

County Board In Regular Meeting Tuesday Morning

Tax Collector Makes Annual Settlement of County Tax Accounts

Meeting in a one-day delayed session, the Martin County Commissioners completed their work and adjourned before lunch. Their work was limited for the most part to the routine matters, but they went on record as endorsing N. C. Green, a Williamston man, for district highway commissioner. Green was quoted as saying he is not seeking the job. Jurors for the special term of the Martin County Superior Court was drawn and several road recommendations were made.

Tax Collector M. L. Peel settled his 1951 tax accounts with the commissioners, the settlement being based on a certified audit. At the beginning of the tax year, Peel was charged with \$372,812.89. The total amount of \$369,346.03 cash was collected and turned into the county treasury. It also shows that \$3,505.47 was allowed in discounts, based on early tax payments. Relief orders amounted to \$74.19. Land sales accounted for \$4,979.99. There was \$182.55 in partial payments and \$72.52 in collections pending. The insolvent taxes amounted to \$13,660.14. A large portion of the "insolvent" list is being cleared up from time to time, and the amount will be materially reduced during the fall months.

The collector reported that \$204,616.31 of the \$393,562.02 levy for 1952 had been collected. All but \$8,273.85 of the \$337,123.40 levy for 1950 had been paid, and there is a balance of \$5,032.01 due on the \$314,098.95 levy for 1949.

The board recommended that one-half mile of road in Bear Grass Township, running from the Lum Gurganus store on the Leggett Mill Road eastwardly to the Cowin farm, be added to the State highway system. It was pointed out that three families live on the route.

It was also recommended that the commission have large rocks removed from the Perry Road in Griffins and Bear Grass Township. Travelers over the road explained that the large rocks had ruined a number of automobile tires.

The board also recommended that nine-tenths of a mile of road running southwardly from the Worsley-Pittman Road to the C. L. Lynch farm in Goose Nest Township be worked as a community project. Two families live on the road and property owners have already spent goodly sums of money building the road.

All members of the board were present except Commissioner W. M. Harrison who continues ill at his home near here.

Board Unable To Find Registrants

The Martin County Draft Board announced this week that it is having difficulty in locating some of its registrants. To keep from listing them as delinquent, the board is asking relatives or friends to contact the subjects and have them get in touch with the draft board immediately.

All of the men who can't be located just now are colored, and three of them are scheduled to report for pre-induction examinations on October 22. Included in the group scheduled to report on the 22nd are: Burnett Webb of Robersonville who, at the time of registration, advised that Elbert Andrews, general delivery, Robersonville, would know his address; Columbus Sheppard, RFD 1, Hobgood, who said Moses Sheppard would know his address; and William Hyman, 30 West 136th Street, New York, N. Y., who listed Luvina Hyman of RFD 1, Robersonville, as the one who would likely know his address at all times.

Robert Lee Jones, RFD 1, Hamilton, was sent a notice, advising him to report for pre-induction on November 4. He listed his mother, Mary Jones, RFD 1, Oak City, as the one who would likely always know his address.

The notice sent the four registrants have been returned, marked "address unknown".

Town's Harvest Festival To Open Week After Next

When Williamston's Fifth Annual Harvest Festival gets underway during the week of October 20, visitors are assured of having top-flight entertainment, according to an announcement made today by the Williamston Boosters, Inc., sponsors of the event.

For the street dance being held on Washington Street for colored citizens on Monday evening, October 20, the Walter Plummer orchestra of Tarboro has been obtained. The Plummer group is one of the better know aggregations of this section and has the reputation of playing some of the best dance music ever heard in Eastern Carolina.

The street dance for white citizens, which will be held on Tuesday evening, October 21, will have two musical groups playing at either end of Washington Street. For those who prefer round dancing, the Herb Carter

Sextet from East Carolina College will provide the airs for the high-steppers. For those who prefer square dancing, Dick Carter and his Circle "C" Ranch Hands will provide the music and the caller will be Plum Hill. Both the Carter group and Mr. Hill are well known in this section; the musical group being heard over Radio Station WRRF twice daily, each day of the week, and Mr. Hill being rated as one of the best callers for square dancing in this section.

