

Painfully Injured In Fall From An Auto Last Friday

Several Other Highway Wrecks Reported In County Last Week

Mr. Graham Alligood, 78-year-old Hamilton man, was badly but possibly not seriously hurt about 6:00 o'clock last Friday evening when he fell out of a moving car. Mr. Alligood hit the pavement with his head and suffered severe scalp injuries, reports from Brown's Community Hospital where he was carried for treatment, stating that there was no fracture, but that he was badly hurt. He'll be a patient in the hospital for several days, one report said.

Mr. Alligood was riding with Mr. Harper Peel and the door came open as the car moved around a curve inside the Hamilton town limits. The machine was not running very fast at the time, and was stopped within a few feet by Mr. Peel. Patrolman R. P. Naron reported the accident.

A minor accident was reported just east of Parmele last Tuesday afternoon when a tire blew out and caused the 1949 Mercury driven by Wm. V. Page, colored sport, to go out of control and almost turn over. No one was hurt and damage was limited to about \$20, according to Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation.

Another minor accident was reported last Thursday afternoon when Herbert Linwood Swain stopped his Kaiser car on Highway 64 just east of Williamston and Roosevelt Downing of Roper plowed into the rear of the machine with his 1949 Ford. Investigating the accident, Patrolman B. W. Parker said that no one was hurt and damage to both cars was less than \$25.

H. B. Purvis, colored, lost control of his 1938 Chevrolet when a tire blew out on the Prison Camp Road, not far from Highway 64, at 3:20 o'clock last Sunday morning. The car went into a field and turned over, causing about \$100 damage but injuring no one, according to Patrolman J. T. Rowe who made the investigation.

Driving south on U. S. 17 about three-quarters of a mile this side of the Beaufort County line last Sunday night at 9:10 o'clock, Raymond H. Stalls, accompanied by his family, started to make a left turn into a driveway when a Norfolk-Southern bus started to pass and struck the door of Stalls' 1942

Willie L. Green Rites Tomorrow

Funeral services will be held in the Shiloh Baptist Church on Elm Street tomorrow afternoon for Willie L. Lyons Green, respected colored citizen, who died at her home on Leggett's Lane Sunday morning at 7:00 o'clock. Her pastor, Rev. L. A. Lamb, will conduct the service and interment will be in the family cemetery over in Williams Township.

She was well known here where she worked in numerous homes, and baked cakes for special events. Several brothers and sisters survive.

AUTO TAGS

It is fairly certain that quite a few motor vehicles will disappear from the highways in this section on Wednesday of next week because they will not be equipped with the 1950 state license tags. Quite a few vehicle owners have not purchased their town vehicle tags.

The 30-day grace period expires next Tuesday midnight and anyone driving with old tags on their vehicles after that time are subject to prosecution in the courts.

A report from the license bureau in this county indicates that hardly two-thirds of the vehicles are now displaying the new tags.

Tax Listing Sixty Percent Complete In This County

The 1950 tax listing in Martin County was estimated sixty percent complete today by Tax Supervisor M. Luther Peel, the official explaining that the work was possibly further advanced in some townships and slightly less than that in other districts.

Time for listing is rapidly drawing to a close, and there is some doubt if the county commissioners will extend the listing period, meaning that all who have not listed their holdings and poll at close time next Tuesday will be made subject to double listing and possibly prosecution in the courts.

The last-minuters are finding their way to the listing places in most of the townships, and the waiting lines are forming rather rapidly at this time.

No advance estimates on the

trend of values could be had. However it is fairly apparent that the books are taking a beating when it comes to listing second hand motor vehicles. Some of the vehicles have an assessed tax value fifty or more percent below the 1949 listings. On the other hand the assessed values fixed by the automotive red book for new vehicles are holding to high figures, for the most part. And it is possible that the new cars, purchased last year in greater numbers than during 1948, will help absorb part of the loss on old car listings. It was also pointed out that new construction in 1949 was greater than it was in 1948, and that with larger stocks of peanuts on hand should partly if not more than offset the personal property losses on cars.

Facts Are Revealed By Annexation Plan

SMOKEHOUSE KEYS

Taking advantage of the spring-like weather, fishermen got busy and found the keys to Martin County smokehouses early this week when they dipped eleven herring from the Roanoke.

