

Harvest Festival-Fair Promise Big Time For Town Next Week

Record Parade Will Climax The Festival

Dick Carter Will Launch Festival Schedule Monday

Big Colored Dance Tuesday; Nearly 100 Units Signed For Parade

Williamston's annual harvest festival and fair promise to make for a big time in the ole home town next week when an extensive program will be offered by the sponsors of the Martin County Fair and the Williamston Boosters line up one of the greatest street parades ever seen in this section of North Carolina, plus special harvest festival events Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Boosters' Executive Secretary Ed Grady said this morning that nearly 100 units had been assigned places in the parade, including fifteen brass bands, seventeen princesses and Miss Elizabeth Walker, queen of the 1952 festival.

Next Monday night at 9:00 o'clock Dick Carter will bring his Circle C Ranch Hands for a big square dance in the Planters Warehouse.

Tuesday night at the same hour and same place, the Norfolk All-Star Be Bop Orchestra will play for a colored dance.

The big festival event is scheduled for 3:00 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon when the parade is scheduled to move. There'll be no public speaker for the occasion this year, but special guests, including Congressman Herbert Bonner, other dignitaries from the county and several towns, will be in the parade which will climax the festival schedule.

While the Monday and Tuesday events along with the Martin County Fair are expected to attract large crowds, the Wednesday parade promises to be the biggest thing of its kind ever seen east of Raleigh, according to advance reports from the Boosters' office.

The Army Air Force will buzz the town with a squadron of B-26 bombers just before the parade starts. About two o'clock that afternoon, Doc Eugene Rice's clowns, aided and abetted in merry-making by several from Windsor, will take over the main parade route on Main at Watts to Washington Street and to the warehouse area.

Names of the seventeen princesses are: Jean Vaughan, Ahsokie; Nancy Ward, Bear Grass; Lois James, Bethel; Miriam Joyner, Enfield; Carolyn Ashley, Eden-ton; Ann Styon, Jamesville; Mary Waldo Howe, Oak City; Eva Russell, Perquimans High, Hertford; Ina Faye Wells, Plymouth; Penn Strandberg, Rocky Mount; Terry Lewis, Roper; Trudy Staton, Scotland Neck; Mary Eleanor Tew.

Pre-School Tots To Be In Parade

The Community Kindergarten, located in the First Methodist Church, has an enrollment of thirty pupils, including one from Everetts and one from Robersonville. Mrs. Wheeler Manning, president of the Kindergarten Mother's Association, is making plans for a Halloween entertainment and for a kindergarten float for the Harvest festival, the last of the month. A tiny tots rhythm band has been started in the school and uniforms will be discussed soon. The ministers, who sponsor the school, are to begin lesson in religious education each Wednesday morning; in addition to the devotionals conducted each day by the teachers.

New playground equipment is to be put on the playground, loaned to the kindergarten by Mr. Ben Courtney. The teachers and sponsors of the kindergarten would like to announce that this is a private playground and that the equipment is planned for small children only. Public cooperation in helping to keep it in good condition will be appreciated.

MARKET

Tobacco sales, after establishing new price records this season, have dwindled rapidly in size during the past two days, but the average continues to hold right to the 60-cent level. Only 20,334 pounds were sold yesterday, and it is apparent that just about all the crop has been sold in this area.

No date for closing the season has been mentioned, but it is possible that a closing time will be fixed next week.

To date, the market here has sold 11,205,148 pounds for an official average of \$59.46 or a total of \$6,662,390.

Speaker Declares Nation Descending A Toboggan Slide

Marine Corps Officer Talks To Woman's Club Here Tuesday Evening

"Unless we can integrate the American home and restore reverence for the head of the American family, this country will plunge down the toboggan slide," Lt. Colonel George W. Martin declared in a talk to the local Woman's Club Tuesday evening.

"We live in dangerous times," the speaker declared, apparently referring to the lapse in American morals and character rather than to the threat of an enemy attack. "Men of serious thought see a distinct parallel between conditions in ancient Rome and present-day conditions in our own country."

The Marine Corps colonel said, referring to the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" as told by Gibbon, and adding that America is farther down the toboggan slide than Rome was when that empire crumbled.

