

## Draw Juries For Regular Term of Superior Court

Sixty-One Citizens To Serve  
During Two-Week Term  
Convening March 20

Sixty-one citizens were drawn by the Martin County Commissioners a few days ago for jury service during the March term of the superior court. Nine of the number will be selected for grand jury duty during the next twelve months. The list includes several women and a number of colored men. None was drawn from several townships.

Master Owen Eubanks drew the names from the box, including the name of his father, J. C. Eubanks. Given several quarters by the commissioners for the service, the little fellow then asked his father for a quarter for drawing his name. The claim was not recognized, one report declaring that the father was about to relieve the boy of the cash given him by the commissioners for drawing his name.

The names of those drawn to serve during the two-week term beginning March 20, follow:

**First Week**  
Jamesville Township: Archie W. Barber, Eli D. Rogers, L. D. Clark, James E. Smithwick, H. S. Davis, D. H. Padgett, and T. H. Brown.

Griffins Township: Lester J. Griffin, Roy S. Hardison, J. R. P. Griffin, Albert A. Heath, Roland C. Griffin and J. Leonard Coltrain.

Bear Grass Township: Jasper C. Griffin.

Williamston Township: R. J. Allen, Joe Bullock, Sidney Beacham, Walter B. Mizelle, Mrs. L. A. Shaw, W. S. Rogerson, R. M. Quinn, Wm. H. Griffin, George D. Bond, Roy L. Ward, Mrs. J. Rossell Rogers and J. C. Eubanks.

Cross Roads Township: J. W. Peel and H. L. Roberson.

Robersonville Township: Theodore R. Williams, D. A. Brown, Louis T. Johnson, T. E. Purvis and D. O. Weaver.

Hamilton Township: Mrs. LeRoy Pitt, W. A. Fleming, W. Edgar Davis, L. D. Roebuck and Charlie Bullock.

Goose Nest Township: N. M. Hyman, Wallace E. Tyson and M. E. Hyman.

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## Plan Hearing On Hail Insurance

Commissioner of Insurance Waldo C. Cheek announced today that a public hearing will be held February 24, at 10:00 a. m., in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol Building, Raleigh, on a filing made by the N. C. Fire Insurance Rating Bureau on January 23, 1950, proposing adjustments in hail rates. As a result of a review of the experience of all counties, the Bureau proposes decreases in premiums of \$206,959 and increases amounting to \$59,253, making an overall decrease of \$147,706. Due to the uniqueness of hail insurance, the rates are made for each county with due consideration given to experience of the area in which the county is located.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on the streets and highways of this county are averaging better than three accidents a week, injuring one person and doing about \$350 damage every seven days. But no one has been fatally injured, as yet.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend; first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

5th Week				
Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge	1950	1949	1948	1947
4	0	0	0	0
16	5	0	0	0
13	4	0	0	0

## Honor Guests At Philadelphia Dinner



Pictured above are Martin County's champion sweet potato growers enjoying dinner last week at the Bookbinders, a famous seafood restaurant in Philadelphia. They, with friends, were honor guests of Mr. Jack Klein, leading Philadelphia commission merchant who bought the first load of Drippin' Honey sweet potatoes. Pictured above are, left to right, Jack Woolard, M. M. Levin, Dallas Cox, David Gurkin, Lewis Gurkin, Mr. Klein, marketing specialist for the Pennsylvania Extension Service, H. M. Covington, William Hardison, J. W. Sumner, Albert Iesler, and Geo. Shields who represented one of the Philadelphia papers.

## Retired Educator Dies In Hospital

William V. Ormond, retired Negro educator and a prominent leader in this county for a number of years, died in a Rocky Mount hospital yesterday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock following a short illness.

Devoting full time to the ministry following his retirement from the county school system two years ago, Rev. Ormond was fatally stricken while conducting services in the Methodist church at Robersonville Sunday morning. His condition grew worse rapidly and following treatment here, he was removed to the hospital where he regained consciousness for only a short time.

