

## Much Interest Shown In Some PMA Elections

### More Than Two Hundred Vote In Contests Down In Jamesville Area

While little interest has been shown in most of the Production-Marketing Administration elections for community committees and county delegates, considerable attention was directed to the contests down in Jamesville Township. A preliminary report stated that 219 farmers in that area went to the polls Tuesday and participated in the election. Less interest was reported when it was suggested that some of the votes would be challenged.

The last of the elections is being held in Williams Township today. Tomorrow, the delegates will meet in convention at the agriculture building and elect a county committee.

The results of the elections held since the last report follows with the name of the community chairman, vice chairman, regular member, first alternate and second alternate, and the delegate and alternate to the county convention listed in that order:

Jamesville: Harry Jones, Paul Barber, Howard Hardison, Wendell Modlin and Carl Griffin; Herbert Sexton and Carl Griffin.

Jamesville II: Arthur Ange, Seth Davis, C. G. Gurkin, Hosa Fagan and David Ange; and Dan Fagan and R. G. Coburn.

Griffins' D. Clarence Gurkin, Lester J. Griffin, Raleigh Lilley, Thurman Griffin and H. Gabe Roberson; and D. Clarence Gurkin and Stephen Manning.

Little Poplar Point Township reported 56 votes cast, the count representing a good "turn-out" there: W. M. Hardison, Slade White, Jr., L. C. Leggett, Gentry Mills and Gordon Howell; and L. G. Taylor and D. O. Cherry.

Hamilton reported 110 votes cast at its two polling places: D. R. Edmondson, H. A. Haislip, C. W. Johnson, L. R. Beach and George Oglesby; and W. E. Purvis and R. H. Salisbury, Jr.

Williamston farmers apparently too busy to visit the polls, but 36 decided the election as follows: Willie H. Modlin, Clayton Bailey, Roy T. Griffin, J. Edward Corey and Noah D. Griffin; and Church D. Modlin and Charlie Cullipher.

## Sweet Potatoes Move To Market

Harvesting their largest sweet potato crop in several years but no record acreage by any means, Martin County farmers are reporting spotted yields. The harvest reached a climax this week, but the task, started by a few farmers three or four weeks ago, will hardly be completed before the latter part of next or the early part of the following week.

An average yield of between 125 and 200 bushels per acre is being reported. A few farmers have reported 350-bushel yields of No. 1 yams, but even in the individual cases the yield varies. One farmer stated that production varied within the rows.

Prices are ranging from \$1.50 to about \$2.55 on the markets, depending on quality, pack and weight.

## Divorces Pending In Superior Court

Five divorce cases, all based on grounds of two years of separation, were filed in the Martin County Superior Court during the past few days, according to Clerk L. B. Wynne.

The divorce cases were brought by W. H. Gilliam against Minnie L. Gilliam, Cleveland Godard against Eliza Godard, Ruth Baker against Frank Baker, William A. Davis against Emma Davis, and Lonnie Brown, Jr., against Viola Brown.

## Miss Oglesby Elected Treasurer Nurse Club

Miss Lorene Oglesby of Hamilton was elected treasurer of the Vanderbilt Graduate Nurse Club at the University School of Nursing in Nashville, Tennessee, where she is a graduate nurse student. It was announced this week.

## Lay Church Cornerstone



Albert S. Peel, chairman of the church board, and W. O. Griffin, building fund chairman, pause as they laid the cornerstone for the new Christian church, corner of Smithwick and Liberty Streets here recently.

## Native Of County Dies In Hospital

Clifton Hyman, native of this county, died in Duke Hospital, Durham, at noon yesterday following a long period of declining health. A victim of arthritis, he had been critically ill several weeks and was a patient in the hospital during most of that time.

The son of Minnie Hyman and the late H. Zeb Hyman, he was born near Oak City forty-nine years ago, and located in Edgecombe County when a young man. He engaged in farming most of his life and operated a country store in more recent years.

He was married to Miss Jodie Moore of this county and she survives with two daughters, Mrs. Penelope McDermott of Greensboro and Mrs. Annelin Rollins of Greenville; two sons, Carlton Hyman of Tarboro and Reginald Hyman of Raleigh; his mother; three brothers, Hugh Hyman of Kinston, Livingston E. Hyman of Williamston, and Arthur Hyman of Oak City; three sisters, Mrs. Gladys Harris of Enfield, Mrs. Margaret Morgan of Portsmouth and Mrs. Nancy Rose of Norfolk, and six grandchildren.

