

## Growers Association Farmers Support Nut

### Sidney Mallory To Represent County At Meeting Today

#### Final Action Being Taken At Mass Session In Scotland Neck

Martin County farmers, representing just about every township, in a meeting called by the Farm Bureau here last evening unanimously endorsed a movement, calling for an organization of North Carolina peanut growers.

Sidney Mallory, Goose Nest Township farmer, was elected a director for this county, and he is attending a meeting of directors from at least thirteen other peanut producing counties in Scotland Neck today. The directors' meeting is charged with the duty of preparing resolutions and concrete proposals to a mass meeting of peanut farmers this afternoon in the Halifax County town.

Following a timely sermon on Farm Bureau and after stressing the need for building a strong wall around agriculture, Farm Bureau President Chas. L. Daniel briefly explained the tentative plans for perfecting an organization of peanut growers.

It is proposed to form an association similar to Tobacco Associates, an organization devoted mainly to finding and creating new outlets for the farm commodity. "We are to perfect the organization, the majority willing, and then go to the North Carolina State Legislature and ask for an enabling act whereby it will be possible to tax ourselves so much, possibly one or two cents a bag or ten cents an acre and from the income get peanuts moving into the mouths of hungry consumers," President Daniel explained.

Mr. Daniel pointed out the importance of something, warning that unless something is done the peanut program is going the way of the Irish potato program. "We are selling \$50 million worth of peanuts, and 30,000 people in this State are dependent upon the crop, not to mention the others who are employed in the processing plants," Mr. Daniel said.

The danger the program faces is seen in the million bags now held in storage from the 1951 crop. "There are those who are working to destroy the program. They have spent an estimated two million dollars in an effort to wreck the program, and they are now opposed to the sale of the

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## Rotarians Weak On Their History

Put to the test at a regular meeting of their club Tuesday noon, Williamston Rotarians made a low score on an impromptu history quiz.

The test was centered around the Louisiana Purchase, and the "students" did very well on the time element. As for size, one "student" guesses that the purchase embraces about nine million square miles, missing the answer by a mere eight million and one hundred thousand square miles. The right answer—\$15 million—was given when the quiz master asked the amount of the purchase price.

Program Chairman R. H. Cowen went on to offer a few of the historical high spots leading up to the purchase and how it was bitterly opposed by members of Congress.

### Local Merchants Perfect Credit Reporting Bureau

Meeting in the Western Auto Store here last evening, sixteen Williamston merchants perfected a credit reporting bureau, and will work as a unit in a four-county system, including Washington, Martin, Bertie and Hertford counties.

Ben D. Courtney was named secretary of the bureau here, it was announced.

### HEARING

Representing the fishermen, several people are meeting today with federal officials in the interest of rock fishing in the Roanoke. It is possible that the Buggs Island dam will release water spasmodically and threaten rock fishing in the stream around Weldon. The fishing interests want a fairly steady flow of water maintained during the fishing season, it was explained. It is believed a solution can and will be found to the problem.

## County 4-H Clubs Plan Observance Of National Week

### Working Together For World Understanding To Be Theme

Four-H Club members of Martin County will join with more than two million boys and girls throughout the nation in observing National Four-H Club Week, March 7-15, according to Larry Hodges and Miss Ruby Lee Spencer, county club leaders.

Theme of the observance this year is "Working Together for World Understanding" and Martin County Four-H'ers will carry this theme out through open house meetings, exhibits and displays, school programs, and programs at service clubs and churches. L. R. Harrill, State Four-H Club leader for the State College Extension Service points out that the Four-H Club is known nationally and internationally as one of the great youth organizations in the world today. "It has as its chief objective the training of farm youth in the art of living, providing for their training in economic, social, physical, moral and spiritual growth and development."

"It is truly a democratic organization in that it is a voluntary organization and each member joins because of his or her particular interest in some special phase of agriculture or home-making. The club has the privilege of selecting its own local leader who gives his time and services because of interest in rural people in the community."

