

Home Decorations Going Up In Big Numbers In Town

Valuable Prizes Are Being Offered This Year In Three Categories

Present indications are that the ole home town will be all lit-up for the holidays, a preliminary inspection revealing a goodly number of home, yard and house-top decorations already reflecting the spirit of the season.

Three valuable prizes will be awarded this year, one for the most original idea, another for the best doorway or housetop decoration, and still another for the best tree or lawn decoration. The first prize will be an electric pop-up toaster, courtesy of the Worrell Appliance Company. The Williamston Boosters, sponsoring the contest again this year, will give \$15 for the best doorway or housetop plan, or another \$15 for the best tree and lawn decoration.

The decorations are to be judged Sunday evening, December 24, between the hours of 8:00 and 10:30 p. m. Out-of-town judges, whose names will be withheld until after the judging, will determine the winners.

Some mighty fine scenes were sighted during the week-end. The Levins on Smithwick Street were among the first to light a yard tree. The operators of Griffins Quick Lunch, are displaying an attractive tree on top of their place of business on Washington Street. Noah Hardison and Ira Harrison have attractive housetop scenes, and the Henry Griffins have old Santa again on top of their home on Grace Street. Mrs. Helen Harris and the children have stationed Santa on top of their home with decorations in front on School Drive, and the Bill Sessoms have lighted the doorway for Christmas at their home on Franklin Street, while a huge stocking and arch decorate the R. E. Peeles' home on East Grace Street. And that's just mentioning a few. It is expected that a record number of decorations will be seen here this year.

Dealers in electric lighting are quoted as saying that the demand has been greater this year than in several. While some items are reported in scarce supply, the stocks were still ample to meet considerable demand.

Special Programs In Martin County

Special programs are being planned by just about all the churches and several civic organizations in the county this week. A few, including the Piney Grove Baptist Church, have already held impressive programs.

One of the major parties is being planned for Friday evening in the Woman's Club here where the Jaycees will be hosts to a goodly number of little folks. Extensive preparations have been and are still being made for the party, and considerable expenses and work have gone into the preparations.

A complete list of the programs is not immediately available, but the Macedonia Sunday School will present a pageant Wednesday evening. On Thursday, the Hamilton Baptist Church and the Church of Christ, also of Hamilton, will hold special Christmas programs, and on Friday the Everetts Baptist and Christian Churches will hold a joint program in the Baptist church there. On Sunday at 7:00 o'clock P. M., the Bethany Penecostal Holiness Sunday School will have its program.

EARLY EDITIONS

In keeping with an announced holiday schedule, this issue of The Enterprise is appearing ahead of schedule. The next edition is scheduled to appear on Wednesday when the publishers will close shop until Thursday of next week.

Program announcements and service schedules should be submitted immediately if they are to appear in the next edition.

Approve Peanut Quotas by Large Majority In County

Martin County farmers, while participating in limited numbers, in the referendum last Thursday, gave the peanut quota overwhelming support. The vote was 1,208 for quotas and 36 against quotas, the margin of victory for the program rating 97 percent as compared with 79 percent favorable vote in the State.

Three townships, Griffins, Jamesville I and Williams, were unanimous in their support of the program. While Jamesville I unanimously supported the plan, an adjoining district, Jamesville II, recorded fourteen votes or more than one-third of the registered opposition.

The vote, totaling 1,244, was far below expectations, and re-

flect what some describe as a growing indifference. Possibly, too, the small vote reflects dissatisfaction with the new 16 percent acreage reduction.

The unofficial vote in this county's twelve districts follows:

	For	Against
Jamesville No. 1	75	0
Jamesville No. 2	98	14
Griffins	129	0
Williams	74	0
Bear Grass	129	1
Williamston-Pop. Pt.	225	3
Cross Roads	92	3
Robersonville No. 1	62	3
Robersonville No. 2	96	2
Hamilton	122	1
Goose Nest No. 1	56	2
Goose Nest No. 2	50	7
Total	1208	36

MANAGER



Moving into his office at the new Texas Company terminal here last week, Manager R. B. Gentry is rapidly ironing out the details, looking toward full-scale operations at the plant within a short time. Mr. Gentry comes here from Huntington, W. Va.

Dr. Paul Burgess Opens Office Here

Dr. Paul Burgess, chiropractor, opened his office on South Haughton Street, by the Marco Theatre here last Saturday.

Dr. Burgess is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burgess of Lynchburg, Va. Before the war he attended Furman University of Greenville, S. C.

