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Jaycees Sponsor Vehicles Safety Campaign Locally

Plan To Apply Reflective Tape To Bumpers Of Motor Vehicles

The Williamston Jaycees will apply "Scotchlite" reflective tape to the bumpers of local cars and trucks in a move to reduce accidents and improve safety on the streets and highways. The program is part of a national "Lite-A-Bumper" automobile safety campaign backed by the Public Safety Committee of the National Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The reflective tape—already in use on trucks, ambulances, fire engines and police cars in a number of cities over the country—glows brilliantly at night when picked up by the headlights of other automobiles.

A special taping station for applying the reflective tape has been arranged at Belk-Tyler's lot (old bus station lot) and will be manned by a crew of Jaycees members Saturday, August 1 from 8:30 a. m. until 6:00 p. m. A nominal charge of \$1.00 is being made for each bumper reflectorized by the Jaycees to cover the cost of the tape and its application.

The "Lite-A-Bumper" program has already received full support and endorsement by Mayor Cowen, Fire Chief Hall, and Police Chief Roebuck as an "excellent means of reducing night-time accidents."

In order to point up the program, the Jaycees have already applied the reflective tape on the car of Mayor Cowen, as well as other cars of city and safety officials.

The tape is said to be equally effective on rainy nights when visibility is exceptionally poor, and it is stated to last for at least two years under normal conditions.

The "Scotchlite" reflective tape is applied in one-inch strips. Red is applied to the rear bumper, while silver tape goes on the front.

The material is said to be visible at night up to a quarter-mile and is designed to catch the eye of motorists about 70 percent quicker than regular tail lights.

Highway experts point out that with today's higher speeds—the motorist needs every bit of additional warning he can possibly get to avoid an accident. The light-reflecting qualities of the tape provide the added measure of safety that sometimes can mean the difference between having an accident and avoiding one.

Automobiles protected with reflective tape are visible at night, even when parked by the roadside without lights, long before they could otherwise be seen. Furthermore, it was pointed out, the tape is visible even against the glare of headlights of oncoming cars.

With the front bumper of a car glowing from end to end, even in case of failure of one of the headlights, the exact position of the car can be easily seen by other drivers.

The "Lite-A-Bumper" campaign has been adopted by the local, state and national Junior Chamber as a means of promoting public safety on the highways and also as a method of raising funds to support their many other community service programs.

The idea for the campaign was started first by the Roanoke, Virginia, Jaycee chapter several months ago. Since then, the project has spread to chapters in all