Mr. Harrill points out that in 1951, the latest year for which comparative figures are available, North Carolina led the nation with more than 134,000 members enrolled in Four-H. Four-H is a part of the Agricultural Extension program of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and is supervised in the various states by the Extension Service of the Land-Grant Colleges which in North Carolina is State College at Raleigh.

## Plan For Holy Week Services

Under the leadership of President Thomas L. Hastings, the Williamston Ministerial Association at the monthly meeting on Monday made plans for the observance of Holy Week in the city. Pastor E. Gordon Conklin of the Memorial Baptist Church and Pastor R. E. Walston of First Methodist Church were designated to work out the details of the observance. The morning week day services will be held this year in First Methodist Church from ten to ten-thirty. The speaking schedule for these services follows: Monday, E. Gordon Conklin of Memorial Baptist Church; Tuesday, John L. Goff of Williamston Christian Church; Wednesday, Thomas L. Hastings of the Church of the Advent; Thursday, W. C. Medlin of West End Baptist Church; Friday, J. Don Skinner of First Presbyterian Church.

The community observance of Holy Week will culminate with the Easter Sunrise Service in the cemetery on Sunday morning. The Reverend J. W. Berry of Williamston Pentecostal Holiness Church will be the speaker at this closing service.

## Thirty-Four Men Went To Raleigh For Examination

### High School Students Must Apply For Reclassification To Finish Term

Thirty-four Martin County young men went to Raleigh yesterday for pre-induction examinations. Several others were called, but one, Oscar Farmer of RFD 3, Williamston, failed to report, and three or four others were reclassified at the last minute to allow them to finish the current school term. Eugene Rice, chairman of the draft board, stated yesterday that those young men of draft age who are in high school and wish to complete the current term, should, if they have not already done so, apply in writing to the board for reclassification. The application, Mr. Rice explained, must be accompanied by a letter from the school principal, proving the attendance upon classes by the applicant.

Simon Everett Parker, Jr., of Robersonville, was transferred to the board in Hillsboro. The board clerk, Mrs. Olivia L. Handy, stated that draft officials wanted to get in touch with Jesse Tommie Moore, whose last address was 602 Warren Street, Williamston.

Names of the thirty-four men—fifteen white and nineteen colored—who reported for the preliminary examinations yesterday include the following:

**White**  
Joseph Malick Manning of RFD 1, Williamston  
Bernice Cratt, RFD 2, Williamston  
David Dearl Gurganus, RFD 3, Williamston  
Joseph Watson McKeel, RFD 3, Williamston  
James Durham Hardison, RFD 1, Jamesville  
Jimmy Darrell Simpson, RFD 3, Williamston  
James Darrell Tyre, RFD 1, Williamston  
Ira Rogerson, Jr., RFD 2, Williamston  
Robert Edward Whitehurst, RFD 1, Robersonville  
Russell Mizelle, RFD 3, Williamston  
Abron Joseph Lassiter, RFD 1, Jamesville  
Russell Howard Bembridge, RFD 1, Williamston  
Billie Baxter Harrison, RFD 22, Williamston  
Thade Eugene Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston  
Henry Wallace Williams, RFD 2, Robersonville

**Colored**  
Joseph Cotton and L. T. Tyson, both of Oak City  
Herman Alexander Whitaker, RFD 1, Jamesville  
Roland McKinley Latham, Williamston  
Samuel Lee Spell, RFD 2, Williamston  
Eddie Lee Wilson, Robersonville  
William Henry Council, RFD 1, Bethel  
Thomas Alexander Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston  
S. T. Sherrod, Jr., RFD 2, Williamston  
Preston Williams, RFD 1, Oak City  
Willie Wooten, RFD 1, Jamesville

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## Band Working On Its Spring Concert

The Green Wave Band of Williamston High School has begun extra rehearsals for its annual Spring concert to be presented in the high school auditorium at 8:15 p. m. on Thursday, March 26.

