

## Tickets On Sale For Community Concert Series

Eighty Representatives To  
Handle Sale In This and  
Neighboring Towns

Promised the services of at least three noted artists, eighty representatives from Williamston and several surrounding communities virtually agreed at a meeting in the Woman's Club here last evening to promote a series of community concerts during the next several months. Memberships were placed on sale this morning, and Chairman B. G. Stewart and his executive committee are confident the series of entertainments can be advanced without trouble, that the membership canvass can be completed by Saturday evening of this week.

Mrs. Marjorie Lee, representing the Community Concert Service, a division of Columbia Artists Management, New York City, talked briefly to the meeting last evening, explaining that there were 1,045 concert associations functioning in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Cuba, that some of them had been operating continuously for more than twenty years. She declared that some of the finest artists in the country will be made available to the people in this section and at a reasonable cost.

While it is hardly possible for the top-flight artists to tour the smaller centers, Mrs. Lee explained that every entertainer is recommended, that many of the great artists in the nation today are at one time on the community concert programs.

It was pointed out that the response to the membership drive will help determine the entertainment selections in this area, that if the people in this area support the project possibly four or more concerts will be arranged during the 1950-51 season. The selections will be made in a meeting of the executive committee and directors to be held in the Woman's Club Saturday evening following the close of the membership campaign.

It was also explained that a member of the local association

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### CHAIRMAN

Mr. W. G. (Bill) Peele local business man, has been named chairman of the 1950 Christmas Seal Sale for Martin County according to an announcement today by Mr. Edgar Gurganus, President of the Martin County Tuberculosis Committee which will conduct the Seal Sale in the county from November 24 until December 25. Mr. Peele succeeds Charles Manning who served as Chairman for the past four years.

## County Has 100 Percent Farm Bureau Family



Martin County has a 100 percent Farm Bureau family in Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cratt and their children. Ten of them are members of the organization, Mr. Cratt explaining that the Farm Bureau had helped him a lot, that it was only fair, in return, to help the Farm Bureau all he could. Residents of Bear Grass, they have supported the organization all along the way. The Farm Bureau now has 1,483 paid-up members and the drive continues for a goal of 2,000. A few more families like the Cratts could carry the drive over the top with the greatest of ease. In the above picture, seated, left to right: Mrs. Naomi Burnette, Mrs. W. R. Cratt, Mr. Cratt and Mrs. Vernon Harrison; standing, left to right, Wesley Cratt, James Cratt, Luther Burnette, Vernon Harrison, Jasper Cratt and Luther Cratt.

## Town Calls For New Bids On Sewer Line Extension

Declaring the proposed contracts, submitted by contractors on October 17, were too high, Williamston's town commissioners in special session last Thursday evening rejected all the proposals and instructed the engineers to call for new bids.

It is proposed to break the projects down into classifications, one to include the laying of fifteen-inch pipe, another would include the construction of manholes, and so on. The bids are to be opened at a special meeting of the commissioners to be held on Wednesday, November 15.

It was first estimated that the sewer line extensions would cost \$110,000, the engineers explaining they had based their estimation

on contracts let by a municipality for the construction of a similar project last June. The engineers also explained that their estimates allowed for increased costs.

Bids, submitted on the 17th, ranged from a low of \$149,000 to \$209,000. Where one contractor was low bidder on certain types of work, he would be high bidder on another class. Bids will be asked on the over-all project and also on the individual classifications.

The town board was advised at the meeting that the contract price on the construction of a 300,000-gallon water tank had been lowered by \$1,040 to \$49,350. The reduction in cost was made possible by a minor change in construction plans, it was explained.

## Large Crowds At Church Meetings In County Sunday

New Church Dedicated And  
Ordination Service At  
Cross Roads

Religious services featured several special events in this county during the week-end, and with ideal weather prevailing the programs were attended by capacity crowds.

In addition to the regular service schedules, there were several Primitive Baptist unions, a church dedication and an ordination service at Christian Chapel, Cross Roads.

After preaching the first sermon in the new church at Cross Roads Friday evening, the pastor, Rev. P. E. Cayton, turned the property over to the Roanoke District Convention Saturday morning. The first sessions last until mid-afternoon. Following the dedication Sunday morning, two young men of the community, Jack Roebuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Roebuck, and Dallas Ayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ayers, were ordained. The Rev. Roebuck was graduated from Atlanta (Ga.), Christian College, and Rev. Ayers studied at Johnson Bible College, Tennessee.

