

## County Board Of Commissioners In Regular Meeting

### Rule Against Tax Exemptions For Carnivals Regardless of Sponsors

In a short regular session Monday, the Martin County Commissioners handled routine matters, issued tax relief orders in quite a few cases and ruled that no tax exemptions are to be allowed carnivals or any shows of any kind regardless of sponsorship. Requested by the Coastal Plain Motorcycle Club to exempt the Virginia Greater Shows playing in Williamston last week, the commissioners delayed action. It has been customary in the past to exempt carnivals of county taxes when the shows were sponsored by civic organizations. In the future county taxes must be paid in accordance with a motion made by Commissioner Henry S. Johnson and seconded by Commissioner C. Abram Roberson and duly passed.

Receiving petitions from citizens in the two communities, the commissioners recommended that the road from Mrs. W. Hardy Hardison's residence in Griffins Township to N. C. 171 near Mack Roberson's residence be widened over a distance of 1.6 miles. The board also recommended widening for the road from John Swinson's store on U. S. 64 and running via Corinth Church, E. G. Waters' home and other back to U. S. 64 near Will Wotten's, a distance of 2.5 miles.

Making his monthly report, Tax Collector M. L. Peel said that \$123,298.77 was due on the \$335,462.07 levy for 1950, that there was an unpaid balance of \$12,267.71 due on the \$313,314.06 levy for 1949. All but \$6,972.98 of the \$284,357.55 levy for 1948 has been collected, and there is a balance of \$3,675.90 due on the 1947 levy of \$235,185.59.

Tax relief orders were allowed on taxes levied as far back as 1928, the county attorney explaining that the properties had been double listed or other errors had been made at the time of listing. In other cases the towns in the county had taken in the property for taxation. The amounts were limited to less than \$5 in most cases and were only a few cents in other cases. Relief orders were issued as follows:

Ruffin James Heirs, Goose Nest  
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## Methodist Church Assigns Pastors

With one exception, Methodist ministers serving churches in this county are returning to their posts for another year, according to a report released following the annual North Carolina Methodist Conference held in Kinston during the week-end.

Rev. E. R. Shuller is returning to Williamston for his fourth year. Returning to the Roper charge, Rev. B. E. Bingham will pastor the churches in Jamesville and at Siloam.

Rev. W. B. Sherman is returning to Battleboro and will again serve Williams Chapel near Palmyra, it was reported.

Rev. W. R. Johnson is succeeding Rev. Hilary Worthington at Robersonville and will pastor the Robersonville, Parmele, Hamilton and Vernon churches.

## Takes Road Term For Wife Attack

Adjudged guilty of assaulting his wife, John H. Hayman, aged white man, was sentenced to the roads for six months in the county court on Monday of last week. The sentence was suspended upon the condition that he pay the cost, remain sober and not attack his wife for two years.

Later in the week, he reported to the sheriff and insisted on the road sentence. Having violated no provisions of the court judgment, the Robersonville man had his sentence reduced from six to four months which he is now serving.

## Crowds At Harvest Festival Here



Pictured above is a small segment of the estimated 15,000 persons in attendance upon Williamston's recent annual harvest festival. Observers declared there were more than 1,000 persons in the parade itself. (Photo by Royal Photographers).

## Town to Crack Down On Delinquent Taxes

### NO COURT

No session of the Martin County Recorder's Court was held this week on account of the illness of the judge. Most of the defendants, witnesses and lawyers were notified, but a few who could not be reached reported from as far away as Norfolk.

The judge, Chas. H. Manning, has ivy poison and is confined to his home on Franklin Street.

With two jury trials slated along with a big carry-over, a big court is certain Monday.

## William Jenkins Died Saturday In Durham Hospital

### Funeral Held Monday At His Home Near Hamilton

William Orlando Jenkins, a native of the Parmele section and a building contractor, died in a Durham hospital last Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. He had been in declining health for many months, but he continued at his work until almost the time he left for the hospital about two weeks ago. He underwent a major operation there and little hope was held for his recovery.

