

## Farm Bureau Has 2,078 Members In County To Date

### Eagles and Hardison Briefly Address Meeting Last Friday Evening

The Martin County Farm Bureau passed its quota of 2000 memberships at a meeting held in the Courthouse last Friday night when a total of 2078 members were counted.

Mr. John Eagles talked briefly about the peanut situation, stating the picture didn't look too bright. He said the Farm Bureau was the only organization that could do anything for this situation, that its leaders would speak for the growers. Mr. Eagles stated that the farm program has great opposition in Congress and stronger organizational work must take place among Southern farmers if they are to hold what they have.

He said the tobacco picture also looked dark. Tobacco prices have been so high that farmers next year plan to plant in excess of their allotment and pay the penalty. Mr. Eagles stated that if this practice is followed it might eventually kill the tobacco program. He stated that the Farm Bureau organization, must grow even stronger and that much can be and is being accomplished by this organization, that without it, farmers would be in a terrible state of affairs today. He said the Farm Bureau will lose a few thousand members in this state this year compared with last year. This will take place principally in the peanut and potato counties.

Mr. Mayo Hardison reporting on sweet potatoes stated that 25,000 bushels had been bought and stored and that the profit looked small. He said the farmers who grew the potatoes didn't get much for them. He thought the thing

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## Handle Few Cases In Superior Court

Opening the second of a two-week term for the trial of civil actions only, the Martin County Superior Court Monday cleared one or two cases from the calendar and continued a number of others. One was delayed when a witness was weatherbound in Roanoke, Va., and others were continued on account of death in one of the litigant's family.

Only one case has been passed on by the jury so far.

When the plaintiff failed to appear, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, presiding, called the case and the trial started. D. G. Matthews and others were given a judgment in the sum of \$151 plus interest from date of note in the case against William Gainer.

The case of Williamston Lumber Company against J. Elton Andrews was settled by agreement, the court taxing the plaintiffs with the costs.

After working on the evidence most of the day Monday, the court ordered a mistrial in the case of D. G. Matthews against J. J. Pierce. It was reported that an agreement was reached, the plaintiff receiving a judgment reportedly in the sum of \$250.

This morning the court called the case of J. H. Harrell against Ernest Judge. It involves a boundary line dispute.

## Wins Colonial Stores Award

Mrs. Haul M. Reddick, Jr., of Williamston, has been notified that her entry was judged the best among those submitted by customers of Colonial Stores' food market at 162 W. Main Street, Williamston, and will receive as her reward a nationally advertised automatic clothes dryer worth more than \$200.00.

In announcing the local winner it was also disclosed that 111 other Carolina winners are being simultaneously announced — one for each of the company's stores in the state. In addition, 253 other automatic dryers are being awarded by Colonial's stores in Alabama, Florida, Virginia and Georgia.

## All's Set For Santa Claus's Visit Wednesday at 4 P. M.

With the fire engine siren blowing and the Williamston High School Band playing Christmas music, Santa Claus will make his annual preview visit to Williamston tomorrow afternoon, November 29 at 4:00 o'clock.

He is being brought here this year through the efforts of the Williamston Boosters, and is going to bring favors for the children. He will ride down Main Street, greeting his friends and will have helpers to distribute the favors and collect the letters the children will have for him.

The evergreen roping which is to be put up with the Christmas lights is scheduled to arrive in Williamston one day this week,

according to Al Sweatt. It is hoping that it arrives in time to have the lights turned on for Santa's visit, but the freezing weather in the western part of North Carolina has delayed shipment. If the roping does not arrive in time, it and the lights will be put up later, or during the first part of next week.

As a reminder to parents, Santa is requesting that they help the children get their favors and also their letters to him, but try to avoid pushing and crowding around the fire truck so everyone will have a chance to pay the grand old man his respects.

All the little folks, and old ones, too, are invited to greet Santa.

### LANDS SAFELY



While no official information has been received since he was reported missing as of November 11 when his plane was shot down, S/Sgt. Martel Hardy, young son of Mrs. Nellie Hardy of RFD 3, Williamston, is known to have parachuted safely to earth.

Writing to Mrs. Hardy a few days ago, Cpl. Raymond A. Farrisley, a good friend of the sergeant, offered some encouragement when he said:

"We were flying over a heavy flak area in North Korea on the west coast, only a few miles from the Yalu River, when the left engine of his plane was hit, causing it to catch fire. Your son was the first one to bail out, and the other two followed him quickly. I saw him when he hit the ground on the side of a mountain. He and the engineer, Sgt. Jeffords, got together and we circled them for a couple of hours, and then F-80s came and covered them until dark.