He was a member of the A. M. 73 years ago, and came to Martin as a young man, engaging in business for a while and teaching in the county school system for nearly half a century. He contributed much to his race and community, successfully leading drives in the name of suffering humanity and doing much for the spiritual development of all peoples. A valuable citizen, he'll be missed in his home community and in those areas where he labored as a minister of the Gospel.

Surviving are his widow, Alice Mayo Ormond; two sons, William V. Jr., of Williamston and Preston M. Ormond of Salisbury, N. C., and a daughter, Alice L. Ormond of Williamston.

He was a member of the A. M. E. Zion church on Rhodes Street, and Rev. N. S. Harris, Presiding Elder of Edenton, will conduct the funeral there Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery here.

## Minor Accidents On County Roads

No one was hurt and damage was limited in two minor automobile accidents on highways in this county last week, according to delayed reports.

Procuring a learner's permit that morning, Emmett Mims was driving a 1941 Chevrolet on the Poplar Point Road when he became frightened and lost control of the machine, ditching it and causing about \$20 damage, Patrolman B. W. Parker reported.

Early last Friday night Riley Everett was driving his 1938 Plymouth north on the River Road about five miles out of Hamilton and Ananias Thompson ran into the rear of the Plymouth with his 1934 Ford, causing about \$75 damage to each car. Thompson said the Plymouth was running about five miles an hour, that he did not see it in time to turn and miss it.

## VICE PRESIDENT



A. Corey, Jamesville man and county representative in the State Legislature, was recently elected vice president of the North Carolina Society of Surveyors.

## Seeking Leaders Of Census Crews

Applications for the positions of crew leaders in the 17th Decennial Census to be conducted in April are now being received by the Washington (N. C.) District office of the United States Bureau of the Census.

Final selections for the crew leader positions will be made about the end of February after oral and written tests of candidates for the jobs, according to F. Webb Williams, Census District Supervisor. Approximately eighteen crew leader positions will be filled. Each crew leader will have supervision over about twenty enumerators.

Qualifications required for selection as crew leaders includes, as a minimum, a high school education and at least three years experience in supervising or assisting in the supervision of an office force or field crew, training of subordinates, making and reviewing reports of average difficulty, and handling related assignments. In general, an applicant's record of experience must show satisfactory performance in increasingly responsible positions. College education may be counted in part in lieu of experience.

The Census Bureau further specifies that the applicant's previous employment and associations must be of such a nature that they will facilitate obtaining cooperation from respondents. Census Bureau employees are sworn to secrecy and are punishable by law for revealing information, but beyond this, care is exercised to employ only persons who have public confidence.

## Initial Roster Of National Guard

The initial roster of the Martin County National Guard Unit, Battery C 150th AAA Gun Battalion, includes four officers and 54 men, listed as follows:

Captain Elbert S. Peel, Jr.  
First Lieutenants William W. Biggs and Lawrence G. Lindsley.  
Second Lieutenant Davis M. VanNortwick.

Master Sergeant Leslie T. Fowden.

Recruits: Delmus Barnhill, Robert H. Beacham, Henry Bellflower, Rush W. Bondurant, Jr., Geo. E. Bunch, James H. Bunch, Robert E. Carter, Charles R. Carver, Raymond S. Cherry, William N. Cherry, Cecil D. Coltrain, Reginald Coltrain, William J. Council, Joseph F. Davenport, William N. Everett, William B. Gaylord, Jr., Edward W. Griffin, Horace R. Gurganus, Jesse D. Gurganus, Robert F. Gurganus, Samuel E. Gurganus, William A. Gurganus, Thaddeus F. Harrison, Jr., Henry W. Hoell, Needham I. Hyman, James J. Jackson, Clayton R. Keel, Norwood S. Keel, Dell P. Lindsley, Joseph D. Lilley, Jr., Alonzo F. Manning, John D. Mobley, Leroy Mobley, William W. Mobley, LeRoy Moore, Jr., David C. McLawhorn, Jr., William R. Peel, Alton B. Pleasants, James D. Rogerson, Albert L. Smith, Edward E. Smith, Marion R. Smith, Arthur G. Sheppard, James M. Stalls, Robert L. Stevenson, Andrew C. Summerlin, Wallace R. Warren, Frank S. Weaver, Lollie R. Williams, Sam L. Whitehair, Reuben C. Williams, Garland B. Wynne, Melville V. Wynne.