Bunn Godard and Leslie Hassell dipped ten of the fish from the river at Jamesville, and enjoyed a fish dinner that evening in S. H. (Frog) Thomas' Holliday's club house.

Going to the river later that afternoon and working about an hour or two, Joe Smith dipped the first herring from the river at this point. Samuel Hardison displayed the fish yesterday morning.

Geo. Alonzo Peel Died At His Home Near Here Sunday

Funeral Held In Memorial Baptist Church Monday Afternoon

George Alonzo Peel, well-known county citizen and prominent farmer of Bear Grass Township, died at his home there Sunday morning at 3:45 o'clock. He had been in declining health for about two years, spending one and one-half years in bed, suffering with arthritis and a heart condition. During his long illness, he had received hospital treatment at intervals, and bore his affliction cheerfully. His condition had been critical for about a week or ten days.

The son of the late William Daniel Peel and wife, Sarah Howell Peel, he was born in Bear Grass Township 71 years ago on December 8, 1878, and lived and farmed there all his life.

He was interested in the affairs of his community and county and his fellowman and was held in high esteem as a citizen and friend. He was an active member of the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church for a number of years, attending its services regularly as long as his health permitted, and lending it his loyal support at all times.

Mr. Peel was married on September 7, 1913, to Miss Maude Powell of near Robersonville. Surviving besides Mrs. Peel are a daughter, Mrs. J. Stewart Whitely of Raleigh, and five sons, George A. Peel of Plymouth, and W. Daniel Peel and Billy E. Peel, both of Williamston, A. Rudolph Peel of Auburn, Alabama, and Reginald D. Peel of Norfolk.

Funeral services were conducted in the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church at 3:00 o'clock Monday afternoon by his pastor, Rev. Stewart B. Simms. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery. Mr. Peel was a member of the Skewarkey Masonic Lodge and the Masons had charge of the rites at the graveside.

Population Count Placed At 814 In Outlying District

West End Has 126 and the North End Has 97 Homes By Actual Survey

Making a detailed survey and study of the proposal to extend Williamston's town limits to include those districts known as West End and North End, local officials came forward with the bare facts at a public meeting held in the courthouse here last night. The facts present a picture of the proposal, and further action rests with those residing just outside the present town limits.

It is proposed to extend the limits on the Washington Road to what is known as the Garret Road at the Southerner, on the Everetts Road to the Prison Camp Road, on the Hamilton Road to a point a short distance beyond Whitley's Canal, and a few hundred feet beyond the present limits on the Jamesville Road.

The survey, as presented at the meeting last night, may vary a few points, but the figures are reliable.

The population in the two districts is placed at 814, 392 in West End and 422 in North End. There are 126 houses in West End and 97 in North End, a total of 223.

Real and personal property in West End is on the tax books at \$371,229.67, according to 1949 listings. Similar listings in North End are on the books at \$110,072.00, a total assessed valuation of \$481,301.67. These valuations do not include any farm property which is not taxable by the town under State law. It is estimated that the \$2 tax rate will yield revenue in the sum of \$9,626.03, annually.

Turning to figures within the town, the officials explained that the total debt as of next July 1, will be \$200,000.

The officials went on to explain further survey findings, as follows:

This debt is payable in annual installments of approximately \$25,000.00 per year including interest and principal. This amount will be paid in full in 1960 except for a negligible amount.

The new bond issue for the purpose of extending water and sewage lines to the out of town areas and addition to the in-town areas is set at not more than \$400,000.00. These bonds will not begin to come due until the present bonded indebtedness is paid off in 1960. They are to be arranged so as to be due over a term of 20 years which will make \$20,000.00 due yearly beginning with 1961 and ending 1980.

Municipal bonds marketed by towns such as Williamston have been selling at the average interest rate of 2.7%. This would make the annual interest on the \$400,000.00 at \$10,800.00. This interest will have to be paid each year

National Guard Inspection Is Set For January 26

Martin County Unit Limited to 54 Men; Will Add More Later

First scheduled for tonight, the inspection of the newly organized National Guard unit in this county will take place on Thursday evening of this week. It was explained that inspectors had a unit list and could not reach here until Thursday. Col Perry and Col. Byrne will be sent by the commanding general of the Third Army in Atlanta to inspect facilities and determine if the arrangements meet federal requirements.

