

Hospital Will Have Open House Sunday

Invite Public To Inspect Building And Its Facilities

Ten Patients Booked in The Hospital Up Until Early This Morning

The Martin General Hospital, receiving its first patients on Tuesday of this week, will hold an informal open house Sunday afternoon, it was announced today by the management. An invitation is being extended to the public to visit the institution and inspect its equipment. The hospital is located on Liberty Street not far from the local high school.

While all the equipment has not yet been installed and a few details are yet to be handled, activities at the hospital are going forward smoothly, and everybody and everything are getting along just fine, attendants said this morning.

Little Miss Jeannie VanNortwick was the first patient to enter the new hospital, and she was followed by her brother, Bill, a short time later. Children of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. VanNortwick of near Williamston, they had their tonsils removed Tuesday. Recovering rapidly they were able to leave the hospital Wednesday.

Donald Parsons, entering the hospital for an examination and treatment, was the third patient on the list. It was thought he had appendicitis, but an examination ruled that out and no operation was necessary.

Robert F. Parrisher, the fourth patient, entered the hospital for treatment. Little Miss Jane Rouse Brady, daughter of Assistant County Agent and Mrs. D. W. Brady, is recovering from a tonsilectomy performed yesterday.

Mrs. B. S. Courtney entered the hospital yesterday for treatment.

Mrs. Henry A. Johnson is receiving treatment for snakebite.

Mr. Hugh Spruill entered the hospital late yesterday for treatment.

A daughter, Katherine Owen House, was born last evening to Mr. and Mrs. A. Garner House of Robersonville.

A son, Bruce Wynne Sharpe, was born to Hospital Administrator and Mrs. D. C. Sharpe this morning at 7:45 o'clock.

All the patients are doing well, last reports from the hospital stated.

Business Session To Follow Picnic

A very important business session is to follow the annual picnic of the Williamston Band Parents Club and band members at the new high school building here tomorrow evening. The picnic is to begin at 6:30 and the business meeting will be held as soon after as possible.

President Bob Welch has some important announcements to make and Director Jack Butler will outline plans for the coming year.

One of the highlights of the year's activities the annual picnic is always attended by large numbers. All parents of members of the bands are invited to attend.

Power and Lights Off For An Hour

There was an hour power and light service interruption in this area last night following damage done by a direct lightning strike near Roanoke Rapids. The 110,000-volt line went down at 6:20 o'clock, and it was an hour before a connection with the Carolina Power and Light Company could be effected.

Interruptions caused earlier in the summer when lightning played havoc with lines between Tarboro and Williamston have just about been eliminated by the installation of new types of equipment on the line.

Announce Faculty Members For The County's Schools

Thirty-Three New Teachers In Nine White Schools For 1950-51

With one or two exceptions all teacher positions in the county's nine white schools have been filled for the 1950-51 term, according to information coming from the office of the county superintendent this week. It was also announced that arrangements are about completed for opening the schools week after next—the colored schools on September 5 and the white schools on Wednesday, September 6.

Following is a fairly complete list of the faculty members, their position assignments and home addresses with the asterisk denoting teachers new to the faculty:

Jamesville
G. H. Baker, Jr., principal, Jamesville; *John F. Carson, commercial subjects, Bethel; Eleanor J. Hairr, home economics, Jamesville; Vaden B. Hairr, agriculture, Jamesville; Melba B. Martin, English and French, Jamesville; Darwin McCafferty, mathematics-science and coach, Edward, N. C.; *Ruth Spence, history-English and coach, Knightdale, N. C.; Muriel Holliday, librarian, Jamesville; Magnolia R. Hopkins, public school music, Plymouth; Sneed L. Davenport, eighth grade, Jamesville; *John Huff, seventh grade, Greenville; Blanche Mizelle, sixth grade, Jamesville; *Mrs. Bruce M. Davenport, fifth and sixth grades, Jamesville; Effie B. Holliday, fifth grade, Jamesville; Varnie D. Woolard, fourth grade, Jamesville; Mildred E. Martin, third grade, Jamesville; Frances H. Ange, second grade, Jamesville; Kate C. Sherrod, second grade, Enfield; Bettie T. Manning, first grade, Williamston; *William Griffin, first grade, Jamesville. Unofficial reports said the army was closing in on Professor McCafferty, but the reports could not be confirmed.

