

## Mobilization Groups Will Hold Meetings

### Farmers Asked to Speak Out For Or Against Programs

#### Future Farm Programs Depend Largely On What The Farmers Say

As a part of a nation-wide program to air out farm problems at the grass roots, farm leaders in this county will hold meetings in nearly every one of the ten townships in this county next week. Farmers, those who actually cultivate the crops, are invited to attend the meetings in their respective districts and speak out for or against present farm programs, make suggestions or offer any criticism that comes to their minds.

It is believed that the farm program details and even the program itself can and will be changed if the farmers speak up. There is a movement to cut tobacco acreage next year. Well, the smallest Martin County farmer at the meetings next week can make himself heard, and it is hoped that the attendance upon the meetings will be large and that Martin farmers will express themselves freely.

Meetings, all to be held at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, have been scheduled in nine communities. Culture, will discuss the State will be held in district school houses except three. Robersonville farmers will meet in the Robersonville city hall. Williamston and Poplar Point farmers are to meet in the courthouse, and Williams farmers are to meet in the county house near No. 90 station.

Three meetings will be held next Monday night at 8:00 o'clock in Bear Grass, Jamesville and Goose Nest. The second series of meetings will be held Wednesday night at the same hour at Everetts, Farm Life and Hamilton. Meetings for farmers in Robersonville, Williamston-Poplar Point and Williams are to be held Friday night, September 14. Members of the Martin County Agricultural Mobilization Committee will conduct the meetings, it was announced by Roy T. Griffin, chairman.

The members assigned to conduct the forums include: J. C. Eubanks, C. U. Rogers, T. B. Brandon, R. S. Everett, L. D. Harrison, H. F. McKnight, S. A. Tuten, R. T. Griffin, Milton Bennett, C. A. Roberson, D. W. Brady, T. B. Slade, and C. L. Keel.

During the meantime, county farmers are invited to attend a special meeting in the county courthouse Friday night of this week at 7:30 o'clock when John

## Sanitarians To Meet Tomorrow

Sanitarians from the various counties in the Northeastern District of the State will hold a meeting in the American Legion Hut here tomorrow morning, beginning at 10:00 o'clock. The meeting will discuss school sanitary codes and various school officials throughout the territory are being invited to attend.

Robert L. Caviness, State sanitarian for the North Carolina State Board of Health of Raleigh, and W. C. Lackey, district sanitarian of Murfreesboro, are to lead the discussions, it was announced.

## Suffers Broken Leg In Fall From House

Guy Thomas, local barber, suffered a broken leg just below the knee and other injuries in a fall from the roof of his home on Simmons Avenue here early last evening. Mr. Thomas was repairing the roof when his foot slipped and he fell. He suffered a seven-inch cut in his head, but was reported to be getting along very well in Brown's Community Hospital this morning.

### QUICK ACTION

In times past officers have reported many unusual ways employed by alleged illicit liquor dealers in destroying damaging evidence. The most unusual way of them all was explained in the county court this week.

Leamon Sherrod had a pint of white liquor in his hand at Oak City. Officer Wiley Craft saw Sherrod with the liquor, and Sherrod saw the officer closing in. Sherrod, finding no other solid object in reach, just cracked himself over the head with the bottle, breaking the container and allowing the liquor to trickle down his neck and face.

There was little tangible evidence to be offered, but Sherrod went ahead and pleaded guilty and was fined \$10, plus costs.

## Report Submitted On Present Town Sanitary Program

### More Than Seven Hundred Units Not Connected With Sewer Lines

There are nearly 800 homes and places of businesses in Williamston that are not being served by the town's sanitary sewer system, according to a preliminary report filed with the commissioners by County Sanitarian W. B. Gaylord, Jr., at a meeting of the board held Tuesday evening.

The report, based on a survey completed August 1, shows there are 408 homes and business houses without connections although the sewer system is immediately available. Mr. Gaylord said that 292 of the units on the lines but not connected have ordinary privies, that the remainder or 116 units on the lines and not connected, have septic tanks.

The sanitarian went on to explain that 273 homes or units with privies are not now on the sewer lines and that 26 others having septic tanks and not now on the lines, can be included in the present system by individual extensions. For instance, it was explained, that several hundred feet of sewer line were laid by town forces just recently to accommodate houses on New Street.

