

THE ENTERPRISE

Small Vote Cast In Most Election Contests Tuesday

Large Write-In Vote Reported In Jamesville; Fifty-nine Vote Here

With two exceptions — Jamesville and Hassell—the municipal elections in the several Martin County towns attracted comparatively little attention on Tuesday of this week. Small votes were recorded in most of the towns, but Jamesville citizens got busy and polled a larger vote than the one cast in the April 13 primary. Unofficially, the vote in Jamesville almost equalled the combined count reported in all the other town elections.

Fifty-nine votes were cast in Williamston, and most of them were solicited in the interest of good government. There were only two write-in votes recorded and one of them was ruled out when the would-be voter listed six names for commissioner. Without opposition in the primary, the incumbents went on to poll about the same number of votes each in the election Tuesday. Robert H. Cowen, polling 52 votes, was re-elected mayor for another two-year term. The vote for commissioners was, K. D. Worrell, 57; N. C. Green, 55; W. O. Griffin and H. L. Barnhill, 54 each, and David Moore, 53. Marvin Baker, W. H. Everett and Frank Weston each polled one vote for commissioner.

A fairly definite plan to upset the primary selections was apparent down Jamesville way early Tuesday morning when one group suggested a block ticket and another appealed for strong support. People were awakened early that morning by the appeals going out over loud speakers. When the day was spent 180 votes had been cast, two more than was recorded in the April 13 primary. The general threat made quite an impression with 59 votes, but Elsworth Holliday, receiving support on all sides, led the ticket with 156 votes for commissioner. Leslie Hardison, polling 110 votes, was re-elected Mayor. Tilmon Coltrain received 28 votes for mayor, and John Williams came through with a lone vote for the office.

Besides the Holliday vote, the following were elected to the board of commissioners, C. C. Fleming, 113; Ernie Gardner, 110; Luther Hugh Hardison, 108, and Oscar Davenport, 105. James E. Smithwick led the write-in vote for commissioner with a 59 count. Other write-in votes for commissioners were, Wendell Hamilton, 14; Herbert Sexton, 13; Royal Gurganus, 5, and J. C. Kirkman and Howard Gaylord, one each.

In Robersonville only 39 votes were cast, H. S. Everett polling 39 votes for mayor. The vote for commissioners there was, Vance L. Roberson, Charles Wilson and Dr. Walter E. Ward, 39 votes each; Charles R. Gray, 38, and Gilbert Smith, 36.

Hamilton, combining its primary and general election in one, reported 50 votes cast in the election there Tuesday. J. O. Stokes, polling 29 votes, unseated R. A. Edmondson who polled 20 votes for mayor. The vote for the six candidates for town commissioner was, W. F. Thomas, 43; Frank Everett, 41; George Haislip, 39; D. G. Matthews, Sr., 37; Hilton Everett, 36; and L. D. Roebuck, 29, the five highest going in for a two-year term. Frank Everett and Hilton Everett go in as new members of the board, succeeding

Mill Worker Dies In Hospital Here

Edward Cole, 60, a Washington County mill worker who had been in the employ of the G. & H. Supply Company here for about a week, died at 10:30 last night in a local hospital a few minutes after being carried there by friends, apparently suffering from a heart ailment.

Living with Carl Clifton in an apartment in the Stinnette home on West Main Street, Cole complained of severe chest pains and was rushed to the hospital. The body was carried to Plymouth but funeral arrangements had not been completed at noon today.

Patrons To Discuss Fate Of Farm Life High School

Meeting in the Farm Life School auditorium on Friday evening of this week at 8:00 o'clock, patrons of the school will discuss the new school consolidation law and explore the possibilities of re-opening the high school unit there, it was announced yesterday by Principal Carlyle Cox. Following the discussions and a review of the provisions of the recently enacted law, the patrons will, by secret ballot, express their wishes. A cordial invitation is being extended all the people of the district to attend the meeting and participate in the discussions.

The Farm Life High School was consolidated with the one here last fall. The absence of friction on the part of everyone has attracted attention from State school officials. Local school officials and the townspeople, while welcoming the newcomers and expressing the desire to have them continue here, have not and will not in any way block any action the Farm Life patrons may

SONG AND DANCE

While there will be more singing than dancing in the Spring Music Festival to be presented at the high school tomorrow evening by the Music Department of Williamston High School, the little folks have a nice routine of various dance patterns to show their friends and patrons.

The mixed chorus of the high school will be featured under the direction of Miss Mary Wallace Foy, public School Music instructor. The public is invited. Curtain time is 8:00 p. m.