The son of the late Allen and Allie Coburn Jenkins, he was born near Parmele 64 years ago on October 23, 1886, and spent his early life there, engaging in farming. He traveled around for several years and located in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, about 1927. After a stay of about eight years, he returned to his native county in 1935 and made his home near Hamilton, engaging in building construction work.

Surviving are his widow, the former Mrs. Chessie Thomas Stalls; a son by a previous marriage, George C. Jenkins of Wilmington; two brothers, Claude E. Jenkins of Williamston and Fred Jenkins of Charlotte; and one half-brother, Woodrow Jenkins of Greenville.

Mr. Jenkins was a member of the Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church. He was a splendid citizen, an accommodating workman and a friend to his fellowman.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. Marshall Joyner of Winterville assisted by Rev. E. R. Stewart, Hamilton Baptist minister, and Elder E. C. Stevenson, Primitive Baptist minister, also of Hamilton. Interment was in the Hamilton cemetery.

## Home Clubs Hold Achievement Day Program Friday

### President of State Federation Addressed Group In Oak City

By Miss Elizabeth Parker  
Martin County Home Agent

The Martin County Home Demonstration Clubs held their annual Fall Achievement Day Friday, November 3rd in the Oak City High School Auditorium. The Oak City and Williams Chapel Clubs were joint hostesses for the meeting. Mrs. Walter Wynne and Mrs. Carroll Fagan, County Council president and secretary presided over the afternoon. The devotional for the afternoon was conducted by the Rev. E. R. Stewart, Baptist minister from Hamilton. Mrs. Julian Mizelle, Williams Chapel Home Demonstration Club, gave the welcome and the response was given by Mrs. Garner House, president of the Robersonville Club. As the secretary called the club rolls, the secretary from each of the respective clubs gave the achievement report for the year.

It was a pleasure to have the district agent, Miss Lorna Langley of Raleigh, with us for the day. Miss Langley brought greetings from the state office and introduced the guest speaker. The speaker for the occasion was Mrs. P. C. Gregory, President of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. Mrs. Gregory has recently returned from an eight weeks tour of Europe. While she was abroad she attended the Tri-Annual Meeting of the Associated County Women of the World, held in Denmark. Mrs. Gregory told of some of her experiences abroad. It was very interesting and she pointed out that we just don't realize how fortunate we are to be living in America.

A Dress Revue was held in connection with the Achievement day program. The winners were: House Dress Division - Mrs. Grover Haislip - 1st place; Mrs. Helen Andrews - 2nd place. Street Dress Division - Mrs. Archie D. Coltrain - 1st place; Mrs. W. C. Bullock - 2nd place; Mrs. Paul Allen - 3rd place. Children's dresses - Alice Coltrain and Sue Peale.

The following women were recognized as outstanding clubwomen of the year: Mrs. Helen Andrews, Mrs. T. H. Wynne, Mrs. W. S. Gurganus, Mrs. H. Z. Hyman, Mrs. J. B. James, Mrs. Thomas House, Mrs. Jugh Bennett, and Mrs. Archie Coltrain.

The Community Club is the outstanding club in the county during 1950. The attendance gavel was won by the Everetts Club. Sixteen reading certificates were awarded and twenty-two perfect attendance certificates. The meeting was adjourned by repeating the collect of the Club Women of America in unison. There were one-hundred and twenty-five in attendance.

## Carnivals To Pay Regular License Taxes In Future

### Board To Meet and Canvass New Sewer Project Bids On November 15

Studying the tax picture at their regular meeting last night, the local town commissioners ordered a "crack down" on delinquent tax accounts. The study revealed that a few owners had paid their real property taxes but were running a year, two years and in a few instances more than two years behind in their personal property taxes. Payment is to be demanded by order of the board, and collections are to be made in accordance with those laws allowing virtual confiscation of personal belongings and wages, if necessary. The treasurer reported that 1950 tax collections amounted to \$44,374.21, that the sewer tax last month amounted to \$643.70 and that the parking meters netted \$701.01.

