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Issue Twenty-four Marriage Licenses In The Past Month

Issuance Is Largest For Any January In The Past Four Years

Twenty-four marriage licenses were issued in this county during the month of January. The number of licenses going to white couples was only half the count issued in the corresponding month last year, and the number going to colored couples was three times greater than it was in the same month of 1951. The issuance last month was the largest for any January in four years.

Licenses were issued, six to white and eighteen to colored couples, last month, as follows:

White
Joseph R. Schanzer of Williamston and Sylvia L. Robinson of Marblehead, Mass.

Earl Manning of Bethel and Joyce Harrell of Palmyra.

Edward Gray Strickland and Minnie Leg Coward, both of Greenville.

Wiley Spencer and Terressa Barnett Cowles, both of South Mills.

Jackson Askew Sharpe of Harrellsville and Peggy Gray of Robersonville.

Curtis Knox of Robersonville and Ruby Lee of Williamston.

Colored
Joe Dawson and Ellen Heckstall, both of Plymouth.

John Davis and Thelma Louise Wilson, both of Oak City.

Andrew Thomas and Bettie White, both of Oak City.

Melford Keys of Jamesville and Laura Jane Downing of Plymouth.

David Lee Parker and Lena Bell Ebron, both of Williamston.

Eli Davis and Lillie May Higgins both of Oak City.

Robert Gilliam, Jr., and Virginia Dare Purvis, both of Windsor.

James Gilliam and Nettie Spellor, both of Windsor.

William Earl Jones of Oak City, and Magdalene Cooper of RFD 1, Hobgood.

Roosevelt Reeves of Williamston and Emma Moore of Jamesville.

Frederick James and Carrie Dell Whitehurst, both of Jamesville.

Cleaster Coburn and Carrie Leatha Sheppard, both of Robersonville.

Elmer Goss and Shirley Stokes, both of RFD 2, Robersonville.

James Briley of Robersonville and Bertha Council of Hamilton.

Willie Clyde Brown and Elsie Ryan, both of Williamston.

George Thomas Stokes and Louise Williams, both of Williamston.

Ernest Evans Scott and Edith Mae Whitley, both of Williamston.

Walter Bland and Lucy Lee Lloyd, both of Robersonville.

Reports On TB Survey Pending

Reports on the recent mass TB survey are still incomplete, the Martin County Health Department announced today, adding that the delay in tallying the results is due to the follow-up work and the retakes of X-rays which is now in progress. In cases where had or unclear films were evident, those persons must be notified and called in for new X-rays, it was explained.

All individual reports on the X-rays have not been mailed out but are expected to be in the mails within a few days.

The department expressed its sincere appreciation to the civic organizations, who helped greatly in publicizing the survey and co-operated so generously toward the success of the survey, and to each and everyone who participated.

Native Of County Much Improved In Baltimore

Although she continues ill at her home at 17 N. East Street, Baltimore, Mrs. N. W. Perkins, a native of this county, was reported much improved yesterday following treatment in a hospital there. Mr. A. Corey, her brother, and Mrs. Corey have returned home following a visit with Mrs. Perkins.

Several Major Road Projects In This Area

EQUIPMENT

Machinery and other equipment, direct from the factories, are being unloaded this week for Taylor's Dairy plant here. No official information has been released, but plans, formulated some months ago to make the dairy plant one of the most modern in this section of northeastern North Carolina, are rapidly going forward.

The last of the special equipment reached here yesterday from the factory.

Cost Of School Lunch Increases

Following an inspection by Mrs. Fabie Reid of Plymouth, district lunchroom supervisor for the state lunch room department, and a letter from the department at Raleigh telling Principal B. G. Stewart that milk will have to be added to the regular lunch and included in the established price, the charges for lunch at the high school and grammar school cafeterias will move to 25 cents on Monday with milk offered with each lunch.

Under the new regulations adopted by the state authorities those children who have been purchasing milk at 6 cents will save a penny on each lunch but those who do not or cannot drink milk will have to pay the 25 cents just the same for their lunch. Milk will still be sold to those students who have been bringing their own lunches.