After three years of wartime service with the Navy, he entered Lincoln Chiropractic College in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was graduated in May 1949, after interning in the college clinic for two years.

He has practiced for a period of one year in Wilson, N. C. He is married to the former Miss Majorie Lamm of Wilson, and both are members of the Baptist Church.

Security Agency Prosecutes Cases

Charged with reporting his earnings incorrectly, Harry Wiggins, employe of a Williamston firm, was carried into the courts last week. Pleading guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for thirty days by Justice Chas. R. Mobley who suspended the road term upon the payment of the costs and refunding the Employment Security Commission \$22, he allegedly had drawn by false pretense.

Facing similar charges, Leonard Walston was directed to refund the commission \$32, and Mary L. Gilliam refunded \$8 and paid court costs. In addition to the court action, the defendants eliminated themselves as potential beneficiaries during the remainder of the benefit year.

Good Will Club Plans Project For the Needy

The Good Will Club of Williamston is making a canvass for toys and contributions to finance a Christmas Cheer project for needy colored children. School principals are receiving the toys and contribution, it was announced by Chairman Jackson.

Funeral Sunday For Louis Modlin Near Jamesville

Prominent Farmer Had Been In Declining Health For Long Time

Louis Modlin, well-known farmer and a leader in his community, died at his home near Jamesville last Friday afternoon. He had been in declining health for a long time and had received hospital treatment at intervals over a period of months. During his twelve months' illness, he spent about three in bed.

The son of the late Samuel and Fannie Perry Modlin, he was born in Jamesville Township 67 years ago on January 11, 1883. He farmed and lived there all his life, playing the role of a thoughtful neighbor and a good citizen. He was a faithful member of the Cedar Branch Baptist Church for a long number of years, serving there as a deacon for several terms.

Mr. Modlin farmed until declining health forced his retirement, but even in his declining years he maintained a keen interest in the welfare of his community and fellowman.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Joe Stoyons of Plymouth; two brothers, Messrs. Sam and Horton Modlin of Jamesville, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment was in the family cemetery near the home.

Action Dismissed In Assault Case

Charged with assaults with deadly weapons, Samuel Randolph and son, Willie Randolph, were dismissed following a hearing held before Justice J. S. Ayers here last Friday evening. After hearing the evidence, the justice said he found no probable cause of guilt.

The Randolphs were alleged to have assaulted R. C. Council who stands charged with assaulting the elder Randolph. It was brought out at the hearing that Council had been ordered away from the Randolph home, that he (Council) left and returned with his gun and fired on Randolph who, in turn, fired on Council.

County Cotton Ginnings Gain

County cotton ginnings showed a 100 percent gain last month, but the total bales ginned up until December 1 left the 1950 crop far below 1949 production figures, according to a report released this week by the government.

Up until November 1, 273 bales had been ginned from the 1949 crop. Last month an additional 268 bales were ginned in the county, pushing the total for the season up until that time to 541 bales. The production this year is just a little over one-fifth what it was a year ago, and falls short by approximately one-third of a million dollars in bringing in as much income as was received by county cotton growers in 1949.

Name Community Committeemen In Recent Election

Several New Members Named and Personnel Shifted About a Bit

In an election that attracted hardly half the eligible voters, Martin County farmers last Thursday elected their community committeemen to handle the farm program for next year and selected delegates to the county convention where a county wide committee was elected Friday.

A few members were added to the committees, but most of the changes were limited to shifting personnel within the respective groups.

All but two districts placed the man with the largest number of votes in as chairman and on down from vice chairman, regular member, first alternate to second alternate. Robersonville 1 and 2 broke their election down according to positions, the position going to the man with the greatest number of votes in a given category. In Robersonville 1, the vote was: for chairman, R. S. Everett, 55, and S. T. Everett 22; for vice chairman, J. R. Daniel, 49 and T. L. Roebuck, 38; for regular member, L. L. Everett, 44, and Eugene Roberson, 15; for first alternate, Sam Jenkins, 29, and J. E. Mullins, 15; for second alternate, Ernest Johnson, 26, and Moses Langley, 10; for delegate, J. R. Daniel, 56, and T. L. Roberson, 4. Since R. S. Everett was elected on the county committee, the others will advance one position with J. R. Daniel as chairman, L. L. Everett, vice chairman, Sam Jenkins, regular member, and Ernest Johnson, alternate.