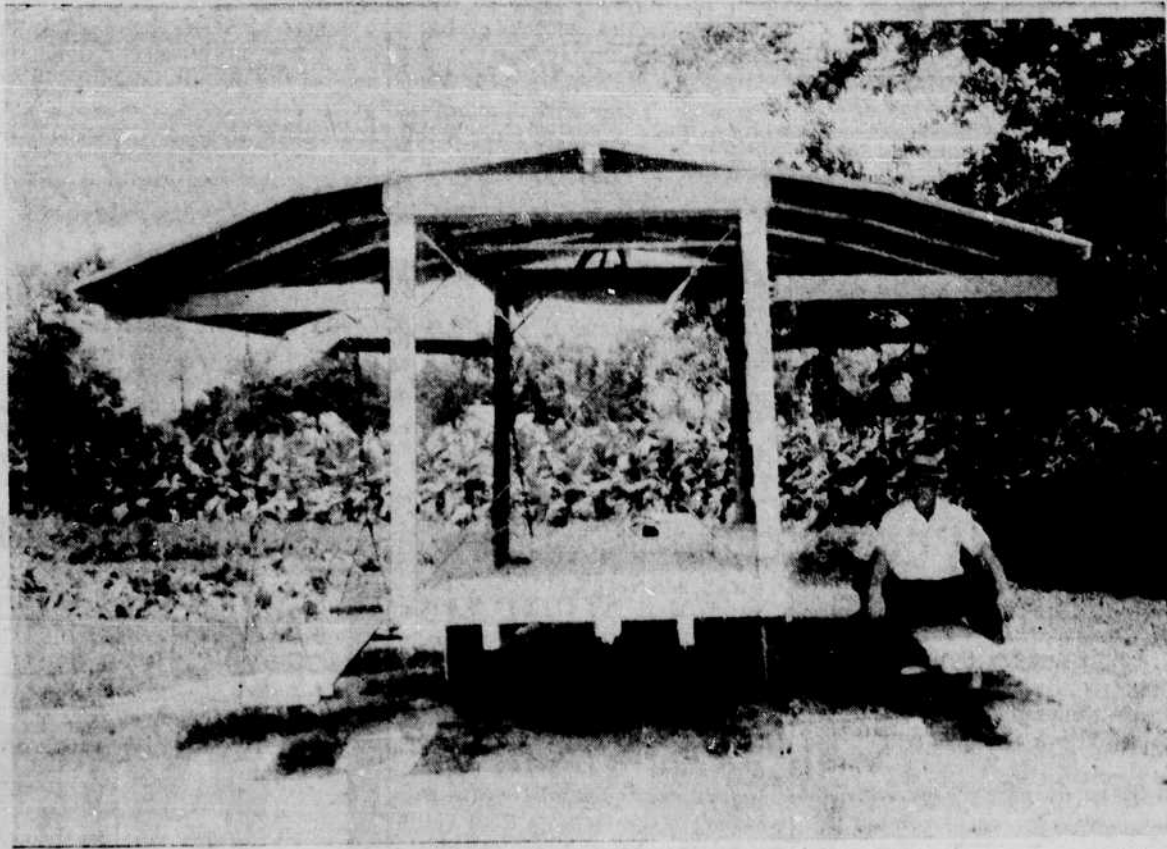
JURY LIST

Completing a purge of the jury box during recent meetings, the Martin County Commissioners will draw the September juries from a new list during their regular meeting next Monday, Clerk J. Sam Getsinger said yesterday.

Several thousand names have been placed in the jury box, most, if not all of them, coming from the tax books. The jury list is purged every two years.

Very little other business is on the agenda for next Monday, Mr. Getsinger said, other than that dealing with routine matters.

Home - Made Tobacco Harvester



Designed on an inexpensive scale, the tobacco harvester invented and made by Farmer Cedric Burroughs of Hassell eliminates a great deal of back-breaking work. The primers ride the boards, attached to over-head supports, and pull the tobacco and move it over to the main body of the trailer where it is placed in sheets and transferred to the barns. Pulled by a tractor, the harvester rides over every fifth row which is planted in sweet potatoes. Mr. Burroughs explains that the trailer, representing an expenditure of approximately \$400, was built in Gold Point, and is working very successfully.

Gets Two-Year Term For Drunken Driving

CARAVAN

Preliminary plans are being formulated for running a large caravan throughout this immediate territory on Friday, August 14, advertising the Williamston Tobacco Market, Ed Grady, executive secretary of the Williamston Boosters, announced yesterday.

Merchants and other business operators in the town are being urged to make plans to participate in the annual pilgrimage.

Making Plans To Open The Schools

Seventeen special workers are rapidly completing plans for opening the schools in this county on September 1, the office of the superintendent announced yesterday.

While no major changes are being made in the properties, several roofs are being replaced along with a few new plumbing fixtures.

A state inspector is completing a survey of all the heating plants, and necessary repairs will be made in time for use this fall.

Painting has been one of the big jobs, but considerable time and money have been spent replacing broken lights, the work of thoughtful vandals.

For the most part, the school plants in this county are in good condition.

Work on an addition to the Jamesville Negro school is progressing, but the new unit will not be available for use before late next year, according to one report.

Few Position In Facilities Open

All positions in the several school facilities in the county have been filled except eight, provided recent elections are accepted, it was learned from the office of the county superintendent yesterday.

Three positions are to be filled in the Jamesville schools. Mrs. Norma Fagan Taylor of Dardens has been elected to fill the position of public school music teacher, and her acceptance was being awaited yesterday, it was learned. Two positions are open in each of the schools at Robersonville and Oak City, and one in Williamston. Principal B. G. Stewart said an application for the fifth grade position in Williamston is being considered.

School officials said the prospects were good for filling all the positions now vacant.

Thirty Cases In County's Court Monday Morning

Fines Imposed By Judge H. O. Peele Amounted To Nearly \$800.00

One of the longest road terms ever imposed in the courts of this county was meted out to Willie Stedman Russ by Judge H. O. Peele in the Martin County Recorder's Court on Monday of this week. Arrested for drunken driving about the middle of this month, Russ, a Robersonville man, was booked for two similar offenses before he could be tried on the first count. Pleading not guilty when his cases were called, Russ was adjudged guilty in each one. Judge Peele sentenced him to the roads for three months in the first case, six months in the second and twelve months in the third, making a total of nearly two years, the sentences to run consecutively.

The court handled thirty cases before adjourning shortly before 1:00 o'clock. Fines, imposed during the session, added up to \$765, the amount including a \$250 penalty imposed on a defendant arrested at a liquor still a short time ago.

Other proceedings in the court: Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Jasper Williams was taxed with the costs.

