

THE ENTERPRISE

Band And Lions Concentrate On Charlotte Plans

Drills Being Held Twice a Day and Tickets Pushed By Sponsoring Lions

All efforts of the Williamston High School Green Wave Band were being centered this week on drills and practice for their appearance in a big parade and concert in the Williamston ball park Tuesday night, June 13, and their trip to Charlotte on June 19 for the state Lions' convention while members of the Williamston Lions Club were busy pushing the sale of tickets to the drill and concert to provide funds for the Charlotte trip.

Word from Director Jack Butler indicates that the people who buy tickets to the band drill and concert here on June 13 will be seeing possibly one of the biggest programs ever put on by a band in this section of the state. It is planned to put the band through all the drills and maneuvers required by the national band competitions in addition to the playing of the concert.

The full program for the event will likely be announced early next week along with some more details concerning the trip itself.

Rallying behind the slogan, "On To Charlotte" which is printed on the tickets and is being stenciled on the sidewalks of Williamston this week-end, the Lions and the other friends and supporters of the band are promoting the sale of the tickets and some members of the club have already reported great success in their efforts.

The band won first honors in the recent district convention at Goldsboro and is sharpening its attack for a try at the state convention championship where it is certain to hit some more real competition. The band has declared it will be ready and the Lions and their friends have responded that there will be no hedging on the provision of the funds for the trip.

Famous for its half-time shows at football games in the past two years, the Green Wave Band is considered by competent authorities as one of the top marching units in eastern Carolina. It has never finished out of the money in any competition it has ever entered and Director Butler and his youngsters are preparing for the peak effort of their career this month at the ball park here and in the parade at Charlotte where it will represent Williamston and the Williamston Lions' Club.

It will be the first time the Williamston Lions have been represented at a state convention by a band and the first time the town has sent its Green clad youngsters so far from home and into such big competition.

As soon as it can be erected a map of the highway from here to Charlotte is to be placed in the advertising display window of the Watts Theatre and two buses are to be mounted on this route and moved toward their goal as the ticket sales and donations of friends mount toward the total of \$1,000 which is believed to be necessary to provide the trip.

Under present arrangements, a stop will be made at Davidson on the way where the band will be housed for the night at Davidson College. Moving into Charlotte for the big event Monday, the youngsters will return to Davidson Monday night and move back to Williamston Tuesday morning.

Every effort is being made even now, to see that no detail concerning the welfare of the children is overlooked. Chaperones are being provided for both boys and girls in the band and all precautions possible are being taken to assure their safety on the trip.

While the funds are being raised through the sale of tickets to the drill and concert, it is also likely that there will be some contributions to the fund and they will also be welcomed and appreciated by both the band and the sponsoring club.

The Lions, while guaranteeing the trip for the band, have made it quite plain that they do not intend to take credit for the whole

Silence Surrounds Second Primary Issue In The State

Willis Smith, trailing Frank P. Graham in the race last Saturday for the United States Senate by more than 50,000 votes, this morning had not decided the second primary election issue. During the meantime, Graham supporters are rallying around their candidate's banner for another round at the polls on June 24. All those outside the Smith ring are saying Smith will call for a second primary but Smith supporters are maintaining silence.

In this county where the vote invites a second primary, E. G. (Andy) Anderson, who trailed A. Corey for the State House of Representatives by about 200 votes, has made no announcement of his plans. Mr. Anderson, last night, was still considering the

issue. Officially notified of his position in the four-way contest this week, Mr. Anderson has five days in which to call for a second primary. In the contest for the House last Saturday, Anderson polled 1,552 votes; Corey, 1760; Jimmy Wallace, 1,186; and Luther Hardison, 145. Mr. Corey, high man missed a majority by 562 votes.

Although he may be entitled to one, reports received here indicated Jennis Price, second high man in the Jamesville Township constable race, would not call for a second primary. In the constable race there, Dallas Holliday led with 213 votes; Price was next with 149 votes, and Ray O'Neal was third with 71 votes.

LOOKING GOOD

"Crops are looking good," farmers from all parts of the county are reporting. With the exception of one or two areas where hail struck last week, the crop prospects at this time are about as good as they ever were at this season of the year.