In accordance with the custom of long standing, the board exempted the Coastal Plain Motorcycle Club of license taxes on the carnival that played here last week. The action was taken after representatives of the club explained what they were trying to do and pledged the officials their cooperation in every way possible.

Following the lead taken by the county commissioners in their session earlier in the day, the town board passing a ruling denying tax exemptions on carnivals in the future regardless of who sponsors them. Holiday lighting plans were discussed and a committee, composed of Commissioners N. C. Green and K. D. Worrell, was named to work with the Boosters in promoting the project.

Petitions were received for curb and gutter and sidewalk on Park Street from Marshall Avenue to Warren Street. A petition was also received for curb and gutter and a sidewalk on School Drive from East Grace Street to Simmons Avenue, Extended.

The board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday morning of next week at 11:00 o'clock to canvass new bids on the proposed sewer

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CONTINUES ILL

Rev. W. B. Harrington, popular Baptist minister of this county, continues ill in Brown's Community Hospital here. He wasn't so well during the week-end, but was reported improved this morning, the report declaring that he was talking about his next Sunday church appointments.

## Series Of Wrecks On County Roads In Past Few Days

### Patrolmen Say No One Badly Hurt; One Arrested For Drunken Driving

Two persons were hurt and property damage, estimated at \$775, resulted in a series of five motor vehicle accidents on Martin County highways during the past few days.

One of the wrecks was deserted, and few particulars could be had immediately. Witnesses said that possibly one person was hurt in the accident. One driver was detained for drunken driving in another accident, members of the patrol said.

The first in the more recent series of wrecks was reported at the intersection of Highway 17 with the Farm Life or Griffins Township Road at Old Mill Inn last Wednesday afternoon. Sgt. George Grimes was driving his brother's 1941 Chevrolet out of the county road into the highways. According to Patrolman M. F. Powers who made the investigation, Grimes stopped at the intersection and seeing no one, started across the highway. Just as he entered the main road, Grimes said he saw a 1950 Plymouth, traveling South, bearing down upon him. He turned to his left and was sideswiped by the Plymouth driven by Solomon Rothchild of Richmond. The Rothchild car made a complete turn. No one was hurt and damage to the Plymouth car was estimated at \$150 and that to the Chevrolet at \$100.

Driving east on 64 Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Alfred Uriah Leggett, Jr., of Parmele, started to pass a car about one mile west of Robersonville. He ran off the concrete onto a bad shoulder and lost control of the car which turned over. Leggett, slightly injured, was treated in Ward's Clinic. Investigating the accident, Patrolman W. Parker estimated damage to the car at \$150.

Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock, Henry Brown, Jr., was driving his 1941 Buick toward Everetts on the Bear Grass-Everetts Road when he saw an approaching car bearing down on him. Brown told Patrolman B. W. Parker that he moved as far to his side of the road as he could and stopped. Levi Jones, driving a 1931 B Model Ford toward Bear Grass, crashed head on into the Brown car, injuring no one and causing about \$25 damage to his and about \$50 damage to the Buick. "If the lights had not blinded me, I'm sure I could have made it as far as Bear Grass," Jones told the officer who booked him on a drunken driving charge. Bond in the sum of \$150 was arranged for Jones.

Shortly before 7:00 o'clock Sunday evening, a 1939 Oldsmobile, belonging to James D. Hudson, 128 Morris Circle, Edenton, turned over on Dead Man's Curve just east of Gardner's Creek on Highway 64. Damage to the car was estimated at \$200 by Patrolman J. T. Rowe who made the investigation. The operator and passengers left the scene of the accident, but it is believed one of them was hurt.

Blinded by light, Sam Wheeler Collier of Hassell lost control of his 1938 Chevrolet on a dirt road just west of Oak City at 7:30 o'clock Sunday night. The machine struck a ditch and somersaulted, coming to a stop with its wheels in the air. No one was hurt and damage to the car was estimated at \$100 by Patrolman (Continued on Page Eight)

### ROUND UP

Eight persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail by local, county and state officers last week-end.