Graveside services are being conducted this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in Tarboro's Greenwood Cemetery by the Rev. W. C. Medlin, pastor of the West End and Oak City Baptist churches.

## Charge Man With Robbery Of Cafe

Laverne Roberson Gorham, 30-year-old colored man, was arrested and jailed yesterday afternoon for the September 30 robbery of Wier's Coffee Shop on Washington Street.

Questioned by Officer Chas. Moore and FBI Agent Fentress, Gorham admitted entering the cafe, but denied stealing a pistol there.

It is believed that Gorham had a part in other robberies and robbery attempts here in recent weeks, but he admitted none of them when questioned soon after his arrest.

## Fishing In Roanoke River Puzzling The Ole-Timers

Fishing in the Roanoke is puzzling the old-timers, some of them maintaining that the herring James Herbert Ward and Charles Peele caught this week isn't a herring. From the time Lane made his expedition up to Williamston looking for gold in the muddy waters of the Roanoke, no one ever heard of a herring being taken from the stream in October.

The catch puzzled the old-time fishermen, but when they learned the fish was taken on a hook, well, they just gave up and declared that anything can happen under the present administration in Washington.

Fishing for perch, Fishermen Ward and Peele were using minnows, Mr. Ward declaring that the herring swallowed bait and hook

## HUNTERS

Hunters started banging away at the crack of dawn today to mark the opening of the season for taking squirrel, deer, coons and opossum. Few reports could be had by noon to determine the supply of game in the woods.

Quite a few deer have been seen in the lowlands and squirrels are fairly plentiful, according to preliminary reports from observers.

No count could be had but it is believed that a record number of hunters entered the woods and swamps this morning, searching for squirrel and deer.

## Injured In Auto Wreck Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. James Norman were painfully but not seriously injured in a bad automobile accident near Roanoke Rapids early last Saturday evening while en route from their home in Richmond to spend the week-end with relatives in Jamesville.

Mrs. Norman, the former Miss Elsie Mizelle, suffered a broken collar bone and a several-stitch gash on her head. Her husband, driver of the car, suffered bruises and shock. Following treatment in a Roanoke Rapids hospital, they were able to continue to Jamesville, returning to Richmond the following day.

Just as Norman started to pass an old model car, the driver made a left turn, striking the Norman's 1953 DeSoto and throwing it out of control. The DeSoto turned over at least three times, it was reported.

## Native Of County Mayor In Colorado

S. R. Coburn, Jr., Jamesville native, was recently elected mayor of Pioneer Village, Colorado. It could not be learned on what ticket he was elected, but presumably the democratic.

The young man is a senior at Denver University.

## Fair Passes Go To Safe Drivers

Exercising due and diligent care and employing safe habits in driving motor vehicles, several Martin County people were awarded free passes to the State Fair by members of the Highway Patrol this week. In addition to their careful driving habits, these receiving the passes possessed a knowledge of the rules of the road, it was explained.

Patrolman Jack Arthur gave passes to the following: Woodrow Purvis, RFD 1, Bethel; William J. Johnson, Jr., RFD 1, Palmyra; Mrs. F. S. Barrett, Oak City, and Peter and Baker Burnette, both of the Oak City section.

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## Concert Group To Start Membership Drive Next Week

### Present Indications Point To Successful Season For Association

Plans have been completed for launching the Martin County Community Concert Association's annual membership drive on Tuesday of next week, it was announced today by Mrs. Chas. H. Manning and Mrs. Tom Skinner, co-chairmen of the drive. The group will establish temporary headquarters in the Virginia Electric and Power Company's lobby here on Main street.

Present indications point to one of the association's most successful seasons. No contracts have been signed, but the association is assured one of the best programs planned by the national association, it was explained.

Tickets are priced at \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, and are good for at least three programs in the Williamston High School auditorium and three or more in auditoriums in other towns where associations are active.

Much interest in the activities of the association is being shown by citizens in other towns where no programs are planned this season, and a capacity ticket sale is predicted.

Handling the membership drive are:

Hassell, Mrs. John W. Eubanks; Oak City, Miss Nancy Worsley; Hamilton, Mrs. Catherine Harrell; Jamesville, Mrs. C. A. Askew; Farm Life (Griffins), Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Peele, Jr.; Everetts, Mrs. Beatrice James and Mrs. Merritt Tarkington; Robersonville, Mrs. S. A. McArthur; Bear Grass, Mrs. Ruth Hazel Harri and Mrs. Tim Malone.

