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## Nominate Men For PMA Places In the County This Week

Most of Nominating Meetings Will Be Held Wednesday Evening at 7

Meeting in twelve centers in the county this week. Martin County farmers are scheduled to nominate men for community committeemen and delegates to the county convention in accordance with Production-Marketing Administration regulations.

The first of the meetings are being held in Robersonville Township Tuesday evening, but most of the sessions are scheduled for Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Scheduled to nominate ten men for the five places on the community Triple A or P-M. A. committees, the meetings will also nominate two delegates and two alternates, one of whom will represent his respective community at the county convention to be held on December 15.

Fourteen names will be on each community ballot to be placed before the farmers on December 14. There are to be at least two nominees for each of the positions, including community committee chairman, vice chairman, regular member, first alternate and second alternate, and as delegate and alternate to the county convention. The meetings this week will determine whose names are to go on the election ballot. The meetings are open to all farmers and all farmers are asked to attend and participate in their respective meetings.

It was pointed out that a community committee nominee may be also nominated as a delegate or alternate to the county convention.

The nominating meetings will be held at 7:00 o'clock p. m., as follows:

December 5: Robersonville 1 and 2, high school building in Robersonville.

December 6: Bear Grass in schoolhouse, Cross Roads in Geo. Taylor's store at Everetts, Goose Nest 1 and 2 in agriculture building at Oak City, Griffins in Farm Life school, Hamilton in Hassell school, Jamesville 1 and 2 in high school at Jamesville, Williams in county house, and Poplar Point and Williamston in tax collector's office in the county courthouse.

## Wm. Hodges With Imperial Company

William P. Hodges, son of Mr. W. J. Hodges of Williamston, was recently elected vice president and general manager of the Imperial Life Insurance Company with headquarters in Asheville, according to a recent issue of the Imperial Indicator. The former local man will move his family to Asheville soon.

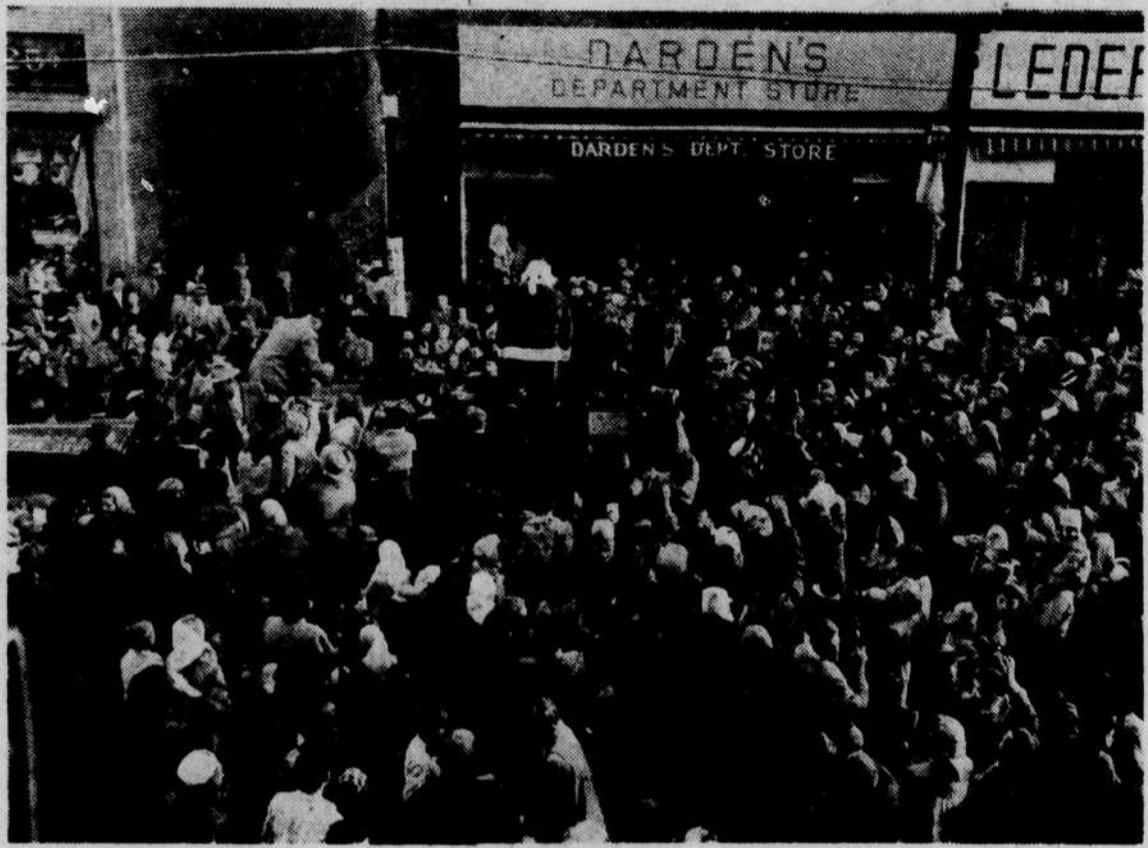
Following his graduation from Wake Forest in 1928, Hodges practiced law in Raleigh several years before going with the State Insurance Commission as deputy commissioner from 1942 until 1949 when he resigned on June 20 to go with the Continental Life Insurance Company of Washington, D. C., now merged with Southland Life Insurance Company of Dallas, Texas. He resigned to return to North Carolina.