Tobacco, despite wire worms, is doing all right. Some farmers were a bit late in planting, but the peanut crop is in good stand, and corn is really growing.

Few Cases In The J. P. Court Here

Five cases were handled by Justices of the Peace Chas. R. Mobley and R. T. Johnson here this week. Justice John L. Hassell said he was on vacation during the period.

William Alfred Wiggins is charged with breaking into the home of Gabriel Wiggins here cause was found by Justice Mobley and the defendant was bound over to the superior court under \$200 bond. Unable to arrange bond, the young man continues in jail.

In Justice Johnson's court, John Franklin Scott was taxed \$5.85 cost for parking a motor vehicle on a bridge.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper lights, Raymond J. Armond was required to pay \$5.85 costs.

The case charging Gerald Beasley with operating a motor vehicle with improper lights was not prosed.

Howard Corey was fined \$5, plus \$5.85 costs, for not stopping his car at a stop sign.

Sweet Potato Setting Demonstration Saturday

Many farmers are trying to use conventional tobacco planter for setting sweet potatoes without much success. There has been some recent developments in transplanters that can be used in setting sweet potatoes satisfactorily. Three of these transplanters will be demonstrated Saturday, June 3, 9:30 A. M. on the farm of W. M. Woolard on Highway 17 just south of Old Mill Inn about five miles from Williamston—J. W. Sumner, Assistant County Agent.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on Martin County highways last week lightened up on their destructive work, the record showing that there were only two accidents, and they were rated minor ones.

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.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Week, Accidents, Killed. Data for 1950, 1949, 1948, 1947.

Need Volunteers For Home Service

E. S. Peck, Jr., Home Service chairman Martin County Chapter American Red Cross, stated yesterday that several Home Service volunteers are needed to further the Red Cross' program in this county. Those volunteering will be expected to serve approximately one-half day each month. Miss Cloris Kellem, general field representative, will meet with them Tuesday, June 6th, at the Christian Church to instruct them in Home Service. Those interested are asked to call Mrs. Edna Bonardurant, telephone 2661, or E. S. Peck, Jr., telephone 2565.

Minor Accident In North End

No one was hurt and very little damage resulted when a car and a small truck crashed at the intersection of Highway 125 and Spruce Street in North End yesterday shortly before 1:00 o'clock. The truck, owned by the Martin County Plumbing Company, was being driven out of Spruce Street by Donald Rodgers and Willie C. Jones, of RFD 1, Oak City, was driving into Williamston when the vehicles crashed.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$50 and that to the Jeepster truck at \$20 by Patrolman Powers who made the investigation.

Minor Auto Accident At Street Intersection Here

No one was hurt and comparatively little damage resulted when two cars, one driven by Mrs. L. H. Gurganus and the other by Mrs. Geo. H. Gurganus, crashed at the Smithwick and Church Street intersection early Tuesday evening.

Holding Position With University Student Body

Julian Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mason, recently was appointed assistant attorney general of the student body of the University of North Carolina. He is also chairman of the campus counselor for the fall of 1950 and is an active member of Beta Sigma Tau, university social fraternity.

Returning Home Today From Durham Hospital

After receiving treatment in Duke Hospital for about ten days, Mr. J. W. Martin, well known Jamesville Township farmer, is returning to his home here today. Reports reaching here stated his general condition was little improved.

BOOSTER DAYS

Booster days — bargain days — are being observed in Williamston today, tomorrow and Saturday. The drastic price reductions are just about town-wide, and large crowds are expected during the big three-day sales event. The bargain festival continues through Saturday.

Swimming Pool To Open Monday Afternoon at 2:00

Bobby Carter and Bobby Rogers To Assist Coach Maynard In Program

The Williamston Municipal Swimming pool will open for the summer season next Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Although the full schedule of recreational activities for the season has been announced the pool and the playgrounds will not be open during the first two weeks because of the Daily Vacation Bible school being held by the various churches of the town and county and a water safety course being offered by the American Red Cross at the pool may interfere with some of the evening programs during the first couple of weeks.