Principal Stewart said yesterday that he had hoped to delay the addition of milk to the regular lunch and the resulting increase in price until after the high school department had moved into its new cafeteria but state authorities notified him by letter that it would have to be done at once. While the increase in the price for lunches is deplored, he said, it must be remembered that the price of lunches at the school has not been increased now for several years although the price of food and supplies has moved up considerably. He is mailing a letter to parents explaining the situation and asking their cooperation.

State authorities have placed much emphasis on the need of milk in the diet of school children and this is one reason why they insist that milk be a part of the regular lunch whenever it is available. They report that the use of milk by farm families in Martin County is low—about one cow for every 10 persons.

Making Ready To Dig A Deep Well

Machinery and equipment are being placed on the lot at the municipal water plant, preparatory to digging a deep well for the town's water supply. Layne Atlantic Company of Norfolk is handling the project.

The well will be the eighth one dug here since the municipal water system was installed more than thirty years ago. Three of the wells were abandoned when pumped dry, and a fourth one was abandoned on account of an extremely high salt content.

It could not be learned when the contractors plan to start work on the new well which will be located near the water plant on Sycamore Street, but it is planned to have it in operation in time to help relieve the demand taxed against the three wells now in use.

Almost Loses Finger While Handling Knife

LeRoy Hines, young colored man, almost lost his forefinger from his left hand when he stumbled at his home on Washington Street yesterday afternoon and cut it with a butcher knife.

The wound was treated, and it is believed the finger can be saved.

Will Widen Route 17 And Black Top Bear Grass Road

No Action Taken On Truck Route Around Williamston On No. 17

Several major highway projects, including several to be let within the next month or two, will be centered in this area during the coming months, according to unofficial information gained here this week.

Two of the projects are outside the county, one running from the Roanoke River fill to Windsor and the other from the Martin County line to Washington. It is understood that 17 is to be widened and improved from Windsor to Edenton, but no reliable information could be had on that project. Work is to be started without delay on two new bridges, one at Salmon Creek between Windsor and Chowan River and the other at the U. S. fish hatchery between Chowan River and Edenton.

In addition to widening the route between Williamston and Windsor, the highway commission expects to "ease" some of the curves, especially the one where several people have been injured or killed about six miles from Williamston. There is some doubt if the bridge at Roquist Creek will be removed immediately, according to the best available information.

In this county work is tentatively scheduled to get under way on the U. S. Highway 64 project between Williamston and the Washington County line about the first of next month. Bids have been asked for the removal of several buildings where the road is to be relocated.

The Highway Commission has pointed out the advisability of building a truck route around Williamston, connecting U. S. 17 at the foot of the river bridge over a more or less direct line to a point on the same route at Skeerke, and continuing on to connect Highway 64 in West End, a point near Chesson's store. No action has been taken, but the commission is said to be ready to handle the work along with the improvement project on Highway 64.

Only one sizable county road project is now in the making, and it will hardly get consideration before March, if then. Plans call for surfacing of 6.5 miles of road in Bear Grass Township. The road, slated to have a black top surface, starts on the Bear Grass Everetts Road, about two-tenths of a mile out of Bear Grass and runs 1.9 miles to a road leading from the Beaufort County line to the Prison Camp Road, the 4.6 miles between the county line and the Prison Camp or old Greenville road to be surfaced also, making a total of 6.5 miles.

Several other roads are slated for widening and stabilizing. (Continued on Page Eight)

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists using Martin County highways and streets have, so far this year, had more accidents, injured twice as many persons and almost doubled property losses compared with the record for the corresponding period in 1951. As for sheer numbers, a record was believed to have been established last week, but human life escaped.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

6th Week	Accidents Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge
1952 12	5	0	\$ 4,575
1951 4	2	0	1,315
Comparisons To Date	1952	1951	To Date
	38	18	\$ 14,055
	37	9	7,940

Mrs. Lizzie Pitt Died Wednesday

Mrs. Elizabeth Edmondson Pitt, a resident of this county for a long number of years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. D. Dixon, in Whitakers Wednesday after a long period of declining health.

The daughter of the late William and Sallie Cross Edmondson, she was born in Edgecombe County 84 years ago on April 11, 1867. In early womanhood she was married to James A. Pitt, Martin County man who was a member of Co. E, 43rd Regiment, North Carolina Troops, and served in the Civil War. He died in 1903. Following her marriage, she had made her home in this county most of the time, living with her children near Oak City and in Edgecombe County.

