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Armed Forces Day Will Be Observed In Martin County

Big Air Show Also Planned At Marine Base, Cherry Point, Same Day

Extensive preparations are being advanced throughout the nation for the observance of Armed Forces Day on Saturday of this week. While no formal program is being planned in this immediate section, the Martin County unit of the National Guard is planning a display in Williamston for the day, with the largest main attraction nearest here being scheduled at the Marine Air Base, Cherry Point.

Commander E. S. Peel, Jr., of the National Guard Unit, said that arrangements are being made with the Wooldard Furniture Company to place a display in the company's store window in Williamston, that new pieces of heavy anti-aircraft equipment would be parked in front of the store during the day. Representatives of the Army are expected to be here for the day. The window display will include all types of ammunition, guns, and army equipment, the commanding officer said.

Commenting on the guard unit, the officer listed the following non-commissioned officers: Pete Fowden, master sergeant; W. B. Gaylord, Raymond Cherry, and Arthur Sheppard, sergeants; George E. Bunch, William Norman Everett, William N. Cherry, Robert F. Gurganus, Eli Gurganus, Thad F. Harrison, Needham Hyman, LeRoy Moore, Jr., Alton Pleasants, James Rogerson, Reuben Williams, Frank Saunders Weaver, Jesse D. Gurganus and Garland Wynne, corporals.

The unit's heavy equipment includes, two 90-mm guns, two 18-ton tractor prime movers, three unit generators on trailers, three 2 1/2-ton army cargo trucks, one jeep, three truck trailers, carbines, sub-machine guns, with a value of between one-half and three-quarters of a million dollars.

Cpl. Robert F. Gurganus, a member of the guard unit since its organization, was selected on the basis of competitive examinations and other information available to guard headquarters in Raleigh as caretaker or maintenance man. He entered upon his new duties last week, and is employed full time.

Instructions have been received, directing the unit to camp August 6 for a two-week field training period. Most of the group will go by pullman but an advance party will carry the mobile equipment. The heavy equipment will be shipped by rail to the training center.

A representative from the Marine Air Base at Cherry Point was here last Saturday, extending the people of this section a cordial invitation to attend the exercises and show at Cherry Point on Saturday morning. The hours of 10 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. "We'll have open house and everyone is invited," the Marine Corps captain said. There'll be all kinds of exhibits and plenty of excitement. There'll be no charge.

