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## Farmers Nominate Slate For County Farm Committees

### Groups Up for Election In Ten Districts Thursday Of This Week

Meeting in the several districts last Thursday evening, Martin County farmer selected their nominees for township Production and Marketing Administration posts and delegates to the county convention, subject to a vote to be held right along with the cotton referendum on Thursday of this week.

The election will get underway at 8:00 o'clock, December 5, and continue until 5:00 o'clock that afternoon.

All farmers are eligible to participate in the election of the P.-M. A. or Triple A committees, but only cotton farmers may participate in the cotton referendum.

It is understood that those nominees polling the largest number of votes in the election this week will be declared chairman, vice chairman, regular member and first and second alternates, respectively. The nominees for delegates to the county convention polling the greatest number of votes will attend a meeting on Friday of this week and elect a county committee. It has been pointed out that no delegate to the convention is eligible for a place on the county committee.

The nominating conventions last week named the following for community committee posts and delegates to the county convention:

Jamesville No. 1: Howard Hardison, Arthur Wallace Lilley, Arthur Modlin, A. R. Roberson, J. Coltrain, P. Monroe Holliday for committee; and Sam Godard, C. C. Fleming, Jim Brown Holliday for delegate.

Jamesville No. 2: Leo Gardner, James Long, Arthur Ange, R. C. Sexton and R. G. Coburn for committee; and C. G. Gurkin and Leamon Ange for delegate.

Williams: R. J. Hardison, C. L. Daniel, Joe L. Coltrain, Walter Gardner, Paul Harrington, L. J. Hardison, O. S. Green and Marvin Hardison for committee; and Grady Godard, R. J. Hardison and Albert Tyre for delegate.

Griffins: D. C. Gurkin, S. E. Manning, Arthur Revels, Raleigh Lilley, Justus B. Coltrain, Lester Griffin and Thomas Tice for committee; and Asa Hardison and John A. Griffin for delegate.

Bear Grass: H. G. Harrison, E. C. Harrison, Ralph Mobley, H. U. Peel, Opehus Bailey, Elmer Griffin and M. S. Cowin for committee; and J. D. Wynne and H. G. Harrison for delegate.

Williamston-Poplar Point: R. T. Griffin, Fisher Harris, V. U. Bunting, M. E. Rogers and M. L. Peel for committee; and W. O. Griffin and John W. Gurkin for delegate.

Cross Roads: H. L. Roebuck, J. F. Bailey, G. H. Forbes, J. Marion Griffin, W. L. Ausbon, Oscar Ayers and Lester Bryant for committee; and Geo. W. Taylor and W. S. Ausbon for delegate.

Robersonville No. 1: S. T. Everett, J. R. Daniel, R. S. Everett, T. L. Roebuck, L. E. Everett and Irving James for committee; and R. S. Everett and S. T. Everett for delegate.

Robersonville No. 2: Clifton Keel, Rufus Taylor, H. H. Roberson, Howard Vanderford, Hassell Warren and Ollie Powell for committee; and Rufus Taylor and Hassell Warren for delegate.

Hamilton: J. D. Etheridge, W. E. Purvis, D. R. Edmondson, W. F. Thomas, Alton White, L. R. Beach, and J. H. Lillard for committee; and L. R. Beach and R. H. Salisbury for delegate.

## Man Booked On Forgery Charge

LeRoy Coffield, colored man of the Spring Green community, was arrested last week-end and booked on a forgery charge.

Coffield is alleged to have forged the name of Roy Bowers to a \$400 check. Drawn on a Bethel bank, the check was cashed in Hamilton on November 26.

## Holiday Schedule For The Holiday Season Announced

A business schedule for the holiday season was announced this week by Al Sweatt, director of the Boosters, for merchants and other establishments.

Beginning on Wednesday, December 21, local stores will remain open evenings, observing Saturday hours. The Monday after Christmas will be observed as a general holiday. The Monday after New Year's will also be observed as a general holiday.