As has been the custom, a program of music to suit all tastes is to be offered including overtures, selections, popular music, novelties, and so forth. Further details will be released later in the month. However, it is planned to feature a clarinet soloist and a cornet trio.

## Firemen Called To Home Here On Marshall Avenue

Volunteer firemen were called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Godard on Marshall Avenue at 6:05 o'clock last evening when an oil heater went out of control. Little or no damage was caused by the fire, it was reported.

## Chest X-Ray Response In County Very Encouraging

Following up a county-wide survey made last year, two mobile X-ray units are getting an encouraging response in their call for chest pictures, according to a report released today by a representative of the Martin County Health Department. None of the findings has been released, but if past performances are maintained several persons will be helped back to health and possibly several lives saved.

Sponsored by the Martin County Tuberculosis Association in cooperation with the State and County Boards of Health, the mobile X-ray units are to be in the county just two more days, the operations to be stopped promptly at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Despite unfavorable weather conditions prevailing Tuesday afternoon when the units were first opened and yesterday during a six-hour session, the units here and in Robersonville took 1,294 chest X-rays. The Williamston unit, located on the main street in front of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company building, handled 220 pictures Tuesday afternoon and 460 yesterday, for a total of 680. The unit at Robersonville located at the Public Oil Company station handled 212 X-rays Tuesday and 402 yesterday, making a total there of 614.

The pictures are made without cost to the individual, and the public is invited to take advantage of the service. There'll be no county-wide survey this year, it was explained.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

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

Motorists just did miss chalking up another perfect safety record on the highways and streets in this county last week. Two weeks ago there was a perfect record. Last week only one minor highway accident was reported.

8th Week			
Accidents In'd	Killed	Dam'ge	
1953	1	0	\$ 400
1952	5	0	450

  

Comparisons To Date			
1953	40	11	\$10,010
1952	50	18	14,830

## Jamesville Plans Municipal Votes

In a meeting this week, Jamesville board of commissioners made plans for holding the municipal elections there this spring. During the meantime, a special law, directing the county election board officials to arrange for the primary and election, is being withdrawn, because of unofficial reports reaching here. J. A. Ellis was named registrar, J. E. Hedrick, and Emily E. Smithwick, judges of election.

A new registration has been ordered, and the books will be opened on Saturday, March 21 in the town hall, and remain open through Saturday, April 4. The registrar will have the books open on Saturday, April 11, for challenge.

The primary is to be held on Monday, April 13, and the general election will follow on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of May 5.

Candidates for commissioner and mayor must file on or before 6:00 o'clock p. m. on April 3, it was announced. The filing fee is \$5.

The commissioners are holding a second open house in the Jamesville school auditorium next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will be open for discussion of any topics relating to the election and town affairs, it was learned. The public is invited and urged to participate in the discussion. A constructive open forum was said to have been held in the auditorium the middle of last week.

## Enforcement Unit Busy In February

Chief ABC Officer Joe H. Roebuck reported a busy period last month for his department. In his monthly report the officer stated that eighteen distilleries were wrecked. Two of the plants were equipped with copper kettles, but most of them were operated with crude equipment. Included in the plants was a huge outfit, the report showing that 5,200 gallons of mash were poured out at one time. The officers confiscated 165 gallons of white liquor and poured out a total of 8,850 gallons of mash during the month.

## Call Twenty-four Cases In County's Court On Monday

### Speeders Voluntarily Surrender Driver's Licenses In Judge Peele's Court

Handling twenty-four cases in a three-hour session of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, Judge H. O. Peele impressed several defendants and quite a few spectators with the seriousness of speeding and careless driving on the highways. Jail terms were imposed in several cases, the court suspending the terms upon the condition the defendants surrender their operators' licenses for as long as three months in one instance.

Fines were imposed in the amount of \$580. One defendant, convicted in the court and sentenced at a previous session to the roads for violating the liquor laws, withdrew his appeal to the higher court at the session Monday.