Season tickets to the pool are being offered adults for \$5.00, a reduction of \$1.00 over the price last season, while children can get a season ticket for \$3.50, also a cut of \$1.00 below last year's figure. Fees are being based this year on the period instead of the hour as this was found last season to be the most satisfactory way of keeping up with the admissions. All adults will pay 25 cents for each swimming period, morning afternoon or night while the charge for children will be 15 cents each.

Bobby Carter is scheduled to operate the pool with the assistance of Bobby Rogers who is to serve as the life guard, and several other youngsters as the work may require. While it is not official, it was indicated this week that Mary Ada Shuller would be in charge of the baby pool this summer.

As soon as the Daily Vacation Bible school has closed, a program is to be started at the high school grounds for the youngsters of the town, including tennis, softball, baseball and possibly volley ball. Bobby Rogers will have charge of these activities with the assistance of several other youths.

The programs at the school grounds will be held from 9:30 to 12:00 noon on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings.

The Youth Center will continue under the direction of Mrs. Raymond Davis and Mrs. Jack Daniels with the hours set at 8:30 to 10:30 on Tuesday and Friday nights, 8:30 to 11:00 on Saturday night and 9:00 to 11:00 on Sunday nights.

The schedule of the swimming pool as announced by Coach Stuart Maynard who is the overall director of the recreation program is: Monday—2:00 to 5:30; 7:00 to 9:00; Tuesday, 10:00 to 12:00, 2:00 to 5:30; Wednesday—2:00 to 5:30; Thursday—10:00 to 12:00, 2:00 to 5:30, and 7:00 to 9:00; Friday—2:00 to 5:30, 7:00 to 9:00; Saturday—2:00 to 6:00, 7:00 to 9:00; and Sunday—2:00 to 6:00. It must be remembered the morning hours are effective.

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Open Daily Vacation Bible School Monday, June 5th

The fifteenth annual Union Vacation Bible School will begin on Monday June 5th at 9:00. Registration for the school will be held at the Baptist Church on Friday afternoon at 3:30. The beginners will register in the Annex, the primaries in the basement under the Junior Department while the Juniors will register in the Junior Department. The following persons have agreed to help in the school: Mrs. W. C. Windley, Supt. with the following helpers: Mrs. Lonnie Bullock, Mrs. Sam Woolford, Mrs. Jim Cooke, Mrs. W. B. Gaylord, Jr., Mrs. James E. Bullock, Mrs. J. K. Gay, Mrs. D. L. Simmons, Misses Louise Corey, Patricia Taylor and Betty Helen Mobley.

Miss Emily Wagner, Supt. of Primary Department with the following helpers: Mrs. R. T. Monteith, Mrs. R. C. E. Gladden, Misses Wanda Jones, Jean Holloman, Jo Ann McLawhorn, Betty Rose Taylor and Carolyn Bullock.

Eleven Marriage Licenses Issued In Month of May

Issuance Last Month Was Smallest For Any May In Ten Years

Eleven marriage licenses were issued in this county during the month of May, the issuance being the smallest for any May since 1940 when only six licenses were sold by the bureau.

In April, eleven licenses were also issued, seven to white and four to colored couples. Last month four licenses were issued to white and seven to colored couples.

After reaching a high peak of 335 in 1946, the license bureau business continues to decrease. Present indications are that the number of licenses this year will fall below the 220 count recorded in 1949.

Licenses were issued by Registrar of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger in this county last month to the eleven couples, four white and seven colored, as follows:

White
William Kelly Davenport of Williamston and Frances Lucy Williams, RFD 2, Robersonville. Virgil Ray Casper and Dorothy Jane Crisp of Oak City.

Paul Joseph Champagne of Waterville, Maine, and Verina Dare Edmondson of Williamston. M. S. Tarkington of Windsor and Edith Ayers Martin of Everetts.

Colored
Clarence Purvis of Route 1, Robersonville, and Shirley Little of Robersonville.

Elijah Boston and Thelma Moore, both of Jamesville. Walter Raleigh Hardison and Ethel Marie Howell, both of Williamston.