## TURKEY SHOOTING

Sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club in the name of underprivileged children, a turkey shooting will be held near the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company on Roanoke River here Friday, December 8 and 15 between the hours of 7:00 p. m. and 10:30 p. m. The sponsors will furnish guns and ammunition, and the best marksman will be awarded claim checks redeemable at any store or by a turkey raiser.

The shots sell for \$1 and a turkey will be awarded every 25 shots.

## Santa Gets Great Welcome Here



Making his annual pre-Christmas visit, Santa Claus was greeted by a large crowd here last Wednesday afternoon. Pictured above with his back to the camera, Santa is addressing a number of the several thousand persons who were on hand to greet him. Hundreds of letters were received by the merry ole gentleman and hundreds of free favors were distributed during the brief visit. (Photo by Royal Photographic Center)

## Water Line Extensions To Be Limited To Town Itself

Receiving a request for a water line connection, requiring a several hundred-foot pipe extension outside the town limits, the local town commissioners last evening tabled the request. "We are advancing a \$90,000 expansion program in the water department, and until full coverage is had within town, I don't think we should provide further extensions outside," one of the board members commented. He added that if there are any funds left after the program is completed in town, possibly outside lines could be extended, or possibly potential customers could provide their own lines, but the present problem

centers in those cases where there are lines and the demand is exceeding the capacity of the system.

There was little business before the regular meeting, the commissioners limiting their discussions mainly to the scheduled bond sale this month.

Town automobile tags, the board ruled, must be displayed on or before next February 1, or court action can be expected, the board ruled.

Treasurer Marion Cobb reported that \$47,060.76 had been collected in 1950 taxes, that there was a cash balance of \$27,149.76 on hand, that the parking meters last month netted \$917.70, and the sewer rental amounted to \$634.80.

## SUPPLEMENT

Martin County's more than 200 school teachers will receive a total of \$55,624.18 as their share of the salary supplement provided for by the last State Legislature. Approximately \$7.2 million is to be paid the teachers in this State next Monday.

The white teachers in this county are to receive a total of \$26,199.95 and \$29,104.23 will go to the colored teachers.

## Education Board Asking For Bids

In a regular meeting Monday the Martin County Board of Education called for bids on the construction of three building projects—a gymnasium in Robersonville, an addition to the white high school in Williamston and a new Negro high school also in Williamston.

The bids will be opened at a special meeting of the board to be held on Tuesday, January 9, at 2:00 o'clock.

The board is also advertising school property for sale, including the Old Oak City teacherage and site, old Bear Grass colored school and site, the old Manning school and site near Fairview, and the old Corey school building in Griffins Township. The Corey school site goes back to the Corey heirs, the deed providing for its return when the site was no longer used for a school.

## Three County Girls Are Members College Chorus

Three Martin County girls, Misses Norma Fagan and Venetia Stallings of Jamesville and Louise Stewart of Hamilton will appear with the Meredith College Chorus in a program of Christmas music Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the college auditorium, Raleigh.

## Three Accidents On County Roads During Week-end

No One Hurt But Property Damage Estimated At \$1,750.00

While one person was fatally injured in this county last week-end in a freak motor vehicle accident it was not on a highway, the location cheating the highway death column of a fourth entry. Highway patrolmen said Monday that all parties involved rode out three accidents on the county highways without injury, several barely escaping, however.

The first in the three-wreck series was reported on a curve just beyond Gardner's Creek bridge on Highway 64 last Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Jesse Clyde Cannady, 112 N. Summit Street, Greenville, was driving a bread truck belonging to the Waldesian-Pitt Bakery east on the highway when the steering apparatus came loose, causing him to lose control of the 1941 International machine. The truck went down an embankment and turned over, causing damage estimated at about \$700 by Patrolman J. T. Rowe who made the investigation.

