

## Big Fat Stock Show Held In The County

### Calves And Hogs Bring \$15,288.82 On Friday's Sale

Henry Rogers, Buck Manning and Darrell Manning Get Top Honors

Martin County's seventh annual fat stock show, held in Williamston's New Carolina warehouse last Thursday and Friday, was described as one of the best ever held in this county. It drew praise from Congressmen Jamie Whitten and Arthur Winstead, both of Mississippi, Congressman Herbert Bonner, other out-of-state visitors and our own people.

The 4-H Club boys and girls, the Future Farmers of America, the Veterans and other adult farmers put on a great show. Competition was keen and the judges found their tasks difficult ones.

More than 2,000 people visited the show despite the extremely hot weather.

Sold at auction by Henry A. Johnson, the swine and steers brought \$15,288.82. While the prices established no record, they were higher than average. The 21 steers, selling for \$5,671.79, averaged \$31.56 per hundred pounds, and the 243 hogs, selling for \$9,117.03, averaged a little more than eighteen and one-quarter cents per pound all the way through.

Henry Rogers, Williamston 4-H Club boy, took top honors with his calf, a Hereford, and Billy Bailey, Everetts Club lad, was second. The Rogers and Bailey family members have marched ahead in the livestock field, taking top honors over a period of several years in the show.

In the swine department, Darrell Manning and Buck Manning, both of RFD 1, Williamston, took top honors with their champion hogs in the 4-H group. Billy Wynne and Clarence Cherry were right close with their reserve champions. In the adult group, Robert Everetts of RFD 1, Robersonville, Charlie C. James of Robersonville, Church Modlin of RFD 3, Williamston, took first honors, Everett going on to win in two divisions. George Oglesby of Hamilton also figured in the prize money offered adult exhibitors.

A review of the calf sale follows with the name of the exhibitor, grade, prize money, weight, price per pound and name of the buyer listed in that order:

Henry Rogers (grand champion), choice, \$10, 920 pounds, 39 cents, Farmers Supply Company; Billy Bailey (reserve grand champion), choice, \$10, 840 pounds, 33 cents, Colonial Stores; Mary Jane Rogers, choice, \$10, 1,004 pounds, 31 cents, Margolis Bros.; Paul Stephenson, good, \$8, 774 pounds, 30 cents, K. P. Lindsley; Curtis Gurganus, good, \$8, 890 pounds, 31 cents, Roberson Slaughter House; Raymond Bennett, good, \$8, 870 pounds, 30 cents, Williamston Freezer Locker; Jerry Nicholson, good, \$8; 812 pounds, 30 cents, B. S. Courtney and Son; Melvin Price, good, \$8, 862 pounds, 31 cents, Greenville Livestock

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### Potato Growers' Deadline May 12

T. B. Slade, secretary of the Martin County Production and Marketing Association, warns potato growers that Friday, May 12, has been set closing date both for applying for their certificates of eligibility which entitle them to aid under the potato price support program and for the payment of service charges.

Applications must be made at the PMA office, and a fee of 90 cents per hundredweight or a \$3.00 minimum must be paid. Only those growers who have planted within their allotments are eligible for the aid, Mr. Slade stated.

### ALL OVER

Seine fishing in the Roanoke is all over for the year, a report from Jamesville stating that the large seine was beached Monday morning when two hauls were made without success. Possibly fifty herring along with a few rock were taken each time, but the catches were too small to warrant continued operations.

With the exception of about two days, the herring catches during the 1950 season were negligible, but rock catches approached and possibly broke all records to make for a fair season, or the most advantageous one in several years, it was said.

### County Democrats Hold Uneventful Meeting Saturday

Perfect Organization And Invite Good Democrats To Attend Pow-Wow

Meeting in the courthouse last Saturday noon, a few faithful Martin County Democrats, perfected their county organization for another two years, making few changes in the personnel. There were no formal talks and perfect harmony prevailed during the thirty-minute session. Most of the precincts were represented. It was pointed out that Jamesville was the only precinct in the county to have perfected its organization on the precinct level on the previous Saturday. However, other precinct groups perfected their individual organizations at the last Saturday meeting and went on to participate in the county convention.

Messages were read by the chairman from several of the candidates for State offices, and all Democrats in "good standing" were invited to represent the county at the State convention to be held in Raleigh on Thursday of this week.

Attorney Hugh G. Horton and Mrs. E. S. Peel were recommended for places on the State committee.