No estimate on the size of the attendance upon the services could be had, but it was reported the church was filled to overflowing well advance of the services.

One Primitive Baptist Union was held at Spring Green, and a service was held at Lilley's Hall, reports stating that both events were largely attended.

The Union at Smithwick Creek attracted more than 1,000 members and friends Sunday. After attending the opening sessions Saturday, Elder A. F. Sudduth

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## Katie A. Jones Died Here Sunday

Katie A. Jones, respected colored citizen, died at her home here on East Main Street Sunday evening at 6:20 o'clock. She had been in declining health for about two years and her condition had been critical for about a week following a stroke of paralysis. She was born here 43 years ago. She faithfully served in the Cornerstone Baptist Church of which she was a member since girlhood, and was active in the Queen Easter Lodge until declining health forced her retirement. Her life, humbly lived, was marked for its good works.

She was married to Essie Jones who survives with a sister, Violetta Singletary of Burdock, Pa., and a brother John Henry Ashley of Newport News.

## Ten Men Leaving County Thursday For Army Center

Final Induction Call Is the  
Second To Be Answered  
In This County

Ten Martin County young men are leaving this county for the Army induction center at Fort Bragg Thursday morning, the draft board office announced this week. It is the second induction call to be answered in this county. Twenty-five men answered a call last Friday and they are now at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for further examinations and processing. Those finally accepted will be assigned to various camps throughout the nation for their basic training.

The second induction group is to report to the draft board office at 6:30 o'clock Thursday morning and will leave by regular bus at 7:30 o'clock. There'll be a stop in Rocky Mount for a meal, the group reaching Fort Bragg about 1:30 o'clock that afternoon. It is likely the men will be transferred almost immediately to the processing center at Fort Jackson where the first inductees from the county are said to be making the most of it.

Twelve men were called for induction this week, but only ten have been formally cleared. Seven of the ten are white.

Names and addresses of the ten are, as follows:

White  
Arthur Nichols Brown, Oak City.

William Archie Johnson, RFD 2, Robersonville.

Linton Eugene Roebuck, Williamston.

Gordon Ray Hinson, RFD 1, Oak City.

Sylvester Leggett, RFD 3, Williamston.

Daniel Marvin Perry, RFD 1, Jamesville and Lynnhaven, Va.

Russell Darel Roberson, RFD 2, Williamston.

Colored  
Albert Greene, 112 Center Street, Williamston.

Mack Junior Cherry, RFD 1, Bethel.

John Lester Robertson, Washington Street, Williamston.

## No One Hurt In Accident Series In This County

Property Damage In the Six  
Road Accidents Placed  
At Nearly \$700

No one was hurt and property damage averaged just a little over \$100 per accident in the series of six vehicle wrecks reported on Martin County highways and streets during recent days.

W. L. Chesson, the early part of the week, damaged his 1941 Ford to the extent of about \$150 when he struck a mule in Highway 64 just east on the Collie Swamp bridge. The animal, belonging to Farmer Clinton House, ran into the highway, Patrolman B. W. Parker said following the investigation.

A State dump truck, driven by Darrell Simpson, and a 1946 Chevrolet, driven by Sidney Ray Lewis, crashed at the McCaskey Road-Highway 64 intersection last Friday morning at 7:00 o'clock, causing \$100 damage to the car and \$20 damage to the truck, according to Patrolman John T. Rowe, who made the investigation.

Early Saturday afternoon, Lee V. Cochran, colored man and a Jehovah's Witness, was driving a pick-up truck, towing a 1933 Chevrolet coupe on Highway 64, about two miles east of Robersonville. Cochran slowed down for the railroad and the coupe with Linwood J. Peel of Bethel at the wheel, ran up on the truck and the baling wire, used for towing, became entangled in the front wheel and caused the coupe to turn over. Damage to the car was estimated at \$150 by Patrolman M. F. Powers who made the investigation. Not certain about the validity of his Washington, D. C., driver's license, Cochran asked permission to retreat and pray.