## Aged Resident Died Wednesday

Caesar Purvis, Sr., one of the town's oldest residents, was found dead in bed at his home here on Broad Street about 9:00 o'clock yesterday morning, a doctor's examination indicating that the aged man died about three hours before that time.

No exact dates could be had, but it is believed that he was about 93 or 94 years old. He was born in slavery in Poplar Point, and vividly recalled the Civil War days.

He was married four times, and is survived by nine children, Caesar, Jr., of Williamston, Noah, Arthur and Wheeler of Washington, D. C., Nancy, Ebbie and Florence of Brooklyn, Carrie of Williamston, and Helen of New York, a brother, William Thomas Purvis of Williamston, and a sister, Roxie Everett of Norfolk.

Funeral arrangements are being handled pending the arrival of his wife, little of no chance to see his wife.

## Upward Trend In Marriages Noted In Martin County

However, Business at Bureau Is Far Below Peak Reported In 1947

After reaching a low point in January of last year, business at the marriage license bureau in this county last month was on an upward trend. While the increase over January, a year ago, was limited to three partnerships, the business is far below the 41-license issuance recorded in January, 1947.

Register of Deeds J. Sam Gettlinger, looking at the January business handled by the bureau, is fairly optimistic over the prospects during the remainder of this year.

Licenses were issued last month to the following couples:

**White**  
William A. Crandell and Elinor Louise Brown, both of Stokes, N. C.

Daniel H. Ratcliff of Belhaven and Elise Andrews of Robersonville.

Benjamin R. Manning and Bessie Griffin, both of Williamston.

John F. Harriman and Vera Mae Wooten, both of Rocky Mount.

Joseph Stanley Gregory of Norfolk and Elsie Mae Mobley of Jamesville.

William S. Taylor of Williamston and Leona Rawls of RFD 2, Williamston.

Rosby Rudolph Hopkins of Everetts and Annie Ruth Mobley of Robersonville.

Charlie Elton Hardy and Farnes Virginia Johnson both of Williamston.

**Colored**  
Leonwood Fields and Hannah Reddick, both of RFD 2, Williamston.

George Jesse Jones and Mary Louise Moore, both of Hamilton.

Moses Hyman and Janie Rascoe both of Windsor.

James G. Williams and Fannie Rascoe, both of Hamilton.

Ananias Thompson and Mandy Cherry, both of Oak City.

Ledes Savage and Rosa Johnson, both of Williamston.

Henry Hoggard and Sue Margaret Williams, both of Merry Hill.

## Major Buck Died In Pitt Hospital

Major Buck, 71-year-old Bethel resident, died Monday morning at 2:30 o'clock at the Pitt General Hospital following five weeks of critical illness.

Mr. Buck was born, reared and spent all his life in Pitt County. He lived at House Station for a number of years and had been living near Bethel for the past three years.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday at 2:30 o'clock in the chapel of the Wilkerson Funeral Home in Greenville by the Rev. J. B. Parker, Pentecostal Holiness Church of Bethel, and burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in Bethel.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Nellie Buck; eight sons, Milton Buck of Tarboro, Jim and Elbert Buck of Pactolus, Macon and Herbert Buck of Greenville, Paul and Bill Buck of Bethel and Coy Buck of near Greenville; four daughters, Mrs. Wayland Stallings and Mrs. T. H. Langley, both of near Greenville, Mrs. James Harvey Briley of Robersonville, and Mrs. Ernest Brown of Williamston; a sister, Mrs. Emily Adams of Black Jack; 34 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## Recovering From Major Operation in Washington

Taken critically ill while driving a Bambi bread truck between Jamesville and Plymouth last Friday, Dick Taylor, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Taylor of Williams Township, was reported to be recovering in a Washington hospital following a major operation.

It was reported that a stomach ulcer had burst, and that had been a few more minutes in reaching the hospital there would have been little or no chance to save his life.