Of the 764 homes or business places without sanitary sewer connections, only 57 cannot be included in the system as it is now constituted. The area that cannot be included in the present system is located southeast of Washington Street and more definitely centered along the Jamesville road. Engineers say that to solve the problem there, a new outfall line will have to be laid or a lift station installed. The cost of either one will run into big money. For the present, at least, there is no relief possible.

Since the survey was completed

## Place Assailant Under \$100 Bond

Louvena Roberson, Pitt County colored woman, was bound over to the county court by Justice Chas. R. Mobley at a preliminary hearing held here yesterday for assaulting Lessie B. Cherry, also of Pitt County, near Hassell last Sunday afternoon.

Suffering an eighteen-stitch cut under her left shoulder, the victim attended the hearing and apparently is getting along all right.

The attacker and the victim explained to the trial justice that there was no malice behind the attack, making it appear that it would have been too bad had there been any malice.

The case was scheduled for trial October 1.

## Twenty-two Cases Heard Monday In Recorder's Court

### Fines Imposed By Judge R. T. Johnson Amount To Nearly \$500

Judge R. T. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin handled twenty-two cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday when fines were imposed in the amount of \$460 and several road sentences were meted out.

Proceedings: Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, James Jennings, Jr., was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with speeding 75 miles an hour, Archie Benjamin Harrison was fined \$50, plus costs.

Thomas E. Dunbar, charged with drunken driving, was found not guilty. Dunbar, officers said, was asleep under the wheel and part of his car was parked on the highway. Counsel maintained that he was not seen driving, and the defendant maintained someone drove him there and left, that he crawled under the wheel.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Ellis S. White was charged with speeding.

Charged with assaulting a female, Russell Thompson was found not guilty.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Willie Cortez Hopkins was charged with an assault.

Jeff Slade was sentenced to the roads for thirty days when he pleaded guilty of destroying personal property. In a second case in which he was charged with non-support, Slade pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the sentence to begin at the expiration of the first. It was brought out in open court that the defendant was given a two-month suspended sentence on June 25, 1951, that he violated the terms of the suspension and the sentence was invoked, meaning that he is to serve that time also.

Smith Roberson was sentenced to the roads for six months when he pleaded guilty of non-support. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the costs and a guarantee to support his family adequately for five years.

Pleading not guilty, William Council was adjudged guilty of careless and reckless driving and was fined \$50, plus costs. He was also directed to pay \$10 damage done to shrubbery in the John A. Ward yard.

Adjudged guilty of drunken driving, Jafus Mabry was fined \$100, taxed with the costs and loses his license to operate a motor vehicle for twelve months.

Oma R. Bullock was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Roy L. Watson was taxed with the court costs for speeding.

Pleading guilty of careless and reckless driving, John Wesley Andrews was fined \$50, plus costs.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Leamon Sherrod pleaded guilty and was fined \$10, plus costs.

Paul P. Powell, pleading guilty of speeding, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Walter Jones, colored of Robersonville, was found not guilty of non-support. Facing the court

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## LIBRARY MEETING

The Martin County Negro Library Association will hold an important meeting in the home agent's office in the agricultural building in Williamston next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. Principals of the Negro schools, community leaders and other interested citizens from over the county are invited and urged to attend.

Progress is being made to locate and maintain a library on a county-wide basis, and its cause will be further advanced at the meeting next Monday, it was announced.

## Tobacco Sales Went Over Three Million Mark Today

After coasting along during most of the two weeks of the current season, tobacco sales are now in full stride on the local market, a report from Supervisor Henry A. Johnson stating that the three million-pound mark was passed in a breeze today with thirty or forty thousand pounds to spare. And the good part about it is the upward trend in prices accompanying the increased poundage.

Yesterday's sale of 338,302 pounds, brought the second highest price average of the season, trailing the peak reported on August 23 by only a few points, and boosting the poundage to 2,696,520 with a resulting average right at \$50 per hundred.

It is difficult to say that prices have increased since the quality of the offerings controls the average to a great extent. However, farmers appear better satisfied than they were last Thursday and Friday when averages dropped to the lowest points recorded this season.

The market has been in a block since last Friday, and no one will offer a guess when the block will be cleared. It is possible that the opening of the schools and the withdrawal of the youngsters from the packhouses will slow down marketing, but no immediate block clearance is expected. At the present time full sales are being placed on the floors a day in advance with a little "piling up" one day for sale two days later.

The upward price trend was noticeable today, and it is expected to continue.