Round-Up Of Dogs In Martin County

With the vaccination schedule spent, the sheriff's department next Monday will start the annual round-up of all dogs that have not been vaccinated. Under the direction of the sheriff's department, a house-to-house check is to be made by "Clab" Roberson and his assistant, Clyde Silverthorne. The round-up will be launched in the town of Williamston, and later centered in Goose Nest for a thorough sweep across the county into Jamesville Township.

Last year, 600 dogs were rounded up and killed. Owners who have not had their dogs vaccinated may do so now. If they do not choose to do so the animal will be killed and the owners subjected to court action.

Persons who know of dogs that have not been vaccinated are asked to advise the sheriff's department. Since the annual inspection service was inaugurated there has not been the first report of rabies in this county. In other years from one to a dozen people found it advisable to take the painful Pasteur treatment.

Income From Fees Add Up In County

While establishing no new record, income from fees continues to hold to a fairly large figure in this county. The income from recordings in the register of deeds office reflect considerable activity there.

Combined fees from the offices of the sheriff, register of deeds and clerk of court amounted to \$2,746.38 during April.

Although it was idle during two weeks last month, the recorder's court reported an income of \$1,664.55, including \$850 collected in fines and \$814.55 in costs. The superior court accounted for \$61.05 in income, and \$261.98 was reported in miscellaneous fees by the clerk.

Included in the \$560.30 reported by the register of deeds were \$80 for marriage licenses, \$30.75 for birth and death certificates and miscellaneous items, and \$449.55 for recordings.

The sheriff's office reported \$198.50, mostly for serving warrants and other papers.

Call Twenty-nine Men For Physical Tests In Raleigh

Twenty-nine Martin County young men, including ten white, were called to report for pre-induction examinations in Raleigh today. The group left this morning by charter bus and the boys are expected to return home late today.

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Mrs. Lottie Griffin Dies In Hospital Wednesday Night

Funeral To Be Held Friday Afternoon At 2:30 From The Late Home

Mrs. Lottie Ange Griffin, 74, of Griffins Township, died in a Washington hospital at 11:55 p. m. Wednesday following four days of serious illness and about 25 years of ill health. Pneumonia was listed as the probable cause of death.

Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Griffin had continued to live at the home with a son, Montford Griffin until his death in a tractor accident some time ago. Since then she had visited a son in Greensboro and a daughter at Oak City and returned occasionally to her home where a grandson, C. D. Griffin, now lives.

Born in Griffins Township on March 14, 1879, she was the daughter of the late Nelson and Mary Bland Griffin. About the turn of the century she was married to John H. Griffin who preceded her in death by about fifteen years.

Mrs. Griffin was a member and regular attendant at Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Belmer (Bessie) Hardison, Oak City; one son, Earl W. Griffin, Greensboro; two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Padgett of Jamesville, and Mrs. R. C. Modlin of Beaufort; four brothers, George, Romulus and Johnnie Ange of Jamesville, and Johnnie Ange of Durham; 14 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted from the late home Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister. Interment will be in Griffin cemetery near the home.

Minor Accident On Local Street

No one was injured and property damage was limited in a minor accident on Marshall Avenue here about 6:00 o'clock Tuesday evening.

His attention diverted to the foot of his Plymouth car, J. W. Snead, Jr., ran into the car of Jas. Ward, parked at the curb near the Weston home on the avenue. Damage to the Ward car was estimated at \$25 and that to the Plymouth at about \$40, according to a report released by the investigating officer, Chas. R. Moore.

Special Minister To Preach In Oak City

Without a regular pastor since the Rev. Olin G. Fox resigned the latter part of March to return to Georgia, the Oak City Christian Church will hear Dr. Lawrence C. Smith, registrar at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, during the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday morning, it was announced this week by Mr. H. M. Ainsley, clerk. The public is invited.

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Slight Increase In Past-Due Tax

For the second year in a row a slight increase in the number of delinquent taxpayers and in the amount of past-due taxes is shown in the 1952 delinquent list appearing in public print today for the first time.

There are an even 400 delinquent accounts, amounting to \$10,480.47, almost a twenty-five per cent increase from the 1951 total as far as the amount is concerned although the number of delinquents did not increase proportionately. The number of white accounts was changed but little, there being 101 for 1952 against 100 for 1951 but the colored list moved from 272 for 1951 to 299 for 1952.

The 299 colored accounts totaled \$5,010.61 while the 101 white accounts amount to \$5,469.86. The total of \$10,480.47 represents unpaid taxes on real estate and does not include taxes past due on personal property which is not subject to confiscation.