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State Alumni In Meeting Tuesday

N. C. State College Freshman Football Coach, Jim Gill and Track Coach Tom Fetzigbombs were guests of Martin County State College Alumni at a dinner meeting held at the Switch in Williamston last Tuesday night.

Officers were elected for the coming year. President Sam Tuten; Vice-President Jesse Sumner; Secretary and Treasurer D. W. Brady and Reporter V. B. Hairr. Plans were made for organizing a Wolfpack Club in Martin County. The purpose of the Club is to assist in providing scholarships for worthy outstanding athletes at State College.

The guests were introduced by outgoing President J. W. Sumner. They led an informal discussion concerning athletics at State College. The meeting was concluded with a film taken at Madison Square Garden of State College vs Holy Cross basket-ball game. Alumni present were: J. W. Sumner, J. H. Dixon, John Hassell, D. W. Brady, S. A. Tuten, V. B. Hairr, Alton Pleasant, Jim Worsley and Urbain Rogers.

Prosecution Busy In Early Murder Case

Man Held In Jail For Solicitor To Investigate Case

Body Returned Here For Examination Yesterday Morning

Action taken this week by law enforcement officers and member of the victim's family indicates that Edward L. Early, Jr., local Negro doctor, will be vigorously prosecuted for the murder of Odessa Keyes, the doctor's secretary, in his office-living quarters on Washington Street here early last Sunday evening. During the meantime, the defense is fighting for his release under bond in the sum of \$5,000.

Just what evidence the prosecution is amassing could not be learned, but rumors are flying thick and fast. The victim is alleged to have been in the company of a boy friend at the ball game Sunday afternoon, and delayed her return to the doctor's office after he summoned her. It was said that she returned only after the doctor claimed he needed her to make a call with him. It was also reported that someone heard the couple quarreling just before the shooting took place.

While an autopsy was made last Monday to determine the path of the bullet, Sheriff M. W. Holloman, with the permission of the family, decided a more thorough examination of the body was necessary. The body was returned here yesterday morning, but what the examination revealed was not disclosed immediately.

A report said that a delegation, headed by the girl's father, Rev. Raleigh Keyes, had conferred with county officers and appeared before Solicitor George Fountain in Tarboro, but as far as it could be learned here late yesterday no private counsel had been employed to assist in prosecuting the case.

After holding a preliminary hearing last Monday night, Justice R. T. Johnson ruled the next day that bond was allowable on the evidence offered. He fixed the bond at \$5,000, and arrangements for raising the amount with a private company were almost complete when Solicitor Fountain suggested that the man be held pending further investigation of the case. During the meantime, a writ of haec corpus was signed by Judge Walter Bone in Pitt County Superior Court, Greenville, yesterday afternoon, and a hearing is being scheduled before the jurist in Nashville Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Sheriff Holloman is taking the prisoner there for the hearing, and it is expected that Solicitor Fountain will formally enter the case at that time.

Special reporters for Negro news papers have called for reports on the murder, and when one visited the prisoner in the county jail the doctor said he had no comments to make.

Going To Europe For the Red Cross

Raymond M. Taylor, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thad Taylor of Washington and grandson of Mrs. W. A. Gurganus of Bear Grass, along with nineteen other high school students in the United States will represent the American Junior Red Cross on an international study visit to Europe later this summer, it was announced a few days ago.

The delegates were invited by ten Red Cross societies in Europe to show appreciation for the help rendered in the form of school and health supplies by American children.

Young Taylor is secretary of the Southeastern Area Council of the Junior Red Cross. Meeting the other delegates in Detroit on June 26, Taylor will sail from New York on July 10 and will visit at least ten European countries.

CHALLENGE

With approximately 350 registered, books for the special annexation election will be opened on Saturday of this week for the challenge of the registration. The registrars point out that they are certain no irregular registrations were made, that they (the registrars) knew the people and that all was in order. Consequently, no challenge is likely to develop.

The election to decide whether the people in North and West Ends wish to have their communities annexed to Williamston will be held on Saturday, June 10.

Town Native Dies In New York City

Mrs. Stella Ward Bergman, Williamston native, died in a New York hospital last Saturday morning after an illness of a week.