## Enrollment Gains Reported By Most Schools In County

### Twenty-Pupil Increase In Local Schools First Day Of The New Term

Preliminary reports unofficially gained here this morning pointed to substantial gains in most of the county schools.

The local colored high school was literally packed from wall to wall, and several grades being housed in outside quarters until the new high school building is completed. Similar reports were received from several other schools while others reported normal enrollments. Following heavy enrollments on opening day, Tuesday, the colored schools came back yesterday with reports showing additional gains.

In the Williamston white schools, the over-all enrollment figures did not measure up to expectations. The elementary count dropped from 811 to 800, but registrations yesterday afternoon in the high school were increased by twenty over the 224 count recorded on opening day last year. It is quite likely that the enrollment will reach and pass the 1,100 as the term progresses.

All teachers were at their posts in the local white schools when the term was officially opened at 1:30 o'clock, including: B. G. Stewart, principal; Miss Anna Belle Privott, mathematics; Miss Margaret Maud Thomas, social studies; Jack Butler, band; Mayhue Edwards, commerce; Douglas Joyner, science; Mrs. Selma Bunting, French-English; Mrs. Sallie R. Walters, English; Miss Jean DeWitt, science and mathematics; H. L. Austin, agriculture; Miss Margaret McDaniel, home economics; W. Carroll Blackerby, Jr. physical education; Miss Velma Collins, librarian; Miss Anne Royser, public school music; Misses Anne F. Carson and Mary G. Whitley and Mrs. Charlotte Abernathy, eighth grade; Miss Mildred Byrum, Mrs. Edna M. Joyner and Mrs. Sophia W. Criteher, seventh grade; Mrs. Erma B. Taylor, Miss Marion E. Higgins and Mrs. Martha V. Tarkington, sixth grade; Miss Alice R. Berry, Mrs. Velma H. Coburn and Mrs. Mildred T. Crawford, fifth grade; Mrs. Sara E. Cherry, Miss Sue Henderson and Mrs. Alma J. Manning, Mrs. Mary E. Gaylord

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## Town Planning To Add Another Well To Water System

### Difficult To Maintain Adequate Supply In Face Of Growing Demand

Meeting in regular session last Tuesday evening, Williamston's board of town commissioners made preliminary plans for adding another deep well to bolster the local water supply. The superintendent of the water department was instructed to prepare specifications and call for bids, and immediate action is expected to follow.

Anticipating the need for another well, the commissioners appropriated \$15,000 and included the item in the 1951-52 budget. Preliminary surveys indicate that the added water supply can be made available for an amount slightly below that figure.

It is proposed to locate the new well in one corner of the present plant site.

According to the officials the water demand is growing so rapidly that the present source is hardly adequate to meet current needs. The new well unit will be the eighth for the system. Three of the seven were abandoned seven years ago, and a fourth one had to be deserted when the salt content reached alarming proportions, leaving the town dependent upon three wells.

The town's new 300,000-gallon capacity water tank is almost completed, but there is some doubt if it can be filled in less than three or four days from present sources and at the same time meet the current demand. It was pointed out that the wells could be damaged if an attempt was made to fill up the tank straight running while meeting the current needs.

The abandoned well at the courthouse produced at the rate of about 50 gallons per minute while those still in operation are supplying on an average between 250 and 300 gallons each per minute.

The board voted to have the old 75,000-gallon capacity tank replaced and painted by the company installing the new tank. The town has a cash balance of \$25,096.33, including \$2,134.00 in the special sewer tax fund, Treasurer

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## Young Democrats Elect New Officers

Meeting at the Switch Tuesday evening, representative young Democrats perfected their organization for the coming year and elected delegates to the State convention to be held at Carolina Beach next week.

Pete Rogers of Bear Grass succeeds LeRoy Harrison also of Bear Grass as president of the county unit, and Clarence Griffin was elected vice president. C. B. Martin of Robersonville was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

The group raised the \$10 affiliation fee and the delegates, Mr. Rogers and Attorney Edgar Gurganus, were instructed to support 331 Station of Sanford, N.C., president. The delegates are to pay their own convention expenses.

## DRIVE IS ON

With preliminary plans completed and canvassers set to complete their round-up by next Tuesday, the annual drive for funds for the Williamston High School Green Wave Band is on in full force this week.