Williamston, Mesdames Ben D. Courtney, Paul Jones, Abner Brown, Reginald Simpson, T. F. Davenport, Exum Ward, Darrel Clayton, Charles R. Mobley, C. B. Clark, Jr., T. B. Brandon, Jr., Robert W. Newell, Clyde Griffin, William Everett, L. T. Fowden, Jr., Hilton Forbes, Paul Simpson, J. T. Llewellyn, Robert E. Manning, John Edwin Manning, Charles I. Harris, Jr., Titus Critcher, Lee Reynolds, Woodrow Tice, W. C. Manning, Jr., W. K. Parker, James M. Ward, and Misses Mary Wallace Poye, Addie Lee Meador, Marjorie Lindsley, Georgia Dean Roberson and Maude Thomas, Mrs. Dick Slade.

Interested citizens in the concert program are advancing the ticket sale in Windsor, Plymouth, Washington and several other towns outside the county, it was stated.

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## Officers Wreck Illicit Distillery

Raiding in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township yesterday afternoon ABC Officers Cecil Bullock and Wiley Craft and Deputy Roy Peel wrecked a crudely equipped illicit distillery. The operators were using a nasty gas drum for a kettle and had two barrels of filthy mash almost ready for the pot.

Officers state that there's been little activity on the illicit manufacturing front in the county during recent days.

## Twenty Cases In County's Court Monday Morning

### Fines Amount To \$795.00; Road Sentences Appealed To Higher Court

Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor Clarence W. Griffin handled twenty cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday morning. Fines imposed during the session amounted \$795. Several road sentences were imposed, but in one case the defendant appealed to the higher courts.

Proceedings: Pleading guilty of larceny, William Allen Hines was sentenced to the roads for three months, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court anytime during the next two years. He was taxed with the costs.

Johnnie Tilen Smith paid a \$25 fine, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Pleading guilty of speeding 65 miles an hour and failing to heed a siren warning, Fred Mason was fined \$25, plus costs.

Entering a plea of nolo contendere in the case in which he was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, William Clifton Melton was sentenced to the roads for three months. The defendant explained to the court that he had paid the prosecuting witness' doctor's bill, and the sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine, plus costs.

Pleading guilty, Ben Long Stevenson was fined \$100, plus costs for drunken driving. He loses his operator's license for a year.

The case in which Otis Mazing was charged with assaulting a female was not prosued.

Pleading not guilty of operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was revoked, James Alexander Hardison was adjudged guilty and was fined \$200, plus costs.

Charged with bastardy, James Grimes pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for three months. The road term was suspended for two years upon the payment of the court costs and \$5 a week for the support of his child.

The cases in which William and Luther Perkins were charged with violating the liquor laws, were not prosued.

Judge Peele based his fines\* for liquor law violations at the rate of \$100 per gallon. Pleading guilty of possessing a gallon of illicit liquor, Wesley Ormond was fined \$100, plus costs. A six-month road sentence is to begin at the direction of the court anytime during the next two years. Charged with having two gallons of illicit liquor in his possession, Lazarus Williams pleaded guilty and was fined \$200, plus costs. The six-month road sentence was suspended. Williams appealed to the superior court, and \$300 bond was required.

The liquor case against James Edward Roberson was not prosued.

Pleading not guilty of speeding 75 miles an hour, James McKim Saunders was adjudged guilty of speeding not more than 70 and not less than 55 miles an hour, and was fined \$25, plus costs.

Charged with the possession of materials for the manufacture of illicit liquor, Leamon James pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months. He appealed and \$300 bond was required.

Pleading guilty of non-support, Charlie Ellison was sentenced to the roads for six months. The

## HOME EXHIBITS

The Martin County Fair is offering valuable prizes for home exhibits this year, including \$30 for first, \$25 for second, \$20 for third and \$5 for all others. It was pointed out this week. The special prizes were left out of the fair book distributed this week, it was explained.

In all, the fair is offering \$1,000 in premiums to exhibitors this year, and reports maintain that agriculture will really be on display in the New Carolina warehouse here week after next.