Mrs. Pitt was possessed of a Christian character and was held in high esteem in her native and adopted communities. She was faithful to her friends and family until the last, giving in full measure of her means and services for the enrichment of the lives of others.

Funeral services are being held in the Hamilton Church of Christ where she was a member, Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. D. A. Hudson. Burial will be in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Henry Pitt, Oak City, Leroy Pitt of Portsmouth, Va.; four daughters, Mrs. George Edmondson, Scotland Neck, Mrs. D. D. Dixon Whitakers, Mrs. Thomas Brown, Greenville, and Mrs. Ed Warren, Oak City; one brother, John Edmondson, Hobgood; one sister, Mrs. Mollie Lynch, Scotland Neck.

Wreck Five Stills In A Single Day

ABC Officers J. H. Roebuck and Cecil Bullock wrecked five illicit liquor stills in the county on Tuesday of this week. One of the plants was brand new and had not been completed. The officers poured out 300 gallons of beer and upset plans for future operations at the site in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township.

Another partial plant was also wrecked, the officers pouring out 300 gallons of beer and destroying barrels and equipment. A third plant was also wrecked in the Free Union section that morning, the officers pouring out 200 gallons of beer and destroying barrels and a large cooler. Moving into the Bear Grass area that afternoon, the officers wrecked two plants, and poured out 500 gallons of beer. No kettle could be found at one plant. The second plant was equipped with a 50-gallon submarine type still.

ABC Officers Ward, Manning and King of Pitt County were in on the raids.

Board Of Education Member Continues Ill

Suffering with arthritis, Ernest Edmondson, member of the Martin County Board of Education, continues ill at his home in Hasell. Mr. Edmondson returned home last week-end after undergoing treatment in Duke Hospital, and is still unable to walk.

Kerr Dam Having Little Effect On River So Far

The Kerr Dam at Buggs Island apparently is having very little effect on the flow of the Roanoke River at this point, and little can be learned about the potential power the dam will have in controlling the flood waters of the stream in the future.

Unofficial reports state that it will be June or later before the dam will go into operation as a flood control factor. It was explained that highway and rail bridges had not been raised in the territory above the dam, making it impossible for the dam to start holding the water in check. And after the dam goes into operation, it is not certain that the river will be confined to its banks at this point.

Jos. A. Roberson Died At His Home Here Last Night

Funeral Services Will Be Conducted At Home On East Main Street

Joseph Adolphus Roberson, retired, died at his home here on East Main Street last night at 10:15 o'clock after a long period of declining health. He had spent several weeks in hospitals during the past few months and was getting along very well until last Tuesday. His condition had been critical since that time.

The son of the late John and Mollie Williams Roberson, he was born in Hamilton 69 years ago on August 28, 1882, but lived there only a short time before locating in Williamston where he spent the remainder of his life. He was first married to Miss Della Wynne, and one son, John Hayward Roberson of Portsmouth, survives that union. His second marriage was in 1904 to Nancy Coburn who survives with three sons, Raymond A., Joseph A., Jr., and Onward L. Roberson, all of Williamston; a daughter, Mrs. Frank Edwards, Jr., of Norfolk; and a sister, Mrs. T. C. Cooke, of Williamston.

Mr. Roberson was engaged in the timber business for some time, but spent most of his life handling commercial fishing operations on the Roanoke River. He built many fishing machines and made thousands of nets during his active years.

He was a member of the local Christian Church and his pastor, the Rev. John L. Goff, assisted by the Rev. R. E. Walston, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will conduct the funeral service at the home Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Representative Of OPS Coming Here

Field service facilities of the Raleigh OPS will be available to the businessmen of the Williamston area on Tuesday, February 19, when Robert Wells from the Raleigh office will be in town calling on local firms. Wells will be here to assist with OPS regulations and filing requirements.

Special emphasis is being given new businesses, and any contemplating opening a new firm should contact the Raleigh OPS as far in advance of the opening date as possible, because any new business must have the ceiling prices approved by OPS before it can legally operate, the Raleigh office explained. Any business which opened since December 19, 1950 without having established the prices with OPS is urged to contact the Raleigh office.