"Our leaders see the American way of life in grave peril unless we apply every possible remedy," Colonel Martin said, pointing out that an important step will have been taken in the right direction when we look to the preservation of the highest and noblest of our American traditions.

The speaker stressed character, customs and beliefs, and explained that "By these traditions, the greatness of America was attained." He warned that the continuing neglect of these high traditions will cause the downfall of our nation.

"In character, the founding fathers of our nation were, above all, purposeful men, freedom-loving."

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Mother Of Local Resident Passes

Mrs. Haskell J. Morris, mother of Mrs. C. Urban Rogers and sister of Miss Jane Freeman and Mrs. P. B. Cone of Williamston, died at her home in Goldsboro yesterday morning at 11:00 o'clock. She had been critically ill with a heart condition for several weeks, she was 74 years old.

Mrs. Morris was the daughter of the late Dr. Howard F. and Sally Williamson Freeman of Rock Ridge, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Goldsboro.

Surviving besides her daughter and sisters here are three daughters, Mrs. Raymond Bryan, Mrs. Sumter Turner and Mrs. James sister, Mrs. R. H. Fulghum, of Wilson; a son, Haskell J. Morris, L. Wharton, Jr., of Goldsboro; a Jr., of Mont Olive; two brothers, Dr. M. R. Freeman of Bailey and H. F. Freeman of Long Island, N. Y.; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services are being held at the home this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock with the Rev. Gilmer H. Cross, her pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Goldsboro's Willow Dale Cemetery.

Judge Peele Has Forty Cases In County's Court

Bonds Amounting To \$200 Ordered Forfeited By Court Monday

The Martin Recorder's Court had its biggest day in quite a few weeks last Monday when Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor Clarence Griffin handled forty cases. An afternoon session was held and fines were assessed in the total amount of \$1,000, the figure including two fines forfeited in the sum of \$200. One or two appeals were noted.

Proceedings: William H. Williams, pleading guilty of bastardy, was sentenced to the roads for three months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs and \$5 a week for the support of his illegitimate child.

The case in which John Berry DeVaney of Mackeys was charged with speeding 60 miles an hour in a truck, was not prosed.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon in two cases, James E. Randolph pleaded not guilty in one and the other was not prosed. Adjudged guilty in the first he was taxed with the court costs.

Rufus Locke, adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the court suspending the road sentence upon the payment of a \$25 and cost. The case in which Locke was charged with aiding and abetting drunken driving and speeding at 80 miles an hour, was not prosed.

Pleading not guilty, Kathay Locke was found guilty of drunken driving and failing to heed a siren, and she was fined \$150, plus costs. She loses her driver's license for a year.

Charged with bastardy and non-support, Smith Everett Doberry failed to appear for trial, and the court ordered his \$150 bond forfeited.

Before he could be tried for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, William Haywood Myrick was caught a second time and booked for the same offense. He was fined \$25 each case, plus costs.

Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, David W. McKeel was taxed with the court costs.

Archie Brown, pleading guilty,

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Bear Grass Adds To Cancer Fund

When no others would tackle the task, members of the Bear Grass Home Demonstration Club, led by Mesdames Chesley Jones, J. C. Rawls, Jr., Rose Rogerson and Gaston Savage, went to the bat for the Cancer Fund and raised \$70.

Contributions by individuals were reported as follows:

Elder A. B. Ayers, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rawls, Bill Harrison, Mrs. Inez Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Jones, \$2 each; Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Rogerson, Mrs. Walter Wynne and Mr. Patterson, \$1.50 each; Mrs. N. R. Rogerson, Mack Leggett, Maylon Price, Sam Mobley, Ralph Mobley, Dan Peele, Mrs. Clarence Bailey, Mrs. Elbert Rawls, Mrs. Jay Price, Mrs. J. C. Rawls, Jr., Virgil Wobbleton, Irvin Terry, Red Taylor, Buddy Cowan, Tim Malone, Pete Mendenhall, Leroy Harrison, Bule Bailey, Mrs. Robert Bailey, Willie Brown, Mark Chesson, Delmus Rogerson, Eli Bowen, William Peele, Bill Bullock, Ray Harrison, Alton Harrison, Howard Bowen, Bill Rogerson, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gurganus, and Mesdames Toby Bowen, Willie Gurganus, Pearl Rogers, Leamon Keel, Earl Roberson, Susie Bryant, Gaston Savage, Clayton Cowan, Jack Cowan, Kneezee Harrison, Mayo Harrison, Marvin Cowin, Ethel Rogerson, Arthur Peele, Ephraim Harrison, Tempie Keel, Annie Harrison, Lizzie Harrison, Effie Shaw and Rena Harrison, \$1 each; Lee Savage, Clayton Savage and Miss Bessie Malone, 50 cents each; Mrs. Fannie Taylor, 35c, and Mrs. Fernando Bowen, 25c.