Sunday morning at 3:30 o'clock, J. Edward Midgett was driving Niecey Buffalo's 1948 Hudson west on U. S. 64. About one and one-half miles west of Jamesville, the car ran off the road, Midgett lost

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## START WORK

The first pipe in the town's expanded sewer line system was laid yesterday just off Woodlawn Drive by the contractors. Just as soon as weather permits and materials are delivered, work will be started on the big out-fall line, engineers said.

## Tobacco Growers To Get Dividend In Early January

Approximately \$21,000 To Be Paid In County By Stabilization Unit

More than 285,000 grower-members of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation from Virginia to Florida will receive \$4,195,416.15—the net gain from 1947 crop loan operations, General Manager L. T. Weeks, Raleigh, announced this week. Averaging about \$14, the dividends will amount to about \$21,000 in this county.

Distribution of the dividend from operations covering 232,000, 000 pounds of tobacco, Weeks said, will begin early in January and run for a month or six weeks. He added that this is the first such dividend paid since operations began in 1946.

"Deliveries on 1947 tobacco taken under loan were completed about 10 days ago," the Stabilization official said. "The \$4,195,416.15 represents approximately five and one-half percent of the amount paid for the tobacco when received by the Stabilization Corporation."

"More than five percent of the amount paid to growers will be distributed to them in cash, while about one-half of one percent has been authorized by the Board of Directors for a revolving fund, allocated to individual growers on the corporation's books."

Weeks said distribution will be made on a dollar-value basis of tobacco received by the corporation. Due to address changes, he said, many checks will probably be returned, so all growers who have had an address change since 1947 are urged to notify the Stabilization Corporation, 522 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, N. C., to assure receipt of their check.

The General Manager said a statement of 1947 crop loan operations, showing total amounts of money involved, and a letter with general information about the corporation will accompany the checks.

"In addition," Weeks said, "new plastic Identification Cards will be sent to growers to replace those issued when the producers paid their \$5.00 membership fee and received a certificate for one share of common stock. The new card will prove more serviceable and all growers are urged to keep it as its proper use will insure correct identification for any future distribution of net gains."

Weeks pointed out that any distribution from 1948, 1949 and 1950 operations would have to be determined when the handling of tobacco from each of those years is completed.

The Stabilization Corporation began operations on August 12, 1946. Since that time it has re-

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## County Officials Accept Oaths At Monday Meetings

Reorganization and Appointments Handled and Work Started Quickly

Without too much pomp or ceremony, Martin County's officials accepted oaths of office, cleared the old term business sheet and settled down to work quickly Monday morning.

Justice John L. Hassell reported to the courthouse at 8:30 to hear Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne subscribe to the oath of office. About an hour later, Clerk Wynne swore in the other officers. Sheriff M. W. Holloman was first to subscribe to the oath. He was followed by Deputies Jos. H. Roebuck, Cecil Bullock, W. Raymond Rawls, Roy A. Peel, Dennis A. Roberson in a group. T. V. Davis, deputy assigned to the pulp mill, was next. R. T. Johnson, newly elected, then subscribed to the recorder's oath.

Oath taking was temporarily suspended while the old board of county commissioners—John H. Edwards, C. C. Martin, W. M. Harrison, C. Abram Roberson and Henry S. Johnson—held a short meeting to clear the old calendar. After the brief meeting, Commissioner Roberson took leave of absence, turning his chair over to Herbert L. Roebuck, newly elected to the board.

Withdrawing as a candidate for the post after fourteen years of faithful service as a member of the board, Mr. Roberson said it had been a pleasure to sit around the table with his fellow officers for fourteen years, that while maybe the right thing was not done every time, he had done his best to serve his county. "I'm going to miss the meetings, but it is time for younger men to take over, and I trust all will be well for you," Mr. Roberson told the new commissioners as he departed with best wishes from them. Chairman John H. Edwards, H. S. Johnson, M. W. Harrison and Herbert L. Roebuck—immediately entered upon their new duties.

Reorganization of the board was perfected in short order when Commissioner Martin nominated Commissioner Edwards for chairman. The nomination, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, was supported by a unanimous vote. Mr. Edwards, expressing a willingness to turn the chairman's duties over to another, declared he would serve to the best of his ability.