It was also announced that the strength of the unit has been reduced even before organizational plans have been completed. First given a quota of more than 100 men, the unit is to be limited to 54 men for a short time with the assurance that nine other men may be added within a few days. So far eighty-two volunteers have passed their physical examinations, meaning that a waiting list will be established and that openings will be filled from time to time from that manpower pool. Local officers, expressing regret over the curtailment order, explained that the action was taken as a result of decreased appropriations. Any man desiring to learn his status may see Elbert S. Peel, Jr., one of the unit officers. During the meantime, the 54 men already accepted are asked to be at the municipal water plant in Williamston at 8:00 o'clock Thursday night for the first official meeting. If the unit passes inspection at that time, the personnel goes on the payroll.

Officer candidates, Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Billy Biggs and Lawrence G. Lindsey passed their physical examinations in Raleigh last week-end and are ready to enter upon their new duties with the Guard, it was learned.

It was also learned that Raleigh Harrington is being considered for a position on the battalion staff. If he accepts the appointment he will be considered a member of the battalion headquarters staff, but will be assigned to the local unit for training.

Captain Henry V. Reid of Williamston is to report here again the first of next week to complete the final preparations for activating the unit, provided the outfit passes inspection on Thursday night of this week.

Opening Farmers' School Thursday

Plans are complete for opening a two-day extension school in the Martin County courthouse on Thursday of this week at 9:00 o'clock, Assistant County Agent J. W. Sumner explaining that the daily schedule had been altered a bit to avoid conflicts.

The schedule follows: Thursday, January 26: 9:00 a. m., S. H. Dobson, pastures; 10:30 a. m., J. C. Jones, forestry; 1:00 p. m., S. N. Hawks, tobacco; 7:30 p. m., H. M. Covington, sweet potatoes.

Friday, January 27: 9:00 a. m., W. C. Shaw, weed control; 10:30 a. m., A. C. Kimrey, dairying; 1:00 p. m., J. S. Buchanan, beef cattle; 2:30 p. m., Jack Kelley, swine.

Special attention is directed to the sweet potato meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock when Mr. Covington will lead a timely discussion and prizes are awarded to those young farmers who established production records in 1949.

Following the swine program Friday, an important meeting of purebred swine breeders in the county will be held.

All farmers are invited and urged to attend as many of the special classes as they possibly can.

Representing Clubs At National Meeting

Martin County's five Ruritan Clubs—Jamesville, Farm Life, Bear Grass, Hamilton and Oak City—are being represented at the Ruritan national convention in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, this week.

Company Planning To Open Foundry On Roanoke River

Standard Fertilizer Company To Manufacture Irrigation Systems

While definite arrangements have not been completed, the Standard Fertilizer Company is advancing plans to open a foundry near its plant here on Roanoke River for the manufacture of irrigation systems for farms, officials of the company announced yesterday. Details for the new industry are now being worked out and until the engineers complete their work it will not be known just how large the foundry will be or how many persons it will employ, the officials said.

The company became interested in crop irrigation before World War II and installed a system on its farm near Aurora. Recognizing irrigation as the next big step in the progress of agriculture, the company officials secured the agency for distributing the systems in this section of the country. The war virtually blocked all activities for a number of years, but at the end of the war, Tom Crockett was named to handle that department of the company's rapidly expanding business. With a comparatively short period, eighty-one systems have been installed, mostly in North Carolina but a few in two other states.

If present plans for the opening of a foundry here are successful, and officials say they see no reason why they should not be successful, then the company will enter the market throughout the southeastern part of the country from Maryland on south and west into Mississippi.

Since he was named to head that phase of the company's business, Mr. Crockett has improved the equipment and patents are now pending, it was learned.

Equipment for irrigation systems is not manufactured within five or six hundred miles of this point, and in keeping with its policy of expanding its facilities to better serve agriculture the company is now working to make the systems available nearer the markets of the southeast.

Mr. C. C. Crockett, president of the company, said an official announcement would be made just as soon as plans for the new industry are completed.

Slow Response To Party's Call

The call for replenishing the Democratic party's fund in Martin County is receiving only a fair response, Committee Chairman Elbert S. Peel said yesterday. During the meantime, leaders of the party, acting to meet a \$300 call from State headquarters, sent their personal check last week-end. And now it looks as if someone might be left holding that ole proverbial bag.