Proceedings: Pleading innocent, Dempsey Roberson was adjudged guilty of disposing of mortgaged property, and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs. He appealed to the superior court and \$100 bond was required.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Arthur Augustus Edmondson was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs. He loses his operator's license for a year.

Facing the court on two liquor law violation counts, Gus Rollins pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for three months, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court at anytime during the next two years. He was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs in both cases.

Pleading not guilty, James Oscar Narron was adjudged guilty and was fined \$100 plus costs. He loses his license for a year. Notice of appeal was given and \$150 bond was required.

Frank Williams and Clarence Edwards, charged with careless and reckless driving, pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty each was fined \$25 and taxed with the court costs.

Adjudged guilty of drunken driving, Julius Smith was fined \$100, plus costs. He loses his operator's license for a year.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Raymond Dixon was fined \$100, plus costs, and fined \$100, and is to surrender his driver's license for twelve months.

Pleading guilty of non-support, Elmo Rogers drew six months on the roads, suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$15 a month for the support of his two children. A performance bond in the sum of \$100 was required.

Duncan Ward, Jr., was taxed with the costs when he pleaded guilty of public drunkenness.

William Russell Mobley and Frederick Woolard Harrison entered pleas of guilty when charged with speeding seventy miles an hour. Each defendant was sentenced to jail for ten days and fined \$10, plus costs. The jail terms were suspended upon the condition that each defendant

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## AMVETS Move To Jamesville

Drawing just about all of its strength and support from the Jamesville area, the Martin County Post of Amvets (American Veterans of World War II) is moving its headquarters to Jamesville, it was announced by Commander Luther Hugh Hardison yesterday.

At a meeting held in the county courthouse Tuesday evening, everyone of the Amvets was from Jamesville except one, the attendance having held to about that ratio since the first meeting of the organization. The members decided to take the post to the members.

All Amvets are urged to maintain their memberships and attend the meetings which will be held in the future at the Hardison Farm Supply store in Jamesville. The next meeting is scheduled for next Monday night at 8:00 o'clock, it was announced.

### DEPUTY IMPROVING

Taken suddenly ill while attending court Monday morning, Deputy Sheriff Dennis Roberson of Robersonville was reported much improved following treatment in a hospital here. It could not be learned when the newly appointed deputy would be able to return to his home.

## Will Expand Dairy Operations In Area

### WAR ON NEMATODES

According to reports coming from nearly every township, Martin County farmers, especially those planting tobacco, are making ready to war on the nematode, the latest obstacle to present itself in opposition to normal tobacco culture.

It is conservatively estimated that fifty per cent of the growers will fumigate their soils. The estimate runs even higher in some districts. Most of the growers plan to use the row fumigation method in combatting the pest.

## County Citizens Donate \$5421.59 To Battle Polio

### Drive Chairmen Express Their Pride In Sum Collected Here

Martin County citizens gave \$5421.59 to help fight polio in the March of Dimes campaign that ended February 1, according to a final report compiled by L. Bruce Wynne and W. Marvin Baker, co-chairmen of the drive, and Richard M. Edwards, chairman of the colored division.

Although the total fell \$562.41 short of the county quota of \$5984.00, the chairmen expressed their pride in what the county donated. Pointing out that this area is feeling the effects of a poor crop year, Mr. Baker said the sum collected this year compared very favorably with \$3,852.00 raised in 1952 and with \$4,800.00 in 1951.

"Much of the credit for the success of the campaign goes to the chairmen who worked hard in their divisions," Mr. Baker declared, and added he wished to express his personal appreciation to those who served on the committees in various townships.

"Without their help Martin County would have fallen far short of its obligation," he asserted.

The largest contribution from a division of the drive came from the Williamston Elementary School where \$900.00 was collected. Miss Ruth Manning was chairman of the committee.

The townships, their committees and the amount collected are listed below.