The first act of the new board was to appoint Clarence Griffin solicitor of the county's recorder's court upon the motion of Commissioner Harrison and a second by Commissioner Martin. The newly appointed solicitor

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## Holiday Lights Go On Tomorrow

Delayed by one thing or another, workmen are now rushing to complete the installation of the town's holiday lights with the possibility that the main business areas will be lighted tomorrow evening.

The decoration scheme is in marked contrast with that employed for several years. Evergreens, laurel and pine, are being used this year for the first time. Strings of lights have been installed on either side of the street and about a dozen stars are being placed in the middle of the street.

Power interruptions were experienced today when larger transformers were installed.

## PREPARATIONS

The Roanoke Chevrolet Company management and employees are making extensive arrangements for the formal opening of their modern building, corner of Washington and Sycamore Streets, on Saturday of this week. Open house will be observed that day. The new 1951 Chevrolet goes on display, and special prizes are being offered, Manager John H. Edwards announced.

## County Board Hears Many Road Requests

## Commissioners In First New Term Of Fiscal Period

Perfect Reorganization and Complete Work Early Monday Afternoon

Making quick work of their reorganization, Martin County's new board of commissioners Monday were literally swamped with requests for more roads, wider roads, stabilized roads and paved roads, but the requests along with other business on the calendar were handled with dispatch and the meeting was adjourned early in the afternoon before lunch.

The smooth working organization, characteristic of the governing body for years, was maintained when Herbert L. Roebuck, newly elected member of the body, fitted perfectly into retiring commissioner, C. Abram Roberson's seat, and picked up to carry on where the retiring member left off.

Elbert S. Peel, upon a motion of Commissioner H. S. Johnson and a second by Commissioner W. M. Harrison, was reappointed county attorney. Taking his first official step as a member of the board, Commissioner Herbert L. Roebuck nominated John W. Bland for superintendent of the Martin County home. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin and Mr. Bland's election followed. M. L. Peel was reappointed tax supervisor, all of the appointments being for one year.

Bonds were reviewed and approved, as follows: clerk of court, \$10,000; sheriff and deputy sheriff, \$5,000 each; treasurer, \$40,000.

Branch Bank, Guaranty Bank at Williamston and Robersonville and Edgewood Bank and Trust Company were designated as county depositories.

Robert H. Cowen, Williamston mayor, was named a member of the Beaufort-Hyde-Martin Regional Library Association to fill the position made vacant by the death of Dr. John D. Biggs.

An appropriation for the proposed county health center was increased by \$1,787.95 to \$11,919, to offset increased costs. The State and federal governments are to pay the remainder of the \$43,500.

Constable H. E. Leggett of Hamilton had his \$500 bond approved. In his report, Tax Collector M. L. Peel said that \$104,967.33 of the \$335,462.01 tax levy for 1950 was due and unpaid. All but \$11,124.61 of the \$313,340.66 levy for 1949 has been collected. There is a balance of \$6,886.34 due on the

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## Game Broadcast Boosts FM Sales

Learning that the Bessemer City-Williamston championship football game would be broadcast by a Rocky Mount station, people here literally cleaned out dealers of FM radio equipment. One report declared that not a single FM radio was left in the stores, that a goodly number of special aeriels were installed at the last minute.

While the broadcast was interrupted as a result of a line failure for some minutes, the main problem centered around plans for the hook-up. The station operators declared they encountered all kinds of obstacles. There was little or no cooperation on the part of the telephone company. "We were advised that no line was available, but the Bessemer City principal volunteered the use of the school telephone," the station owner explained. It was also pointed out that the radio station forces had to climb trees and string several thousand feet of special wire to effect the hookup.

The broadcast, heard throughout this section of North Carolina, was sponsored by Williamston firms.

## WELCOME

Williamston's championship football team and Coach Stuart Maynard were given a warm welcome upon their return from the west by fans and other friends here last Saturday evening.

Escorted into town by police and highway patrol, the large football special was stopped in the Main street, traffic was routed around, and a great time was had by all. Speeches were called for and the coach and the boys responded over the Roanoke Realty Company's sound system. While the boys did not say much about their achievement, they expressed hope and determination to carry on next year. The reception climaxed a highly successful, in fact a perfect season for the Green Wave.

## Seventeen Leave For Army Center Monday Morning

Group Is Third To Make One-Way Trip From County So Far

Seventeen Martin County young men—twelve white and five colored—left the county Monday for Fort Bragg where they were to enter the service. Captained by James Dillon Cherry, the group with one exception traveled by regular bus. The exception left by motorcycle.

The group is the third to leave the county for final induction into the armed forces in recent months.

