

## Farmers Calling For 100 Percent Parity In County

Support Proposed Reduction  
In Tobacco At Meeting  
Here Last Night

Martin County farmers, attending a meeting of the county Farm Bureau here last night in the courthouse, went on record as favoring 100 percent parity for basic farm commodities. They also recommended an investigation of the price spread between producer and consumer, and supported by resolution the proposed five percent reduction in 1954 tobacco acreages.

The group, led by Farmer Noah Daniel Griffin, discussed the higher parity feature at length, and unanimously passed a resolution to be laid before the annual convention of the North Carolina Farm Bureau in Raleigh early next week. "It's all right when the Stabilization Corporation gets my tobacco at ninety percent of parity, but when it goes into regular channels, it should get consideration equal to that according to the things we have to buy," Farmer Griffin declared. The Griffin motion was seconded by Farmer E. C. Harrison.

"We would like to know just what happens to prices from the time a commodity is produced until it reaches the consumer," Farmer Mayo Hardison of Poplar Point said. The group petitioned the State organization to carry an appeal to Washington, urging an investigation of the price spread.

Evaluating the facts surrounding tobacco production and consumption, the group upon a motion offered by Farmer Hardison and a second by Farmer E. C. Harrison of Bear Grass, unanimously favored the proposed five percent decrease in the 1954 tobacco crop. It was pointed out that tobacco stocks are piling up, that the Stabilization Corporation is now getting as much as seventy percent of the offerings on some markets and that consumption is dwindling for the first time in twenty years.

Chas. L. Daniel, president of the Martin County Farm Bureau, is to carry the recommendations of the group to Raleigh this week-end when he goes to the convention as a member of the resolutions committee of the State organization.

Martin County is to be well represented at the convention, it was learned.

The group at the meeting volunteered to cooperate in the drive to raise the equal of \$3,000 in farm products during the CROP drive Thanksgiving week.

## Methodists Plan Observance Here

During the past several months members of first Methodist church have been quietly preparing for the observance of an important anniversary. One hundred twenty-five years ago a small congregation secured the property on which the present church and parsonage stands. Since that time worship and church activity have been carried on by succeeding generations of Methodists on the same spot.

Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, President Bishop of the North Carolina Conference, will come to Williamston on November 22 to lead the local church in the observance. He will be the speaker at the morning worship on that day. Bishop Garber has been a familiar figure in North Carolina Methodism for many years, having been successively professor of history at Duke University, professor of church history of the Duke Divinity School, Dean of the Divinity School, and new presiding Bishop of the Richmond Area within which scores of his former students serve as pastors. Previous to his appointment to the Richmond Area, he was the presiding Bishop of the Geneva Area where he supervised work of the church in portions of Europe and North Africa.

Following morning worship, dinner will be served at the church. Former members of the church and former pastors are being invited to return for the day. In the afternoon Bishop Garber will meet with groups of laymen, but there will be no afternoon service. Thus ample opportunity will be provided for fellowship and visiting.

## Subscribes To Solicitor's Oath In Raleigh



Elbert S. Peel, Williamston attorney, subscribes to the oath of solicitor for the second district before Associate Justice M. V. Barnhill in the hall of the House of Representatives in Raleigh.

The oath was administered last Friday morning, and the new solicitor entered upon his duties as prosecutor in the Nash County Superior Court at Nashville Monday.

## Speeder Gets Twelve Months on the Roads

### PRIZES

Williamston is planning a decorative holiday season, possibly one of the most elaborate ever seen here. In a meeting Tuesday evening directors of the Boosters, Inc., placed an order for special decorations for the streets, and then individually pledged considerable cash prizes for the best home and yard decorations.

The special street material is estimated to cost \$1 per yard, but the Boosters, placing an order for several hundred yards, were agreed that everything possible should be done to dress up and brighten the town for Christmas.

## Sister Of Local Residents Dies

Funeral services were conducted in St. John's Baptist Church near Ahoskie yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Mrs. Ethel Summer Cleaton, sister of Mrs. F. F. Thigpen and Mrs. Coy J. Roberson of Williamston. The Rev. T. N. Cooper conducted the service. Interment was in the family cemetery. Mrs. Cleaton died in a Portsmouth hospital early Tuesday morning.

A daughter of the late John L. and Magnolia Howard Summer was born in Hertford County 58 years ago and was making her home in the Williams County area. She died. She was a member of Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, Portsmouth.

Surviving besides her sisters in Williamston are her husband, J. T. Cleaton; a son, John L. Teaster, by a former marriage; a step-daughter, Josephine Cleaton, of Portsmouth; two step-sons, M. J. Cleaton of Portsmouth and H. T. Cleaton of Kingston, and a brother, John L. Summer, of Ahoskie.