Local Man Enters Duke Hospital for Treatment

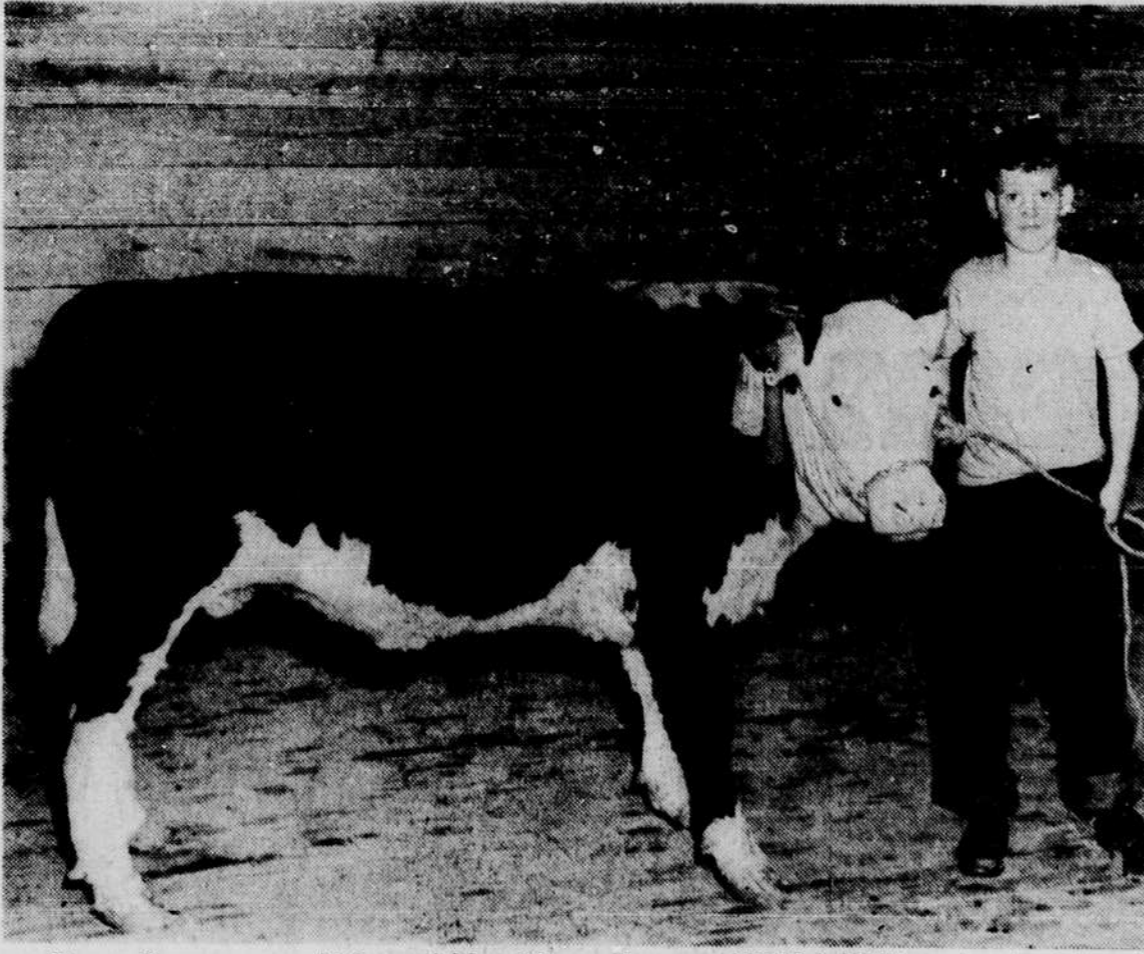
Mr. J. E. King, local tobacconist, entered Duke Hospital for treatment last Friday. He was spending a few days at Beaufort when he was taken ill and transferred to the Durham hospital. Last reports stated he was getting along very well.

ROUND-UP

Quietness reigned for the most part on the crime front in this county last week-end, according to reports coming from state, county and local officers.

Only four persons were arrested and jailed, two for drunkenness and one each for speeding and carrying a concealed weapon. One of the four was white and the ages of the group ranged from 28 to 51 years.

Club Member And His Grand Champion Steer



Henry Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Minga Rogers, of RFD 3, Williamston, is pictured with his grand champion steer at the recent Martin County Fat Stock Show. In addition to a prize and ribbon, the young man sold his steer for thirty-nine cents a pound. The Rogers children, Mary Jane and Henry, have figured prominently in the fat stock show over a period of several years, taking top honors on several occasions.

Wrecks New Auto On the River Road Late Last Friday

Young Marine Corpsman And A Companion Injured In Accident

No one was hurt, but considerable damage resulted when a new 1950 Studebaker sedan went out of control and turned over on the River Road between Hamilton and Palmyra last Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Investigating the accident, Patrolman R. P. Narron of Oak City said that the body of the new car was warped, broken and bent to such an extent that neither the doors nor the boot lid could be closed. Damage will possibly exceed \$800.

The investigating officer said that the wreck was attributable to a coon or opossum. The owner and driver of the car, Master Sergeant Virgil Vasco Harton, Jr., stationed at Cherry Point, was driving about fifty miles an hour when the little animal ran into the highway. Harton swerved the car to miss the animal, and lost control, the car making a complete flip and coming to a stop on all four wheels. The engine of the car was still running when the car stopped.

Harton, accompanied by Jack A. Spurr, another marine stationed at Cherry Point, drove the car to Williamston, spent the night and continued on to a garage Saturday morning. Neither of them was hurt. Four servicemen were in an accident the previous Sunday at about the same spot. One of the quartet suffered head and back injuries and was transferred by ambulance to a service hospital in Portsmouth where his recovery is almost certain.

Other members of the highway patrol stationed in this county said this week that while there was much traffic on the highways

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Two Seek Divorce In Superior Court

Two persons filed complaints in the Martin County Superior Court during the past few days, seeking divorces on grounds of two years of separation.

Philip Purrington in his case against Carrie Dell Purrington, says they were married in 1936 and separated in 1943.

