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Valuable Prizes Given Away Last Saturday at Fair

Thousands Registered For Goods Given Away By Local Firms

It was a happy time for holders of lucky numbers at the Martin County Fair last Saturday evening when numerous articles, valued at approximately \$1,500, were given away with no strings attached.

Several thousand persons registered at the various booths maintained by local business firms. The drawing itself required fully half an hour.

Billy Windley of Williamston drew one of the best prizes, a General Electric TV set, given by Manning and Peel Hardware and Appliance Company.

A Caloric gas range, given by Williamston Furniture Company, was won by Mrs. Thomas Tice, of RFD 1, Williamston.

A Silent Flame heater was given to Herbert C. Lassiter of Jamesville by Farmers Supply Company.

The box springs and mattress given by B. S. Courtney and Son Furniture Company was won by Mrs. Gladys Edwards of Williamston.

Another valuable prize, a Frigidaire electric ironer given by Dixie Motor Company, was won by Mrs. Ruth James of RFD 1, Robersonville.

Three prizes, given by Clark's Pharmacy, went to: 1st, T. E. Forehand, city, overnight case; Mrs. Carlyle Langley, city, jewelry set; and Chas. Brown, city, an electric bean pot.

Baker Oil Company gave away three prizes, a tire to E. L. Gardner of Williamston, a case of Esso extra motor oil to Mrs. Maggie Wier, and two gallons of anti-freeze to Garland Forbes, of RFD 3, Williamston.

The Harrison Oil Company awarded three prizes, a set of China to Mrs. G. H. Harrison of RFD 2, Williamston, a set of cutlery to W. C. Gay of Jamesville, and an electric lantern to V. B. Hairr of Jamesville.

Firestone store gave a Youngstown wall set to Ephraim C. Harrison of RFD 2, Williamston.

Two additional cooked turkeys were given by Worrell Turkeys Company to Mrs. J. W. Manning, Williamston, and to Mrs. Ferd Pollard of Bethel.

Corey Plumbing Company gave a silver service to Bruce Whitley of West End, a vacuum cleaner to Mrs. Clarence Britton of Williamston, a stainless steel carving set to Ralph Mobley, and a gallon of paint each to Mrs. Reba Matthews of Williamston and Saunders Revels of RFD 1, Williamston.

Lindsay's Checkbook Store gave away 150 chicks, 100 to Dillon Cherry of RFD 2, Williamston, 25 each to Gabe Roberson of RFD 1, Williamston, and Jean Coltrain of Williamston.

Bulluck's gave away just about a complete wardrobe and double items in some cases, as follows: Sarah Raynor and Fred Weaver, both of Williamston; L. D. Wynne of Williamston and Mrs. Sein Bailey of RFD 2, Williamston; slacks; Myrtle Speller of Williamston; shoes; Richard Cherry of RFD 2, Williamston; boy's jacket; Mrs. Sarah C. Menaugh of Williamston; hat; Mrs. Ethel Willard of Williamston half dozen ties; Elsie Lloyd of Williamston; hat; Flored Pilgreen of RFD 1, Robersonville; belt; Mrs. David Keel of West End, rain coat; and Mrs. B. S. Harrison, Williamston, sport shirt.