Some sizable sweet potatoes have been produced and displayed in this county, but Farmer Jesse Griffin of Griffins jumped into an indisputable lead this week when he came to town with a Porton Rican weighing nine and three-quarter pounds. The potato topped by about five pounds the weight of another large specimen displayed here a few days ago.

Martin County Community Concert Officers



Meeting in the Woman's Club last Monday evening, officers of the Martin County Community Concert Association launched the 1953 membership drive. They are, left to right, seated, Miss Camelia Campbell, who is here for the local drive from national headquarters in New York, Mrs. F. Earl Wynne, treasurer, Mrs. Mayo Little, vice-president, from Robersonville, Mrs. Thomas W. Skinner, co-chairman of the membership drive; standing, left to right, Mr. L. Bruce Wynne, vice-president, Mrs. Joseph Griffin, secretary, Mr. B. G. Stewart, president, and Mrs. Charles H. Manning, co-chairman of the drive.

Bus Operators Have Plenty Trouble Getting A Station

Representatives of three companies operating busses through Williamston are having plenty of trouble in locating a terminal here. A temporary solution to the problem is expected this afternoon, an unofficial report stating that it is possible the station will be temporarily located in the peanut warehouse offices just across the street from the Maola Milk and Ice Cream Company plant on South Haughton.

During the meantime it appears that plans to locate a permanent station on South Elm Street just back of the old Everett home are being blocked. One report stated that an owner adjoining the proposed site has chosen not to sell about sixty feet to the owners who were considering building a station for the bus companies.

Contract Finally Let For By-Pass

A contract for building a \$171,000 truck route around Williamston was finally let this week to the J. S. Hill Construction Company of Washington. The bids were opened last month, but the contract award was delayed pending the completion of preliminary plans and the handling of other details.

A representative of the firm said this morning that another six or eight weeks likely would be needed to complete arrangements for starting work on the project. Possibly the several homes and one small commercial building now in the right-of-way will be moved shortly, but little or no work on the by-pass is to be started before late November or early December, according to unofficial information reaching here today.

New Firm To Open Here Next Monday

The J. D. McCotter Company is opening a ready-mix concrete plant here next Monday, it was officially announced today by Mr. J. C. Anderson, manager.

The company, operating a large plant in Washington, will run three large ready-mix trucks from its new station located here on West Warren Street just back of the Williamston Tractor and Implement Company. In addition to its ready-mix concrete, the new firm will handle building supplies, it was learned.

Formal Opening Of Fair Monday Night

TOP HONORS

Jamesville's Future Farmers of America took top honors at the State Fair in Raleigh this week with their wildlife conservation exhibit. Directed by Professor V. B. Hair, the future farmers overcame strong competition offered on a state-wide basis and walked away with \$225 in prize money.

The exhibit displays ways for conserving wildlife, and cites the value of wildlife. The display consisted of a forest background, border strips of lespedeza and small grain, and a farm pond in the center. Live fish were used in the pond and mounted animals, including specimens of duck, cardinals, owls, deer, opossum, rabbit and squirrel, were used to illustrate wildlife native to this State.

Preparations Are Being Completed For A Big Event

Indications Pointing To A "Cooking Good Time" All Next Week

The Martin County Fair, formally opening in and around the Carolina warehouse on Washington Street next Monday evening and sponsored jointly by the local Kiwanis and Lions Clubs for the second year in behalf of the Boy Scout Building Fund, promises to be the biggest event of its kind ever held here.