In keeping with an old custom, The Enterprise force will observe its one holiday of the year next week. The publication schedule will be stepped up one day. Next Tuesday's paper will appear late Monday, and the second edition of

the week is to go in the mails early Thursday, December 22. There will be no edition on the 27th, but the last paper of the week and year will be published the latter part of the week. Announcements and other items should be submitted in accordance with the announced schedule. The publishers will be grateful for the cooperation of the ministers and others who submit announcements.

The local post office will remain open Saturday afternoon of this and next week, and afternoon deliveries will be made in town on both afternoons. No mail deliveries will be made on Mondays after Christmas and after New Year's.

### DIES SUDDENLY

William Peel, colored tenant farmer of Griffins Township, fell dead while unloading a truck at the J. D. Everett Funeral Home on Sycamore Street here last Saturday afternoon.

Peel, about sixty years old, had not complained of feeling ill, and death was attributed to a heart attack.

## Professor Carter Banquet Speaker

Speaking at the annual Christmas banquet of the Williamston High School Green Wave Band in the Woman's Club here last Saturday night, Professor Herbert Carter head of the music department and band director at E. C. T. C., Greenville, told the young musicians some of the things to watch in their efforts to improve themselves as musicians and complimented the band, the Band Parents Club and the community itself on the excellent spirit of cooperation exhibited here.

Recalling that music is classed as a "universal language" Mr. Carter pointed out the value of music and music appreciation in the enjoyment of the life around the world and touch briefly on the new science of music therapy. He told the youngsters and their director, Professor Jack Butler, that he saw no reason why they could not in the years ahead compete with the best bands in the state. He rated the Green Wave Band as an excellent marching band already and noted that it was doing well musically for an organization so young.

Around 120, including the senior and junior bands and their invited guests attended the banquet. A turkey dinner was served by the Band Parents Club with the assistance of the cheer-leaders of the high school. Attractive programs were arranged for the event.

Asa Manning presided over the program, Rachel Chesson gave a report of the band's activities during the fall, Jean McLawhorn presented the band's gift to Mr. Butler while Pritchard Lindsey, decorated a token of appreciation from the community at large.

## Social Security Tax To Increase

A Washington press report says that a 50 percent increase in social insurance taxes will go into effect January 1, raising \$667,000,000 more a year. Employers and employees each will pay a 1.5 percent tax on wages and salaries up to a wage or salary maximum of \$3,000. The present rate is one percent. It has been in effect since the system of retirement and survivors benefits was started thirteen years ago. The schedule of benefits will remain unchanged.

## Returns Home From Washington Hospital

Mr. V. D. Godwin returned home last week-end after undergoing treatment in a Washington hospital for about ten days. He is still confined to his bed at his home here on West Main Street.

## Heavy Blow Dealt Liquor Traffic In County Last Week

### Nine Illicit Liquor Plants Are Destroyed During Period by Officers

A fairly heavy blow was dealt the illicit liquor business in the county last week, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck reporting that nine plants were wrecked and that one person was detained for possession.

On Sunday of last week the officers searched William Henry Bryant in Goose Nest and found one-half gallon of illicit liquor. He was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs.

Last Tuesday in Hamilton Township near Hassell the officers wrecked two plants. One was equipped with a 30-gallon oil drum, and the other with a 50-gallon barrel. The officers poured out 350 gallons of nasty mash and wrecked other equipment.

Raiding in the Free Union area of Jamesville Township last Thursday, the officers wrecked a partial distillery and poured out 400 gallons of sugar beer.

On Friday the raiders tore up a 50-gallon plant in the Stingy Point section of Robersonville Township and poured out 250 gallons of mash.

Two illicit plants were found last Friday during the search for Kenneth Harris in the woods along Herring Gut, not far out of Williamston. One was equipped with a 50 gallon copper kettle, and the other had a 120 gallon oil tank. More than 700 gallons of mash were poured out at the two plants, Deputy Roebuck reported.

Returning to the Free Union section last Saturday, the officers captured a 50 gallon copper kettle, poured out 100 gallons of sugar mash and destroyed three fermenters and poured out 150 gallons of mash at a second site.