Albert S. Peel, chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee through thick and thin for a number of years, was re-elected to that post. C. B. Martin, Robersonville school man, was named to succeed himself as vice chairman of the committee, and F. M. Manning was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

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### Native of County Dies In Lewiston

Mrs. Sudie Ward Bennett, a native of this county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Coulson Britton, in Lewiston Sunday afternoon after a long period of declining health.

A daughter of the late Robert and Mary Whichard Ward, she was born near the old Peel school house in this county 71 years ago, and spent most of her life in the county. She was married to Jas. Bennett and had made her home in Bertie County about thirty or thirty-five years.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Lewiston Baptist Church this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. G. C. Upchurch. Interment will be in the Bennett family cemetery on the Garrett farm near Williamston.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Eva Myrick of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. F. O. Causey of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Charlotte Chambers of Farmville, Va., and Mrs. Britton; three sons, James Bennett of Norfolk, Irvin and Elmer Bennett of Williamston; a sister, Mrs. Emma Thompson of Williamston; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## Candidates For State House Of Representatives



Participating in the race for one of the highest county political offices it is the privilege of the citizens to fill, the four candidates above are seeking the one seat allowed this county in the North Carolina State House of Representatives in Raleigh. Pictured, left to right, are: Jimmy Wallace, educator, Boy Scout leader and able teacher in the Robersonville High School. A native of Jamesville, the young man is entering county politics for the first time. Luther Hardison, timber appraiser, and a candidate who at-

tracted attention across the State when he came out boldly against a State-wide referendum on the liquor question. He is a native of Griffins, lived in Jamesville for many years and is now a resident of Williamston. A Corey, the incumbent, is a minister, surveyor, and jack-of-all trades. He served as a clerk and in other capacities in the Legislature for a number of years before going to Raleigh in 1949 as representative. E. G. (Andy) Anderson, farmer and tobaccoist, is a well-known county business man and a leader. He has made his home in Robersonville for many years.

### ROUND-UP

Seldom listed during a long period, larceny is now accounting for many of the arrests in this county. Eight persons were arrested and jailed last week-end, two for larceny, two for drunkenness and one each for assault, violating the liquor laws, speeding and reckless driving and violating a court order.

Three of the eight were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 21 to 44 years.

### Drive For Cancer Fund Exceeds the Quota of County

Nearly \$1,600 Has Been Raised and Reported; Goal Was But \$1500

Headed by Professor C. B. Martin of Robersonville as chairman, and Mrs. Neil Ripley and Mrs. Herbert Whitley as co-commanders, the annual Cancer Fund Drive is well over the top in this county, it was announced this week. Several townships have not yet reported, and it is expected that the drive will push on toward the \$1,800 or \$2,000 mark when a final accounting is made.

Several of the districts, including Robersonville, Griffins, Hassell and Williamston exceeded their quotas, the chairman explained, and a splendid work was handled in all districts so far reported, he added.

The colored citizens of the county, assigned a quota of \$150, had raised and reported \$60 late Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Gaines, reporting for Jamesville Monday afternoon, said that Mesdames Paul Barber, William Beacham, Carl Griffin, Hillery Holliday and Mrs. Scott and Messrs. Stencil Gardner and Gilbert Ange had raised \$91.41 for the fund in her district.

A brief review of the quotas and amounts reported follows, by districts:

Robersonville	\$300	\$335.70
Griffins	75	100.75
Hassell	35	36.50
Goose Nest	100	75.05
Jamesville	100	91.41
Williamston	600	786.97
Cross Roads	75	57.05
Colored Citizens	150	60.00
		\$1,500
		\$1588.73

### Biblical Play To Be Presented Here Tonight

"Into Thy Kingdom," a Biblical play in one act, directed by Mrs. William J. Weaver of Plymouth, will be presented at the high school auditorium here tonight at 8 o'clock. Choirs of the local churches and Plymouth will sing prior to the play which is being sponsored by the Alice Dunning and Hattie Edmondson Circles of the Christian Church.

### Three Injured In Road Accidents In This County

One Transferred To Naval Base Hospital In Portsmouth

Three persons were injured, one badly, in two automobile accidents in this county during the past few days, according to reports coming from the highway patrol office in this county this week.

In a third wreck, several young people, coming from Washington to a young people's meeting here Sunday afternoon, were slightly hurt when their car turned over a short distance beyond the county line in Beaufort.