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## Final Hearing Held In Drainage District

## To Start Work On Bear Grass Swamp Project Shortly

During The Meantime Several  
Objectors Will Carry  
Cases Into Court

Holding a final hearing in the courthouse last Friday afternoon, Martin County Drainage Project No. 1, embracing portions of Bear Grass and Turkey Swamps, encountered some opposition, but a large number declared in favor of the undertaking and it is now expected that work on the project can be started the early part of January. During the meantime, approximately eighteen objectors have recourse to the courts, but it is possible that only a few of that number will push their cases, according to unofficial reports heard following last Friday meeting.

Assessment statements were distributed a short time ago, offering cost estimates. The direct and general benefits have been outlined, and the engineers are making ready to call for bids on the project, it was said.

Definite cost figures are not to be had until the bids are received and opened, but engineers are

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## Takes Over Store Management Here

Ernest C. Carraway, until recently a resident of Chase City, Va., yesterday assumed the management of Leder Brothers' store here, succeeding Sterling (Bill) McCombs who has been transferred to Plymouth.

Mr. Carraway, the oldest employee from the standpoint of service in the Leder organization, went with the firm in its first store at Whiteville seventeen years ago, continuing there until he took over the management of the Chase City Store.

A trained expert in the field of merchandising, Mr. Carraway is a native of South Carolina, but has spent much of his life in this State. He was married in Clinton, and Mrs. Carraway and their three children—two sons and a daughter—will join him here just as soon as living quarters can be found.

Reports from Chase City state that the people there regretted the move, that he was a leader in the Lions Club and active with Mrs. Carraway in civic work and in the Presbyterian church.

Mr. McCombs who has managed the store here since it was opened in August of last year, is returning to Plymouth, succeeding Julius Segerman who has been named assistant to President Herman Leder with headquarters in Whiteville.

### NEW MANAGER



Mr. Ernest Carraway enters upon his new duties as manager of Leder Brothers' Department Store here yesterday, succeeding Bill McCombs who is now in Plymouth. Mr. Carraway will move his family—wife and three children—here from Chase City, Va., just as soon as he can find living quarters.

## Propose Changes In Constitution At Next Election

One Would Safeguard The  
Funds of State Employees'  
Retirement Plan

Five amendments to the Constitution of North Carolina will be submitted to popular vote on November 7. The adoption or rejection of each amendment will be determined by the majority of the votes cast for or against each amendment. The legal significance of the proposed No. 2 amendment is briefly explained as follows:

2 Safeguarding the Funds of Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System.

Since July 1, 1941, there has been in operation a Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. Funds for the system are derived from contributions by teachers and employees and by matching funds supplied by the State.

At present there is no constitutional prohibition against appropriation by the General Assembly of the funds of the Retirement System for purposes other than payment of retirement benefits. The proposed amendment would add a new section 31 at the end of Article II which would prohibit the use of funds of the Retirement System except for Retirement System purposes. Chapter 821 of the Session Laws of 1949

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## Tobacco Market Holds Its Final Sale Of Season

About Nine and Three-  
Quarter Million Pounds  
Sold During Season

Williamston's Tobacco Market is holding its final sale of the season today, preliminary reports stating that it is a mighty small one. Yesterday, the market sold only 9,470 pounds, the average standing right at \$50 per hundred pounds. "If there are any farmers in this area who have not sold their tobacco, we don't know them," a representative of the market said this morning.

With a very small poundage on the floors this morning, tobaccoists, including buyers, bookkeepers and others, made ready to leave for their respective homes in several days to spend a short time before reporting to markets in other belts.

The final sale here today marks the close of the market's most successful season. While the poundage set no new record, it was far greater than was expected back yonder when rains were washing the life out of the crop. Although the poundage set no new record, the cash income this year was the largest in the history of the market. Official figures for today could not be had, but the market up until today had sold 9,703,902 pounds for a total of \$5,559,756.96. The income is \$1,188,594.96 greater than the amount received last season.