Three were booked for public drunkenness, two for drunken driving, two for assault, and one for carrying a concealed weapon.

Three of the eight were white and the ages of the group ranged from 19 to 41 years.

## Concert Membership Sale Successful In The County

Nearly five hundred Martin County people and a few in Plymouth and Windsor took membership in the Community Concert Association during the campaign concluded last Saturday, it was announced this week. Many of the members are young people, it was pointed out. Representational association said the campaign was very encouraging, and assured the local leaders that every effort would be made to bring creditable and enjoyable entertainment to this section.

While the receipts will not support but three concerts, one next week, another in January and still another in March, the members are assured several of the more promising artists.

Next week, either Tuesday or Wednesday, Ervin Laszlo, 15-year-

old pianist who has already won international acclaim, will appear in the first concert here in the high school auditorium.

Donald Dame it tentatively scheduled for the January performance. The singer is widely known and is heard regularly on the Album of Familiar Music.

Genevieve Rowe is also tentatively scheduled to appear here, sometime in March.

Last evening a goodly number of Martin County Community Concert Association were guests of the Washington unit at a concert given in the high school auditorium there.

Mrs. Chas. R. Mobley of Williamston and Mrs. Clayton House of Hamilton led all others in procuring memberships, it was stated.

## Peanuts Moving To Market In Volume

### Yield In County Slightly Better Than a Year Ago

### Prices Reported To Be Ranging From Ten To About Thirteen Cents

Cold, windy weather over the week-end furnished ideal conditions for peanut harvesting, and reports late yesterday and early today stated that the dust was literally flying from one end of the county to the other with the possible exception of one or two spots where the harvest was a bit late.

Deliveries to date have hardly been of sufficient size to determine a definite trend in the market, but preliminary reports indicate that prices are ranging from a low of ten cents to a high of thirteen cents. Few sales have been made at the low figure and still fewer have been recorded at the 13-cent level. It is believed that the general average will rest between twelve and twelve and one-half cents a pound, based on preliminary reports.

An unconfirmed report heard late yesterday stated that some of the companies had withdrawn from the market because of its "bullish" nature. However, there seemed to a strong demand in other quarters, and unless something blows up it is expected that prices will establish a new high record this season.

An estimated ten thousand bags had been received by the market here up until this morning, but marketing is fairly certain with continued favorable weather to push near a climax by tomorrow or Thursday.

The harvest has hardly advanced far enough at this time to set a definite trend. However, preliminary reports indicate that the yield is running from six to twenty bags per acre with the possibility that the general yield for the county will hold to about ten to twelve bags per acre, or about two bags above the harvest a year ago. Few reports have been received out of Griffins and parts of Jamesville Townships and it is possible that the average will be pulled down by those areas where excessive rains all but wiped out the farmers last summer. One report said that several farmers in the Dardens area were picking ten to twelve bags per acre, while another farmer picked only six bags per acre.

There's some confusion about marketing excess peanuts, according to reports heard this week.

If the farmer planted in excess of his 1950 allotment but not in excess of his 1947 allotment, he is allowed to market all his peanuts without penalty. If he planted, say, ten percent in excess of his 1950 allotment, he will market all his peanuts, but receive the regular market price on only 90 percent. For the other ten percent he will receive oil prices which were slightly above ten cents a (Continued on page eight)

## Woman Victim Of Terrible Attack On Sunday Afternoon

### Common-Law Husband Being Held In The Martin County Jail

Ella Williams, Charleston colored woman, was unmercifully beaten by Earl Goodwin, 40, here last Sunday afternoon.

Stabbed in several places and beaten over the head with a stick and later with a piece of timber measuring about two by six inches and about two feet long, the woman is expected to recover, but one report said that her head was swollen almost double its normal size.

Coming here some over a month ago with a construction firm, Goodwin, said by police to be the woman's common law husband, first attacked her with a stick at their rooming house on Washington Street. The stick, a small piece of scantling, was spotted with blood, officers said.