## Claims Subsidies Run Into Billions

Writing in the current "Christian Herald," Gabriel Courier, "interpreting" the news, had the following to say about farm support prices:

"Expensive: Ever wonder where your money goes, Mr. Taxpayer? This might help you. In 1948 the Commodity Credit Corporation paid out the following sums of money to support prices on the following crops: cotton, \$822 million; corn, \$767 million; wheat, \$750 million; flaxseed and linseed oil, \$241 million; potatoes, \$228 million; peanuts, \$170 million; tobacco, \$102 million; dry beans, \$68 million; wool, \$63 million; barley, \$56 million; grain (sorghum), \$55 million; dried eggs \$36 million. Total, \$3,449,000,000. The Government has taken in \$9,457,996,693 this year (about Nov. 1st); it has spent \$11,479,306,629.

"We love the farmer, sure; but could it just possibly be that there is politics in all this price-supporting business? Can there be a bid for the 1950 farm vote? Could it be that Mr. Truman is on up once and forever the idea of cultivating a "solid South" vote, and put his reliance in a farm-labor bloc as his hope for another term and as the new foundation of the Democratic party? Think on these things, children, as hard and as often as ye can!"

## Minor Accident On Highway 17

No one was hurt but considerable damage resulted when Felton Murry, colored man of Murfreesboro, ran a Chevrolet coupe into the rear of Robert A. Williams' truck at Skewarkey on U. S. Highway 17 yesterday morning. Driving Argina Moore's car, Murry could not offer a logical excuse for the accident, but said that he must have dropped off to sleep.

Investigating the accident, Patrolman M. F. Powers said the damage to the car would run around \$250. No damage was done to Williams' Dodge truck.

## Peanut Acreage Reduction For 1950 Announced

### Half Million Acres to Come Out of Production Next Year

Reduced approximately 22 percent in the past year, peanut acreage is to be sliced again next year, according to unofficial but reliable reports. The 1950 plan calls for a reduction from 2,628,970 acres in 1949 to 2,100,000 for next year, a decrease of a mere half million acres.

The North Carolina allotment for 1950 is 225,702 acres or 17,333 acres less than the 1949 quota.

There are about 17-peanut producing counties in this State, and on a per-unit basis the reduction in this county would be about 1,000 acres. However, it is likely that the reduction will not be that great. Before the war this county planted about 18,600 acres to peanuts. The acreage was boosted in response to increased needs to about 25,000 acres during the war. The 1949 allotment was fixed right at 20,000 acres. Unfortunately, those farmers who did not increase their acreages during the war found themselves in 1949 with a small acreage than they had before the war, and some "hardships" have resulted.

The allotments will be broken down by counties and then by the P.-M. A. offices for each farm as rapidly as possible.

It is estimated that the reduction next year will figure right close to 20 percent for the nation, while the decrease for North Carolina will run around seven percent compared with the 1949 allotments.

Experiencing adverse production for several years, some Martin County farmers are talking about quitting peanuts. However, it is more likely that the acreage allotments will be used in their entirety and that the county will continue to rank with the dozen top producing counties in the nation.

North Carolina, still a leader when it comes to producing large and fancy peanuts, has been pushed to fourth position in overall production. For some reason, other states have moved in to claim a large acreage. Next year, Georgia will have 701,400 acres, Texas, 451,200, and Alabama will have 274,907 acres.

## Minor Accident On Highway 11

Damage, estimated at \$175 resulted when Horace V. Purvis of Washington, D. C., ran his 1939 Plymouth into the rear of Mayo Simmons' 1940 Chevrolet on Highway No. 11 last Saturday night at 11:15 o'clock. No one was hurt.

Investigating the accident, Patrolman R. P. Narron said both cars were traveling toward Bethel from Oak City, that Purvis was while the other car was running driving about 40 miles an hour about twenty miles an hour.

## County Farmer Enters Hospital

Breaking his ankle in a fall from a pecan tree the day before Thanksgiving, Garland Barber, Jamesville Township farmer, was removed to Veterans Hospital, Fayetteville, last week-end for an operation. He was a patient in the local hospital until it was determined that an operation would be necessary. The young farmer made the trip to Fayetteville in a Biggs ambulance.

### ROUND-UP

Six persons were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail during the week-end. Three were booked for public drunkenness, two for assault and one for allegedly forging a \$400 check.