As was announced last week, the orchestra of Dean Hudson will play for the Harvest Ball on Wednesday evening, October 22, in the Planters Warehouse. According to all reports, Williamston is really getting ready for the Ball as it will be the first time a "name" orchestra has appeared here in some time, with the exception of the visit last fall of the Claude Thornhill orchestra.

Number Of Bears Killed In County In Recent Weeks

A. R. Roberson Bagged Cub This Week In Business Section of Jamesville (By Wendell Peele)

When A. R. "Red" Roberson shot and killed a 60 pound bear cub in front of his service station at the intersection of highways No. N. C. 171 and U. S. 64 in Jamesville this week, there was a joker in the hand that he dealt. Nevertheless, the fact that the junior bruin was killed in the very heart of Martin County's third largest town, population 600, speaks well of the section as a sportsman's favorite hunting ground.

The cub was shot by Roberson after it had been brought into Jamesville in the trunk of a car which had knocked it senseless on Monday night as it and two other cubs and their mother were crossing U. S. H'WY No. 64 near Dardens. It was thought by the driver of the car that the youngster had been killed by the car, but when a friend of Roberson reached into the trunk to pull the victim out, the cub sprang very much to life, and started to amble away.

Roberson responded to the cry for help with gunfire that stopped the baby bruin dead in its tracks. A hunting party was then organized, and it is understood that the other cubs and their mother were killed by noon of the following day. Unofficial reports state that the mother bear weighed approximately 175 pounds.

According to Principal Carlyle Cox of the Farm Life School, bear hunts in eastern Martin County have been very successfully waged this season. Cox stated that in ten hunts in Griffins Township, thus far, that nine of the beasts have been bagged, with four of the kills being credited to Eugene Roberson who probably is the ace bear hunter in this part of the State.

The local draft board has been unable to contact the men whose names appear above.

Wreck Victims Leave Hospital

Permits Issued

Considerable building activity on the local home front was launched last month, according to a report released by Building Inspector G. P. Hall. Nine permits were issued during the period for the construction of new homes, carrying a tentative value of approximately \$100,000. The inspector explained that although the permits were issued during September, construction work on some of the projects was started prior to that time.

Permits were issued, as follows: J. Elton Andrews, Woodland Drive; Curtis Mobley, Harris St.; B. D. Courtney, three on East Simmons Avenue; David E. Bullock, Edgewood Avenue; L. S. Bullock, West Main; Perlie Gardner, Edgewood Avenue; and Mrs. Geo. Harris, Sr., Beech Street.

Two permits for additions or repairs to homes were also issued during the month.

LAST PROJECT?

What is likely to be the last project financed in this county with road bond money will be considered at a letting in the State Highway and Public Works Commission office in Raleigh on Tuesday, October 21 along with fifteen other highway projects.

The project, subject to contract in this county, is the surfacing of 4.72 miles of the road leading off Highway 64 between Everetts and Robersonville near the railroad crossing, and running by Huskinnaw Swamp to 993 at Gold Point.

Certain Veterans Should Register

Even though they have already completed service enlistments in the armed forces, those young men who have not done so should register with the draft board. It was pointed out that they are not subject to call, but if they are in the registration age group they should register, get registration cards and have their names recorded.

The draft board clerk stated this week that the following men had completed enlistments, that their papers, showing honorable discharges had been received, but that no registration record is complete:

Benjamin F. Nelson, Robersonville, Charles E. Wells, Box 107, Williamston; Clarence Brown, RFD 1, Williamston; William Norman Ruffin, 127 Martin St., Williamston; James Norris Teel, 113 W. 4th St., Robersonville; and Jesse Don Brown, RFD, Oak City.

Provisions of the Selective Service Act of 1948 require that all male persons born after August 30, 1922, register with a local Selective Service Board within thirty days after separation from service, provided they have not previously registered under this law.

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QUICKLY GONE

The more than 20,000 acres of peanuts in Martin County this year were possibly harvested in the shortest length of time than any other crop in years. Started three weeks ago, the harvest reached a climax last week when possibly 85 or 90 percent of the crop was dug. It is estimated that 99 percent of the crop has been dug and stacked in this county.