In the case of L. J. Oliver against Zelma Oliver, the plaintiff says they were married in 1944 and separated in 1947, that the one child born of the union is living with its mother and is being supported by the plaintiff.

For County Commissioner



Only one district within the county is offering a contest for county commissioner. William M. Harrison, incumbent, is a Bear Grass Township farmer and succeeded by appointment to the position vacated by the death of R. Lee Perry, winning in the 1948 primary to continue in office. J. S. (Shep) Holliday, right, is also a Bear Grass Township farmer. They are running for the seat allotted the Griffins-Bear Grass district, and will be voted on throughout the county May 27.

PRESIDENT

Robert Cowen, Williamston mayor, was recently named president of the Beta Lambda Association by Wake Forest alumni meeting in Raleigh. "By electing you president for next year, we feel that we have accomplished a great deal towards the establishment of a well-knit alumni association," Secretary John C'Quinn told the new president advising him of the election.

Dr. W. C. Mercer In Hospital for Treatment

Dr. W. C. Mercer, local dentist, was removed in a Biggs ambulance to a Rocky Mount hospital yesterday afternoon about 5:00 o'clock for treatment. Suffering an attack about 3:00 o'clock in his office, he could not be moved for more than four hours.

Reports indicate that the attack was not as serious as it was first thought to be, that the patient is responding to treatment and will likely be able to return home soon.

Purebred Guernsey Sale In Goldsboro Friday at 1

There will be a pure-bred Guernsey cattle sale in Goldsboro Friday of this week at 1:00 o'clock. Outstanding blood lines from all over North Carolina will be on sale. Anyone desiring further information, contact D. W. Brady at county agent's office.

Get Degrees At College Monday

Nine Martin County young men and women were among the 240 graduates who received degrees at East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville on Monday.

Miss Madeline Davenport of Oak City received the master of arts degree. The bachelor of science degree was awarded to Otis Peel, Louise Hines and Bernard York of Williamston, Janie Haislip of Oak City and Calvin L. Warren of Robersonville. The bachelor of arts degree was received by John Conrad Getsinger, Stanley Collins Peel and Javan H. Rogers of Williamston.

A goodly number of Martin County people attended the exercises.

Attorney To Make Address On Radio

Hallet S. Ward, well known Washington attorney who has practiced in the courts of this county for about half a century, will make a political address over Radio Station WRRF, Washington, on Wednesday of this week at 12:15 o'clock p. m., the former congressman and old war horse of the Democratic Party announced today.

He will discuss the current United States Senatorial campaign, reports stating that he will fire away with both barrels.

Local Committee Re-elects Faculty For 1950-51 Term

Four Resignations Accepted; Two Places Filled At Recent Meeting

Meeting last Friday night, the Williamston local school committee re-elected members of the faculty for the 1950-51 term, accepted four resignations, and filled several positions, including two new ones. Members of the board present were, R. L. Coburn, chairman; W. Iverson Skinner, secretary, and Marvin Britton, Claude B. Clark, Sr., and Ray Goodman.

Four resignations were accepted, the secretary said, and two replacements were named, leaving two places to be filled. Mrs. Elise Kimball, third grade teacher, is moving to Virginia at the end of the current term. She is being succeeded by Mrs. Christine B. Mangum of Ahsokie. Mrs. Mangum, a graduate of ECTC, Greenville, is teaching in the Knightdale school near Raleigh. She and her husband, C. E. Mangum, are planning to locate here following his graduation from State College about the middle of next month. He will manage the newly opened Williamston Office Supply Company. They have an apartment in the home of Mrs. W. J. Smith on West Main Street.

Mrs. Evelyn Moore, a member of the faculty for several years, is being succeeded as seventh grade teacher by Mrs. Anna Thomas Beach who is now teaching in the school at Plymouth. Her home is in Wendell.

No replacements have been made for Mrs. Caribel Mayo who is resigning as 4th grade teacher to join her husband, Lt. Mayo, at Cherry Point, and Mrs. Charlotte Abernathy who is resigning after teaching in the school for several years.

Two new positions are being created in the high school, but they are not yet definitely filled. Miss Laura Williamson of RFD 1, Wilson, was named librarian, and George W. Crowley of Wilmington was elected to teach mathematics and science. Both of them were graduated yesterday from East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville. Following their election it was reported that there was some doubt if Miss Wil-

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Former Minister Of County Passes

Rev. Cecil F. Outlaw, former minister in this county, died at his home in Pantego last Friday following a heart attack.