However, several townships have come forward with their quotas, and others are expected to rally around within the next day or two. It has been explained that there'll be some close contests, not in this State, but in other states, and that money is needed for the Democratic cause.

Williams Township, Floyd Moore, chairman, came forward first with his \$15 quota. Griffins, Geo. C. Griffin, chairman, was next, coming in with \$25.50, or 50 cents in excess of its quota.

The drive is continuing here, but \$35 had been contributed according to a preliminary report.

ROUND-UP

For the most part all was fairly quiet on the crime front in this county last week-end, reports from the sheriff's office showing that only three persons were arrested and temporarily detained. Two of the three were booked for drunken driving and the other for carrying a concealed weapon.

One of the three was white, and the ages of the group ranged from 19 to 32 years.

Standard Fertilizer Company Will Build Insecticide Plant

Martin County Yams Well Received In The Markets

Martin County yams, marketed under the trade name of "Drippin' Honey," are taking the northern markets by storm, according to reports reaching here. Repeat orders are coming in from New York, Philadelphia, Bridgeport, Conn., and Providence, Rhode Island, Marketing Specialist M. M. Levin explaining that the demand on those markets had been so great that no shipments to other centers had been possible to date. H. U. Peel and J. Shep Holliday packed two loads of potatoes at the Martin County Yam Growers Association warehouse here last week-end and sold them on the market yesterday. They received a net return of \$2.95 per bushel for the No. 1 offerings.

The price was net except for the cleaning and packing charge at the warehouse. The return is above the average being paid on most of the markets, but the shippers offered quality potatoes and they were packing to meet grade requirements.

Following up the sales, Mr. Levin found that housewives are calling for "Drippin' Honey" potatoes, that the consumers are well pleased with the offerings. He pointed out, however, that it is necessary to put up a standard pack to gain a favorable reputation in the competitive markets.

Any individual grower having potatoes to sell are directed to contact a member of the association committee and arrangements can be made for handling them.

Building And Loan Officials In Meeting

Association Now Has Assets Over Million Dollars

Officers and Directors Are Re-Elected At Meeting Held Yesterday

The Martin County Building and Loan Association in 1949 enjoyed its greatest growth in any one year since its organization in 1914, stockholders were advised at their annual meeting held in the law offices of Attorney Wheeler Martin yesterday morning when one of the most favorable annual reports of activities were released by Secretary Wheeler Martin.

Officers re-elected at the meeting include, C. D. Carstarphen, president; N. C. Green, vice president; Mrs. Vella A. Wynne, treasurer, and Wheeler Martin, secretary and attorney. Directors re-elected include, C. D. Carstarphen, C. B. Clark, Sr., K. B. Crawford, N. C. Green, J. E. King, W. C. Manning, Frank J. Margolis, Wheeler Martin, Herbert Whitley, Jesse S. Whitley and Mrs. Vella A. Wynne.

The approximately forty stockholders, attending the meeting either in person or by proxy, were advised by the secretary that the association now has \$1,040,690.91 in assets, a gain of \$157,431.93 over the 1948 figures. Installment shares now in force number 9,324, representing a net gain of 513 over the total handled in 1948. The association has 766 stockholders, including 676 white and 90 colored.

Last year the association paid out \$16,229.66 in dividends to shareholders, after transferring \$16,000 to the contingent reserve fund to care for any losses. That fund now has a reserve of \$58,000, it was announced.

As of December 31, 1949, the association had \$919,193.05 loans in force, including 317 mortgage loans in the amount of \$904,940.49, and thirteen share loans listed at \$14,252.56. It was explained that the mortgage loans advanced last year amounted to \$289,400, representing a cash value of approximately \$350,000. The money financed the construction of 48 new homes, mostly in Williamston and community, the purchase of eighteen homes and repairs to 22 other homes.

In addition to the mortgage and share loans in the amount of \$919,193.05, the assets of the association include \$27,085.83 in cash, \$79,400.00 in State of North Carolina and United States Government Bonds, \$10,500 stock in Federal Home Loan Bank, \$3,427.44 in office furniture and fixtures, and

Mr. L. Avery has reported here to join the staff of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, succeeding J. B. McGhee who transferred to Alabama several weeks ago. Mr. Avery comes here from Oklahoma City, and will have his offices in the town hall.