A review of the delinquent list and amount of taxes due, by townships, follows for both white and colored:

Table with columns: No., Amount, White, Colored. Lists towns like Jamesville, Williams, Griffin, Bear Grass, Williamston, Cross Roads, Robersonville, Poplar Point, Hamilton, Goose Nest with corresponding numbers and amounts.

Highway Building Awaits Naming Of Commissioners

Funds For West Main Railroad Bridge To Be Allocated Over Again

Although the highway commission to be appointed by Governor W. B. Umstead is reasonably certain to honor the commitments made by the old highway body, plans are being delayed for highway construction projects in this immediate area, according to unofficial information reaching here.

The construction of a new overhead bridge on Williamston's West Main Street was recommended by the old highway commission as a federal aid project. The program was approved by the Federal Bureau of Roads and money was allocated for the project. However, plans for the project could not be completed because the terms of the old commission members expired, and since the districts are subject to be changed, new allocations are expected. It has been intimated that Edgecombe and Halifax Counties will be taken out of the first district and that Washington, Tyrrell and possibly Hyde will be added. The change, if it is finally effected, should not greatly upset the allocation of funds under the new commission. No definite action is now expected within the next two or three months.

The proposed belt line around Williamston is also being delayed, unofficial reports stating that it will be possibly late summer or early fall before actual work on the project is started. The last obstacle in the right-of-way is being cleared, but none of the property owners have been contacted about selling prices. By the time all the plans are approved and finally drawn, possibly it will be July or August before the project is let to contract. The State planned to handle the grading work on the project, but late reports state the project will be contracted.

During the meantime, work on widening and rebuilding Highway 17 from the Roanoke River fill to Windsor, including a new bridge at Roquist Creek, is progressing fairly rapidly. That is about the only project now in progress in this area, except the construction of a black-top road from Highway 64 at a point between Everetts and Robersonville to Gold Point, via Huskinaw Swamp.

The go-ahead signal has already been given for surfacing Sycamore Street from Washington Street to Main Street shortly after the curb and gutter construction work is completed there. The first of the curb and gutter was poured this week, and possibly highway forces will surface the street

Auto And Mule In Tuesday Accident

No one was hurt and even a mule was able to walk away after tangling with an automobile on Highway 64 a short distance west of Everetts Tuesday afternoon about 5:00 o'clock. Sherwood Caraway was driving the mule, hitched to a tobacco truck, across the highway just as Susie Coltrain Beacham came along in a 1949 Chevrolet. The animal was pulled up on the hood, but rolled off, apparently not too badly hurt.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$200 by Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation.

Rotarians Hear School Debaters

Members of the local high school debating team ably enlightened local Rotarians when they argued the query, Resolved, that the Atlantic Pact Nations Should form a Federal Union at a regular meeting of the club last Tuesday noon at the Switch. Coached by Miss Maude Thomas, the four young men, Bobby Perry, Russell Roberson, Alvin Hardison and Harrell Everett, brought out numerous points for and against the plan. The team had previously represented the school in the State high school debates.

Large Percentage Tobacco Crop Now Transplanted

With almost ideal weather conditions existing, Martin County farmers this week are rapidly nearing the completion of the tobacco transplanting task. If conditions continue favorable, 95 percent or more of the crop will have been transplanted by Saturday of this week, leaving a few stragglers to complete the work early next week.

The supply of plants, for the most part, has been plentiful. Those few farmers experiencing failure or near failure in growing their own plants, are finding an ample supply on the farms of neighbors and other friends. The Jamesville area is said to have found it necessary to call upon others for plants, but despite that obstacle they are going right along with the transplanting task.

Variable Weather Reported In Area By Local Station

Temperature Ranged From Low Of 33 to 87 Degrees During April

Variable weather conditions existed in this area during the month of April, according to a summary released for the period by Bridgekeeper C. Hugh Spruill. The mercury, reaching 87 degrees on the 25th, went as low as 33 degrees on the 22nd. (Some farmers reported ice about that time, and frosts were numerous). The weather was similar to that ordinarily associated with the month of March. There were strong winds, a little hail, electrical storms and rainfall slightly or 23 of an inch above normal. The rainfall, recorded each morning at 8:00 o'clock for the preceding 24 hours, does not include the 2.06 inches of rain that fell last Thursday afternoon and evening.

The weather data, including the river gauge readings, as released by Mr. Spruill for the month of April follow, with the date in the first column, the river gauge readings in the second column, the maximum temperature reading in the third, minimum temperature reading in the fourth and the rainfall in the fifth column for each day of the month:

Table with columns: Date, River, H, L, Rain. Lists daily weather data for April from 1st to 30th.