## Little Attention Paid Armistice Day Locally

The 35th anniversary of Armistice Day yesterday received little attention in this section. A few business establishments, including the post office, banks and federal-state offices were closed for the day, but no public celebrations were held. About the only reminder of the anniversary marking the end of World War I was the flags flying on the streets.

## Forty-Four Cases Heard Monday In The County Court

Fines Imposed During The  
Session Monday Add  
Up To \$765.00

During a long session of the Martin County Recorder's Court Monday, Judge H. O. Peele had plenty of time to spare and he divided it liberally and freely with several defendants. One was given twelve months on the roads for speeding ninety miles an hour. Another was given a year on the roads for violating the liquor laws, and still another drew twelve months for forcible trespass and a deadly weapon assault. In addition to dividing the time, the jurist shared the wealth when he imposed sums in the total amount of \$765.00 in a speeding case did not materialize, the defendant choosing a road sentence instead.

The court was in session until late afternoon clearing its docket, which included right many speeding cases.

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## Air Force Opens An Office Here

The Army and Air Force has re-opened their Recruiting Office in Williamston located on the 2nd floor of the City Hall and will be represented by M/Sgt. William A. Haynes.

M/Sgt. Haynes arrived in Williamston Monday and is now ready to interview any applicant that is interested in the Army and Air Force programs and will be in his office Monday thru Saturdays between the hours of 8 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock noon, and on Mondays and Fridays will be there from 1 o'clock P. M. thru 4:30 o'clock P. M., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursday afternoons will be reserved for other towns through the area.

M/Sgt. Haynes has served with the Armed Forces for the past 11 and one-half years and has just returned from Europe where he served a 42-month tour of duty with the 10th Field Hospital in Germany, as a Pharmacist and was schooled for this profession during his service with the Armed Forces.

## CROP Drive Set During The Week Of Thanksgiving

Meeting with a Farm Bureau group in the courthouse Wednesday evening, Mayo Hardison, chairman of the Christian Rural Overseas Program, discussed plans for carrying the annual "CROP" appeal to the people of this county. The drive is to be launched during Thanksgiving week, it was decided.

Chairman Hardison, with the aid of Farm Bureau leaders, is contacting representatives in every one of the ten townships and plans to complete his arrangements for the drive within the next few days. The county is being asked to raise the equal of 1,000 pounds of peanut butter, valued at about \$3,000. It is proposed to receive corn, soy beans or other farm commodities.

Last year this county shipped a solid carload of corn valued at \$2,750, for distribution in South Korea. Martin was the second ranking county in the State, it was learned. Already this year, one county has shipped two carloads of wheat and another county has loaded a car of powdered milk for distribution in the war-torn and poverty-stricken areas overseas.

The people of this county are asked to join in the movement and lend Mr. Hardison and the canvassers a willing support when the drive gets under way.

## Ninety-Eight-Year-Old Patient In Hospital

Wm. Preston Powell, 98 years old, is receiving treatment in a local hospital. Battling the infirmities of age, he was reported last evening to be holding his own.

Powell, a colored man, is from Williams Township.

## Opening Annual Christmas Seal Sale In This County

The 47th annual Christmas Seal Sale opens officially on November 16th, but Christmas Seal Bonds are being mailed to firms throughout the county this week.

J. Paul Simpson, seal sale chairman, advises that unless otherwise requested, purchasers of the tuberculosis seal bonds will not be solicited by personal contact this year. All bonds are being mailed to firms in the county just a few days prior to the mailing of the little seals. This method was adopted out of consideration for the contributors who were generous and forbearing even though calls were, of necessity, made during business hours.

## County Man Buys Prize Animal At Kinston Recently

Assistant Farm Agent Tells  
Of Quality Factor In  
Raising Cattle

By D. W. Brady, Assistant Martin  
Farm Agent

I attended the 4th Annual Eastern North Carolina Polled Hereford Show and Sale at Kinston, recently with Mr. D. C. Carstarphen who purchased the Grand Champion bull. A polled bull and a beautiful animal, he had a lot of keen competition at the show. He won over a very good Green Pasture Bull and several other very good polled and horned bulls; in fact, there were 20 bulls and 50 heifers in the show and sale. Another purebred sale will be held in Winston-Salem on Friday.

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### PRELIMINARY

No final report is yet available, but the sponsors are quoted as saying the recent Martin County fair was a success financially. It is estimated that the net income will approximate \$4,500.

Sponsoring the Boy Scout hut building program, the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs will turn the proceeds into the building fund, leaving only a few thousand dollars indebtedness on the structure.