"I feel sure that he is hiding some place and trying to get back to our lines and that you will hear from him before long.

Closing his short note, the corporal asked Mrs. Hardy not to worry too much.

## Native Of County Dies In Halifax

Mrs. Lizie Revels Stallings died at her home in Scotland Neck last Friday after a long illness.

The daughter of the late William R. and Susan Griffin Revels, she was born in Griffins Township, this county, 53 years ago and spent her early life there. In early womanhood she was married to Robert H. (Slade) Stallings of this county, and located in Scotland Neck about twenty or twenty-five years ago. She joined the Macedonia church in early life and is well remembered in this county and was highly respected in her adopted community.

Surviving besides Mr. Stallings are a son, Leverage Stallings of Scotland Neck; two daughters, Mrs. Alice Joyner of Roxobel and Mrs. Chloe Daniels of Scotland Neck; two brothers, John Revels of Griffins Township and Staton Revels of Bear Grass; and four sisters, Mrs. Lida Ward of Bear Grass, Mrs. W. B. Harrington, Mrs. Martha Rogers and Mrs. Della Revels, all of Griffins Township.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. W. D. Morris, Baptist minister of Scotland Neck, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister of this county. Burial was in the Scotland Neck Baptist Cemetery.

## Walter Lee House Died In Hospital Sunday Afternoon

### Funeral Tuesday Afternoon For Prominent County Business Man

Walter Leon (Lee) House, well-known county citizen and prominent business man-farmer of Robersonville, died in a local hospital Sunday afternoon at 12:15 o'clock following a long period of declining health. He entered the hospital about two weeks ago, and following treatment he was able to return home on Sunday, November 19. For several days he apparently enjoyed normal health and was active in a limited way on his farm until Wednesday evening when he suffered a stroke after retiring for the night. Removed to the hospital the next day or as soon as his condition would permit, he did not respond to treatment and little hope was held for his recovery.

Mr. House was born near Robersonville 53 years ago on January 31, 1897, the son of the late Berry A. Acce Phillips House. While he never left the farm, he figured prominently in business, establishing and operating the Better Chevrolet Company for a number of years.

Mr. House, a splendid neighbor and a valuable friend, got much out of life, but, at the same time, he put a great deal into life, giving freely of his time and means supporting worthy undertakings and extending comfort and aid to those in need. His cheery disposition was always a tonic to others, radiating good will and friendship everywhere he went. Many, many times he would do his fellowman a good deed, and ask that nothing be said about it.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Kathleen Highsmith; two daughters, Mrs. John Gray Taylor and Mrs. Ernest Purvis; four grandchildren; and four brothers, Messrs. Silas, Thomas, Lester and Johnnie House, all of Robersonville.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, assisted by Elder W. Grimes. Interment will be in the Robersonville Cemetery.

### 4-H CLUB DAY

4-H Club members from all parts of the county will assemble at the Courthouse, Williamston, for their annual Achievement Program, December 2 at 2:00 P. M. E. L. Norton, District Extension Agent, will be guest speaker. County winners in various projects will receive medals and all club members who have satisfactorily completed one year's Club work will receive certificates. Reports on county-wide activities will be given. Also the Lions Club sponsored cups will be presented to the best all around 4-H Club boy and girl.

A representative of the N. C. Highway Safety Division is scheduled to introduce a highway safety project which will be included as a 4-H activity in 1951.

The program will be concluded with installation of the 1951 4-H Club County Council officers who were elected at the Council's October meeting.

## Clyde Revels Is Champion Potato Grower In County

By J. W. Sumner  
Assistant County Agent

Mr. Clyde Revels of the Macedonia Community hit the jackpot with certified sweet potatoes this year with a yield of 350 bushels of No. 1's. Mr. Revels bedded eight bushels of certified potatoes in "Mummy Row"; that is bedding in rows and allowing sprouts to run and cutting runners for setting in the field.

The acre had 1000 pounds of 3-9-9 fertilizer with 10 pounds of Borax per ton. Rows were run 3 1/2 feet apart and plants set about 10 inches in the row. They were set in field about the 15th of June.

## Thanksgiving Is Unique Holiday, Minister States

### Union Religious Service Is Held In Local Church Thursday Morning

By Rev. Thos. L. Hastings,  
Rector, Church of the Advent

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord" and to sing praises unto His name".

Ps. 92:1a

Thanksgiving Day is a day unique in American history. In fact it is a day unique among all the holidays of the world. Whereas most of them are in memory of a famous person or some eventful date, Thanksgiving day is a day that commemorates the religious experience of a small group of early American settlers. Outside of the definite holy days of the year like Christmas and Easter, now observed by most Christians, Thanksgiving Day is the only holiday that turns our attention to God. Washington's birthday reminds us of the Father of our country, 4th of July recalls the signing of that document which declared that this country was free and independent, and Labor Day pays tribute to the masses of the working people. We can go right down the list of our holidays but when we come to Thanksgiving Day we see that its character is different from all the rest. It is a day that man has set aside to give special thanks to God.