Only one in the group was white and ages of the six ranged from 26 to 58 years.

## National Guard Unit Organized In County

### Will Hold Public Meeting Thursday In The Legion Hut

#### Capt. James L. Harris, Jr., Named To Command The Guard Unit

Meeting in Williamston last Thursday night, representatives from the various civic clubs in the county organized a National Guard Unit and named Captain James L. Harris, Jr., to command it. Known as Battery C, 150 AAA Gun Battalion, the unit is now calling for volunteers. Mr. Harris pointing out that at least fifty men and three officers will have to sign up before the unit is recognized and activated.

A public meeting will be held in the American Legion Hut on Watts Street in Williamston Thursday evening of this week at 8:00 o'clock when final details will be handled. Captain Reed of Wilmington is to address the group and a special movie will be shown. All interested parties are invited.

Discussing the project which will have an annual payroll of approximately \$35,000, Captain Harris said that the unit will have two full-time employees, that material and equipment will be provided by the government. In addition to the regular meetings, the guardsmen will receive two weeks special training each summer at regular pay, plus allowances. Qualified candidates are to be sent to special training schools with full pay and allowances, Captain Harris said.

Williamston's board of town commissioners recently appropriated \$400 for remodeling the old water plant which will be used as guard headquarters, Captain Harris explaining that an armory is to be expected when the unit proves worthy.

Recruits are to be drawn from the 17 to 35 age group, and all veterans will be accepted at the rating which they held when separated from service. Since the battery will be more or less technical, there will be higher ratings for more men, Captain Harris pointing out that during his duty in the army no rating was delayed, even in combat.

Supported by civic clubs and the general public, the unit, is expected to start functioning shortly. Recruits, receiving a minimum of \$1.25 per hour, are invited to attend the meeting on Thursday evening of this week or contact Mr. Harris at Woolard Furniture Company. There are no residence requirements just so long as a member may find it convenient to attend the regular meetings.

## Funeral Sunday For Mrs. Whitley

Funeral services were conducted in the Murfreesboro Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Mary B. Whitley who died suddenly at her home there Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Her pastor, the Rev. Mr. Taylor, conducted the service, and interment was in the Murfreesboro Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Mr. E. W. Whitley; three daughters, Miss Mary Whitley, teacher in the Williamston schools, Mrs. Gladstone Storey of Murfreesboro and Mrs. C. R. Edwards of Christiansburg, Va.; and two sons, Messrs. R. E. and R. W. Whitley, of Murfreesboro.

### TAX RETURNS

E. Ross Fronberger, deputy collector for the State Revenue Department, will be in his office at the courthouse the last three days of this week to assist all those persons who did not file income tax returns for 1946. It was explained that those who report to the office without further delay will not be penalized.

Mr. Fronberger said that every single person making \$1,000 and every married person making \$2,000 annually should have filed a return, that this is the last opportunity for filing the 1946 returns.

## Gain Reported In Sale of TB Bonds

As an important part of the Christmas Seal Drive in its relentless fight against tuberculosis, the Martin County Tuberculosis Committee has sold in the town of Williamston 74 tuberculosis bonds totaling \$785.00. This is a slight increase over 1948. The Robersonville committee has not reported on its bond sale but the chairman is hopeful that it will be successful.

Purchasers of bonds in the various denominations in Williamston include:

\$25.00 Bonds—Standard Fertilizer Company, Charles H. Jenkins Company, Williamston Lumber Company, Harrison Oil Company, Branch Banking & Trust Company, Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Dixie Motor Company, Williamston Peanut Company, Farmers Cooperative Exchange, Farmers and Carolina Warehouses, Belk-Tyler Company, Williamston Motor Company, Lindsey Ice Company.

\$15.00 Bond—Roanoke Chevrolet Company.