Charged with drunken driving, Joseph Carnegie Ross pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty and was fined \$100, plus costs. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$200.

Pleading guilty of speeding 65 miles an hour, Harper Marshall Peel, Jr., of Hamilton, was taxed with the court costs.

Charged with assaulting a female and forcible trespass, Levy Howard Roebuck pleaded guilty in both cases and was sentenced to jail for ten days in the first and 20 days in the second case, the sentences to begin at the direction of the court anytime during the next two years. He was taxed with the court costs.

Pleading guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, James A. Keel was fined \$50, plus costs.

Asking for a jury trial, Luther Brian Mazingo, charged with drunken driving, has his case transferred to the superior court.

Charged with drunken driving, Robert Malone of Baltimore, pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs.

The case in which William A. James was charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was not pressed.

George Davenport, Jr., of Wil-

Complete School For Law Officers

"Professor" R. W. Turkelson of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, Raleigh, is completing a special school for law enforcement officers from the local police and sheriffs departments. The officers have shown much interest in the school of instruction which was opened Monday with classes lasting from 3 to 5 in the afternoon and from 7:00 until 9:30 o'clock in the evenings.

The instruction was centered the first day around law of arrest and seizure. On Tuesday, Mr. Turkelson explained fingerprinting in detail, stressing the importance of getting clear prints. Yesterday, the school dealt with interviews and confessions, the instructor going on to explain the best methods for taking foot prints and others castings. The students are studying firearm and handwriting identification today.

Invitations were extended to law enforcement officers in other towns in this area to attend the school, but the student body was limited to local and county officers.

Mr. Turkelson, an experienced officer, is with the FBI's narcotic division at the present time, and his work with the local officers has been pleasant and successful.

Chairman In Area For Auto Dealers

James Bailey Peele of Chas. H. Jenkins & Co., Williamston, has accepted the appointment of Area Chairman for the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association it was announced today by Association President T. L. Black of Pinehurst.

In making the announcement, President Black indicated that Mr. Peele will represent the State and National Automobile Dealers Associations in this County during the coming year. Black stressed the importance of this position, stating that Area Chairmen serve as liaison between individual new car and truck dealers and the Association headquarters.

As county chairman, Peele will also head the Fall membership campaign in this area for NCADA and NADA and will participate in Area Chairman Day which will be held in Raleigh in October.

Lindsley Adding To Building Here

The Lindsley Implement Company is enlarging its building just off Washington Street here. A 20-by-60 showroom is being added with a plate glass and brick front. Plans call for an addition to the rear of the building at a later date.

During the meantime the old storage room next to the Lindsley feed store will be torn away, it was learned.

Hold Funeral In Bear Grass Today For Jno. P. Hodges

Well-Known County Citizen Died At His Home There Late Tuesday

Funeral services are being conducted in the Bear Grass Primitive Baptist Church this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for John P. Hodges who died at his home there Tuesday evening at 6:00 o'clock. Elder A. B. Tyers of the Primitive Baptist Church and a friend of Mr. Hodges for many years, will conduct the rites. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

He was born in the Smithwick's Creek community of this county 69 years ago, and spent his early life on the farm there, engaging in various types of work until he went with the North Carolina Highway Commission as a member of the maintenance department. He had made his home in Bear Grass for the past thirty-three years. He was a member of the Snow Branch Church of God in Beaufort County for a long time, and was active in religious work for many years.

He had been in declining health for some time, retiring from the highway service in 1947. His condition had been serious for several months.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Sallie Taylor; two sons, J. Sampson of Bear Grass and Thad L. Hodges, EM-1, United States Coast Guard, stationed in Elizabeth City; four daughters, Mrs. Robert A. Bailey and Mrs. C. B. Bailey, both of Bear Grass, Mrs. Humphrey Gillam of Windsor and Mrs. Gene Grooms of Birmingham, Ala.; seven grandchildren; a brother, James Henry Hodges, and a sister, Mrs. J. S. Lilly, both of Washington, N. C.

Distribution Of Intangible Tax

The State Board of Assessment split the intangible tax pie this week and Martin County received \$12,281 as its share, the amount exceeding slightly the income received from the same source last year.

Williamston is getting \$3,465 as its share as compared with \$3,074.11 received a year ago.

Robersonville is getting \$1,036. No other towns in the county were listed as sharing in the intangible tax distribution.

The collections during the past fiscal year amounted to \$4,750,629, an all-time high.

J. C. Bethune, secretary of the board, reported that \$3,800,503 of the sum was returned to local units with the State keeping \$950,126.