We might even call it a man-made Sunday, is God's Day because on that day His son rose from the dead. And since it was God who sent His Son into the world, man can claim little credit for the establishment of Sunday. But he can claim much credit for the creation of Thanksgiving Day. For it was set aside by men — by the Pilgrim Fathers as a time to render special thanks to the heavenly Father.

With this as an introduction I should like to speak a few minutes this morning on religious experience using this experience

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## Call Virtually Means Jury Duty

When a citizen is called for jury duty in Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn's court, the call virtually means jury duty.

In the second week of the special civil term Judge Burgwyn recognized few excuses Monday. Explaining that he had pressing duties, one member of the Guaranty Bank and pointing out that quite a few notes were falling due, D. V. Clayton was invited to have a seat, the jurist adding that the debtors would be glad to know the cashier is out for a few days. Judge Burgwyn relented a bit later when the juror was dismissed by the defendant in a case. Mr. Clayton was allowed to return to his duties with the understanding that he would be recalled when needed.

Hertford Smith, explaining that he had served on the jury in September and that he had twelve acres of corn to be harvested, was excused, but with the understanding that he would serve the one-week December term.

Norman Hollis and Coy Roberson were excused on account of illness.

## Prominent Business Man Died Yesterday

### J. T. Barnhill Funeral at Home Here Wednesday

#### Well-Known Citizen Figure Prominently In Various Fields of Endeavor

Julius Thomas Barnhill, Sr., well-known county citizen and prominent leader in various fields down through the years, died at his home here on North Haughton Street Monday morning at 11:25 o'clock after a few hours' illness. Apparently in his usual health Sunday when he was up and about home, Mr. Barnhill retired about the usual hour that night. About 5:00 o'clock Monday morning he got up, but returned to his bed a few minutes later, and shortly after that Mrs. Barnhill heard him breathing with difficulty. Other members of the family were called and medical aid was summoned. He had suffered a stroke, leaving him partially paralyzed and in a semi-conscious condition. He apparently responded to treatment but a few hours later his condition worsened and no hope was held for his recovery.

The son of the late Abram P. and Lucretia James Barnhill, he was born in Cross Roads Township, between Everetts and Cross Roads, 80 years ago on January 18, 1870. He spent his early life on the farm, and was married to Miss Telitha Wynne on January 27, 1892. Ten years later he located in Everetts where he entered the mercantile business, later building and operating a lumber mill and cotton gin. In 1926 he purchased the Farmers Tobacco warehouse in Williamston and moved here in 1934. However, he continued to manage his operations in Everetts until about 1945 when he turned the business over to his sons. Since that time he devoted most of his attention to extensive farm operations, finding peace and contentment in promoting an improved agriculture and working close with nature in the production of bountiful crops.

In addition to handling his extensive business and farming interests, Mr. Barnhill found time to serve his community and county. He faithfully worked as a school committeeman for years, always striving for better educational facilities and opportunities for all. He was an active member of the Martin County Board of Commissioners for several terms, and later was a member of the Martin County Board of Education, figuring prominently in the task of advancing a modern and adequate educational system for this county.

Mr. Barnhill was also a leader in the religious field. Taking membership at Christian Chapel in 1893, he figured prominently in the support of the church down through the years in his boyhood and adopted communities, and extended aid to the needy and less fortunate.

He was one of the organizers of

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## Call Special Registrants

A call has been received from Selective Service, directing three special registrants to report for physical examinations at an Army receiving station on Friday of next week, December 8, according to information coming from the Martin County Draft Board.

No names have been released, but the preliminary call is for a dentist, a veterinarian and a medical doctor.

The group had their names placed on selective service rolls in a special registration held on October 16.

It was also learned this week that the size of the call pre-inductees on December 20 has been increased to forty men instead of thirty. During the meantime a group is to report in this county next Monday for final induction.

### DIED MONDAY



Julius Thomas Barnhill, prominent county citizen and a leading business man-farmer, died at his home in Williamston Monday morning at 11:25 o'clock.

## Growers Compete In County Sweet Potato Contests

### Preliminary Judging Conducted At Storage House Here Monday Afternoon

F. F. A. and 4-H Club members who are competing in the 1950 Sweet Potato Contest assembled at the storage house of the Martin County Yam Growers Association Monday afternoon, where samples of their crops were judged for market quality.

