at the Jamesville Community Fair last weekend compared with the very best in quality, visitors declared. Their crops all but washed out during the summer, the people of the community gathered up enough farm produce and special items to pack the high school gymnasium, and prove to the world that while they were almost rained out they were a long ways from being starved out.

The exhibits, including just about all known farm crops and jellies made from crabapples gathered in the woods by Farmer Tommy Holliday, did credit to the exhibitors and attracted favorable comment from the 1,500 or more visitors. There were fourteen farm and home booths and fourteen commercial booths in the main exhibit hall, not to mention the swine, cattle and poultry pens and machinery exhibits outside.

There was keen competition in the live-at-home exhibits prepared by the families of Carl Griffin and Tommie Holliday, unofficial reports stating that the Griffin display took first prize. The Holliday booth, like the Griffins, featured an old ham that would make one's mouth almost water. The Hollidays, after displaying just about every food and feed item, displayed a map of the farm, an unusual type of pine tree, the family Bible and magazines. The history of hybrid corn was also shown, including the base seed and different types. Both displays along with those found in the field crop booth, proved that some good peanuts were grown in that section this year.

In addition to the live-at-home displays, booths were planned by the elementary and high schools, the Jamesville Woman's Club, Boy Scouts, Future Farmers of America, Veterans Training Class, Canned Foods, Field Crops, Sexton's Store showing a hunting scene, N. C. Forestry Division, Home Furnishings, Future Homemakers and the Beta Club. The Future Farmers stressed improved pastures, and the Veterans realistically offered improved farm practices.

In the canned foods booth, a blue ribbon was attached to a display by Mrs. W. T. Gurkin, second prize going to Mrs. James Williams. Ribbons were seen on field crops as follows: tobacco, H. L. Gardner, first, and C. W. Gurkin, second; sweet potatoes, Chas. Gurkin, first, and F. W. Holliday, second; peanuts, Bobby Rogers (son), first, and Dick Rogers, (father) second; soybeans, Bobby Modlin, first, and James Smithwick, second; cotton, Carlton Reason, first, and Linwood Knowles, second; corn, T. H. Brown, first, and W. B. Gaylor, second; and Laria Jones, second.

In the home furnishings booth, Mrs. Lizzie Smithwick displayed a show more than 200 years old and old papers telling about the time the post office was located at Gardner's Creek. There were pieces of furniture imported from England two centuries ago. The booth was literally packed with all types of fancy work with two eye-catching home-made cakes to one side glaring the onlooker right in the face. Names of winners in this and several other departments could not be had immediately.

Commercial exhibits were prepared by FCX, Davenport and Hamilton, Ronoke Chevrolet Co., Sexton's Service Station, K. D. Worrell (Westinghouse), Corey Plumbing Company, Easy Washer (J. Lawrence Peele who added to the fair atmosphere with his clown make-up and antics), Amoco Oil Co. (Ward and Holding), Dixie Motor Co. (appliances), B. S. Courtney and Son, Brown Brothers, Williamston Bottle Gas Co., Lindsley Ice Co., and Gaines and Kirkman. In the poultry department, J. C.

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## Certain Type Of Tobacco Curers Offer A Problem

### Farmers Finding It Difficult To Dispose Of Tobacco With Acid In It

A comparatively new type of tobacco curer has presented a major problem for many farmers and markets, too, in this State, according to reports heard a few days ago. The burner, equipped to burn anthracite coal without the benefit of flues, was said to have generated in some, if not all cases, sulphuric acid. The reports further stated that the acid, once on the tobacco, literally ate it up, and that one company in opening one or two hogsheds found nothing but stems.

It is estimated that between 1,200 and 1,300 burners of the particular type were used in this State during the past curing season, that possibly six million pounds of leaf were cured with those burners. Last reports indicate that approximately one and one-half million pounds of the leaf cured with that type of curer remain to be marketed.

The buying companies, said to be more afraid of the gassed leaf than they are of a bear, are exercising every precaution against its purchase. Sales have been affected on some markets, the unofficial reports declared. The farmers, in some cases, are said to have peddled their leaf, smelling of the gas, to distant markets in an effort to get rid of it without penalty. The first load of tobacco, believed to have been damaged by the acid, showed up on the local market a few days ago. It attracted no attention, but suspicion developed when it was learned that the

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## Observing "Oil Progress Week" In the Country

### First Oil Well Sunk In This Country 90 Years Ago In Pennsylvania

"Oil Progress Week" for Williamston from October 16 to 22 has been proclaimed by Mayor Robt. H. Cowen.