Keen interest is being shown in all types of exhibits by family, school, organizational and other groups, individuals and more than fifty commercial firms. Professor V. B. Hair and his Jamesville Future Farmers of America are planning switching their prize-winning wildlife exhibit from the State Fair to the one here next week. The exhibits will measure up to every expectation, Manager Fletcher Thomas declaring, explaining that \$1,100 is being offered in premiums.

All exhibit space has been booked and the booths, stage and other exhibits are being arranged to very good advantage. The livestock exhibits will be penned outside, and some fancy stock is being booked for the event.

A harvest festival feature, a square dance featuring Dick Carter, is booked in the Planters Warehouse Monday night, but the fair and midway will be open for the early visitors.

Tuesday at the fair has been designated as colored school day, all colored school children to be admitted free until 6:00 o'clock that evening. A feature that day will be a parade led by the E. J. Hayes High School band from East Main to the fairgrounds, beginning at 4:00 o'clock. That evening at 7:30, several spiritual singers, including the Gospelaires, Silverairs, Humming Birds from Williamston, Diamond Five from Bethel and others will be on the program at the fair. That evening at 9:00 o'clock there'll be a dance in the Planters Warehouse for the colored citizens, featuring the Norfolk All-Star Be Bop Orchestra.

Wednesday will be the big day with the fair and festival going full blast, featuring a parade that afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and Tommy Tucker and his orchestra at the coronation ball that evening at 9:00 o'clock.

Thursday is white school children's day. A special entertainment feature will be a program by the Harmony Trio of Goldsboro. The group appeared here in September and the singers were well received.

Farmers' Day, Friday, will feature the Old Virginia Barn Dance with Sunshine Sue in two performances, one at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and the other at 7:30 o'clock that evening.

Local talent is being lined up for amateur night Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Following the amateur programs, prizes, valued in the hundreds of dollars, will be given away.

The Virginia Greater Shows will be on the midway which will

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Hold Funeral For Mrs. Tetterton In Church Near Here

Member Of Pioneer Family In This County Died Wednesday Morning

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the Holly Springs Methodist Church near here for Mrs. Glennie Hannah Smithwick Tetterton who died in a local hospital yesterday morning at 4:00 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. R. E. Walston, assisted by the Rev. K. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister, will conduct the rites. Interment will be in the family cemetery near the home in Williams Township. The body is being moved from the Biggs Funeral Home to the church one hour before the service.

The daughter of the late Edgar and Mary Hadley Smithwick, she was born in Williams Township seventy years ago on August 17, 1883. She was a member of one of the early pioneer families in this county, the Smithwicks having settled in the Island Section of Williams Township several decades before the Revolutionary War.

Following her marriage to Stuart Tetterton on December 28, 1911, she made her home in Washington County a year and returned to her old home where she lived the remainder of her life except for a year spent in Norfolk after World War II.

She had been in declining health following a fall in which she suffered a broken hip four years ago. Hardly before she recovered from that accident, she fell and broke the same hip again. During the past several months she was able to be up and about, and only last Friday she was in Williams attending to business, settling the estate of her sister who died earlier this year. The time for making the final report was not near spent, but Mrs. Tetterton explained that her time was short and that she wanted to handle it without further delay.

Saturday morning she suffered a stroke at her home and was moved to the hospital soon thereafter. Her condition worsened rapidly following two or three other strokes.

Surviving besides her husband are a son, Earl V. Tetterton, of Norfolk, and one grandchild.

Mrs. Tetterton was a faithful member of the Holly Springs Church since 1913.

Officers To Testify In New York Murder Trial

Cpl. M. C. Byrum and Officer Chas. R. Moore will leave here early Sunday for White Plains, N. Y., to testify in the murder case against Chester Lee.

Charged with murdering a store operator in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., last March, Lee, a native of Bertie County, was arrested by the officers here a few days later.

Escape Injury In Taxi Wreck

Applying the brakes to avoid striking a stray cat, Brad Brown, driving John Little's Plymouth taxi, lost control and the machine turned over two times, stopping on its four wheels.

Accompanied by two fares, Brown was traveling toward Bear Grass when the car went out of control and turned over near Eli Bowen's store shortly before 12:00 o'clock last night.

No one was hurt, but damage to the taxi was estimated at \$700.