The Raleigh OPS said that compliance with Ceiling Price Regulation 34 was extremely low in this area. CRP 34 covers various types of businesses rendering services to the public for which a fee is charged.

This field service is a plan devised by the Raleigh OPS in an effort to make information easily available to the public of eastern Carolina, and businessmen of this area are urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Thirty Cases Heard In Recorder's Court

Man Appeals from Two-Year Term In Assault Case

Fines, Amounting to \$835. Imposed In All-Day Session Monday

Judge R. T. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin worked all day Monday clearing thirty cases from the docket in the Martin County Recorder's Court. Before closing for the day at 5:45 o'clock, the court had sentenced several defendants to jail and the roads and imposed fines amounting to \$835.

James Perkins, referred to as a preacher appealed to the superior court when he was sentenced to the roads for two years for brutally attacking his wife in early January. Bond was required in the sum of \$1,000 which was arranged Tuesday morning. Other proceedings in the court: Charged with drunken driving, Hiram Waller Ford asked for a jury trial and his case was automatically placed on the superior court docket.

Pleading not guilty of drunken driving and speeding, Daniel Earl Simpson was found not guilty of drunken driving. Adjudged guilty of speeding, he was fined \$25, plus costs.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes and without a driver's license, David Best was fined \$35 and taxed with the costs.

Adjudged guilty of drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, Daniel Ryan was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$110 fine and costs.

Simon Jenkins, pleading not guilty, was adjudged guilty and was fined \$25, plus costs, for violating the liquor laws.

Charged with bastardy, Russell Brown pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a medical bill and \$5 a week for the support of his child.

Lula Lee, pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to serve six months in women's prison. The court suspended the prison term upon the payment of a \$25 fine, plus costs, and Hazel Spruill's doctor's bill. The defendant is to violate no criminal law during the next two years.

Booked for bastardy, Clavon Lyons pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months. Execution of the road sentence was suspended upon the payment of the court costs and \$5 a week for two years for the support of his child.

Willard Whitaker was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Pleading guilty of speeding, Albert Lawrence Tapp, Jr., was taxed with the court costs.

The case in which Phillip Worsley was charged with selling beer without a license, was not pressed.

Charged along with James Wesley Worsley in another case with violating the liquor laws, he pleaded not guilty. Both were found guilty and each was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road terms were suspended upon the payment of \$50 fines each and one-half the costs.

The defendants are to violate no liquor laws for two years and a picolo joint, called "Red Rooster" is to be closed for six months. The place of business, a gathering place for goodly numbers of people from two counties, is located near Foreman's fire tower on Highway 171 in Griffins Township.

James Moore, pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, Sam Brooks was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. He is to violate no liquor laws.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Realizing the need of Sunday school rooms for several months, members of the West End Baptist Church staked off the ground and made preliminary plans for the new addition to the church last week.

The pastor, the Rev. W. C. Medlin, said yesterday two rooms would be constructed on the West side of the church. Perlie Thomas, local contractor and builder, will supervise the construction of the two new Sunday school rooms.

Farm Ownership Borrowers Meet

The farm ownership borrowers of the Farmers Home Administration held their annual meeting in the courthouse here Tuesday. The day was spent with the annual check out, and educational materials shown. The morning was spent reviewing 1951 business as revealed by actual records kept by these farm families. This included inventories, gross cash income, net cash income, debt payment, and the systems of farming being carried out. Other items mentioned were record keeping, farm outlook, and shifts in farming.

The afternoon was spent entirely by the showing of three films as follows: "Wild Life Conservation", a film in North Carolina by the Wild Life and Game Commission; "Tobacco Insects and Their Control", and "Greener Pastures For North Carolina", the latter two are Extension Service pictures secured from the Visual Aids Department of State College.

Those attending the meeting other than Martin County FO farmers and county personnel were Mr. Marion C. Holland, State field representative, Goldsboro, and Mr. Garland H. Forbes and Mr. Lee D. Hardison, Martin County committeemen.

There were eighteen families present, and a delicious picnic lunch was served.