It is tentatively planned to use the building for the first time next Monday night for a meeting of the Wasmarty Scout District. However, much work is yet to be handled before the building is made ready for use.

## Temporary Plans Made For Housing Bus Station Here

No Definite Arrangements  
Advanced For Permanent  
Terminal

After battling the elements on a vacant lot on South Elm Street for three weeks and without even an outhouse available for the relief of its patrons, Williamston's bus terminal is going back to its little wooden box next to the Carolina warehouse on Washington Street, where the traveling public can at least get out of the rain and where limited facilities are provided.

The latest set-up is said to be temporary, but that is meant by temporary could not be learned. For a year or more the bus terminal had been operated after an uncertain fashion. The bus companies' lease on the station located on Main Street expired a long time ago, and apparently little was accomplished in the way of providing facilities for the traveling public elsewhere. The station was finally moved to the deserted filling station next to the Carolina warehouse on Washington Street. Weeks passed and no acceptable progress was made in locating a permanent site for the station. Three weeks ago, on October 21, the bus companies were forced to abandon that location, which had a rating of about 16 points. Since that time the traveling public has received treatment more in keeping with that offered in the back countries of China or Russia.

During the meantime the bus operators entered into a contract for a bus station on Smithwick Street. It appears that the site was not approved, leaving the contract bogged down in uncertainty.

Representatives Richards of the Carolina Trailways and Tarkington of the Norfolk Southern were here Tuesday afternoon and made arrangements to move the station back to the little wooden box on Washington Street. It could not be learned officially, but one report indicated that the bus companies have not been released from the terms of the contract entered into with the owners of the Smithwick Street site.

The station, scheduled to be reopened today, will be under the management of Mrs. Jas. Bailey Peele who will be assisted in its operation by her sons. Limited facilities will necessarily create problems, but the traveling public is at least assured a greatly improved service and better treatment than it has had in recent weeks.

## Fatally Injured In Road Accident

Paul Wynne, 40-year-old colored man, was fatally injured when he was thrown out of a car by a run-away horse on a dirt road near Gold Point late Tuesday afternoon. Suffering internal injuries, the victim died in a hospital here yesterday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. A wheel of the car passed over him, it was reported.

Details of the accident could not be learned here immediately, but one report said the man was driving the horse and cart in a curve near a colored church about one-quarter mile from Gold Point when the animal became frightened and ran away.

Wynne, son of Andrew Wynne, lived on the J. W. Garris farm and worked at day labor. He leaves a family.

## Divorce Cases In The Courts

Two divorce cases, both based on two years of separation, were filed in the Martin County Superior Court during the past few days. They have not been placed on the trial calendar, however.

Ethel Williams Hines is suing W. A. Hines for divorce, the plaintiff stating in the complaint that they were married November 16, 1918, and separated in December, 1948.

In the case of Annie Spruill against James Spruill, the plaintiff says they were married August 11, 1948, and separated March 11, 1951. She is asking for the custody of their two-year-old child.

Eleven divorce cases are to be tried Monday, November 23.

## Organize Industrial Development Group

### STREET CASE

The Town of Williamston has started a case against the A. C. L. Railroad Company, asking the defendant to remove obstacles on Railroad Street between Washington and Smithwick and to permit the paving of the street to within about eight feet of the center of the rail track.

The defendant is to appear before Judge M. C. Paul in superior court here on December 2 and show cause, if any, why the relief should not be granted by the courts.

## Issued Nineteen Licenses to Wed In Martin County

Issuance Is Slightly Below  
Average For The Past  
Ten Years

Nineteen marriage licenses were issued by the office of Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger in this county last month. The issuance was slightly below the average for the past ten-year period, but the third largest for any month so far this year.

Licenses were issued to seven white and twelve colored couples, as follows:

### White

Raleigh T. Vaughan of Conway and Janie Ward Nelson of Robersonville; Ernest Carl Finley of Lake City, Fla., and Helen Elizabeth Girvin of Jamesville; Dallas Ward Manning and Peggy Rose Williams, both of Robersonville; John Alfred Roberson and Mary Alice Tice, both of Williamston; Annis Hadad of Yonkers, N. Y., and Williamston, and Mrs. Lillian Yancey Peele of Williamston; Otis W. Allen and Emma Padgett, both of Washington; Harold Francis Lyons of 41 Gardner St., Peabody, Mass., and Gloria Quesberry of 373 Hamilton Ave., Norfolk.