## Asking \$165,975.00 In Six Damage Suits

### ELEVEN MILLION

Williamston's tobacco market is nearing the eleven million-pound mark today. While prices are not up to the peak reached earlier in the season, they are holding up well and averaging right at \$60 per hundred pounds.

The market yesterday sold right at 80,000 pounds for an average above \$59 per hundred. Sales today are about the same and it is expected that more than 100,000 pounds will be placed on the floors tomorrow.

## Painfully Hurt In Road Accident

Mrs. Dewey R. Edmondson was painfully but believed not seriously injured and Mr. Edmondson suffered a slight head injury and shock in an automobile-truck accident at Ernest White's store on N. C. Highway 125 between Williamston and Hamilton about 8:00 o'clock last evening. Mrs. Edmondson was treated in a local hospital for multiple bruises and brush burns and a head injury. Brought to the hospital in an ambulance, she remained for further examination and treatment. Mr. Edmondson was able to return to his home.

Walter Wiggins, young colored man of near Bethel and driver of the pick-up truck figuring in the accident, was treated for minor bruises on his chest and knees.

Following a visit with the Ben James in Poplar Point, Mr. and Mrs. Edmondson were returning to their home in Hassell. Approaching Highway 125 at White's store, Mr. Edmondson stopped and seeing no approaching vehicles, pulled into the highway and turned toward Hamilton. He had traveled only a short distance before his 1952 Chevrolet was hit from the rear by the 1938 Ford pick-up and knocked to the side of the road, the truck continuing down the highway more than 100 yards. Mrs. Edmondson was thrown from the car to the ground, but was not hit by either vehicle.

Investigating the accident, a member of the Highway Patrol estimated the damage to the Edmondson car at \$300 and that to the truck at about the same figure.

## Eastern Firemen Met On Tuesday

The Eastern North Carolina Firemen's Association held its quarterly meeting in Robersonville Tuesday evening and were graciously entertained by the department and officials there. Barbecued chicken, pig, the trimmings and dessert were served in the high school cafeteria to approximately 200 guests.

The visitors were welcomed by Mr. Sherwood L. Roberson and a short talk was made by Waldo Cheek, retiring State Insurance Commissioner.

Rocky Mount will entertain the next meeting in January.

Fire Chief G. P. Hall, B. T. Baldree, Dick Taylor, Ira Harrison, Jim Thrower and W. B. Gaylord went from here.

## Peanut Crop Prospects Are Spotted In Martin County

While prospects for the peanut crop as a whole are not at all encouraging in this county, a few individual farmers are predicting average, and possibly above normal yields on their farms. Rains, favoring the growers in certain areas, are making the difference and leaving the crop report spotted.

More than ninety-five percent of the crop has been dug in this county, and with favorable weather prevailing, thrashing operations are likely to get under way in the near future.

During the meantime, a State report points to a lower yield than was predicted earlier in the season. The report, dealing with the crop on a state-wide basis, follows:

The 1953 North Carolina picked

## Action Traceable To Fatal Accident In County June 12

### Carolina-Norfolk Truck Co. Named Defendant In Big Damage Cases

Suits in which six plaintiffs are asking a total of \$165,975 in damages, were filed in the Martin County Superior Court a few days ago, court officials pointing out that the claims are among if not the largest ever advanced in a similar action in the courts of this county. The large damage suits are traceable to an automobile-truck accident in which J. A. Powell and his son, Cecil B. Powell, prominent farmers of this county, were fatally injured and four others were hurt near Bear Grass last June 12.

The suits were brought against the Carolina-Norfolk Truck Line, a transportation firm with headquarters in Norfolk.

Zolly Brinkley, an employee on the Powell farm near Gold Point and a passenger in the Powell car, is asking \$2,500 personal damages, \$150 for loss of time and \$450 medical expenses.

James Shepherd, another passenger in the car, is asking \$2,500 personal damages, \$150 for loss of time and \$425 medical expenses.

Willie B. Brinkley, by his next friend, Chas. H. Manning, is suing for \$5,000 personal damages, \$30 for disability and loss of income and \$7,500 medical expenses. The minor was riding in the back seat of the Powell car at the time of the accident.

Mrs. Edna M. Powell, administratrix of the estate of Cecil B. Powell, driver of the car, is asking \$5,000 for pain, discomfort, shock and mental anguish suffered by plaintiff's estate, \$50,000 for injuries and death of her husband and loss of income to her and her children, and \$100 for medical expenses.