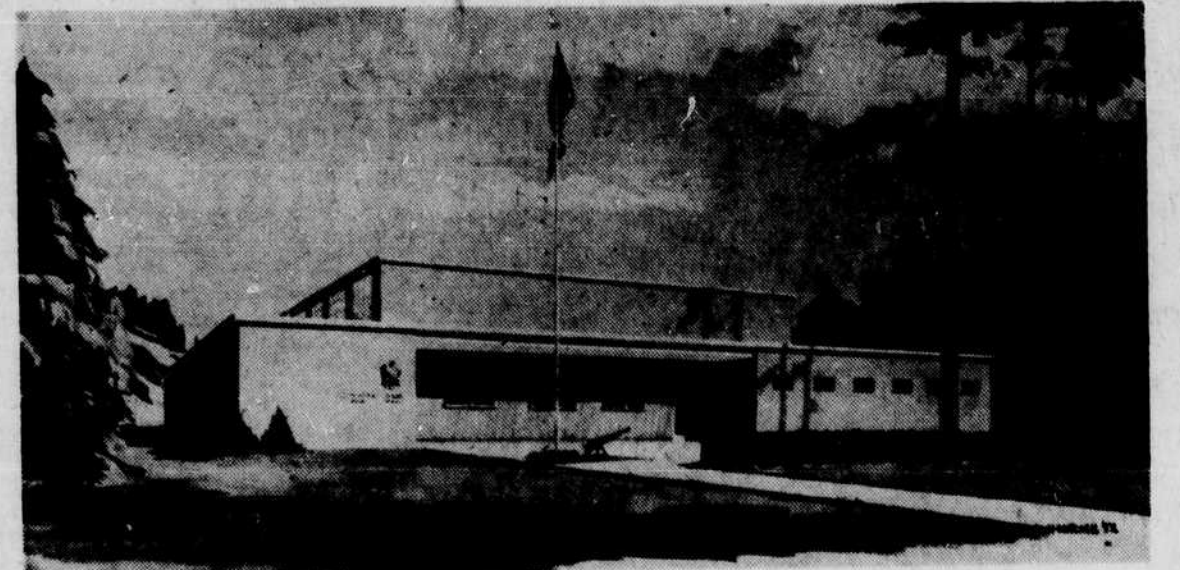
Property Sold At Auction Here

Several pieces of property were sold at auction here last Friday afternoon by F. W. Sparrow, real estate dealer.

Wier's furniture store on Washington Street near the Sycamore intersection was sold to Herbert Whitley for \$19,500. Frank Marone, Wilson man, bought the Wier Coffe Shop lot and building for \$17,000. The purchase was made subject to a 5-year lease now held by the occupants.

A vacant lot, measuring 50 by 210 feet was sold on Washington Street to Elmo Lilley and Wesley Peele for \$3,300. D. W. Brady bought two small homes on West Main Street for \$8,800.

Architect's Drawing Of Promosed Armory



Williamston's proposed armory to house Battery C, 150th AAA Bn. will look like the architect's sketch above. The building, with a floor area of approximately 13,600 square feet, will be of brick and block construction. The site faces the new by-pass for Highways 17 and 64 just outside of the town limits on Highway 64. Bids on the structure and a similar unit for Ahoskie will be opened in the courthouse here at 2:30 o'clock on Thursday, November 19.

Exhibitors Exhaust Fair Premium Money

\$1,200 Paid Out By Fair Officials Here Last Week

Exhibits Rated Best Seen In This Section In Many Years

Cooperating to make the event a success, exhibitors literally ate up every penny offered in premiums by the Martin County Fair here last week. Right at \$1,200 was paid to exhibitors, Manager Fletcher Thomas said.

The exhibits, rated the best seen in this section in many years, measured up to expectations and reflected a healthy condition in crop production, livestock raising and the live-at-home program. The fair also proved that the county has some budding young artists, not only in the field of art but also in other fields, including homemaking.

Club Members At Electric Meeting

Miss Cathrine Rogerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Rogerson of Bear Grass, is representing Martin County at the North Carolina State Electric Congress Coltrain was mistress of ceremony in Raleigh. Miss Rogerson, county winner in the Farm and Home Electric contest, is the guest of Virginia Electric and Power Company at the two-day meeting ending in Raleigh this afternoon when a State winner is to be named and other awards are announced.

Miss Joan Coltrain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coltrain, is a principal contender for the State award.

The Virginia Electric and Power Company sponsored the luncheon in the Virginia Dare Ballroom at the Sir Walter Hotel yesterday, and R. H. Goodman, vice president, presided over the affair. Monies at the luncheon:

In addition to Misses Coltrain and Rogerson and Mr. Goodman, Miss Ruby Lee Spencer, assistant home agent, Miss Doris Strickland and Messrs. A. L. Jameson, J. H. McBrayer and W. R. Bender, of the Power Company, are attending the meeting.