## More Than \$3,000 Raised in County For the TB Fund

Drive \$1,228.60 In Excess Of Quota Assigned Martin County

By Mrs. Eva Grimes, Secretary

The annual tuberculosis Christmas seal sale recently completed in Martin County shows an increase of \$1,228.60 over its goal of \$2,000, which was set for the 1949 drive, and \$810.76 over the amount raised last year. The county seal sale chairman, Chas. H. Manning, reports that \$1,005 of the total sum of \$3,228.60 was raised by the sale of bonds. The liberal sale of seals and bangles to the colored citizens of the county, under the direction of Chairman George T. Hyman and his committee, amounted to \$756.75.

Further reports from the chairman of the drive indicates that Williamston led the county with bond and seal sales amounting to \$1,231.86. The colored people were next with contributions from the following schools and their communities: Williamston, \$159.98; Robersonville, \$100; Everetts, \$40; Oak City, \$15.28; Whichard James, \$30; Williams Lower, \$26.71; Bear Grass, \$15; Corey's \$5; Dardens, \$21.10; Hamilton, \$52.06; Parmele, \$40; Gold Point, \$36.28; White Oak Springs, \$20.61; Salisbury, \$30; Jones, \$20; Rodgers, \$30.76; Smithwick's, \$13.25; Jamesville, \$25.61; Cross Roads, \$25; Burroughs, \$15.00; Biggs, \$30. The colored Odd Fellows Lodge contributed \$5.13.

Robersonville Township ranked third with bonds and sales totaling \$552.49. Goose Nest followed with \$132.50. Griffins, fifth on the list, turned in \$102. Other townships reported as follows: Jamesville, \$70; Williams, \$61; Hamilton, \$57; Bear Grass, \$52; Cross Roads, \$47; and Poplar Point, \$31.50.

The Williamston Grammar School purchased bangles and Santa Claus buttons in the amount of \$10.00.

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## Special Fund For Cemetery Upkeep

In the will filed recently in the Martin County Superior Court, R. Walter Salsbury set up a \$1,000 trust fund for the perpetual care of his plot in the Hamilton Cemetery. The Guaranty Bank was named trustee.

The will, dated August, 1944, named his wife, Mrs. Bettie Davis Salsbury, executrix, but following her death Mr. Salsbury did not change his will and a brother, Paul Salsbury, of Scotland Neck, was named administrator by the court.

Other than a diamond ring willed to Mrs. Elizabeth Petty of Virginia, the estate goes to his brothers and sisters. No value was placed on the estate, but unofficial estimates placed it at about \$10,000.

## Farm Life Class On Tour of Town

Accompanied by their teacher, Milton Griffin, members of the Farm Life business administration class are visiting various county officers here today. The young people are also visiting The Enterprise, scheduling their visit to see the current edition come off the press. Other places the group will visit are the banks.

Making the trip with their professor are, David Gurkin, Joseph Lilley, John Lilley, Franklin Hardison, David Bennett Lilley, John Griffin, Jos. Carroll Griffin, Simon Daniel, Sarah Revels, Jean Griffin, Rachel Roberson, Rachel Simpson, Mamie Bland, Daisy Coltrain, Leda Faye Manning, Angelina Leggett, Ruthie Lilley, S. E. Manning and James Williams.

## To Stage Womanless Wedding Here Sunday

Members of the Veterans Training Class will stage a womanless wedding in the colored high school here Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

## ANNOUNCES



Clarence W. Griffin, attorney and resident of Griffins Township, today formally announced his candidacy for solicitor of the Martin County Recorder's Court. While the office is not subject to a final vote of the people, election by the county commissioners is determined by action in the primary. Paul D. Roberson, incumbent, has made no announcement, but it is understood he plans to run again.

## Farm Bureau To Hold Convention

Fifteen or more Martin County farmers are planning to attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, opening in Raleigh Sunday evening. The convention is open to all Farm Bureau members, but arrangements were handled recently to have the county represented at all the conferences and meetings.

An important program has been planned and includes nationally-known speakers and leaders, including members of Congress, national farm organization representatives and others. U. S. Agriculture Secretary Chas. Brannan will address the convention Tuesday morning to feature the program.