He was born in Kingston on January 27, 1863, a son of the late Lewis and Bettie Ann Outlaw. He had been in the Christian ministry since 1905, and served churches at Wilmington, Durham, Dunn, Robersonville and several other towns before locating in Pantego. The minister, a leader in the denomination for years, preached in the church at Williamston on numerous occasions and was well-known throughout eastern North Carolina. He held responsible positions in the brotherhood in this State and in South Carolina, organizing the Layman's League and participating in various programs.

Mr. Outlaw was first married in September, 1905, to Miss Lillian Spencer Smith, of Mount Olive. To this union were born three children. Surviving are Mrs. Clarence Sexton of Jamesville, Mrs. Paul Sharkey of Phoenix, Arizona, and Wilbur J. Outlaw of Shreveport, La., and six grandchildren. His second marriage was to Mrs. Salome B. Bailey of Ellenton, S. C., who survives. Also surviving are three brothers, Jesse H. Outlaw of Houston, Tex., Joe L. Outlaw of Wilmington and Bernard Outlaw of Saratoga; and three sisters, Miss Belle Outlaw of Richmond, Mrs. W. R. McGeorge of Richmond and Mrs. Paul Campbell of Niagara Falls, N. Y.

A short funeral service was held in the Pantego Christian Church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The body was then taken to Ellenton, S. C., where services were conducted and burial followed on Sunday afternoon.

In Hot Race For Sheriff



As for interest, the current race for sheriff has taken first place in politics in this county and is likely to be the main vote-puller in the May 27 primary. Pictured above are, left to right, Murray W. (Buck) Holloman, Williamston young man and world War II veteran, served about four years as deputy under the late C. B. Roebuck before being appointed to the office by the county commissioners. Henry A. Johnson, widely-known citizen, is a farmer, humorist of note, auctioneer and real estate man. He is originally from Gold Point, but is now making his home in Bear Grass.

Recruiting Local Workers For Temporary Field Task

Moving to meet a need and at the same time relieve unemployment in this immediate area, representatives of truck farmers recruited forty-three workers here last Saturday and transported them in two trucks to Oceana, Virginia. They will work in the strawberry and bean fields until about tobacco harvesting when they are scheduled to return.

The workers are paid five cents a basket for picking strawberries, the average income running from about 70 to \$1. per hour, the work starting at 6:00 o'clock in the morning and stopping at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. The employment office manager said that no drinking or gambling are allowed.

According to a report coming from Kelly Gay, manager of the State Employment office here, additional workers are needed, and anyone interested in the special work is directed to contact him at the employment office by noon tomorrow. He explained that at least fifty more workers could be used.

The office is recruiting male and female workers, Mr. Gay explaining that mostly men answered the call last Saturday. Transportation is furnished along with housing, bed and mattresses, water, tables and benches.

Weather In Favor Of Sweet Potatoes

By J. W. Sumner
Assistant County Agent

The cool Spring has been a setback to most crops, but not sweet potatoes. In the past, sweet potato growers have bedded early and set early. The early setting usually results in too high a percentage of jumbos and round, turnip-shaped roots. The highest yield and best quality are produced from potatoes set from May 25 to June 10. This is where the weather has helped. It has held back too early bedded potatoes, thus allowing them to be set in late May and early June.

The size can be controlled by close spacing in the row. The correct distance will have to be learned by experience, as it will vary between farmers and fields on the same farm. Assuming Fall harvest, a productive sandy loam soil and 1000 to 1200 pounds per acre of 3-9-9 fertilizer containing 10 pounds of borax, average spacing recommendations are as follows: When set first week of May or earlier, six to eight inches, after the first week of May to the last week of May—eight to ten inches; and the month of June twelve inches. To improve the shape and disease-freeness of early planted sweet potatoes, use "cut sprouts". Instead of pulling the plants from the bed, cut them off just above the soil line and use them as if they were vine cuttings. This practice eliminates the possibility of transferring black rot and scurf (soil stain) disease from infected seed stock to the field. Use vine cuttings in June rather than "cut sprouts". Plant to plant your sweet potatoes on broad ridges 12 to 14 inches high, rather than setting on lower ridges and working the soil to them so that the ridges are the desired height when they are laid by. High ridges produce high yields of quality sweet potatoes. They also provide adequate drainage throughout the year and facilitate harvesting.