### Colored

Charlie Wiggins and Betheria Barfield, both of Williamston; Jesse Mayo Andrews and Clara Reeves, both of R. F. D. 3, Williamston; William Thomas King of RFD 2, Williamston and Evelyn Frances Hardison of RFD 1, Williamston; Alonza Lloyd and Mamie Elizabeth Wallace, both of Robersonville; Willie Wiggins and Mamie Andrews, both of Robersonville; Willie Frank Wilson and Katie Lou Thigpen, both of Jamesville; Eugene R. Cherry and Louise Wilder, both of Ahoskie; Horace Lee Hall and Glenda Stancil, both of Jamesville; Allen Brown and Willie Mae Wilkins, both of Robersonville; Roosevelt Askew and Janie Mae Ward, both of Ahoskie; William Roberson and Earnestine Knight, both of Williamston; Herbert Reeves and Louise Bowen, both of Williamston.

## Little Activity On Peanut Market

After getting off to a hurried start, the peanut harvest was halted by rains last week-end and more falling weather this week. While extremely favorable weather conditions would make possible a resumption of the harvest this week-end, it isn't likely that pickers will get under way before next week under normal conditions.

Little activity is being reported on the markets, most of those goobers picked before the rains having been bought and delivered by the middle of this week.

The peanut growers cooperative Marketing Association opened a warehouse here this week, but up until yesterday no peanuts had been delivered there. The open market has been holding slightly above the prices offered by the cooperative, and has been handling the hauling for the farmers. There was about a 38-cent differential, plus hauling, in favor of the open market, but late reports said that the market possibly had been reduced to about 13 cents a hundred pounds.

Messrs. Leman Barnhill and S. C. Griffin are operating the Carolina Warehouse here for the cooperative.

## Group Will Work To Get Industry To Locate Here

Directors of Boosters Have  
Subscribed To \$5,000 of  
Corporation Stock

Looking forward to getting new industries to locate in this section, directors of the Williamston Boosters recently incorporated the Williamston Industrial Development Corporation and immediately subscribed to \$5,000 worth of stock. The corporation charter, issued by the Secretary of State, provides for the sale of \$50 shares of stock up to \$100,000.

At a meeting of the Boosters directors Tuesday evening, Ben D. Courtney was elected president and A. J. Manning, vice president. Ed Grady was named secretary and treasurer. The board of directors, holding the positions temporarily and coming entirely from the Boosters directorate, includes, Leman Barnhill, Marvin Baker, Ben D. Courtney, George Corey, D. R. Davis, John Henry Edwards, E. Grady, James E. Griffin, A. J. Manning, Wheeler Manning, R. Edwin Peele and Urbin Rogers.

Organized as a non-profit business, the new corporation proposed to work with industry in locating plants or warehouses here. It is planned for the corporation to provide sites and construct buildings for prospective industry, the cost to be liquidated by fixed rents.

It was pointed out that a transportation company, handling freight in interstate commerce, wants to open a terminal here for the distribution of freight throughout this section of the State. No final plans have been announced, but it was learned that the company has tentatively agreed to liquidate the cost of such a terminal over a ten-year period. Plans for the structure are being prepared and representatives of the newly-formed corporation are looking around for a suitable site. The extent of the operations planned by the transportation firm has not been announced, but the operation could develop into a sizeable business, one report said.

The new corporation soon will be in a position to provide quarters to specifications for any new industry looking for a location, it was explained.

There are sufficient inquiries on (Continued on Page Six)

## Meeting Planned In New Scout Hut

Williamston's new Boy Scout Hut, financed by the local Lions and Kiwanis clubs on South Smithwick Street, is to be used for the first time next Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock when the Wasmarty District holds its annual meeting there. The district includes Boy Scout troops in the counties of Martin, Washington and Tyrrell.

Professor V. B. Hairr of Jamesville is to preside at the meeting. Officers will be elected for the coming year, and a report is to be submitted on the activities in the district. Following the invocation by the Rev. Thos. L. Hastings, C. A. Askew of Jamesville will present training certificates. Delbert Sawyer, district commissioner will introduce the unit leaders and the district committee members will be introduced by V. B. Hairr. District Scout master G. E. Ashwill will review the activities. Eagle Scouts are to be presented to the meeting by R. C. Malone and Clayton Revels.

An entertainment feature will be the showing of the 1953 Council camporee taken in Tarboro last April.

Scout leaders and their wives and friends from the three counties are expected to attend. The ticket sale for the dinner meeting is being handled by David Boyd in Hamilton, P. C. Edmondson, Jr., in Hassell, C. B. Martin in Robersonville, Tim Malone in Bear Grass, The Rev. T. L. Hastings, J. H. McBrayer and Kelly Gay in Williamston, H. B. Gaylord in Jamesville, Phil Liverman in Plymouth, and Robert L. Mit-