Farmers, digging their best crop in several years, are said to have done a splendid job in stacking the goods this year, meaning that some good peanuts, weather being favorable from now on out, will be placed on the market possibly before the current month is spent. It is reasonable to expect that the lowly goober will make up for some of the financial loss resulting from a short tobacco crop in this county.

Jurors Drawn For Duty In Superior Court Next Month

Two-Week Special Term To Hear Civil Cases; No Judge Assigned

Sixty-six Martin County citizens were drawn by the Martin County Commissioners in their regular October meeting for jury duty in the superior court next month. Scheduled to open the special term on November 17, the court will hear only civil cases. No judge has been assigned to preside over the court, and the bar association has not yet prepared a calendar.

Names of the citizens drawn for jury duty include the following:

First Week
Jamesville Township: Bert Lee Roberson and L. D. Ange.
Williams Township: W. W. Lanier.

Griffins Township: J. Robert Harrison, J. R. Gurkin, Williamston Township: Robert L. Edwards, Jos. W. Griffin, Robert L. Welch, Clayton Crofton, Henry Manson, Henry Lee Winbush, A. H. Brown, Jesse D. Heath, V. J. Spivey, Willie D. Modlin, Johnnie Peel and Eli Marion Taylor.

Cross Roads Township: Alton Keel.

Robersonville Township: James Rogers, Walter E. Roberson, Earl M. Coburn, D. C. Keel, J. Henry Roberson and William A. Cherry.

Poplar Point Township: Tom Taylor and Norman Hollis.

Hamilton Township: Whit C. Purvis, E. C. Stevenson, Harry C. Jones, Willis Williams, Z. H. Beddard, Robert Neal and W. E. Everrett.

Goose Nest Township: Lester Tyson and B. Jasper Whitfield.

Second Week
Jamesville Township: Geo. B. Barber, Ernest O. Hayes, Albert D. Williams and P. M. Ange.
Williams Township: Joe A. Hardison.

Griffins Township: Elbert A. Heath.

Bear Grass Township: Rufus S. Gurganus.

Williamston Township: D. G. Modlin, C. D. Carstarphen, J. Herman Biggs, James E. Bulluck, W. H. Abernathy.

Cross Roads Township: Cleo Jackson, Chester Taylor and Toby Bowen.

Robersonville Township: Thurman Roberson, Claude Keel, Lazarus Rivers and N. C. Everrett.

Hamilton Township: R. H. Everett, Stanley A. Ayers and A. W. Boyd.

Goose Nest Township: J. A. Everett, Jr., Pete Brown, Matthew Cotton, Helen D. Smith, L. R. Hale, J. F. Flanagan, Jesse H. Council and Clarence Hardy.

Continues Quite Ill In A Local Hospital

Suffering a stroke about two weeks ago, Mr. John W. Green, well-known county farmer, continues seriously ill in a local hospital.

T. Price, former postmaster, also continues quite ill in a hospital here.

Officers Destroy 3 Liquor Plants

Raiding in two sections of the county early this week, Deputies Raymond Rawls and Roy Peel wrecked three illicit liquor plants. A submarine type still was destroyed in Griffins Township Monday morning, the officers pouring out six barrels of mash.

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Town Ruled Out And Rebuffed In Underpass Case

All Avenues for Future Action For Relief Now Shut Apparently

The Town of Williamston had the door slammed shut in its face this week when the North Carolina State Supreme Court virtually ruled out any hope for having the death trap at the highway underpass on West Main Street widened or improved. After ruling against the town and in favor of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission, the high court went on to rebuff the town for the methods employed in an effort to get relief.

Town officials had no comment to offer immediately, but there was bitter disappointment. When the court reportedly pointed out that a "softer approach" will have to be made "if the town wants the State Highway Commission to remodel the underpass," it overlooked or was not aware of the humble appeals made to both the highway commission, State officials and the railroad company.

Town representatives have literally crawled on their bellies, pleading and begging that something be done, but one pedestrian after another has been killed or injured and pedestrian traffic continues virtually blocked there. More than one district highway commissioner has personally inspected the death trap, and every- one lent a sympathetic ear, admitting it was a problem that needed immediate attention. But nothing was ever done about it. High State officials have inspected the trap. They, too, agreed something should be done about it. But nothing was or has been done. The highway commission attorney did fight the town openly in the courts, publicly belittling the town for trying to have something done about the death trap. Railroad company representatives have visited the place and are well acquainted with the existing dangers.