Five Cited To Courts By State-County ABC Officers

Five alleged bootleggers were taken in a dragnet thrown about the county last week-end by officers from the State and County Alcoholic Beverages Control boards. Several of the defendants have been in the courts previously or similar charges and at least one of the five now has a case on appeal to the Martin County Superior Court.

Officers G. E. Stutts and F. W. Thompson, representing the State ABC board, came into the county last Thursday and two days later they had brought liquor law violation charges against Warren Griffin of Cross Roads, Leland Roberson and Wife of Williams Township, Mary Jane Payton of

Williamston, and Simon Jenkins of Robersonville. The two officers were said to have visited other potential outlets for illicit liquor but they made little or no progress at those stops.

Two purchases were made from Griffin and Jenkins, ABC Chief, Cecil Bullock of this county stating that little or no difficulty was encountered in making the purchases.

Jenkins, who has paid at least one sizable fine in the county court, is now facing the superior court on appeal in another case.

County Board In Brief Meeting Monday Morning

Delegation Too Late To Get In Appeal For Addition To Agriculture Bldg.

Martin County's commissioners, with little new business on the calendar, handled their routine duties and adjourned after remaining in session a little more than an hour Monday morning. A few matters were discussed, but no action was taken. The officials spent most of their time hearing reports from the various departments. A jury for the one-week term of December court was drawn, and the commissioners recommended that the road in Williamston Township leading to the farmers of R. L. Coburn and Chas. H. Manning or Pasture Neck be included in the State highway system.

Headed by Mrs. J. State Ayers or Cross Roads, a delegation of home demonstration club women reported to the commissioners room at 11:00 o'clock, but the officials had already completed their work and adjourned for the month. The delegation was given a definite appointment for the regular meeting in December. It was learned that the delegation will appeal to the commissioner, urging them to build an addition to the county agriculture building. At the present time the auditorium is being used for office space, leaving the clubs and other farm organizations no place to hold their meetings.

In his monthly report, Tax Collector M. L. Peel stated that \$258,359.40 of the \$408,077.83 levy for 1953 had been collected. It was also reported that \$20,772.84 is due on the \$395,067.80 levy for 1952, and that all but \$11,424.23 of the \$361,264.65 levy for 1951 had been collected. Only \$6,074.51 is due on the \$337,392.79 levy for 1950, the collector reported.

All members of the board, in (Continued on Page Eight)

Amateurs Put On Big Show At Fair

Sunshine Sue of the Old Dominion Barn Dance packed'em at the fair last Friday afternoon and evening, but one of the features was the amateur program Saturday evening. Twelve teams or acts by individuals were offered during the program.

The Oak City Future Farmers of America group, composed of Billy Etheridge, Buzzy Worsley and John Hardison, won the \$15 first prize with their song and dance number. Miss Beverly Gaines of Jamesville, offering a song and dance number, won the \$10 second prize, and Calvin Chesson, Wilbur Stewart of Williams took the \$7.50 third prize with their trumpet and piano duet.

Three dollar awards were made to the following contestants: Bonney Conway, Jr., of RFD 2, Williamston, Bettie Stubbs and Hattie Stubbs of Williamston, Mrs. Irving Smith of Cross Roads, Oak City; Crissie Gurkin trio, RFD 1, Williamston; and the team of RFD 3, Williamston, Myrtle Nicholson of Williamston and Louvenia Rogerson of RFD 2, Williamston.

Mesdames Hugh Wyatt, Mary H. Lilley and Mrs. Ruth P. Allock of Everetts judged the contest.

Shoot Lights On Halloween Spree

Youngsters, playing the role of little vandals, exacted a fairly heavy toll on property while on a Halloween spree last Saturday night.

A preliminary report stated that fifteen street lights were shot out in various parts of town, the marksmen leaving only one light burning on all of Sycamore Street. Others were shot out on North Houghton and Liberty Streets. It was also reported that between fourteen and twenty-one window lights were knocked out at the grammar school, including several large lights.

Minor damage was also reported in other areas, but for the most part "treat" was the order of the day and no extensive damage was reported, police saying that the observance was very orderly.