The Sunday program will be limited to a religious service, and on Monday conferences, dealing with eight farm commodities, will be held, followed by general sessions that evening at 7:30 o'clock in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium.

Executive Vice President Flake Shaw will preside over the Tuesday sessions, beginning at 9:30 o'clock. Other speakers on the program that morning besides Secretary Brannan include Claude Wickard, head of the Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D. C., and Congressman Albert Gore of Tennessee. Other prominent leaders will speak that afternoon, and on Wednesday Governor Kerr Scott and others will address the convention, the session closing that afternoon.

## Sanity Hearing Before the Clerk

Twelve men were summoned here this week in a special sanity hearing for Mrs. Fannie Kaczmarek before Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne in the courthouse tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Names of the jurymen for the special case: Wheeler Manning, K. D. Worrell, Gaylord Harrison, Bruce Holloman, Dillon Cobb, Exum Ward, Jr., John Wier, Sr., Frank Hopkins, Buck Barnhill, Geo. H. Gurganus, Robert Gurganus and L. A. Shaw.

## Chas. H. Daniel Seeking Parole

Charles H. Daniel, 43-year-old Jamesville colored man, has filed a petition, seeking a parole. The petition was posted as of February 4.

Daniel was convicted at the June, 1948, term of the Martin County Superior Court for shooting and killing Sim Quinberry, aged colored man in Jamesville. He was sentenced to prison for not less than five and not more than eight years.

## Fifteen Cases In County's Court Monday Morning

Long Road Term Imposed And Fines Assessed Total More Than \$300.00

During a three-hour session last Monday morning, the Martin County Recorder's Court handled fifteen cases, imposing one long road term and assessing fines against the defendants in the sum of \$355. Comparatively few spectators attended the regular weekly session.

Proceedings:  
Pleading guilty of speeding, James Joyner of Rocky Mount was fined \$15, plus costs.

Pleading guilty of trespassing around the Currie home in Jamesville, Red N. Ray, colored man, was sentenced to the roads for twelve months.

William Winbush, pleading guilty of assaulting a female, was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs.

Charged with passing a school bus, John Edgar Nelson pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty he was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs.

George J. McKeon of Troy, N. Y., was fined \$15, plus costs, for speeding.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, Dorothy Brown was sentenced to woman's prison in Raleigh for six months. The prison term was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The defendant is not to have any illicit liquors in her possession during the next two years.

Charged with hit-and-run and drunken driving, Heber Clevon Sutton failed to appear and papers were issued for his arrest.

Milton Theodore Outerbridge, charged with violating the liquor laws, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The court warned the defendant that he would be required to serve the road term if he is caught with any illicit liquors in his possession at any time during the next two years.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, John Smallwood was fined \$75 and taxed with the costs. The court suspended the execution of a six-month road term, and warned the defendant to have no illicit liquor in his possession during the next two years.

Pleading guilty of speeding, Willie Lee Hill was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Pleading guilty of speeding, William F. Richey of Great Neck, was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

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## Jimmy O. Daniel Injured Monday

Master Jimmy O. Daniel, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Oscar Daniel of Williamston, is recovering in a Rocky Mount hospital from injuries received in an accident at Pinetops last Monday afternoon. Late reports state that he is responding to treatment, that he is expected home in about a week.

Accompanying Mrs. D. C. McLawhorn to a mattress manufacturing company plant in Pinetops, the little fellow was playing on the plank platform when the tail gate of a big truck toppled over and fell on him. He suffered a skull fracture and both collar bones were broken. He never lost consciousness, and soon after the accident he told his father he was ready to return home.

## UNDER \$3,000

With all but one or two scattered reports in, L. B. Wynne, chairman, said today that the 1950 Infantile Paralysis Fund drive is likely to fall below \$3,000 as compared with \$4,300 raised a year ago.

Several centers in the county raised more money this year than they did last, but the drive failed miserably in other areas, it was explained. It isn't too late to make a contribution. Just send a check or green back to Chairman L. B. Wynne.