Following is a comparison of sales and prices with the average for each of the past five years:

Year	Pounds	Money	Avg.
1945	11,278,890	\$4,978,413	\$44.14
1946	10,874,674	\$5,515,721	\$50.72
1947	12,205,114	\$5,026,962	\$41.19
1948	9,185,020	\$4,449,356	\$48.44
1949	8,910,898	\$4,371,162	\$49.05
1950	9,703,902	\$5,559,756	\$57.29

The 1950 figures are not quite complete. The figures are based on reports furnished by Mr. O. S. Anderson, representative of the Tobacco Branch of the Production and Marketing Administration. While they may vary a bit from the agriculture department figures, they are substantially correct.

A government report released this week shows that South Carolina border markets sold 301,627,557 pounds during the 1950 season

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### ROUND-UP

Liquor and fights kept state, county and local officers busy last week-end, the county jail record showing that eight persons were arrested and detained in the jail. Four were booked on drunken driving charges, two for public drunkenness and two for assaults.

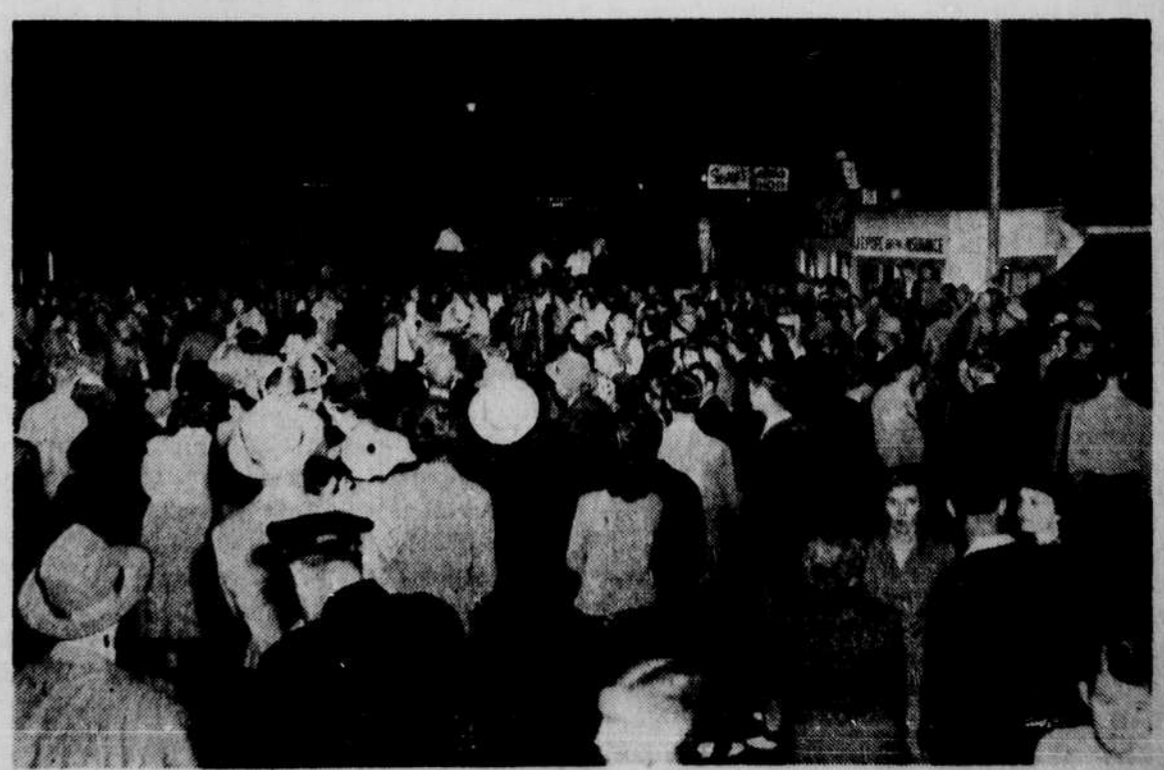
Three of the eight were white and the ages of the group ranged from 26 to 47 years.

## Judging Canned Goods At Harvest Festival



Pictured above, left to right, are Miss Evelyn Hancock, home service director for the Virginia Electric and Power Company; Miss Elizabeth Parker, home agent, and Miss Sarah Wobbleton, the agent's secretary, judging canned foods at the recent harvest festival here.

## Street Dance At Harvest Festival



Pictured above is a portion of the large crowd—estimated at 3,000—in attendance upon the recent harvest festival street dance. The crowd was so large that the dancers were almost pushed out of the street from Main to the railroad on Washington.