

Fire Department Is Formed In The Town Of Hamilton

Truck Delivered And Sev- enteen Young Men Vol- unteer For Service

Experiencing heavy losses at more or less regular intervals, citizens of the town of Hamilton recently formed a fire department, and are rapidly shaping the equipment into an effective and modern organization.

The volunteer company was organized a short time ago with Don Matthews, Jr., president; Pete Roane, vice president; Hilton Everett, treasurer and James Lee, secretary. James Staton Ayers was made the first fire chief, and Morris Lynch and Bud Bullock are his assistants. Other volunteers are, Joe Cherry, Abner Bland, Jim Scott, Johnnie Scott, Frank Everett, Henry Johnson, Jr., Alvin Everett, Henry Haislip and Dewey Stalls.

Financed mainly by cash contributions, plus the donation of some equipment, the department last week purchased a Studebaker truck from a company in Roanoke, Virginia. It was delivered late Wednesday and is now being altered to meet specific needs. Messrs. Don Matthews, Jr., Frank Everett, Abner Bland, J. S. Ayers, representing the department, and W. B. Rogerson of Robersonville made the trip to Roanoke last week.

When altered, the truck will have about 350 gallons of stored water which will be supplemented by about 760 gallons in a second tank. The main tank, costing approximately \$1,500, is equipped with a high pressure force pump, and is to carry several hundred feet of hose.

The second truck—a Ford chassis with a 760-gallon capacity tank, contributed by the Harrison Oil Company—will be equipped with a pump later, it was explained.

Special arrangements are being made to refill the tanks, it was learned.

Just now the equipment is being housed at the Everett-Matthews Company, but plans are being made for the construction of a building for the department just off Main Street in the heart of the town.

The leaders of the movement along with the town officials have been complimented for their action.

The town of Oak City is creating a department of its own, but but no final arrangements have been handled as of this time. "We hope to have our equipment ready for use possibly sometime in December," Mr. H. M. Ainsley said there this week.

Recognition For Local Dairy Firm

The Maola Milk and Ice Cream Company of Williamston and New Bern, gained coveted recognition a few days ago when it was awarded the coveted Seal of Acceptance of the Council of Foods and Nutrition from the American Medical Association.

Maola is the first dairy in Eastern North Carolina to be awarded the seal which will appear on all Vitamin D milk cartons in the near future, Manager J. H. Black said here yesterday.

In a recent letter to Maola, Dr. James R. Wilson, secretary of the association, pointed out that there are extremely few cases of rickets today as compared with twenty years ago. Vitamin D milk is given credit for playing a major role in the eradication of the once widespread disease.

The Mola Company is maintaining a sizable operation here and throughout this community. It has a fleet of trucks and a sizable payroll here, and is offering a ready market for milk produced on farms in this section of the State.

Local Citizen Enters Hospital For Check-Up

Mr. Joe Godard, well-known local citizen, entered Duke Hospital Sunday for a check-up and treatment. He has been in declining health for several months.

Mrs. Godard and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Godard, Jr., accompanied him to the hospital.

Aerial Photo Of Farm Home In County



The above is the sixth in a series of aerial photos of farm homes in Martin County. Taken by an aerial photographer for this newspaper, the pictures were made at random, the identity unknown to the photographer and the paper. Readers are asked to call in and identify the pictures. Originals of each picture may be had by contacting this paper. The first four pictures were identified quickly by quite a few readers, but the last or fifth picture had many guessing. The picture last week was that of the home and farm buildings of Claude Greene, Jr., about one mile northwest of Robersonville. The owner identified it himself.

Martin Student Loan Fund Created For Former Scouts

The establishment of a \$1,000 student loan fund by the estate of the late Wheeler Martin, prominent attorney and former scout leader here, was announced this week by Mrs. Martin.

The cash fund has been placed on deposit with the Martin County Building and Loan Association, and its administration has been placed in the hands of Messrs. W. C. Medlin, pastor of the First Baptist Church, P. Lindsey and B. G. Stewart. It was explained that any persons caring to increase the size of the fund may do so by contacting the administrators or the office of the building and loan in the Branch Banking and Trust Company building in Williamston.

Rules and regulations for ad-

ministering the loan have not been announced, but its benefits will be necessarily limited to former boy or girl scouts in the Williamston school district, it was explained. Loans will be advanced on the basis of need and other factors rather than on a scholarship alone.

The loans will bear no interest, but the borrower will sign a note, promising to pay at the principal within a reasonable time following graduation, it was pointed out.

The creation of a student loan fund has been considered by at least one civic organization here, and a report is now being awaited from a special committee, it was learned.

LIMITED

Labor Day—Monday, September 6—will be observed as a limited holiday here. The tobacco market will conduct no sales, and all state and federal offices will be closed along with the Virginia Electric and Power Company offices and banks. There'll be no mail deliveries either in the town or rural sections.

County offices will remain open along with mercantile stores and general business houses. The county and town commissioners are scheduled to meet as usual on the first Monday, and the county court will hold its regular session that day.

Freak Storm Hit Oak City Friday

A freak storm, accompanied by much lightning and winds of near hurricane force, struck the Oak City community late Friday afternoon and twisted sizable limbs from trees, but did no great damage to buildings and other properties.

Light and power service was interrupted for a few hours in parts of the town, and service for the area was not restored in its entirety until the following day. Falling limbs broke the lines on several streets there, it was reported.

Education Board Meets Tomorrow

Members of the Martin County Board of Education will meet in the courthouse Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock, it was announced this week by the superintendent of county schools.

In addition to handling routine business, the board will discuss with representatives plans for enlarging gymnasiums at Jamesville and Bear Grass, it was learned.