In Robersonville 2, the vote was: for chairman, C. L. Keel, 53, and R. H. Taylor, 45; for vice chairman, Cecil B. Powell, 53, and W. H. Vanderford, 42; for regular member, J. D. Britton, 46 and C. L. Green, Jr., 42 for first alternate, Johnnie H. Ross, 57, and I. G. Keel, 33; for second alternate, H. H. Roberson, 73, and Tom Purvis, 11; for delegate, Cecil B. Powell, 45 and R. H. Taylor, 34.

In the ten other districts those polling the largest vote were elected in the order or chairman, vice chairman, regular member, first alternate, second alternate; and delegate and alternate to the county convention, as follows with the vote received:

Jamesville 1: Arthur Modlin, 65; Howard Hardison, 55; A. W. Litley, 42; Carl Griffin, 21; H. A. Sexton, 19; for delegate, Howard Hardison, 41, and Arthur Modlin, 34.

Jamesville 2: R. G. Coburn, 32; Edward Ange, 31; Sherwood Davis, 31; E. N. Modlin, 30 and Bonnie Ange, 28; for delegate, Seth Davis, 56, and C. G. Gurkin, 54.

Williams: R. J. Hardison, 57; Paul Harrington, 51; Joe L. Coltrain, 51; C. L. Daniel, 50; Grady Godard, 38; for delegate, Paul Harrington, 24, and Grady Godard, 30.

Griffins: S. E. Manning, 120; D. C. Gurkin, 108; Lester J. Griffin, 94; Oscar B. Roberson, 66; Arthur Revels, 57; for delegate, Asa J. Hardison, 97, and J. LeRoy Griffin, 47.

Bear Grass: E. C. Harrison, 105; H. U. Peel, 89; H. G. Harrison, 84; Elmer Griffin, 59, and Ralph Mobley, 44; for delegate, C. U. Rogers, 56, and E. C. Harrison, 45.

Williamston-Popular Point: V. Urnie Bunting, 189; Fisher Harris, 182; Roy T. Griffin, 117; John W. Gurkin, 115; Luther Peel, 65. Since Roy T. Griffin was elected in the county convention as chairman of the county committee, John W. Gurkin is to serve on the community committee as regular member.

Cross Roads: G. H. Forbes, 75; W. L. Ausbon, 67; Geo. W. Taylor, 64; J. F. Bailey, 60, and J. M. Griffin, 58; for delegate, W. L. Ausbon, 50. With the election of Mr. Ausbon on the county committee, Geo. W. Taylor moves up as vice chairman of the committee in Cross Roads and J. F. Bailey will succeed Mr. Taylor as regular member with Mr. Griffin moving into the first alternate's place.

Hamilton: W. E. Purvis, 79; J. H. Lillard, 75; Roy Beach, 67; J. D. Etheridge, 66; G. W. Ayers, 43; for delegate, W. E. Purvis, 43, and J. D. Etheridge, 33. (Continued on page eight)

Maintain Peanut Quota Program by A Narrow Margin

Several States, Including Virginia, Opposed The Three-Year Plan

While Martin County farmers came forth with a 97 percent support, in a referendum last Thursday growers in other counties and states stood idly by to see the near wrecking of the peanut program. With several of the fourteen states registering strong opposition, including Virginia, the program was retained by a narrow margin of about five percent for the next three years.

Unofficial but virtually, complete returns from a referendum gave 48,750 votes for controls and 20,022 against. This was a majority of about 70.7 per cent. Approval by at least 66 2-3 per cent of those voting was necessary to retain the controls.

The Agriculture Department conducted the voting. Officials said complete returns are expected to show little change from returns now available.

The control program ran into sharp opposition in several major producing states, including Virginia, Alabama, Florida and Oklahoma, where it failed to get the two-thirds majority.

Opposition was strongest in areas where the bulk of the peanuts grown are used largely for edible purposes. Normally, a part of the production is diverted into the production of peanut oil and meal. Supplies of the edible type peanuts have not been as plentiful as have been the oil types.

Favorable returns in North Carolina, Georgia and Texas were sufficient to put the program over for the entire peanut-producing area.

Returns from 36 of the 45 North Carolina counties participating in the balloting showed 77.3 per cent of the State's growers voting for quota continuation. The vote was 8,492 for quotas and 2,426 against.

The program provides for acreage planting allotments and marketing quotas designed to prevent overproduction.