To Contact Utilities Group About Station

Town Officials In Two-Hour Session Here Last Night

Push Injunction To Gain Right-of-Way For Railroad Street Paving

Disturbed about the lack of bus station facilities and the apparent indifference on the part of someone to remedy a disgrace, Williamston's officials in a two-hour session last evening instructed Mayor Robt. H. Cowen to contact the Utilities Commission and discuss the existing problem, looking toward an early solution.

The bus station problem was reviewed from beginning to end, and it now appears as if someone is waiting for someone else to move. It is believed that the bus companies are going slow in the face of a contract they entered into a few weeks ago. A representative of the Utilities Commission was quoted as saying that the contract was invalid since the proposed site was not formally approved.

A representative was to have investigated the problem a week ago yesterday. He advised he would not be able to get here until Thursday. Up until last night no word had been received from the representative.

During the meantime no decent service is being provided for the traveling public. The open air station on South Elm Street is rapidly creating a nuisance because there are no facilities. And service has been impaired.

The town attorney was instructed to push an injunction against the A. C. L. Railroad Company to get a right-of-way along Railroad Street from Washington Street to Smithwick for a paving project. The attorney was also instructed to clear right-of-way of obstacles for establishing a 38-foot thoroughfare on Harrison Street.

And talking about streets, the town has been advised that it has no streets between Hunter and Andrews, and along the south end of School Drive near the grammar school. Apparently an error was made in surveying thirteen lots along Andrews Street, for when the lines of the thirteen lots were established, the last property owner's rights extended well into the street. The town offered the owner of the thirteenth lot \$200 for his claim in the street, but the offer was refused. It was voted to up the offer by \$50. During the meantime, the town supposedly holds a claim to a 30-foot street, but ap-

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ROUND-UP

Ten persons were rounded up and detained in the county jail during the past week-end by local county and state officers. Quite a few others, facing law violation charges, arranged bond and escaped jail.

Seven of those jailed were booked for public drunkenness and three for drunken driving. Five of the ten were white and the ages of the group ranged from 23 to 62 years.

At least one alleged law violator escaped arrest.

SOLICITOR



Elbert S. Peel, local attorney and former State senator, was appointed solicitor for the second district by Governor Wm. B. Umstead last Saturday. He is succeeding George Fountain who was named a special judge by the Governor at the same time. The two will accept the oath of office at a ceremony to be held in Raleigh on Friday. The newly appointed solicitor is to maintain his law office here in partnership with his son, Elbert Peel, Jr., and will prosecute the dockets in the Wilson, Nash, Edgecombe, Martin and Washington County superior courts.

Painfully Hurt In Accident Here

Master Jack Jones, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jones of Poplar Point, was painfully but believed not seriously injured when he was struck by an oil truck in front of Attorney Wheeler Martin's office on Main Street here yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock.

The little fellow broke away from his father and darted into the street and in front of the truck, traveling east, did not run over him.

Suffering a painful head injury, the little victim was removed to a local hospital for treatment.

Mr. Jones, who has spent many months in hospitals during the past few years, was scheduled to return to Duke Hospital today for still another operation.

Painfully Shot At Robersonville

Mamie Grimes, young colored woman, was painfully but believed not seriously hurt at 6:20 last Saturday evening when she was shot by David Richardson, colored man, at the bus station in Robersonville.

Seated in his car, Richardson was said to have been quarreling with the woman who was standing beside the car. "You don't believe I'll shoot you?" Richardson is said to have asked the woman.

When she replied, "No, go ahead and shoot," Richardson fired his 22 calibre pistol, the bullet striking her in the mouth and lodging in the jaw. She was treated in Wards' Clinic, Richardson escaped, one report stating that he was seen in Pam County the following day.

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Series Of Wrecks On County Roads During Week-end

Six Persons Reported Hurt In Seven Highway and Street Accidents

At least six persons were injured, most of them painfully but believed not seriously in a series of street and highway accidents in this county during the past week-end. Property damage was estimated at \$1,685.