The Mayor's proclamation said the special week was being set aside because it was significant that the 90 years since the petroleum industry was born are the 90 years of greatest progress that the nation and Williamston had known.

Men and women of the oil industry here will cooperate in informing the public about the ways their industry has contributed "to our high standards of living and to the preservation of our free, democratic American way of life," said the proclamation.

Mayor Cowen in his proclamation directed the attention of all citizens to a study of the contribution and service the oil men who live among us make to our public, social, business and private life.

Events will be marked by a number of special events and speeches to community audiences by local oil men, said W. Z. Kennedy, community chairman.

During this week oil men are re-telling the story of how "Uncle Billy" Smith brought in America's, and the world's, first oil well. They tell how it was the dereliction of some other well drillers that placed "Uncle Billy" in the pages of history. Or, they explain, maybe those other well drillers just had no confidence in the idea that petroleum could be found by drilling a well like those which they drilled for salt.

A retired railway conductor, Col. Edwin L. Drake, had been commissioner in 1858 by the Seneca Oil Company to drill a well for oil at Titusville, Pa., near where oil often appeared on the surface of streams and pools of water. Never before had anyone proposed that oil existed in such fashion underground that it could be found and brought to the surface.

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## Senator Graham To Make Address Here

### National Leader On October 26th Festival Program

### Eleven Towns and Schools Are Sending Princesses For Parade Wednesday

Senator Frank P. Graham, national leader who served as president of the University of North Carolina for about a quarter of a century and who figured on the international front while working for peace in the Dutch-Indonesia war, will make the principal address during Williamston's second annual harvest festival next week, Al Sweatt, managing director of the Williamston Boosters, officially announced yesterday.

Working closely with the American Farm Bureau in Washington, Senator Graham is in a position to discuss the farm problem, and his appearance here offers the people of this section a splendid opportunity to get acquainted with him. Pushing politics into the background the Senator can be expected to give a good account of his work since going to Washington following his appointment made by Governor Kerr Scott to fill the position made vacant by the death of J. M. Broughton.

The educator-senator is to speak on a platform in Smithwick street between the Lawyers' Building and Alpha Cleaners, beginning just as soon as the parade is spent Wednesday afternoon, October 26. The parade is to start at 2:00 o'clock under the direction of J. O. Manning, Jr., master parade starter, and will clear the reviewing stand about 2:45 o'clock.

Discussing the festival plans, Director Sweatt said that everything is shaping up fine. Eleven princesses are to represent that many schools and towns in the parade which will again feature a large number of official floats, unique balloons never before seen in this immediate section, at least seven brass bands, dignitaries and others. "All indications point to the biggest harvest festival ever held in this part of the country," Mr. Sweatt said.

Princesses who will bid for the queen's crown and who have not been previously announced are: Miss Lib Cherry, Bear Grass; Miss Janice Robertson, Bethel; Miss Fay Walker, Scotland Neck; Miss Leona Hardison, Farm Life, and Miss Rachel Chesson, Williamston. Washington is to be represented also, but the name of the princess could not be learned today.

Work has been started on the floats, and decorators are hanging bunting and flags today. Two bands are being booked for the big street dance which marks the opening of the festival next Tuesday night.

Anyone desiring to enter a float or participate in any part of the festival program in any way should contact Director Al Sweatt at his office in the Guaranty Bank building without delay.

## Unique Parade A Fair Feature

A quarter-mile-long parade was one of the features of the Jamesville Community Fair last Friday, the parade units fitting well into the motif of the farm event.

Led by Patrolman Titus Martin, who returned to his old home from his station in Washington for the big event, the parade included: Boy Scout Troop, Future Homemakers, Williamston's High School band, Future Farmers, Future Chapter Mothers, Beta Club, Athletic Club and entries by Chevrolet, International Harvester, Massey-Harris, Fordson, John Deer, Farmall, Purina Feeds, timber interests. Added features were a yoke of steers driven by L. P. Holliday, former county commissioner, and deer hunters, John Williams, Jr., and Carl Martin.

The parade formed at the depot, proceeded down Highway 171 to U. S. 64, up that route two blocks and thence to the school building.

## Two Are Injured In Series Of Six Wrecks In County

### Property Damage Little Under \$1,000; Invasion Of Collard Patch

Two persons were badly hurt and a property damage, estimated at \$810 resulted, in a series of accidents on Martin County highways during the course of the past few days. The two victims were removed to hospitals for treatment but not late reports could be had on their condition.