Williamston, L. Bruce Wynne, Robert Newell, Vernon Bunting, John H. Gurganus, B. G. Stewart, and Ruth Manning, \$1920.79; Robersonville, I. M. Little, M. M. Everett, C. B. Martin, \$660.87; Oak City, B. F. Sloan, N. L. Hyman, \$150.25; Hamilton, George S. Haislip, Norman Everett, \$134.12; Jamesville, G. H. Baker, Jr., P. C. Blount, \$208.40; Bear Grass, H. V. Parker, Jr., Pete Mendenhall, \$234.51; Everett, E. F. Murrow, Johnnie Mobley, \$131.25; Farm Life, C. L. Cox, Mrs. Bruce Peel, R. D. Perry, \$117.36.

Direct mail contributions totaled \$653.23 and coin collectors took in \$63.83. The visit of Jerry Ball, marathon pianist, also added \$160.90 to the total.

A final tabulation of the colored division showed that \$986.03

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## County Asked To Invest In Bonds

Martin County has been assigned a U. S. Defense Bond quota of \$403,200 for the year 1953, it was announced today by H. A. Bowen, County Defense Bonds Chairman. The overall county quota consists of \$267,600 in Series E bonds; \$71,400 in Series H bonds; and \$64,200 in Series J & K bonds combined.

The overall county quota is a proportionate part of North Carolina's quota of \$67,200,000.00, and a national quota of \$5,650,000,000. The quotas which the U. S. Treasury has assigned the Defense Bonds Division for 1953 represent a 40% increase over 1952 sales for the nation, and a 57% increase over 1952 sales for North Carolina.

## New Bern Firm Buys The Taylor Dairy Plant Here

### Will Maintain and Enlarge Plant To Meet Needs Of This Section

Purchasing the plant and good will of Taylor's Dairy here this week, the Maola Milk and Ice Cream Company is rapidly advancing plans for expanded business operations throughout this area, according to information released yesterday.

Explaining that the plant on South Haughton Street will be maintained and enlarged and that the personnel is being increased, Mr. Donald L. Paul, general manager for the New Bern company, is currently directing operations in this area, and declared that he was impressed with the prospects for a growing dairy industry in this part of North Carolina.

"We come to Williamston and northeastern North Carolina to cast our lot with the people and work with them for a better and finer community," Manager Paul said, adding that he was greatly impressed by the friendliness of him and the cordial welcome given him and his company by the people here since taking over the plant early this week. He readily pledged his cooperation in working for the general advancement of this section, and declared that his company takes much pride in handling the finest dairy products to be had anywhere.

"We are vitally interested in developing a top-notch market for milk producers in this part of the State and will make available field men to all farmers interested in milk production," Mr. Paul said. "Definitely, we are now a part of Williamston and this section," Mr. Paul declared, explaining that the local plant will be maintained as an individual unit.

The dairy bar will be maintained and it services greatly expanded by the new management, it was learned, and deliveries to wholesale and retail outlets will be made in mechanically refrigerated trucks. The company never spared expense in producing and distributing the finest quality dairy products.

The dairy bar on South Haughton Street includes in its line of milk products the following items: homogenized vitamin D and pasteurized vitamin D milk, chocolate milk, whole lactic milk, butter milk, golden flake milk, cereal and coffee cream, whipping cream, sour cream (salad style), cottage cheese and butter. The company also offers a complete line of ice cream in numerous flavors and in all sizes of packages. It has an extensive line of ice cream novelties and

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## Company Making Personnel Change

Several personnel changes, centered around general promotions, were announced this week by the Virginia Electric and Power Company.

James F. Wellons, rural representative for the company in the local district, moved to Elizabeth City this week. James H. McBrayer has succeeded him. Mr. McBrayer moved his wife and son from Richmond last week-end and are now at home in West End.

R. P. Monteith, superintendent of the Albemarle District with headquarters here for the past several years, is leaving April 1 to go to Richmond where he will be in the company's system planning department. He will be succeeded by Allen S. Hadfield, former district engineer of the Roanoke District.

Brynum S. Smith, assistant engineer here, is being transferred to Richmond where he will be in the company's system relay department. The change is to become effective the first of next month.