Intangible taxes include taxes such as 10 cents on each \$100 in savings accounts, 25 cents for each \$100 on hand, and 25 cents on each \$100 worth of stock, market value.

The net amount of intangibles tax collections is divided, with the State getting 20 per cent and counties, municipalities and local units sharing in the 80 per cent.

Bethune pointed out that more money was paid under the intangible tax schedule by stockholders than any other group. Stockholders, who pay only on stock they hold in out-of-State corporations, forked up \$1,840,517. Money on deposit tax collections yielded \$1,368,223.

Showers Fell In Area Yesterday

Badly needed and greatly welcomed showers fell in this immediate area yesterday afternoon.

Although they brought some relief, the dry spell was not broken and the covered area was limited.

Some rain fell over in Poplar Point, but the main showers apparently were centered between Williamston and Abitt's mill. Little or no rain was reported in the area toward Everetts and very little fell over in Williams. No sign of rain was reported as far up as Oak City.

The official weather gauge on Roanoke River here reported 32 of an inch, but apparently at least and possibly more than half an inch fell in and around the business area.

Reports declare that the corn crop is failing, rapidly in the face of continued dry weather.

Martin County Schools To Open Term On September 1

The Martin County schools will open the 1953-54 term on Tuesday, September 1, it was announced following a meeting of the county board of education Tuesday evening. Teachers and principals will meet in the individual schools that morning, and the more than 7,000 pupils are to report that afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for room assignments and a review of fees and registrations.

In their meeting Tuesday evening the board members set aside two days for Thanksgiving and a Christmas holiday period beginning at noon on December 18 and ending at 8:30 o'clock on the morning of January 4. The only other holiday in the schedule will fall on Easter Monday. If there are no interruptions, the schools will end the coming term on May 27.

President's Six- Month Record In The White House

Balance Sheet For Period Is Nothing To Talk Much About

President Dwight Eisenhower recently completed six months in the White House, and the record has been rated as not being an impressive one.

Of course the Korean truce has been signed, and credit will go to him for that accomplishment, if it proves to be an accomplishment. But the truce is similar to one that Truman worked for back yonder.

Other items in the Eisenhower balance sheet are covered by Washington observers, as follows: Foreign Policy—On foreign aid, Democrats in Congress have supported Eisenhower better than have the Republicans, Congress as a whole is still whacking down his foreign aid requests.

Taxes—No cuts in taxes this year, says the President. And after a stiff fight over extending the excess profits tax, Congress has overwhelmingly backed him up.

Spending—Eisenhower spent \$38 billion in his first six months, while Truman spent \$37 billion in his last six months. The national debt has risen \$5 billion.

Economy—Eisenhower has cut about 100,000 jobs off the Federal payroll. He has also proposed a smaller budget than Truman did for the current fiscal year. Congress has cut appropriations even further on many services for the people, and the House has sustained the President's \$5 billion slash in Truman's recommendation for the Air Force.

Labor—The administration has not yet come up with a specific policy on Taft-Hartley, or Social Security expansion. This Republican Congress will adjourn, according to all reports, without having done anything on these matters.

Farmers—Farm prices and income have fallen further since Eisenhower took over, and his Administration has come up with no new proposals to stop the drop. They are relying on New Deal measures such as marketing quotas.

"Giveaways"—One major legislative achievement has been to give a few States much of our offshore oil, worth tens of billions. Royalties from this oil could have benefited school children in every State. Government electric power policy favors private corporations.

"Hard Money"—Hard money and a sound dollar, as the Administration applied it, mean higher interest rates. The Administration has raised the cost of the government debt, of new houses, of new cars and of almost everything else bought on time. The Administration contended this was necessary to curb inflation.

Prosperity—The cost of living is holding steady and production is higher than ever. But more and more people are worried about a recession ahead.

McCarthy—In Eisenhower's first six months, Senator McCarthy looked more like the boss of the State Department than Secretary Dulles did. With his man appointed as State's chief security officer, McCarthy appeared to dictate who could be employed

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The board this week approved an accident insurance plan for pupils on a voluntary basis. The insurance, costing \$1.25, covers the pupils from the time he leaves home until his return, including all activities while at school except football. Two companies have withdrawn from the particular business, after having experienced heavy losses during the past three years in the county. The Pilot Life company is handling the business this year, and the insurance plan has proved very beneficial and highly effective, it was explained.

All members of the board, Messrs. Howard Gaylord, Leroy Harrison, C. U. Rogers, Sherwood L. Roberson and Ernest Edmondson, chairman, were present for the meeting.