\$10.00 Bonds—Baker Oil Company, Throver Appliance Company, B. & W. Tire Company, Blue Star Cleaners, G. & H. Building Supply Company, Enterprise Publishing Company, Williamston Parts and Metal Company, R. S. Critcher, Griffin Motor Company, Williamston Supply Company, Eagles 5 and 10c Store, White's Heating and Sheet Metal Works, Courtney's Furniture Store, Margolis Brothers, W. G. Peele, Woolard Furniture Company, Peele's Jewelry Company, Harrison & Carstarphen, Sinclair Oil Company, Clark's Pharmacy, Farmers Supply Company, Colonial Frozen Foods of Williamston, Inc., Ann's Specialty Shop, Davis Pharmacy, Heilig & Myers Company, W. I. Skinner & Company, Inc., King Tobacco Company, Inc., Ward's Market, Moore Grocery Company, \$5.00 Bonds—Griffin's Quick Lunch, Price Service Station, Martin Plumbing & Heating Company, Taylor's Dairy, Peel & Peel, Attorneys, R. L. Coburn, H. G. Weston, J. M. Burgess, Martin County Building and Loan Association, R. L. Ward Wood and Coal Company, Ward & Holding Oil Company, Wheeler M. Manning Insurance Agency, Rose's 5 & 10c Store, Mrs. J. G. Staton, Sam Zemon, Muse Jewelry Company, Willard's Shoe Shop, G. & C. Soda Shop, Martin Supply Company, Williamston Hardware Company, Wier Coffee Shop, The Pioneer Shoppe, Darden's Department Store, D. L. Hardy's Store, Alpha Cleaners, Martin-Elliott Company, McLawhorn Furniture Company, Proctor Shoppe, Western Auto Associate Store, Worrell Appliance Company, Leder Brothers, Inc.

Anticipating an increase in business, the post office will maintain window service Saturday afternoons, beginning this week. Patrons are asked to estimate their stamp needs and buy them in advance avoiding standing in line.

Patrons are asked to address all mail correctly, giving street address or box number along with the name and town.

## Extra Jurymen Drawn For Court

Fifteen extra jurymen were drawn Monday for service in the superior court this week. Judge Leo Carr, presiding over the term, ruled that the regular list was not sufficient.

Names of those drawn this week follow: Robert Mobley of Jamesville, Irving Coltrain of Williams, Maurice E. Roberson, Elmo Lilley and Robert Griffin of Griffins, Leamon Keel, William Leslie Gurganus, R. L. Carver and A. T. Perry of Williamston, Hugh Leggett of Cross Roads, A. P. Curtis and A. R. Johnson, Jr., of Robersonville, R. E. Rackley, Leland Hardison and Mrs. J. E. Hines of Hamilton.

## Boy Found After Long Stay In The Woods Near Here

### Kenneth Harris Is None the Worse for Harrowing Experience

Still in a daze, Earl Harris, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris of North Houghton Street, was found about 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon after a 22-hour stay in the woods just north of here. Carried to a doctor, the youth was said to have been none the worse for the harrowing experience.

Leaving school Thursday afternoon, the boy took his gun and went hunting, but he came back shortly before dark and bought some candy at a neighborhood store. He disappeared soon after that and when he did not return home early that evening an extensive search was started. Twenty-five or thirty friends of the family, including county and town officers looked for him in the woods and swamps just north of the town about all night. The number of searchers was increased early the next morning, the search extending all the way from the woods on the Cherry farm to the river.

The youth was seen Friday morning, but apparently in a daze, he ran back into the woods back of the Whitley farm. Dogs were used in an effort to trace him, and that afternoon about 2:30 he was found and returned to his home, and later carried to a doctor for an examination.

He had little to say about his experience, but it was reported that he built a fire to protect himself from the freezing weather during the night.

Relatives expressed their great appreciation to all those who made the search and others offering aid.

## Announce Change In Postal Rates

Post office patrons are reminded that postal rates on Christmas greeting cards have been increased from one and one-half to two cents, that the increase does not provide first class delivery. With only one cent difference in the inferior and first class rate, it is likely that most of the Christmas greetings will be mailed first class; that is, three-cent stamps will be used. It is pointed out that the three-cent mailings will increase chances of delivery, that the mail will be forwarded to new addresses or returned to the sender if it is undeliverable and if the sender places his return address on the letter. Cards, mailed as third class matter, will be destroyed where proper addresses are not given. Cards, measuring less than four inches long and less than three inches wide, carry a minimum rate of three cents each.

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