The railroad says it was the highway commission's problem. The highway commission without even saying a problem existed, rebuffed the town for seeking relief.

The News and Observer under a page-wide banner heading, reported the case as follows:

The Town of Williamston will have to use a softer approach if it wants the State Highway Commission to remodel its underpass. The State Supreme Court yesterday said suing is not the way. The troublesome underpass carries US 64 under the Atlantic Coast Line tracks. It was built 17 years ago and, in the town's opinion, is inadequate and unsafe.

In a suit heard in Martin Superior Court last March before Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, Williamston sought to spur the Highway Commission and the Coast Line into action with an injunction. The Coast Line begged off. Its lawyers explained the underpass was the Highway Commission's problem. The Highway Commission's attorney answered the town had no grounds for action against their agency. In support of the point, the State lawyers argued that the town had made no real effort to obtain relief before filing suit and that the question of what constitutes an unsafe highway underpass is an engineering matter outside the scope of the court.

Judge Frizzelle excused the Coast Line but over-ruled the Highway Commission's plea. From Judge Frizzelle, the case went up to the Supreme Court on appeal.

On the town's contention that the Judge erred in clearing the railroad, the Supreme Court ruled against the town and in favor of the judge.

On the Highway Commission's contention, the judge was over-ruled.

The Supreme Court noted that the town had not sued the Highway Commission directly but had named the chairman and the 10 division commissioners individually as defendants. That was one mistake, the court said, and the suit itself was another.

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Highest Sale Of The Year On Local Market Tuesday

Williamston's tobacco market recorded the highest sale of the season on Tuesday of this week when 137,332 pounds were sold for \$75,681, or an average of \$55.11 per hundred pounds. Yesterday, the market sold 168,364 pounds for \$91,352, the average falling just a few points under the one recorded the previous day.

The price increase, while due partly to better quality tobacco, was traceable to a stronger demand for tobacco, observers declared.

During the 34 sales days this year, the market here has sold 8,213,648 pounds for \$4,088,536, an average price of \$49.78 per hundred pounds.

The results of the dry-hot grow-

ing season are beginning to show up in an unmerciful way on the markets now. While the current marketing season has been very successful considering all the unfavorable factors experienced during the growing season, sales are trailing those of a year ago by 1,188,240 pounds, and the farmers have taken to date a beating of almost one million dollars. It is quite likely that the total 1952 sales will fall two million or more pounds below the 1951 total, meaning that the 1952 income will fall about one and one-half million dollars below the cash receipts of last season. However, the income this year is expected to approach the \$5,562,637 income figure recorded by the local market in 1950.

Registration Books Open On October 11

ARMY CALLS

The armed forces are stepping up the size of their calls and doubling the number for pre-induction examinations for November.

On Friday of next week, fifteen men are to report for final induction. Thirty-seven men are to report for pre-induction on October 22.

Twenty men are being called for final induction on November 21. The two pre-induction calls are for thirty-seven men each, the first to be answered November 4 and the second on November 13.

George Thos. Cain Dies In Hospital

George Thomas Cain, retired farmer-timberman, died in a local hospital yesterday morning at 2:30 o'clock. His condition had been critical following a stroke of paralysis suffered at the home of his nephew, Luther Strickland, here about two weeks ago.

The son of the late Joseph and Delia Davenport Cain, he was born near Palmyra in Halifax County 69 years ago on January 20, 1883, and came to this section about twenty years ago. After working for the Critcher Lumber Co. many years, he operated Ray's Camp for six or seven years before making his home in Robersonville for about two years.

He had lived with his nephew here for the past several years, having retired from work. Mrs. Cain died about twelve years ago. Surviving are a son, Thomas Cain, of California, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Biggs Funeral Chapel here this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. J. Don Skinner, Presbyterian minister. Interment will follow in the Cain Cemetery near Palmyra.