A motorist was killed in another accident in this area yesterday afternoon when his car was struck by a passenger bus near Windsor.

Leo Warren of RFD 1, Palmyra had one ear almost cut off and suffered other lacerations about the head, and Wilbur B. Hyman of Scotland Neck suffered three broken ribs and chest injuries and bruises about the body when the vehicles they were driving figured in a head-on crash between Oak City and Hobgood last Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Hyman, driving a 1949 Ford pick-up truck belonging to the Scotland Neck Furniture Company, said he was traveling toward Hobgood, that the 1941 Ford, driven by Warren, was approaching him and running in the middle of the road. Hyman said he turned to his left about the time Warren turned to the right, and the vehicles crashed, doing about \$500 damage to each vehicle, according to Patrolman R. P. Naron who made the investigation. The injured

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### Probable Cause In Robbery Case

Harold Asby, white man, was bound over to the superior court by Justice R. T. Johnson at a hearing Monday night when probable cause was found in the case charging him with the robbery of about \$500 from Farmer A. T. Lilley at the Lilley home in Williamston last Wednesday evening. Bond was required in the sum of \$500. Unable to arrange bond, Asby was returned to jail.

At the hearing, the victim alleged that Asby went to his home and wrestled the money from him, taking four \$100 bills, four \$20 bills, one \$10 bill and about \$20 in gold.

The defendant was reported to have said that he went to the Lilley home for a soft drink, that he saw Mr. Lilley's pocketbook on the floor, and that he picked it up and gave it to him.

It was also reported that Asby had several \$100 bills on his person later in the week.

### JOINT MEETING

Martin County Ruritans, developing in a comparatively short time into one of the county's largest farmer-civic groups, will parade their strength when they hold a joint meeting near Roanoke River in Hamilton as guests of the Hamilton Club on Wednesday evening of this week at 6:00 o'clock, it was announced today by Mr. LeRoy Everett, club official and leader.

A sumptuous barbecue dinner will be served, and all Ruritans in the county are being invited along with a few special guests.

### New Hospital To Finance Project

A partial solution to the problem created by an inadequate town sewer system was advanced at a special meeting of the town commissioners and representatives of the new hospital last Thursday afternoon.

The hospital agreed to finance a limited project and take credit on its water fees and sewer rentals in the event the system is not extended to other areas. Should a complete program be financed by a bond issue, then the cost of the project will be absorbed by the town immediately.

It was a perplexing problem, and the officials discussed it for more than two hours before reaching a decision.

Plans are being advanced for extending sewer lines to every section of the town now without the facilities. It was estimated following a survey that the first unit of the system from the river to Highway 125 at Whitley's Canal would cost a little less than \$27,000. That unit will have to await action on a bond issue along with other proposed units in the system. During the meantime, it will be permissible to run a line about one-third of a mile and release sewage into a big ravine ditch for a limited time only. The project will cost approximately \$4,000, the town allotting not more than \$1,500 for its construction. If the proposed town-wide sewer system is not supported, then the hospital is to build a special disposal plant

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### Start Work On New Homes Here

Construction work on a new home for Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Himmelwright was started last week on Woodland Drive. One of the four partners in the new hospital here, Dr. Himmelwright will continue his practice in Washington until the hospital here is completed.

A. J. Manning started the construction of a duplex house on Simmons Avenue this week, and materials are being placed on sites for several more new homes.

## J. Whitten Answers Critics of Farm Plan

### EXPLANATION

Working diligently to help relieve the shock occasioned by marked reductions in the peanut acreage, the North Carolina delegation in Congress has been virtually assured that North Carolina peanut growers will receive full parity support on all their peanuts this year, based on 1947 plantings, Congressman Herbert Bonner told the meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau last Friday.

Senator Frank P. Graham pleaded successfully with the president not to veto the bill that made the surplus plantings possible.

Congressman Bonner praised the Farm Bureau for its constructive work.

### Last Rites Held Here Sunday For Jefferson D. Ray

Well-Known and Respected Local Man Died In Hospital Friday

Funeral services were conducted in the Memorial Baptist church here Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock for Mr. Jefferson Davis Ray, aged local man who died in a Raleigh hospital last Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. His pastor, Rev. Stewart B. Simms, conducted the last rites and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

His nephews served as active pall bearers and deacons of the church were honorary pall bearers.