Farm Life
*Robert E. Baxter, RFD 1, Williamston, Ethel G. Roberson, Nell B. Peel, Oleta O. Wood, Lucille A. Barnes and Lillie S. Mason all of Williamston. Principal Baxter reported for duty this week and his faculty assignments were not made immediately. It was also reported that one position there remained to be filled.

Bear Grass
H. V. Parker, Jr., principal, Williamston; Nina G. Parker, home economics, Williamston; James W. Sawyer, commercial subjects and history, Williamston; *Thelma M. Smith, history, Robersonville; Christine L. Waters, English, Greenville; Selma G. Bunting, eighth grade, Williamston; Ethelyn C. Hines, seventh grade, Williamston; Clarence B. Cherry, sixth grade, Williamston; Ida M. Parker, fifth grade, Eure, N. C.; *Frances Griffin Taylor, fourth grade, Everetts; Mary R. Woolard, third grade, Robersonville; Mary R. Leggett, second grade, Williamston; Nelle M. Manning, first grade, Williamston; Edith A. Tarkington, public school music, Everetts.

Williamston
B. G. Stewart, principal, Williamston; A. Joseph Abdalla, science, Selma; *H. G. Austin, agriculture, Williamston; Jack F. Butler, science and band, Williamston; Carlyle L. Cox, history, Robersonville; *Mary Dixon Cox, French and English, Mount Olive; Peggy H. Gray, commercial subjects, Williamston; Stuart Maynard, physical education and coach, Williamston; Margaret McDaniel, home economics, Williamston; *Richard Napier, mathematics, English and science, Jacksonville; *Mrs. Richard Napier, secretary-treasurer, Jacksonville, N. C.; Anna Belle Privott, mathematics, Edenton; *Leona Sasser, English, Selma; *Harriet Tucker, librarian, Ahoskie; *Anne Royster, public school music, Henderson; Charlotte Abernathy, eighth grade, Williamston; Anne F. Carson, eighth grade, Bethel; Mary G. Whitely, eighth grade, Murfreesboro; *Anne T. Beach, seventh grade, Williamston; Mildred Byrum, (Continued on Page Eight)

Miss Katherine House Wins Local Hospital Stork Race

Little Miss Katherine Owen House appeared promptly at 6:05 o'clock last evening to claim undisputed title to the Martin General Hospital's first baby honors and to fall heir to valuable prizes offered by local merchants to the first arrival at the new institution here. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gardner House of Robersonville, the little heir tipped the scales at an even eight pounds and is as healthy as they come. The mother, the former Miss Becky Witherspoon of Raleigh, is getting along fine. The father, reportedly out spreading the good news, could not be reached immediately, but friends said he was doing all right, too.

Tobacco Sales Pass Million Mark Today

Price Average Is Little Stronger Than On Opening

Sales on the local tobacco market zoomed past the one million mark this morning with the price average climbing a few points above the opening day figure.

The 300,000-pound block left on the floors last Monday afternoon at the close of the six-hour selling period was cleared Tuesday with a little time to spare. Sales have been orderly and farmers yesterday and today were able to deliver and sell their tobacco the same day. However, most of the deliveries are being made a day in advance, but late comers are finding the selling arrangement convenient.

The \$55.88 price average established Monday is being maintained almost to a point, the market yesterday selling 192,940 pounds for an official average of \$55.91. The price increase is negligible, to be sure, but it shows that the price trend continues firm.

Washed-out or "sleepy" tobacco is appearing in fairly large quantities, and while that type is bringing a fancy price, quality considered, it has a tendency to hold the price average down. Farmers on the market here yesterday declared they compared stabilization guarantees and found the market prices for many grades averaging twenty cents above the government guarantee. The records show that the government is getting little tobacco, that the manufacturers and a few of the larger independents are buying most of the tobacco.

After slackening off following the big rush early in the week, tobacco deliveries are expected to increase during the next few days with near-capacity or capacity sales in prospect. After tomorrow the five and one-half hour selling schedule will be in effect.