Moving from the rooming house, the couple showed up near the new Texas terminal about 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. He allegedly beat her there with the heavy timber, officers declaring that the skin had been ripped from the palm of her hands when she tried to hold the board and protect herself. Apparently the attack was unnoticed in its beginning, but finally a report reached the police department. Officers from the department and members of the highway patrol answered the call and trailed the couple from the oil terminal across the highway and to the edge of a woods a quarter of a mile away on the Wilson farm.

Possibly two hundred or more persons gathered to assist or watch the hunt.

When found the victim was beaten into exhaustion. She was removed to a local hospital for treatment.

At a preliminary hearing before Justice Chas. R. Mobley that afternoon, Goodwin was ordered held in jail, pending the outcome of the woman's condition.

It was reported by police that Goodwin was an escaped convict, that he was wanted in South Carolina.

## Willie Roebuck Dies In County

Willie Roebuck, retired farmer and prominent citizen of the Oak City section, died at his home there Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock after several years of declining health.

The son of the late Simon and Etta White Roebuck, he was born in this county 52 years ago, and spent all his life in the farm. He was a member of the Oak City Baptist Church.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Ida Edmondson; five daughters, Mrs. Leon Warren of Hobbog, Miss Etta Marie Roebuck of Robersonville, Mrs. Elsie Thomas and Misses Helen Elizabeth and Linda Ann Roebuck, all of the home; six sons, Jack, George M., William, Billy Saunders, Julius and Donald G. Roebuck, all of the home; four brothers, Linton Roebuck of Williamston and Jasper Roebuck of Scotland Neck; and one sister, Mrs. Blythe Pierce of Popular Point.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Oak City Baptist Church this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. Mr. Sexton. Interment will be in the Hamilton Cemetery.

## Funeral Thursday For Clyde Brown

Funeral services were conducted last Thursday afternoon at the home in Jamesville for Mr. L. Clyde Brown who died suddenly last Tuesday night. Rev. Harold Tyre of Bath and Rev. Frank Butler of Washington conducted the last rites. Interment was in Jamesville's newly opened cemetery just off N. C. Highway 171.

The rites were largely attended by friends from over the county, and the floral offering was extensive.

### FEW VOTING

Early reports from several of the thirteen precincts pointed to one of the smallest votes cast in a general election in this county in many years.

Shortly before noon today, less than two hundred votes had been cast in the two local precincts combined, and other precincts reported in about the same proportion. Unless the tempo is stepped up this afternoon well under 2,000 votes will have been cast by the time the polls close at 6:30 o'clock.

Reports from Bertie state that a hot election is in progress there with the ammunition trained on the sheriff's race where sample ballots were suddenly introduced showing the voters how to write in an independent candidate.

There are hot elections up State, and in several of the states.

## Absentee Ballots Issued In County

Six absentee ballots were issued by Elections Board Chairman C. D. Carstarphen to electors who are participating in the general election today.

Most of those issued when to persons who live in the District of Columbia and who have to vote at their home addresses. One ballot went to a service man.

According to a list of absentee voters posted by Chairman Carstarphen, the following are voting the special ballot today:

Helen H. Hassell in Williamston No. 2, J. Elwood Everett in Hamilton, Fannie Roberson in Jamesville, Amazon E. Turner and Virginia P. Turner in Goose Nest, and Maxine Stevenson in Robersonville.

### Will Transfer To Parent Corporation Dec. 15

Mr. R. C. E. Gladden, salesman for Marvil Package Company with headquarters here for some months, will transfer to the sales department of Atlas Plywood, the parent corporation, on or about December 15, it was announced this week.

Mr. Gladden and his family will continue to make their home here, for the time being.

### Firemen Called Out Here Saturday Night

Fire men were called out here last Saturday evening when an unattended electric iron burned a hole through the floor and fell on the ground at the home of Emma Lou Wilkins on Faulk Street.

No one was at home and the heated iron gradually burned its way through the floor, filling the house with smoke but causing no great damage.