As evidence that the band not only goes places but returns with proof that it gave the town a good representation on its travels, trophies have been added to the display in the store window on Main Street where they may be seen by those who have not had a chance to see them in the trophy case at the high school. Contributions will be accepted at the store where the display is located or at local banks.

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## Annexation Project Officially Accepted

### NO SUCH LAW

Fishing has become such an extensive hobby in this section that "foreigners" apparently can't understand what it's all about.

A Yankee tourist, most serious, stopped here a few days ago and asked if North Carolina law required operators to carry two fishing poles on cars. Assured there was no such law, the tourist, still deadly serious, said he did not know but what there was such a law because every car he had passed between Williamston and Edenton had two fishing poles on it.

## Reviews Rat And Mosquito Control Programs In Town

### Potential Typhus Area Is Found During Rat Control Drive Here

Appearing before the local town commissioners in regular meeting Tuesday evening, W. B. Gaylord, Jr., county sanitarian, reviewed the mosquito and rat control programs advanced here during the first eight months of this year. The review attracted considerable attention when it was pointed out that a potential typhus fever area had been found, the sanitarian adding that steps had been taken to reduce the danger to an absolute minimum.

Telling about the work done to reduce the mosquito menace, Mr. Gaylord said that every swamp area, starting in the Skewarkey section out of town and running to Roanoke River had been sprayed four times prior to August 1, that 46,000 lineal feet of ponds and ditches had been sprayed also. Seven barrels of DDT were used in controlling the mosquito in its breeding places. The sanitarian said that 350 homes and seventeen business houses, forming more or less a ring around the town proper, had been sprayed.

The control work was most effective during most of the summer, but the work was curtailed by a labor shortage, and its effectiveness was lessened because it could not be handled at the most advantageous times. Up until a short time ago, the mosquito was held in check very well.

Outlining the work handled in controlling rats, Mr. Gaylord said that 550 pounds of red squill had amounts of other poisons. More than 500 rats were trapped alive, been used along with goody and nearly 100 of them were checked for diseases. In one small area just off Washington Street and extending back to Wilson, rats were found to have been infested with the dangerous

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## Town Population Figure Now Well Over 5,000 Mark

### Services Ordered Extended To New Territory In Western Sector

Nineteen families and approximately 75 acres of territory were added to the town last Tuesday night when the board of commissioners officially accepted an annexation project centered in the western sector. The added area, including about sixty persons, boosts the town's population figure to a point well over 5,000, it was conservatively estimated.

While certain town facilities had already been extended into the area, the officials ordered other services made available to all the new territory immediately. Today, the garbage collection trucks are making their first trips into the annexed section. Street lights were ordered installed as soon as possible on Park Drive at the Speight, Critcher and Corey corners. Owners of private water lines in the new area are to be refunded, the board ruled. Street maintenance was also ordered for Park Drive, part of Sunset Avenue and a small portion of a street yet unnamed was ordered. All property in the new territory is within reach of fire hydrants, but standard mains are to be extended in the future, it was planned.

The annexation climaxes a long period of planning but falls far short of the program outlined about four years ago. The extension of the town limits to include most if not all of West End and also North End was discussed, but the proposal was rejected by a recognized vote. The annexation officially effected Tuesday of this week was by petition, and the area while having definite metes and bounds is marked by irregular lines.

The annexation on the south side of West Main Street or that portion lying to the left side of Highway 64 looking toward Everetts, begins at the old town line at Park Drive near the Speight home and runs up to Sunset Avenue, Frank Weaver's corner. The line then runs the length of the Weaver property and takes a sharp left turn, running 200 feet east. From that point the line runs 30 feet in a southerly direction to leave out four homes. The line goes from there 200 feet to Sunset Avenue and across that street 200 more feet before making a right turn and running 600 feet in a southerly direction to a point where it makes another turn and runs 1,420 feet to a corner, a post and thence 261 feet to the old town limit in Perry Street. The territory includes the Speight, Taylor, Weaver, Woolard, Williams, Critcher, Price, Forbes, Corey and Brown homes.

On the other or north side of West Main Street, the added territory begins near the Jas. B. Peel home and runs up the street to Edgewood Avenue, excluding the corner property. It runs from the excluded lot a northwesterly direction 1,145 feet to a point in the center of the A. C. L. railroad track. From that point the line goes north 69 and 15 east, 265 feet to connect with the old town line. The territory includes the Wier, John T. Williams, Riddick, Wynne, Curtis, Powell, Corey, Wilford and Urquhart homes.

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