H. M. Covington, Horticulture Specialist, N. C. Extension Service, hand graded each of twenty-four baskets which were entered. Qualities considered were: shape and smoothness, freedom from bruises and disease, inside and outside color. Also the percentage of U. S. No. 1's in each bushel was determined.

Since market quality represents only a part of the total contest score, no effort was made to determine which contestant ranked first in that respect, however, Mr. Covington said that as a whole they were better than last year, except that scurf was found in about nineteen of the samples.

Winners in the contest will be announced the latter part of next week after all records have been assembled and judged.

Contestants are: Billy Ayers, Dale Lilley, James C. Lilley, Bobby Gardner, Gerald Griffin, David Gurkin, Lewis Taylor Gurkin, William Hardison, Billy Harrison, George James, C. A. Martin, Wayne Rawls, Joseph Tyre, Billy Woolard, Calvin Oglesby, Herman Hollis, Larry Jones, John Robert Modlin, N. B. Lilley, Douglas Gardner, Gilbert Ange, Robby Ange, Stancel Gardner and Fred Griffin.

## Jasper Everett Funeral Sunday

Funeral services were held in the Robersonville Funeral Home Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Jasper Everett, 57, who died of a heart attack at his home in Gold Point last Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Rev. J. M. Perry conducted the last rites and interment was in the Robersonville Cemetery.

A farmer, he was the son of the late John H. and Emma Roberson Everett.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ruth Savage; three sons, ACMM Earl Everett of the United States Navy Norfolk, Va., Harry and Gayle Everett of Corpus Christi, Tex.; three daughters, Evelyn Everett and Mrs. Mary Ruth Perry of Corpus Christi, Tex., and Mrs. W. J. Etheridge of Washington, N. C.; two brothers, Leo and Remus Everett, both of Robersonville; two sisters, Mrs. Sanford Marshall and Mrs. F. E. Boone, also of Robersonville; and seven grandchildren.

## County Triple A Committeemen to Arrange Election

### Date For Nominating Convention Will Be Set At Special Meeting

Meeting in the county agriculture building on Friday afternoon of this week at 1:00 o'clock, members of the Martin County P.-M. A. or old Triple A county committee will make plans for holding the annual community committee elections and fix dates for holding the nominating conventions in the various communities. The dates and other details for holding the nominating conventions will be announced early next week with the possibility that the conventions will be held a few days later.

After the community committee nominees and delegates to the county convention are named, the nominees will be voted on in an election to be held on December 14. The nominating conventions will be held in Bear Grass, Cross Roads, Goose Nest 1 and 2, Griffins, Hamilton, Jamesville 1 and 2, Poplar Point-Williamston, Robersonville 1 and 2 and Williams Districts.

The conventions will nominate a chairman, vice chairman, regular member and a first alternate and second alternate for the community committee in each district and a delegate and alternate to the county nominating convention. The names of those nominated in the conventions will be placed on a ballot and voted on in the December 14 election.

In addition to voting on the community and county committee personnel, peanut growers will participate in a peanut referendum on December 14. At that time peanut growers, including farm owners, operators, tenants and sharecroppers will decide if they want peanut quotas for 1951, 1952 and 1953.

Martin County farmers are vitally interested in the personnel on their community and county committees, and it is believed that large crowds will attend and participate in the nominating conventions. A large vote is anticipated in the December 14 election and peanut referendum.

## Dies Suddenly Near Hamilton

Suffering a stroke of paralysis while visiting in the home of her son, A. B. Bullock, near Hamilton Monday morning, Mrs. Lucy Bullock died a short time later at 11:10 o'clock.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Kader Rawls, near Robersonville. Burial will be in the Robersonville Cemetery.

Mrs. Bullock, a daughter of the late John and Chloe Bullock, was born and reared in Pitt County near Gurganus Bridge. She was married to Samuel Bullock, who died in 1930. For a number of years she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Kader Rawls.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Rawls are two sons, A. B. Bullock of near Hamilton, Lonnie Bullock of the U. S. Army stationed in England; two sisters, Mrs. Walter Smith of near Robersonville, and Mrs. Jim Jones of Bethel; four brothers, Marcellus Bullock of near Williamston, Jesse Bullock of Gold Point, Nash Bullock of near Stokes, Duck Bullock of near Robersonville; also, 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## Oak City Future Farmers Winner

Competing with six other chapters in the federation, the Oak City Future Farmers of America last week won first place in the organization's parliamentary procedure contest held at Jamesville, Va.

The Oak City chapter is headed by Dency Briley, president; Herman Etheridge, vice president; E. D. Holliday, secretary; Linwood Boyd, treasurer; David Etheridge, reporter.