Mrs. Louise Salsbury Weaver of Rocky Mount suffered a fractured right ankle, concussion and abrasions when her car, a 1951 Chevrolet, was in collision with another driven by a Cherry Point marine on Highway 11 at the Council intersection not far from Hassell last Friday evening about 7:00 o'clock. As far as it could be learned no one else was injured in the accident. Property damage to each car was estimated at \$400. Mrs. Weaver was removed to a Rocky Mount hospital by ambulance.

Sunday morning about 12:30 o'clock, David Best of Robersonville was driving from Bethel toward Parmele on Highway 64 when he claims something went wrong with the steering wheel, causing him to ditch his old model car a short distance from Parmele. William Best, his son, suffered a nose injury and another passenger in the car whose name could not be learned, was hurt. The victims were treated in the Bethel Clinic. Damage to the car was estimated at \$200.

Sunday afternoon at 12:35 o'clock, Arthur Rollins backed his Chevrolet into William Chester Shade's Dodge pick-up in Gold Point, injuring no one and causing only about \$25 damage. The pick-up was parked, officers said.

Speeding out of the Hassell-Butlers Bridge road about 10:00 o'clock Sunday night into Highway 125, a driver of a cream-colored car could not stop until he had crashed into a road bank. Few details of the accident could be had immediately.

Kenneth Rawls was driving his 1952 Ford from Parmele toward Robersonville about 10:30 o'clock Sunday night when John Ira Shaw of Bethel drove out of a sideroad in his 1947 Chevrolet. The vehicles crashed, resulting in no injuries but causing about \$50 damage to the Ford and about \$10 to the other car.

Two persons were painfully bruised and shocked but believed not badly hurt in an automobile-tractor crash on Highway 64 a short distance east of Gardner's Creek at 6:30 o'clock last Saturday evening. Property damage was estimated at about \$500 by Patrolman Carl Gilchrist, the investigating officer.

Both vehicles were moving in the direction of Williamston. Driving a 1940 model Ford, Earl V. Tetterton said the tractor, driven by Maurice Gardner, had a bright light burning on the rear. "I thought the tractor was meeting me and I did not know which way to dodge it," Tetterton was quoted as saying.

Mr. Gardner said the car hit the tractor, tipping down a wheel. He was thrown high into the air and apparently the car ran under him before he fell to the concrete. The tractor driver was skinned about the face and all the way down below the knee on one side.

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Awaiting School Survey Reports

Representing the North Carolina State Board of Education, a special survey team, composed of Boyce Morrison, educational survey supervisor of school planning division, G. H. Ferguson, head of the division of Negro education, and W. L. Lathan, former superintendent of schools of Swain County, completed a survey in this county last week, looking forward to selecting a site to replace the Parmele High School which was burned out a few weeks ago.

In addition to making a study of the district, the survey team checked the student population and other factors. Members of the team are now working on a report which they are to submit to the Martin County Board of Education. It could not be learned when the report will be made ready, but it is expected that the county board will be called into special session to receive it.

Market Held Last Sale Of The 1953 Season On Friday

Williamston's tobacco market held the last sale of the 1953 season Friday, the event lowering the curtain on one of the market's most successful years.

The last pile was sold at 10:30 o'clock, and the same buyef, Alex Jones of the J. P. Taylor Company, who bought the first pile on opening day offered the last bid. The buyers immediately started shaking hands and made ready to leave for their homes to spend a few weeks before reporting for duty on the Burley markets.

The market, despite a cut in the acreage, sold 11,368,090 pounds, or 40,936 more pounds than were sold last year. While the poundage was just about the same for

the two seasons, the \$6,756,855.00 was \$1,061,791 greater than the total income received by the market patrons in 1952. Last year the market average \$50.28 as compared with \$59.44 this year, the season just ended holding a \$9.16 per hundred price advantage. The average is among the highest in the belt, it is believed. It certainly is the highest ever recorded for one season here.

In only one other year on record have the patrons of the market received more money for their tobacco than they received this year. In 1951 they received \$6,862,911, but that year the market handled 12,430,654 pounds of tobacco.