PLAN MEETING

It is not certain that arrangements can be effected, but plans are being made to hold a wage and hour law meeting in Williamston within the near future, according to information coming from the local office of the Employment Security Commission this morning.

If the plans go through, employers in Bertie, Washington, and Tyrrell will meet here with those from Martin for a discussion of the new law which goes into effect tomorrow and calls for a 75-cent per hour minimum wage for those employed in industry figuring in interstate commerce.

Interested parties are asked to contact Mr. Gay.

Mrs. Octavia Cone Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Octavia Cone, 90, mother of the late Dr. P. B. Cone of Williamston, died in a Rocky Mount hospital yesterday morning at 5:30 o'clock after a long period of declining health.

During her visits here with her son and family, she made many friends in this community.

Mrs. Cone was born February 7, 1860 in Nash County. In early womanhood she was married to Burtis Cone, a young merchant in Wilson where they lived several years before locating in Spring Hope. When 31 years of age she was left a widow with five small children. She accepted the challenge before her and showed remarkable ability in their upbringing. In 1906 she moved to Richmond where the children attended high school and college.

Surviving are four children, Mrs. P. B. Baines of Spring Hope, Mr. Milton Cone of Richmond, Mrs. W. G. Baptist of Boydton, Va., and Mr. B. O. Cone of Richmond; ten grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Gay Funeral Home in Rocky Mount this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Interment will be in the family plot in Spring Hope.

Joins CAA Staff In Local Office

Explaining that the drive is not coming up to expectations or the bare need for a safe reserve, Chairman L. B. Wynne appealed today for more support for the March of Dimes.

New Industry Will Employ About Ten And Cost \$50,000.00

Insecticide Plant Scheduled To Be Ready For Operation In About 60 Days

A new industry—an insecticide manufacturing plant—is to be opened in Williamston within the next sixty or ninety days, officials of the Standard Fertilizer Company announced yesterday. The announcement also stated that plans are being made for the opening of a foundry for the manufacture of farm irrigation equipment.

Recognizing the need for an available supply of insecticides, fungicides and herbicides, the Standard Fertilizer Company officials have been making plans for building a plant here for some time, and final action was taken last week-end. Blue prints have just been completed and orders were placed a few days ago for machinery and other equipment for the plant.

Costing approximately \$50,000, the new plant will be of wood and steel construction and is to be located just across the railroad tracks from the present factory on Roanoke River. Construction work is slated to get under way within the next week or ten days, it was announced. The main factory is to be one story with a 36-foot mill tower.

While the plant will be under the general supervision of Vice President R. W. Bondurant, the company will bring in a specialist to handle the actual operations. The new unit will employ between ten and fifteen workers, it was announced.

Manufacturing most if not all the poisons commonly used in the control of pests and insects in this part of the country, the company will bring in ingredients in bulk by barge from manufacturing affiliates in Baltimore and New York and distribution will be effected by dealers and retailers throughout this and adjoining states.

Attending a special school at Raleigh last week, Woodrow Tice, secretary of the company, said it was pointed out by authorities that many poisons had not proved very effective because the ingre-

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County Man Held For An Assault

Booker T. Woolard was arrested at his home near Williamston late last Saturday night by Sheriff M. W. Holloman and Deputy Raymond Rawls for allegedly shooting Oscar Cratt, colored, in a store near Cherry's Run over in Beaufort County earlier in the evening. The victim was shot in the stomach, the ball from an old owl head pistol lodging close to the man's backbone. Woolard, young colored man, was returned to Beaufort.

Henry Biggs was arrested also for aiding and abetting the attack and Woolard's escape. After his trial in this county for carrying a concealed weapon he is to be tried on the other charges in Beaufort.

APPEAL

Explaining that the drive is not coming up to expectations or the bare need for a safe reserve, Chairman L. B. Wynne appealed today for more support for the March of Dimes.

Approximately \$400 has been received from direct mail appeals. The drive is progressing splendidly in some schools, but in others the preliminary reports indicate only a fair response.

The drive ends next Tuesday, and all are urged to help put it over the top.