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Cafe And Market Ratings Listed By County Sanitarian

Forty-Nine Meat Markets And Twenty-Seven Cafes In The County

Following a recent inspection, County Sanitarian W. B. Gaylord, Jr., listed ratings of the 59 meat markets and 27 cafes in the county. Twenty-three of the markets rated A grade, 90 or above. Thirty-one averaged B, 81 to 89, and four fell into the C class. One more than half the cafes maintained an A rating, and the remainder averaged B. There were no "C" ratings listed for cafes.

The list of markets and cafes has been materially increased in recent months. The sanitarian explained that the operators of several markets and cafes were meeting certain requirements to boost their ratings.

Market Ratings

H. D. Roberson, Robersonville, 94.5; Ward, Williamston, 94.5; Colonial, Williamston, 93.5; Hardison, Jamesville, 93.5; Williams, Robersonville, 93.5; Moore, Williamston, 92.5; B & B, Hamilton, 92.5; McClees, Williamston, 92.5; Ange, Williamston, 91.5; Bunting, C., Robersonville, 91.5; Donaldson, Williamston, 91.5; Sunny Side, Williamston, 91.5; Sullivan, Williamston, 91.5; Hardy, Williamston, 90.5; Jones Community, Williamston, 90.5; Mizelle, Williamston, 90.5; Mizelle, Williamston, 90.5; Moore Grocery, Williamston, 90.5; Nicholson, Williamston, 90.5; Peele, Williamston, 90.5; Robertson, Williamston, 90.5; Harney, Robersonville, 90.0; J. M. Ward, Williamston, 90.0; West End, Route 3, Williamston, 90.0.

H. S. Hardy, Everetts, 89.0; Edwards, Route 3, Williamston, 89.0; Brown Bros., Jamesville, 88.0; E. Bunting, Oak City, 88.0; Mobley, Everetts, 88.0; Gold Point, Robersonville, Route 1, 88.0; Rodgers, Williamston, 87.5; Bond, Williamston, 87.0; Ayers, Oak City, 87.0; E. T. Andrews, Robersonville, 86.5; Worth Mobley, Route 2, Williamston, 86.5; Red Front, Williamston, 86.5; J. Bunting, Oak City, 86.5; Bryan, Robersonville, 86.0; Johnson, Hamilton, 86.0; Slade-Rhodes, Hamilton, 86.0; New Town, Robersonville, 85.5; Friendly, Jamesville, 85.0; Peele & Peele, Hamilton, 85.0; Leggett, Williamston, 84.5; Lilly, Route 2, Williamston, 84.5; Edmondson & Cherry, Hamilton, 84.0; Terry Bros., Route 2, Williamston, 84.0; Brown, Williamston, 83.5; Cargile, Parmele, 83.5; Smith, Williamston, 83.5; Edmondson, Hassell, 83.0; Forbes, Route 1, Robersonville, 83.0; Hamilton, Hamilton, 81.5; Elmwood, Williamston, 81.0.

Harrell, Hamilton, 72.0; Sunny Brook, Route 3, Williamston, 71.5; Daniel, Oak City, 71.0; Williams, P. W., Williamston, 70.0.

CAFES
G. & C., Williamston, 95.0; The Rendezvous, Williamston, 94.5; Liley's, Route 2, Williamston, 94.0; Wier, Williamston, 93.5; East Side, Route 2, Williamston, 93.5; Central, Williamston, 93.0; Conway, Route 2, Williamston, 93.0; Griffin, Williamston, 91.5; Cherry, Robersonville, 91.0; Wilson Hotel, Robersonville, 90.5; City Pool Williamston, 90.0; George Reynolds Hotel, Williamston, 90.0; Leggett's, Williamston, 90.0; The Southerner, Route 2, Williamston, 90.0.

Lloyd, Robersonville, 87.5; Knox, Hamilton, 86.5; Edgewood, Route 3, Williamston, 86.0; Keel, Williamston, 86.0.

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White Cane Sale Planned Saturday

Sponsoring a program designed to aid the needy blind, the Williamston Lions Club along with other clubs throughout the State, will conduct its annual White Cane sale on Saturday of this week. It was announced today.

Contributions qualify one for membership in the North Carolina State Association for the Blind, and make possible the continuation of an effective work among the blind, it was pointed out.

A goodly portion of the money raised will be retained in this county for use among the blind.

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