Hundreds Attend Special Clinics

Three hundred and twenty tots attended the pre-school clinics held recently in the eight white schools in this county. The number did not come up to expectations in some schools, but was larger than was anticipated in others, it was reported. Ninety-five percent of the children's parents were present.

According to a report released by the county health department, the 320 children examined were from the several school areas, as follows: Williamston, 120; Robersonville, 70; Oak City, 17; Hamilton, 17; Jamesville, 34; Farm Life, 13; Everetts, 30, and Bear Grass 33.

Call Twenty-two Cases In County Court on Monday

Drivers Lose Licenses For Speeding and Careless-Reckless Driving

In a comparatively short session Monday, Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor Clarence Griffin disposed of twenty-two cases, virtually catching up with the work that had accumulated during the two weeks set aside for the superior court special term.

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BANK HOLIDAY

Next Monday will be observed as a holiday by local banks in commemoration of Confederate Memorial Day. Since the date falls on Sunday, the banks will observe the following day as a holiday, it was announced. As far as it could be learned other business firms or offices will not close for the day. Memorial day will be observed as a holiday on Saturday, May 30, but the observance of that day also will be limited to the banks and a few federal offices.

English Sailor On Return Visit

Spending some time in the county with the T. B. Slades in Hamilton while his ship, damaged during the war in the Mediterranean, was being repaired at Norfolk in 1943, David Eads, English seaman, returned for another visit last week-end, the first in ten years.

The seaman expressed his disappointment when he advised Mrs. Slade by telephone last Friday that his commander was granting no leaves except to those crew members who had relatives. Mrs. Slade got in telephonic communication with the British Navy, and the seaman quickly got a week-end leave, one he seemed to enjoy greatly.

Eads, joining the navy when 15, is completing fifteen years of service. He was married in England about two months ago. A member of the crew of His Majesty's Ship, Perseus, Eads said that few things are rationed in England now, adding that prices went up and there was really little difference after rationing was lifted.

County ABC Unit Busy Last Month

Taking over the first of April as chief of the Martin County Alcoholics Beverages Control enforcement division, Officer Cecil Bullock reported a busy month. With his assistant, Officer Wiley Craft of Oak City, and aided by Deputy Roy Peel and the sheriff's department, the new enforcement chief reported twelve arrests in April. Seven of the twelve have been tried so far, and five were convicted. The five got road terms adding up to 30 months and the fines amounted to \$290.

The raiders destroyed twenty-three liquor plants, three of them equipped with copper kettles. They poured out 5,900 gallons of mash and confiscated 34 gallons of illicit liquor. The ten pints of tax-paid spirits taken by the officers were returned this week.

Continuing their work this month, Officers Bullock, Craft and Peel wrecked a large distillery in Griffins Township last Tuesday morning. The plant was equipped with two 200-gallon capacity wooden stills, a six-horsepower upright boiler and 29 hoppers and one large vat. The raiders poured out approximately 6,000 gallons of mash and confiscated ten or twelve bags of coke and other materials used in the manufacture of illicit liquor.

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Pleading not guilty of being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest, Charles Hassell was adjudged guilty of drunkenness, and drew thirty days on the roads, suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs.

Charged with speeding eighty miles an hour, Joe Mobley pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty he was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs, and the voluntary surrender of his driver's license for a year. He appealed and bond was fixed in the sum of \$200.

John Whitley, colored, was adjudged not guilty of violating the liquor laws. The case in which William Jesse Whitley, colored, was charged with violating the liquor laws, was found not guilty. Pleading guilty of allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, James Stewart, Jr., was fined \$25, plus costs.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Elbert Lee Smith was sentenced to the roads for three months, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years. He was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, Tom Williams was sentenced to the roads for three months. The court suspended the road term upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The case in which Flem Dee Peace stood charged with operating a motor vehicle on the wrong side of the road, was not pressed.

Evans Hopkins, pleading not guilty, was adjudged guilty of having in his possession equipment for the manufacture of illicit liquor and was sentenced to the roads for six months. Robert Ivory Purvis was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. He pleaded guilty.

Peace Officers Meet In County

Peace officers in this and Washington County held their monthly meeting in the courthouse here Tuesday evening. They are to hold their next meeting on the second Tuesday in June at Plymouth.

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Sheriff M. W. Holloman of this county heads the association, and Chief of Police John Roebuck is vice president. Cpl. M. C. Byrum is secretary and Patrolman B. W. Parker is serving as treasurer. Martin County is represented on the executive board by Officers Arthur Perry and Cecil Bullock of Williamston and William Smith of Robersonville.