The son of the late Horace Eli and Alvania Gurganus Ray, he was born on his father's Conoho farm near here 88 years ago on May 19, 1862. Despite the war and hardships experienced in the Reconstruction days, he prepared himself for a business career, and at the age of twenty years he went to Scotland Neck to join the late Noah Biggs, Martin County native in the mercantile business. During his stay there he was engaged in business for himself and was associated with other firms. He was also employed in Palmyra one time and worked in Tillery. He also represented a wholesale firm in this section of the State for several years.

A quarter century ago, he returned to his native home, engaging in the mercantile business for a short time before building Ray's Camp on Gardner's Creek between here and Jamesville. Several years ago he retired from its operation and came here as advertising representative for several firms.

In early life Mr. Ray joined the Baptist Church and three weeks ago ended a noble attendance record. During 65 years he was about the business of his Maker in the church all but two Sundays, and sickness held him in bed on those two occasions. Even as he

### Cars Wrecked At Intersection Here

No one was badly hurt, but property damage possibly exceeded \$1,000 when three cars figured in a wreck at the intersection of Main and Haughton Streets here at 5:55 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. M. B. Simpson, driving a Buick belonging to Mrs. W. T. Culpepper of Elizabeth City, was traveling west on the main street with three companions, including Mrs. Culpepper. Floyd Gorham, driving Shep's Dodge taxi, was traveling east on the main thoroughfare, but had stopped for traffic light. Lewis Adams, driving a Plymouth car belonging to Thomas and Howard of Washington, was traveling south on Haughton Street. He had cleared part of the intersection when his car was struck by the Buick, knocking the Plymouth into the taxi driven by Gorham.

Investigating the accident, Officer Bill Haislip estimated the damage to the Buick at \$700 or more, \$150 to the Plymouth and about \$200 to the Dodge.

### Hon. J. Whitten Speaks To Farm Bureau Members

Declares Farmer Has Received Nothing He Was Not Entitled To

Speaking to the annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the Williamston High School auditorium last Friday afternoon, Hon. Jamie L. Whitten, representing the second Mississippi district in the National House of Representatives, forcefully answered the critics of the farm program, and emphatically declared that the farmer is not receiving anything he isn't entitled to.

Introduced by Congressman Herbert Bonner following the invocation by Rev. W. B. Harrington and a short talk by Attorney Elbert S. Peel, Congressman Whitten quickly convinced the group of several hundred that he was talking their kind of talk. Friendly and right much at home in his temporary surroundings, the chairman of the sub-committee for Agricultural Appropriations in the House of Representatives, reviewed briefly the work of his committee in presenting the cause of agriculture before Congress.

Explaining that it was his committee's duty to study the needs of agriculture and balance them with the finances of a government that owes more than 256 billion dollars. He pointed out that the new bill calls for half the amount appropriated ten years ago.

The speaker, after answering the farm program critics, outlined the general aims relative to soil conservation, research, and the work of the various agencies within the department. His talk, well received by our people, follows, in part:

"The records disclose many disturbing facts which have developed the last few years. For instance the income of the farmers of our nation in 1948 dropped more than twenty percent below that of 1947. In 1949 the income dropped fifteen percent below that of 1948. The outlook at the present time for the current year is that the income of our farmers will be approximately two-thirds as much as in 1947. Since 1947 gross farm income has fallen more than two billion dollars and during the same time cash expenses have gone up more than one billion dollars. The farm family purchasing power in terms of 1947 dollars has already dropped since that date by four billion dollars, and it is anticipated that it will drop more than two billion dollars this year. These facts are disturbing not only as to their effect upon those engaged in agriculture, but the history of depressions in this country in years past would show that the first break has been in prices received for agricultural commodities and that the fall in such prices has pulled down the income of those engaged in other activities. These facts which I have mentioned are particularly disturbing when it is realized that 3.3 million families or about half the families living on farms in 1949 had incomes of less than two thousand dollars, and that a fourth of all farm families had less than one thousand dollars in assets."

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### Name Committee For This County

State Campaign Manager Charles P. Green announced today that a six member committee will handle Willis Smith's campaign for the United States Senate in Martin County.

Those who will serve on the committee are:

Warren H. Biggs, a druggist; Mrs. W. K. Parker, a school teacher; Stuart Tetterton, a farmer; John D. Biggs, a retired business man; W. K. Parker, a business man; and Mrs. Sallie Harris Jones, a prominent woman's leader.