ACREAGE CHECK

Preliminary plans will be made at a meeting in the county agricultural building Wednesday morning of this week to handle the annual check of all acreages under crop allotment, it was announced by T. B. Slade, P. M. A. secretary.

Thirty or more supervisors are to get their instructions at the meeting, beginning at 9:00 o'clock. The measurements are to include all acreages planted to peanuts, tobacco and cotton. Those handling the work are to get a record of farm conservation practices, and the land owners are being asked to assist in making the measurements. The work will be under the supervision of the local community committee.

Manufacturing Awnings Locally

A new firm was recently opened here when the Heath Awning Company installed special equipment for the manufacture of aluminum awnings and immediately started handling orders. One of the first orders handled was for the Wier Coffee Shop, the new firm owner, Raymond Heath, explaining that his firm upon the receipt of an order, measures the window or front, makes the awning and installs it. The awnings are tailor-made to fit, and carry a life-time guarantee. Mr. Heath adding that they are turned out in desired colors and in various designs.

"A large supply of material is being stocked at the company's plant on the Washington Road, and quick service is offered. "We are working to offer the people of this section an efficient and dependable awning service," Mr. Heath said.

Women's Meeting Here Wednesday For F. P. Graham

Campaign Moving Into High Gear With Primary Only Ten Days Away

Mrs. C. W. Tillett, prominent North Carolina women's leader and National Committeewoman for the Democratic Party until she resigned to participate in the current political campaign, will address a women's meeting in the Woman's Club hall here Wednesday afternoon of this week at 4:00 o'clock in the interest of Frank P. Graham's candidacy for the United States Senate. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Everett Blake of Wilson and Mrs. W. R. Everett of Nashville. A special invitation is being extended the women of this county to attend.

It will be recalled that it was Mr. Tillett, a prominent Charlotte attorney, who took a determined stand for Frank Graham weeks ago when he said that Mr. Smith, Mr. Graham's opponent, would do well to run on the Republican ticket, that Smith's views coincided with those of the Republicans. Reports from reliable sources are proving that Tillett knew what he was talking about, for Republican money is literally pouring into North Carolina and is being used in an effort to defeat Frank Graham, the man who has worked for the masses all his life, including more than twelve years in close relationship with President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mrs. Tillett has worked night and day among the women of North Carolina in the interest of Senator Graham's candidacy, pleading with the people to get all the facts before accepting the most vicious, trumped-up, unfounded, twisted and warped accusations ever directed against a man.

The campaign is warming up with Graham's opposition grabbing at the straws. A radio commentator last Sunday night went back to 1934 when Frank Graham worked with President F. D. Roosevelt to help save the nation in that great Hoover depression. Nothing was said about Frank Graham's work then when all were about to sink in despair. But now, sixteen years later when the corporations are salting away the fattest profits in all history, they come out and say he is socialistic. Frank Graham worked with the late President, and now after Roosevelt has laid down his life in the service of his fellowman, Frank Graham is still carrying on in the name of his State and nation and all the people. While he has not tried to take advantage of any corporation, Frank Graham knows there are others besides cooperations that are entitled to consideration and representation.

Riding every horse, regardless of direction or truth, Graham's opposition, hiding behind anonymity in some cases, mailed out cards to North Carolina doctors, trying to picture him as a boogey man, driving for "socialized medicine." The following story appeared in one of the State papers only last Saturday:

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Local Youth Awarded Medal At Academy

William Manning, III, local youth, was honored at Edwards Military Academy, Salem, Sunday when he was awarded the American Legion Auxiliary medal in special exercises held in the school that morning.

The medal is awarded annually by the Sampson County American Legion Post to the student making the most improvement during the first year in the school.

FINAL REPORT

Making his final report last week, Red Cross Fund Drive Chairman Garland Woolard said that \$2,698.57 was raised in this chapter during the recent campaign.

Assigned a quota of \$2,872 the chapter fell short of its goal by \$173.43. Considering the fact that there were overlapping drives, the showing made in the name of the Red Cross is indeed commendable.