Funeral Sunday For Infant Son

Funeral services were conducted at the home here on North Biggs Street Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Ronald Benjamin Hopkins, eight days old. Rev. Stewart B. Simms, Baptist minister, conducted the rites and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Suffering with a heart condition since his birth on December 9, the child became worse last Saturday shortly before noon and was being moved to a specialist in Greenville when he died.

Surviving are his parents, Benjamin and Helen Little Hopkins.

Firemen Called to Burning Tractor

Starting when the engine backfired, fire wrecked a large caterpillar tractor belonging to the G. and H. Builders Supply Company on the Jamesville Highway at 10:45 o'clock last Friday morning. No estimate on the damage could be had immediately.

Williamston's fire department answered the call, but made the several-mile run too late to be of any assistance.

STORE HOURS

Beginning Wednesday evening, Williamston stores will remain open until 9:00 o'clock p. m., giving those who find it inconvenient during the regular hours to do their shopping. The extra hours will make for more leisurely shopping. The stores will observe the 9:00 o'clock p. m. closing hour through Saturday.

Williamston merchants still have thousands of appropriate gifts of all kinds, and the prices compare favorably with those any place.

Elect Committee For 1951 Farm Program

Name Roy Griffin County Chairman For the New Year

Few Changes Are Made In Election Held By The Delegates Friday

In an election last Thursday, Martin County farmers chose leaders to handle the 1951 farm program in their respective communities, while chosen delegates met the following day to elect a county committee. Comparatively few changes were made in the community committee personnel. In the county group, Roy T. Griffin of Williamston was stepped up to the chairmanship, succeeding Geo. T. Griffin who is retiring on account of feeble health. R. S. Everett of Robersonville was elected to succeed Roy Griffin as vice chairman, and W. L. Ausbon of Cross Roads was elected to succeed D. R. Edmondson of Hassell as regular member of the county committee. The first alternate is D. R. Edmondson who succeeds C. L. Keel, and J. R. Daniel is second alternate, succeeding Julian Mizelle.

The county committee as it is constituted for 1951 is, as follows:

Roy Griffin, chairman of Williamston; Reuben S. Everett vice chairman of Robersonville; W. L. Ausbon, regular member of Cross Roads; D. R. Edmondson, first alternate of Hassell; and J. R. Daniel, second alternate of Robersonville.

Holding a secret election in the commissioners' room in the courthouse, the delegates—Howard Hardison of Jamesville 1, Seth Davis of Jamesville 2, Paul Harrington of Williams, Asa J. Hardison of Griffins, C. U. Rogers of Bear Grass, V. Urnie Bunting of Williamston-Popular Point, W. L. Ausbon of Cross Roads, J. R. Daniel of Robersonville 1, Cecil B. Powell of Robersonville 2, R. H. Salsbury of Hamilton, Sidney Mallory of Goose Nest 1, and H. H. Worsley of Goose Nest 2—worked the greater part of two hours before coming out with a committee slate. One report said they could not agree on the alternates. If there was any dis-sension after the election, it was not openly expressed, one of the delegates declaring that he was certain the county had an able committee and believed that it would be acceptable to all the farmers.

Ten or more ballots were taken with first one and then another candidate in the lead before a final slate was elected, as follows:

For chairman: Roy T. Griffin, 7, and D. R. Edmondson, 5. For vice chairman: R. S. Everett, 8; George Griffin, 3, and D. R. Edmondson, 1.

For regular member: W. L. Ausbon, 7, and D. R. Edmondson, 5. For first alternate: D. R. Edmondson, 3, and Herbert Sexton, 4.

For second: J. R. Daniel, 6, and Elmer Modlin, 5.

Game Violations In This County

Succeeding Cecil Bullock as county game protector, Ashley Manning of Robersonville Township said this week that there had been comparatively few game law violations since he entered upon his new duties the first of this month. The new warden said that hunters and the public, in general, were cooperating splendidly in protecting game and upholding the game laws.

Four alleged violators have been carried into the courts since December 1.

HOME CONSTRUCTION

Construction was started a few days ago on homes for Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hardy on North Smithwick Street, and for Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Margolis, corner of East Franklin and North Biggs Streets.

CONTINUES ILL

Mr. Geo. C. Griffin, prominent county citizen, continues ill at his home in Griffins Township.

MISSING



Sgt. Woolard F. Strickland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Strickland who live near Parmele, has been missing in action in Korea since November 26, according to information released by the Army Department a few days ago.