Mrs. Sarah E. Powell, administratrix of the estate of J. A. Powell, is suing to recover \$5,000.00 for pain, discomfort, shock and mental anguish suffered by her husband, \$40,000 for injuries and death of Mr. Powell and loss of income to her and her children, \$100 medical expenses, and \$2,000 actual or damages to the car owned by her husband.

The Guaranty Bank and Trust Company of Greenville, guardian of Ellen Powell, the young daughter of Mrs. Cecil B. Powell and her late husband, is bringing suit for her, asking \$5,000 damages for pain, shock and mental anguish suffered by her, \$15,000 for injuries, disability and loss of income resulting from accident, and \$100 medical expenses.

Filed by Attorneys Clifton Everett of Bethel and Dink James and W. W. Speight of Greenville, the complaints cover several typewritten pages and alleged negligence on the part of the truck driver, Asa David Bailey.

The car, owned by the senior Powell and driven by his son, was traveling on the Bear Grass road leading off Highway 17, about six miles from Williamston, and the truck was traveling from Bear Grass, heading, more or less straight down the road intersecting Highway 17.

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## Issued Eighteen Licenses To Wed During September

### Issuance Holds To About An Average For The Past Ten Years

Eighteen marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, the issuance holding to about an average for September over a ten-year period. It was the third largest issuance of the year.

The marriage licenses went to nine white and nine colored couples, as follows:

White  
Clifton Matthew Whitaker of Williamston and Barbara Ann Brown of Norfolk.

Lewis Wilson Huffer and Janie Margaret Roebuck, both of Norfolk.

Earl David Campbell and Margie Hopewell, both of Williamston.

Gerald D. Howren of Norfolk and Maxine Long of Jamesville.

Gleen Earl Whitehurst and Carolyn Coburn Simpson, both of Robersonville.

Henry L. St. Clair and Ruth Harmon Taylor, both of Richmond.

Alvin Cooper of RFD 3, Windsor, and Pauline Beach of RFD 2, Williamston.

Chas. Thad Harris of RFD 2, Williamston and Mrs. Lucy Rogers Leary of Williamston.

Norris Edward Rose of Panteago and Mollie Bembridge of Jamesville.

Colored  
Annie Norris Clark of Jamesville and Acie Ebron of Washington.

Benjamin Ward and Mary Elizabeth Bullock, both of Williamston.

Henry C. Price and Eula Mae Clark, both of Williamston.

Harry Lawrence and Mary Louise Andrews, both of Williamston.

Charlie Williams and Armazo Hudgins, both of Williamston.

Jasper Knight and Mary Ball Wilson, both of Williamston.

Fred Little and Retha Clark, both of Robersonville.

Willie Everett Pugh and Vivian Aline Goddard, both of Williamston.

William Isaac Price of Williamston and Lucille Leathers of Hobgood.

## Mathieson Has A Gain In Earnings

Baltimore, Oct. 13—Earnings of Mathieson Chemical Corporation for the nine months to September 30, 1953, of \$13,806,153 or \$2.53 per share on the 5,463,773 shares outstanding on that date were announced today by Thomas S. Nichols, president.

These compare with earnings of \$10,915,458 or \$2.00 per share for Mathieson and Squibb combined in 1952. The merger with E. R. Squibb and Sons took place on October 1, 1952.

Earnings for the third quarter amounted to \$4,977,520 or 91 cents per share, compared with 79 cents per share for the two companies in 1952.

Sales for the nine-month period and third quarter respectively were \$184,074,445 and \$60,385,994, compared with \$162,134,699 and \$54,536,509 for both companies prior to the merger in 1952.

Mathieson alone in 1952 earned \$8,305,998 or \$2.64 per share for the nine months and \$3,170,482 or \$1.01 per share for the third quarter.

Display Now For At Griffin Motor Company

Cecil Brown, manager of the Griffin Motor Company, returned home early Monday after spending several days in Detroit, special guest of the Chrysler Motor Corporation.

Mr. Brown drove a new 1954 Plymouth home which is now on display in the show room of the Griffin Motor Company.

A new Plymouth is also on display at the Dixie Motor Company.

Everetts Boy Finishes Army Leaders' School

Pfc. James T. Bullock recently completed the infantry leaders' school at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and earned a ten-day furlough home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Bullock, of Everetts. Following the furlough he is to report to Alaska where he will be stationed.