MEETING

Astor Perry, agronomy extension specialist, and Shields Alexander, president of the North Carolina Peanut Growers, Inc., will meet with Martin County peanut growers either in the agriculture building or the courthouse here next Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

The peanut program will be discussed, and Mr. Alexander will answer questions in connection with the August peanut referendum and the proposed program. All peanut growers are invited and urged to attend the meeting.

County Boy Is Still Missing

Sgt. 1/c Woolard F. Strickland continues still missing in Korea, according to information coming from his uncle near here yesterday. Since he has never been listed as dead, it was thought he had been returned to duty or found. It was reliably learned yesterday that no word had been received from the young man since he was reported missing on November 26, 1950, during that futile drive to the Yalu River area.

Now that a truce has been signed in Korea, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Strickland of near Battleboro, and other relatives and friends are hopeful some encouraging word will come through official channels.

As far as it can be learned, young Strickland who was born in this county in April, 1929, is the only soldier in the Korean conflict that has not been accounted for officially since the war started a little more than three years ago.

Eagle Store Here Newly Remodeled

Completing an extensive modernization and enlargement program for the store, corner of Main and Washington Streets, Eagle's is making final plans today to observe the progressive movement with a two-day gigantic sale tomorrow and Saturday, it was announced by the management. The bargains speak for themselves in a special page advertisement in this paper today.

The interior of the store has been greatly enlarged and completely renovated, making the store one of the largest of its type in this section. The firm has taken over the entire building which, at one time, housed the Atlantic Hotel. Until recently the second floor housed several apartments. The store is now using the second floor for offices and storage.

Mr. O. L. Herman, manager, explained that the enlarged store makes it possible for the firm to offer a larger assortment of merchandise. The owners and manager are extending the public in this entire section, a cordial invitation to visit the store, explaining that all are welcome whether just looking or buying.

BEAR GRASS RURITANS
The Bear Grass Ruritan Club will hold its regular scheduled meeting Monday night, August 3, at 8:00 o'clock in the school lunchroom. All members are urged to be present.

Announce Support Price Levels For 1953 Peanut Crop

Prospects Reported Bright For Good Crop In The County This Year

Peanut support prices, announced a few days ago by the U. S. Agriculture Department, for the 1953 crop are little changed from those in effect last year, according to unofficial reports received here this week.

Virginia type peanuts are to be supported at about \$239 per ton or right at \$11.95 per hundred pounds. This support compares with a price of \$11.55 in effect for the 1952 crop. The figure is based on 65 percent sound kernels.

The supports are designed to reflect a national average of not less than \$237.60 a ton. That figure is 90 percent of the parity price of peanuts on April 24, when the minimum national support average was announced.

Parity is a price designed to be fair to farmers in relation to prices they pay.

Should 90 percent of parity be higher than \$237.60 at the start of the marketing year August 1, the support average and the individual support levels for the various types would be increased accordingly.

The minimum supports by type included: Virginia—299 a ton for peanuts containing 65 percent sound mature kernels.

Runners—\$213 a ton for peanuts containing 65 percent sound mature kernels.

Spanish—\$234 a ton for peanuts grown east of the Mississippi River containing 70 percent sound mature kernels, and \$230 for peanuts west of the Mississippi containing 70 percent sound mature kernels.

Valencias—the support rate for those of this type suitable for cleaning and roasting will be the same as for Virginia type. The price for other Valencia-type peanuts will be the same as for Spanish-type peanuts in the same area. Premium and discounts will apply to grades other than basic grades.

The support rates for the various types are based on a lower grade than the national average, thus support levels for the various types are below the national average.

Peanuts will be supported by means of loans to individual producers and to producer cooperatives through next January 31.

Although they have experienced a nine percent acreage reduction, peanut farmers in this county have prospects for a good crop this year. However, weather conditions during the course of the next few weeks can alter the outlook, it was pointed out.

Tenants Move To Office Building

The new office building now nearing completion next to the post office on East Main Street is being occupied by tenants this week.

Radio Station WIAM moved in a few days ago and several tenants are moving in this week, including General Electric, Dr. L. S. Christian.

Just as soon as the finishing touches to the building are completed other tenants will move in, possibly during the early part of next week.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Except for the loss of human life, traffic moved on the highways of the towns and county at a greater property loss than in any other week since last March. No one was killed, but two persons were painfully hurt and the property loss was figured at \$2,500. Even then, the record last week is much better than the one for the corresponding week in 1952.

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.

29th Week				
Wrecks In'd Killed Damage				
1953	6	2	0	\$ 2,500
1952	7	1	0	\$ 3,375
Comparisons To Date				
1953	120	39	3	\$ 33,135
1952	147	76	1	\$ 50,110