Two or three special registrants are scheduled to report for pre-induction examinations at Fayettevilleville on Friday of this week. Forty regulars are scheduled to report for pre-induction on December 20. There is no call pending for final induction, it was learned, and none is expected until January or possibly February.

Those making the trip Monday were:

White: Milton Bennett Wynne, RFD 3, Williamston; Rufus Manning, RFD 1, Oak City; Mack Hyman Warren, RFD 1, Robersonville; Harry Calvin Ayers, RFD 2, Williamston; James Davis Modra, Jamesville; A. E. Manning, Jamesville and Hopewell, Va.; Horace Edwin Coltrain, RFD 3, Williamston; William Earl Meeks, RFD 1, Robersonville; James Dillon Cherry, RFD 2, Williamston; Earl Milton Coburn, Jr., Robersonville; Ervin Eugene Hinson, RFD 1, Oak City; Vernon Carlyle Suits, RFD 1, Oak City.

Colored: Clarence Howard Wiggins, Williamston; James Edgewell, RFD 3, Williamston; Andrew Wallace, RFD 3, Williamston; Octavius Roberson, Williamston; Lester Williams, RFD 2, Robersonville; Roberson and Williams were once listed as delinquent with the draft board and they were finally contacted and forwarded to the center without undergoing pre-induction examinations. Another listed delinquent, Clarence Rudolph Cofield of RFD 3, Williamston, was transferred to Philadelphia for final induction.

## TB Seal Sale Is Going Forward

The annual sale of little tuberculosis seals is going forward in this county, Sale Chairman W. G. Peele said yesterday.

No complete reports have been received, but in Williamston where the drive is nearing completion, approximately \$1,000 has been raised. Preliminary reports from several of the township chairmen in other parts of the county are encouraging, and prospects are that the \$2,000 goal will be reached possibly in record time this year.

## Aged Man Fatally Injured In a Freak Accident Friday

Jim Rogers, 75, Crushed Between Car and Steps Near Robersonville

Jim Rogers, 75-year-old colored man, was fatally injured in a freak accident at his home near Robersonville late last Friday afternoon. His left thigh broken in two places and suffering internal injuries, the aged Negro farmer died about three hours later at 8:00 o'clock at his home.

Friday morning, Rogers had traded his old car for a 1947 model and he, his wife and nephew, Arthur (Bud) Nicholson, were at home talking about the car. The old man is said to have asked the nephew if he could drive a car. Assured that he could handle it, the nephew either asked permission or was instructed to turn the machine around in the yard. Rogers was sitting on the back door steps when the nephew got into the car and literally whirled it around, missing a tree and heading toward his uncle. Instead of applying the brakes, Nicholson apparently became excited and increased the speed, crushing the victim between the car and door steps.

Investigating the accident, Corporal S. R. Biggs and Patrolman B. W. Parker said that an inquest will be held. The steps were wrecked and part of the porch was torn away, the officers said.

Nicholson, whose home is in Spring Hope had been working with his uncle a few weeks. Soon after the accident, he told someone he was going to his home in Spring Hope, explaining that he would return Saturday or Sunday. He had not returned late Monday.

The victim was treated at home, and it was planned to remove him to the hospital the next day. Rogers was very feeble, so feeble, in fact that he could not move when the car moved down upon him, and the shock was too great for him.

## Local Girl Sees Picture Filmed

Among those to attend the movie, "711 Ocean Drive" when it appears at the Viccar Theatre here on Thursday and Friday of this week will be Miss Edna Barnhill of the V. E. P.

Miss Barnhill, on a visit to Boulder Dam, California in October of 1949, witnessed the filming of the last part of the picture which was made there. In speaking of her experiences on the location while the shooting of the film was in progress, she said that she is particularly interested in comparing the movie shots with the snap shots she made at the same time and also to see if her car could be seen in a scene of the cars and crowds they shot while she was there.

In the movie around 200 local people and the local policemen were used. Miss Barnhill said that on the day she was there the directors asked all those visiting to return the next day for a crowd scene, but she and her friends spent only the one day at Boulder Dam.

## Firemen Are Called Out Here Friday Afternoon

Firemen were called here last Friday afternoon when a grass fire threatened a fence near the grammar school. Volunteers had the fire out and damage was negligible.

## EXCHANGE

The North Carolina Employment Security Commission will maintain a landlord-tenant exchange in its offices here in the Tar Heel building, next to the Central Cafe, tomorrow from 9:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m.

Tenants, looking for crops, and landlords, looking for tenants, will find it convenient to report to the office either on Wednesday of this week or Wednesday of next week.