Churches To Have Laymen's Meeting

Laymen's Day will be observed Sunday at the First Methodist Church in Williamston at 11:00 a. m. and at Holly Springs at 9:45 o'clock. The guest speaker for this observance will be Mr. Clifton L. Moore of Burgaw, N. C.

Mr. Moore is prominent in lay activities of Methodism, active in Boy Scout work in the Wilmington area, and serves as District Solicitor of the Eighth Judicial District of North Carolina.

Contractor Died Tuesday Morning

George T. Norris, contractor who constructed a number of homes in Williamston, including many of those in West End, died in a Wilson hospital Tuesday morning after a two-year illness. He was 47 years old, a native of Virginia, and a resident of Edenton for 31 years.

Surviving besides his mother are five sisters, Mrs. Cecil Smith of Route 1, Pinetown, Mrs. Terry Engels of Bethesda, Md., Mrs. Jesse Harold of Oak City, Mrs. C. B. Respass, of Belhaven; and three brothers, Clarence Griffin of Washington, Leslie Griffin of U. S. Army stationed in Germany and Ernest Griffin of Washington, N. C.

Local Young Man Gets Promoted To Corporal

George C. Moore, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moore, S. of Williamston, was recently promoted to the rank of corporal. The young man completed a special training course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and rejoined his outfit, Battery C, 150th AAA Bn., at Fort Dix, N. J.

Chas. Brannan and Cooley Speak Out On Farm Program

Some Farm Bureau Leaders Declare Government Is Getting Too Big

Congressman Harold Cooley and Secretary of Agriculture Chas. Brannan ably defended the nation's program against attacks by some farm leaders and self-interest politicians when they appeared before the North Carolina Farm Bureau convention in Raleigh this week.

Charles B. Shuman, president of the Illinois Farm Bureau and apparently a Republican, asserted that the question now is big government against freedom, "whether we want more and more dependence upon a strong centralized government or whether we will preserve the traditional American system of emphasis upon individual initiative, individual opportunity, individual freedom."

Shuman, talking about soil conservation payments, said more is being paid to get people to do the things they ought to do than is being spent on research.

Brannan told the farmers that he was for sound price support program, a program which would permit the farmer sufficient return to continue producing abundantly and to take proper care of the land.

The nation's strategy is two-fold—to become and remain strong militarily, and to combat hunger, poverty, disease and illiteracy on a world front. "In the projection of the American agricultural system over the world there is hope," the secretary said, "hope that one day there can be established conditions in which peace is a reality."

Replying to Shuman and those politicians who would cut agriculture loose to fend for itself while industry continued to fatten at the government trough, Congressman Cooley said: "Yes, we have big government—for we are dealing with big problems, problems national and international in scope.

What group of counties or group of states could have dealt competently with the problem of soil conservation, a problem that knows no state lines? Or with REA? Or the rural telephone system? Or the system of Federal Land Banks?"

"No farmer has a more vital interest in the world than the farmer of this State and district—because we are dependent on exports. What would happen if exports were restricted on tobacco and cotton?"

"The farm program saved the farmer from ruin. It could not possibly have taken place except at the level of the Federal Government. It has operated so well and so successfully that no man who is well advised would advocate the repeal of a single vital program."

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Native Of County Dies In Hospital

Norman Griffin, native of this county, died in a Belhaven hospital yesterday after a brief illness.

He was born in Jamesville 39 years ago, the son of Mrs. E. N. Griffin and the late Mr. Griffin. He had made his home in Belhaven for the past 24 years, serving as fire chief for a number of years and more recently as chief of police there.

Surviving besides his mother are five sisters, Mrs. Cecil Smith of Route 1, Pinetown, Mrs. Terry Engels of Bethesda, Md., Mrs. Jesse Harold of Oak City, Mrs. C. B. Respass, of Belhaven; and three brothers, Clarence Griffin of Washington, Leslie Griffin of U. S. Army stationed in Germany and Ernest Griffin of Washington, N. C.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed early today.

HORACE COLTRAIN COMING HOME FROM KOREAN WAR

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coltrain received a cablegram from their son, Horace E. Coltrain, stating that he left Korea Monday and is on his way home. Horace has been in Korea for nine months.