The daughter of the late John David and Sabrina Gurganus Ward, she was born in Williamston 46 years ago and spent her early life here. She was first married to Jack Morse of Norfolk and made her home there until about twenty years ago when she located in New York City. Her second marriage was to Sol Bergman.

Surviving besides her husband are two sisters, Mrs. John Vanek of Hastings, New York and Miss Lucille Ward of Bear Grass; and four brothers, J. D. Ward of Bear Grass, Norman E. Ward of New Bern, Wheeler M. Ward of Williamston, and Evan Ward of Richmond.

The body is being returned here latter part of this week to her native home for burial, but funeral arrangements are not yet complete.

Hold Funeral for Harvey Bryant

Harvey Bryant, 43-year-old local colored citizen, died at his home here on Hunter Street Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock after a five day illness. He had been declining health for some time, but despite his illness he remained faithful to his job, always striving to meet his obligations.

Funeral services were conducted at the Holiness church, corner of Griffen Street and Jamesville Road yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. James Earl Watts and interment was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, a son, two daughters, a sister and one grandchild.

He was employed by the Roanoke Chevrolet Company ever since it was organized and was with the Peel Motor Company for a number of years prior to 1935. He was a trusted employee, an accommodating and faithful friend to all.

Mrs. Bowers Reported Improved In Hospital

A patient in a Rocky Mount hospital for about a month, Mrs. Roy Bowers of near Williamston was reported slightly improved yesterday. However, her condition continues serious, it was explained.

BUDGET

Martin County's commissioners are tussling with the annual budget today. With only a negligible valuation increase and department costs increasing, the authorities admittedly have a job on their hands in trying to make both ends meet.

The school budget, calling for approximately \$100,000 in its capital outlay fund has been tentatively approved. No final decision on the budget is expected at the special meeting today.

Hear Twenty-Five Cases In County Court On Monday

Fines, Imposed By Judge Chas. H. Manning Total Nearly \$500

Twenty-five cases were handled in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday by Judge Chas. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson. Fines amounted to \$520.

Proceedings: The several-month-old case in which Lee Tyner was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was cleared from the docket when the court found him not guilty.

The case charging H. D. Wooten with bastardy was not prosed. Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license, Ernest Bullock was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

Charged with careless and reckless driving, Preston Bullock pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was fined \$35, plus costs.

Romas T. Griffin pleaded guilty and was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and lost his driver's license for a year for drunken driving.

The case in which Robt. Purvis was charged with perjury was not prosed.

James F. Webb, pleading guilty of speeding, was required to pay the costs.

Charged with drunken driving, Lewis Taylor pleaded guilty and was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and lost his operator's license for twelve months.

Will Brown was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle without driver's license.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, John Joseph Truick and Cleveland Godard pleaded not guilty and were found not guilty.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, John Junior Rogers was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and lost his driver's license for a year.

Leo McGlenn Warren, pleaded not guilty but was adjudged guilty and fined \$25, plus costs, for violating the liquor laws.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and using an improper license, Paul Johnson was fined \$35, plus costs. He entered a plea of not guilty.

McKinley Latham, pleading guilty, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for violating the liquor laws.

Joe Wilkes, adjudged guilty over his own innocent plea, was fined \$35, plus costs, for allowing a driver to use his vehicle driver's license.

The case in which Roscoe Locke was charged with non-support was not prosed.

Pleading guilty of speeding in excess of 65 miles per hour, James Ross was fined \$15, plus costs.

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Herbert Bonner Speaks To Club

Spending the week-end in the county where he voted in the Democratic Primary last Saturday, Congressman Herbert Bonner of the First District made a talk before the members of the Robersonville Rotary Club last Friday night.

With reference to the recent primary, Representative Bonner said, in his opinion, that it was one of the filthiest he had seen since he had been old enough to observe political campaigns and politics in general. He made no pointed or personal reference to any candidate.

Touching on the situation in Europe Mr. Bonner expressed the opinion that the Marshall Plan was working. "It may not be working 100 percent but in the main it is having a favorable effect on the European people," he stated.