For the second time within a month there was an unscheduled invasion of Farmer Griffin's collard patch just west of Everetts. Driving east on Highway 64, Saturday afternoon, Alonza Langley, young colored man of RFD 3, Williamston, lost control of his car, and the machine turned over, coming to a stop in the collard patch. Making the investigation, Patrolman J. T. Rowe said that Langley was not hurt, that the damage to the car was about \$50. No estimate on the collard patch damage was made. Langley, said to have been drinking and weaving down the highway, was arrested and booked for drunken driving.

The first in the series was reported by Patrolman E. P. Simmons after Annie Thompson, 36-year-old colored woman, was hit and badly injured by a mowing machine, attached to a highway truck just outside of Williamston on Highway 125 last Tuesday morning. The truck driver said he had raised the blades on the two mowing machines attached to his truck, that one of the blades fell without his knowledge and the blade cut the woman on the thigh. She was removed to the hospital for treatment.

Hillard Knight, Oak City colored man, received a bad thigh injury, either a dislocation or a fracture, when he went to hop on a log truck driven by Herman Manning and fell under the wheels which passed over him. The driver said he though he heard the man say go ahead. The vehicle traveled only a few feet. Patrolman R. P. Narron, making the investigation, said the accident happened on a dirt road about three miles from Oak City last Thursday afternoon and that the victim was removed to a Tarboro hospital for treatment.

Approximately \$150 damage resulted when David Aaron Boyd of Hamilton started to pass a 1941 Chevrolet taxi owned by Chetser Nicholson and driven by Charlie Frank Joyner on Highway 125 last Saturday night. Just as Boyd was passing in his 1948 Oldsmobile, Joyner signaled and made a left turn, according to Patrolman John T. Rowe who said that no one was hurt.

Sunday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock Romas Lee was driving his Dodge pick-up truck toward Williamston on Highway 64. Just beyond Sweet Water Creek, Henry Bell, colored of Williamston, started to pass in his 1946 Chevrolet and met a 1938 Ford driven by A. J. Mizelle of Windsor. The Chevrolet and Ford sideswiped each other and Lee, to avoid crashing into the vehicles, drove off the road and into the woods about 130 feet. None of the seven persons in the pick-up truck was hurt. Investigating the accident, Patrolman M. F. Powers estimated damage at \$1,000.

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### SPEAKER



United States Senator Frank P. Graham, nationally known figure and for years president of the University of North Carolina, will make the principal address at Williamston's second annual Harvest Festival on Wednesday of next week.

## Cutting Climaxes Gambling Fight

A serious knife attack climaxed a gambling game argument in the lower part of the county last week-end, Sheriff M. W. Holloman stating that the attack almost cost Warren Chesson, young colored man, his life.

Engaging in a "friendly" poker game with Claude Eratt and Lee Lacy Chesson, Leighton Taylor, lost his money, got mad and went away for a shot gun. When he returned, Eratt and Lacy took the gun from him, and the group separated. His gun gone, Taylor brought a pocket knife into play, making a five-inch gash in Chesson's head, another five-inch gash in the man's neck, another gashing under the left eye, almost dropping the eyeball from its socket, and two light gashes in the side. Fifty stitches were required to close the wound.

Taylor, given a hearing before Justice R. T. Johnson last Friday night, was placed under a \$400 bond, and Bratt and Lacy, charged with gambling, were required to give bond in the sum of \$100 each.

## Extend Welcome To New Minister

The Rev. Thomas L. Hastings, coming here recently from Kentucky, was extended a formal welcome by the several congregations in a union service held in the Church of the Advent Sunday evening. Several of the denominations cancelled their service schedules for the evening and their pastors, including Rev. E. R. Shuller of the First Methodist Church, Rev. Stewart B. Simms of the Memorial Baptist Church, and Rev. Franklin Gregory of the A. M. E. Zion Church, participated in the service.

The new minister, reviewing the history of the Common Prayer Book used in his church, explained that a better understanding of religious doctrines and beliefs would aid Christian unity.

## Special Service At County Church

Special services will be held Friday, October 21, at the Smithwick Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Services will begin promptly at 11 o'clock and will continue throughout most of the day.

At least four visiting elders will participate in the services. The annual association will be held at Rose Bay Saturday and Sunday and the visiting ministers consented to hold the special service here before going on to the association.

### ROUND-UP

Arresting twelve persons the previous week-end, law enforcement officers declared yesterday that crime conditions are getting no worse and no better after arresting and jailing the same number last week-end.

Six were detained for public drunkenness, two for assaults, with deadly weapons two for issuing worthless checks, and one each for drunken driving and gambling.

Four of the twelve were white and the ages of the group ranged from 22 to 46 years.