A cheap price again is being placed on human life in this county, latest reports showing that two lives were snuffed out in as many highway accidents during an eight-day period. Even then the record is better this year than it was in the corresponding period in 1949.

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.

33rd Week
Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge
1950 4 2 1 \$ 880
1949 6 1 1 1,100

Comparisons To Date
1950 92 43 2 \$20,755
1949 77 28 4 16,290

Commenting upon the behavior of the crowds attending the tobacco market opening this week, Chief of Police John Roebuck said it was about the most orderly he has ever seen, that there was no trouble and no reports

Note Increase In Road Accidents in First Six Months

Report Shows 423 Killed And 5,442 Are Injured In North Carolina

Raleigh.—The first six months of 1950 saw 423 killed and 5,442 injured in North Carolina motor vehicle traffic accidents, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

These totals represent an increase of 16 percent in deaths and a 31 percent increase in injuries as compared with the same period of last year.

There were 497 accidents involving pedestrians with 86 persons killed and 422 injured during the first half of the year. This marks an increase of 13 percent in pedestrian deaths as compared with the corresponding period of last year. Pedestrian accidents for the first half of 1949 totaled 450 with 76 persons killed and 397 injured.

Rural pedestrian accidents claimed 50 victims while urban pedestrian accidents claimed 26. Eleven persons were killed while crossing rural highways and eight were killed while walking along the rural highways. Seven were struck down while walking with traffic. One was walking against traffic.

In the urban area, crossing at an unsignalized intersection accounted for seven deaths while crossing—not at an intersection—accounted for 45 deaths.

In pedestrian accidents 17 children from five to nine years of age were killed and 110 injured. This age group represents the group in which the largest number of pedestrians were killed and injured.

Of the 20,598 drivers involved in accidents for the first half of 1950, 11,311 committed one or more violations. Seven hundred and seven failed to give a signal or gave an improper signal, 3,010 were speeding, 2,238 failed to grant right-of-way to vehicles, 2,064 were on the wrong side of the road but not in passing, 1,142 disregarded various types of traffic control devices, 927 were driving intoxicated and 924 followed too closely.

A total of 838 vehicles involved in 1950 accidents were in defective condition. Ninety-seven had defective lights, 424 were found to have brake defects, 105 had defective steering equipment and 87 had tire defects.

Nine bicyclists were killed and 96 injured in the 111 reported accidents of 1950. Last year, during the first six months, 16 bicyclists were killed and 102 injured in 108 accidents. This marks a decrease of 44 percent in bicyclist deaths.

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To Open Business School Here Soon

The Veterans Administration will open a GI business administration school here on September 1, it was announced by Chas. A. Hamilton, representative.

Seventeen veterans have already registered for the 10-month course, Mr. Hamilton explaining that there are openings for a few others. Registrations are to be closed within the next few days, and all eligible GIs interested in the course are asked to contact him immediately.

The school, running ten months with classes scheduled three hours each evening, Monday through Friday, in the Williamston High School building, offers courses in typing, business law, spelling, and English.

There were eighteen enrolled in the last school and twelve of them finished the prescribed courses.

School Principals Meet Here Today

The several white school principals are meeting here today with the county superintendent. They are discussing plans for the opening of the schools week after next, anticipating book needs and drawing supplies.

All the principals are in the meeting.

Reviews Road Work In County To Date

COLLECTIONS

Following the opening of the tobacco markets last Monday, tax collections have advanced rapidly. Collector M. L. Peel said that approximately \$60,000 in county taxes had been paid, that Tuesday's payments amounted to more than \$34,000. There's a balance of nearly \$290,000 on the county books.

Representatives of lending agencies and banks state that farmers are moving to clear their obligations.

Call Seven Cases In Short Session Of County Court

Several Cases Continued; Big Docket Lined Up For Trial Next Week

The opening of the tobacco markets claimed the attention of this section last Monday and only seven cases were called for trial in the Martin County Recorder's Court that day. Several cases were continued, the clerk explaining that an unusually large docket is in the making for next Monday.