Noted Tenor To Appear Here In Concert Series

Donald Dame Is the Second Artist Scheduled By Community Group

A New York critic says: "Donald Dame is one of those richly endowed tenors who might some day rate being dubbed the American Caruso. He has a fine voice and a winning style. There's metal in his throat and it glitters." Not only does he have a "fine voice and winning style", but his amiable personality is enough to enchant even the most hardened concert audiences. This Donald Dame has proved each season on his transcontinental tours of North America, and this he will prove again when he appears here on January 3, 1951 in the High School Auditorium.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Dame, who inherits his musical talent from his father, is an outstanding example of the new operatic trend towards "home-grown" opera stars. He began his vocal studies when he was only fourteen under a Cleveland teacher, William Wheeler. Later Dame was successful in winning a vocal scholarship to Western Reserve, and while attending college, managed to support himself entirely by organizing a male chorus for radio and obtaining two sponsored programs on the Cleveland Stations WHK and WGAR. On his graduation, he went to New York and won another scholarship from the Institute of Musical Art at the Juilliard School, where he was taken under wing of the prominent vocal coach, Bernard Taylor.

Although recognized as one of the outstanding younger interpreters of the standard Lieder and art songs, Dame has also distinguished himself for the introduction into his concert programs of much unfamiliar and unusual music, including the premieres of works of outstanding contemporary American composers, as well as revivals of rarely performed vocal selections by the great classical masters and little known folk songs from various parts of the world.

Dame has sung as many as twenty opera performances and fulfilled fifty-four recital engagements in a single season—all this in addition to orchestral and oratorio appearances and radio performances. He has sung on more than a thousand broadcasts over four major networks. Radio listeners will long remember his regular appearances on "The American Album of Familiar Music" and other favorite musical programs.

Subscriptions may be entered at the old rate during the next few days.

Minor Accidents On County Roads During Week-end

Livestock Challenge Right-Of-Way and Repulsed With Losses

Several minor accidents were reported on the highways in this county during the past week-end. In two of them livestock challenged motorists for the right-of-way, but the pigs and cows were repulsed with losses.

Patrolmen point out that loose stock in some areas is becoming a menace to highway travel, and point out that owners are subject to prosecution in the courts where stock is allowed to run at large. No one was badly hurt in the accidents, but property damage mounted in several. After badly injuring two pigs when they ran into the road, one of the motorists had them dressed and hauled them away with the possibility that meat off-set the car damage. The owner could not be found.

The first in the series of three highway accidents was reported by Patrolman B. W. Parker at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. James Arrington of Plymouth was driving on the River Road between Hamilton and Palmyra when two pigs ran into the road. They were badly hurt when struck by the car, and Arrington had them killed and dressed. The patrolman said the damage to the car would amount to about \$50.

Friday morning about 8:00 o'clock, Odus W. Whitaker, driving a 1950 Chevrolet, started to make a right turn off Highway 17 into the Skewarkey-Highway 64 Highway and struck a 1941 Pontiac station wagon driven by Katherine Cox. No one was hurt but damage to each car approximated \$100, according to Patrolman M. F. Powers who made the investigation.

Saturday evening at 8:45 o'clock Walter Louis Leggett, Jr., of Hassell, was driving his 1949 Ford convertible between Parmele and Bethel when a valuable cow ran into the road. The animal whose owner could not be found, was fatally hurt and was turned over to the Norfolk Tallow Company. Leggett was slightly bruised and damage to the car was estimated at \$400 by Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation.

An aged colored man was knocked down at the intersection of Main and Washington Streets here last Saturday morning when he stepped into the street and into the path of a car. A hospital examination revealed that he was not hurt other than a minor cut under his chin.

Band, Glee Club Program Pleases

A brief program of Christmas and seasonal music presented by the Williamston High School Glee Club and Band at the high school Sunday night drew a large attendance and was well received.

While all of it was enjoyed, the number which pleased the audience most was the Sleigh Ride tune by the band. This arrangement by Anderson was given the band last year by Miss Elizabeth Whitley and will be included in the program to be presented by the band before the P.-T. A. in February.

Rev. E. R. Shuller opened the program with a scripture reading and prayer. The Glee club then presented three numbers and the band three numbers. The program closed with two numbers by the band and glee club combined, the first number directed by Miss Ann Royster, public school music instructor, and the second by Professor Jack Butler, director of the band.

LASTING GIFT

Finding it a convenient way to help solve last-minute Christmas shopping problems, quite a few persons are giving yearly Enterprise subscriptions to their friends and relatives. Special gift cards will be mailed by the publishers with the giver's name signed to the cards. Subscriptions may be entered at the old rate during the next few days.