Very few spectators were in the court Monday, and the judge and solicitor completed their work shortly before 11:00 o'clock that morning. Fines were imposed in the amount of \$215.

Proceedings: Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, Roy Lee Hyman was sentenced to the roads for six months. The execution of sentence was suspended upon the payment of the costs and a \$15 fine. The defendant is to violate no law or get drunk during the next two years.

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\$3,000 Job Open In National Guard

Thad F. Harrison, who has served as administrative assistant for the local National Guard unit since its organization, this week tendered his resignation to officials of the unit, and action is expected by the N. C. Adjutant General's department within the next few days.

During the meantime applications for the \$3,000 position will be accepted, subject to action by the department.

It was explained that the starting salary is \$2,760 a year, that the amount will be boosted to \$3,000 when the successful applicant becomes qualified or proficient in his work. In addition to the stipulated salary, the administrative assistant receives pay as a guardsman and one month's vacation with pay each year.

Anyone eligible for and interested in the position should contact Elbert S. Peel, Jr., within the next few days. The successful applicant must, among other things, be able to handle correspondence and to maintain unit records. To qualify for the position, the applicant must be a member or become a member of the National Guard, it was explained.

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Also the road from Route US 17 2.0 miles South of Williamston South West to the paved road 1.0 mile North East of Bear Grass was paved in 1949, 4.3 miles.

In addition to the roads mentioned above 48 miles of the county (Continued on page eight)

Seventy Miles Of Surfaced Road In Secondary Project

Forty-eight Miles Of Roads Have Been Improved Up Until Now

Martin County now has approximately sixty-five miles of road in the secondary surfacing program tentatively scheduled for completion sometime in 1951, according to a review of the \$200,000,000 program as it relates to this county.

Highway engineers said yesterday that 57.6 miles of road had been either paved, or are now under construction or will be offered under contract by the last of this month.

In 1949, nine and one-half miles of paving was completed in this county. Approximately 39.2 miles are being surfaced, and 8.9 miles are subject to contract on the 31st of this month, it was learned.

In addition to the surfacing program, approximately 48 miles have either been widened and stabilized or widened and made ready for stabilizing.

Engineer M. R. Connor, representing the district Highway and Public Works Commission office, released the following progress report yesterday:

Martin County
The following are roads built, or being built by state highway forces with state highway equipment in Martin County (Mr. Dave Keel, Supervisor):

1-From Bear Grass to Beaufort County line a distance of 2.6 miles has been graded and the pavement partially completed. The pavement is to be completed during this construction season.

2-The grading has been completed and base material for paving has been placed on 3.9 miles of the Holly Springs road from N. C. 171 to the Dawce Lilly road. The paving is to be completed during this construction season.

3-2.2 miles of the Manning Road from N. C. 171 to Deep Run Swamp has been graded and the paving partially complete to be completed at an early date.

4-The grading operations have been completed on 3.3 miles of road from Church's Cross Roads to N. C. 903. Though the base material for paving has not as yet been placed this operation will be started at an early date and the road will be paved when finally completed.

5-The road from Salisbury Cross Roads near Hassell to Fountain Fork in Edgecombe County, 2.1 miles of which are in Martin County, is being graded and will be paved.

The following are roads being built by contractors forces: Mr. R. J. Peel, Jr., Resident Engineer in charge for the State Highway Commission.

6-9.0 miles of Route N. C. 171 from the end of pavement at Deep Run Swamp 3.5 miles South of Jamesville to the Martin-Beaufort County line.

7-From Everetts North West 4.5 miles to intersection on N. C. 903 0.2 miles South of N. C. Route 125.

8-From N. C. Route 125 1.5 miles North of Oak City 3.2 miles to the Hamilton-Palmyra Road 4.5 miles South of Palmyra.

9-From Gold Point via The Old Hassell-Oak City Road to Oak City a distance of 8.4 miles.

10-The Road beginning at the end of pavement 1.0 mile South of Everetts running South East through Bear Grass to Route US 17 3.1 miles North of the Martin-Beaufort County line a distance of 8.9 miles will be advertised for letting to contract on, or about August 31, 1950.

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