Rejected Suitor Attempts Suicide

Nip Baker, rejected by both of his girl friends at about the same time, attempted to end his life at Jamesville last Thursday afternoon. Nipping on an ounce bottle of iodine, Nip was found beside the highway by Patrolmen Geo. Lppard and Jack Arthur who picked him up and made a quick run to a Williamston hospital.

His stomach pumped out and with only minor throat burns, he was able to return to his home later in the day.

"When both my girl friends turned me down, I wanted to die," Baker, about 35 years of age, told a hospital nurse. "But, now I want to live," he appealingly said.

Civil War Diary of Docton Warren Bagley

Installment 6

(It is possible that a few Martin County men volunteered in companies outside the county, but the first record showing the departure of Martin County men for the war was entered by Mr. Bagley in his diary under date of May 20, 1861.)

"This day left for Hatteras Inlet under Captain John C. Lamb on board Schooner Hugh Chisom in tow by Steamer Caledonia," was the brief entry heading the list of volunteers in Company A, N. C. Regiment.

(As treasurer of the Volunteer Fund, Mr. Bagley listed the bounty paid each volunteer. The first payment of the bounty was \$11.50, but quite a few had drawn on their bounty before leaving.)

(It is not certain, but the Steamer Caledonia is believed to have towed the schooner into the sound and turned it loose, the boat making the rest of the trip under its own sail power.)

The names of the volunteers as listed in the diary are, as follows: Eli Askew, John A. Askew, Thomas L. Burroughs, Wilson Kennedy, Noah T. Cullifer, Wil-

Oak City School Opens Thursday

Oak City School will open its 1954-55 term Thursday September 2. The teachers will meet at the school Thursday, September 2, 9:30 a. m. The pupils will arrive at 1:30 p. m. for registration and instruction regarding fees for the year. Rev. W. C. Medlin, pastor, Oak City Baptist Church will conduct the dedicatory program in the auditorium at 1:30. We invite parents and patrons to attend.

The faculty are as follows: First grade, Miss Eleanor Barnett; Second grade, Mrs. Beatrice Edmondson; Third grade, Miss June Tomlinson; Fourth grade, Mrs. Viola Leggett; Fifth grade, Mrs. Rachel High; Sixth grade, Mrs. Imogene Lewis.

Commercial, Mrs. Dorothy Whitehead; Mathematics, H. J. McCracken; Science and Coach, L. A. Bethune; English, J. H. Camp; History and French, Mrs. Isabel Mallory; Home Economics, Mrs. Alma Smith; Agriculture, J. L. Hassell; Public School Music, Miss Marilyn Thomas; Piano, Mrs. J. B. Bowers; Economics and Sociology, G. P. Cullifer.

Friday September 3, school will close at 1:00 p. m. The cafeteria will open Monday September 6.

Nine Automobile Wrecks In County During Weekend

One Victim Suffers Broken Back: Estimate Property Damage At \$1,650

Motorists, using the highways and streets in this county, went on a wrecking spree over the week-end, preliminary reports from police and the highway patrol office listing nine accidents, two injured and a property loss conservatively estimated at \$1,650.

It was pointed out that most of the accidents were minor ones, but in one the victim was reported to have suffered a broken back. Two of the accidents were reported on Williamston streets.

The first in the series of accidents was reported about 8:00 o'clock last Friday evening in or near the Roebuck curve between Parmele and Robersonville. Thurman Eugene Castelleo of Colerain was traveling west in a 1953 Ford when Sam Austin, driving east, started to make a left turn. Realizing he could not make the turn in time, Austin turned back and sideswiped the Castelleo car with his 1947 Plymouth. No one was injured, and the property loss was estimated at \$40 to the Ford and \$60 to the Plymouth.

A colored man, returning to his home in Washington, lost control of his car and ditched it on Washington Street near Sunny Side Inn at 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Officers Chesson and Jones, making the investigation, said the driver was not injured and only minor damage resulted to his 1949 model Hudson.

There was a minor accident on Williamston's main street Saturday afternoon in front of Bullock's. No one was hurt and damage was limited, according to one report.

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Martin Farmers Buy Hampshires

By D. W. Brady Assistant Farm Agent

Several registered Hampshire hogs were purchased by Martin County farmers at the State Hampshire show and sale held in Rocky Mount last Thursday. B. B. Everett, Palmyra, purchased two bred gilts that will be put on his farm in Martin County operated by his son, F. B. Everett, where he already has a fine herd of Hampshires.

David Grimes, Jr., Robersonville, purchased two bred Hampshire gilts. Kenneth Roberson also of Robersonville, purchased a bred gilt that placed No. 3 in the sale.

J. R. P. Griffin of Griffins Township, purchased a Hampshire boar.

These fine hogs purchased may be a source for others at a later date who may need some Hampshire pigs.

School Here Expects Enrollment Increase

Pupils To Report For First Session At 1:30 Thursday

All Forty-five Faculty Positions In White School Have Been Filled

The largest enrollment in its history is expected when the Williamston white school opens the 1954-55 term this week, according to information released today by Principal B. G. Stewart. After an increase in enrollment last term that earned two additional teachers in the elementary and an additional one in the high school, the enrollment this year is certain to surpass that of the 1953-54 term by thirty or forty pupils, Principal Stewart said. At the end of the tenth school day last fall, the school counted 871 in the elementary school and 302 in the high school department. The enrollment on the corresponding day this fall is expected to be 910 in the elementary grades and 315 in the high school.

Forty-five teachers, including the principal, will operate the school this term, the list including eight new replacements and three new teachers. Quite a few of the teachers have already reported for the term and others are expected to reach here this afternoon, preparatory to entering upon their regular duties.

Principal Stewart said the teachers are to attend a county-wide teachers' meeting in the local high school tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, Thursday morning. September 1, the local school will meet in the local high school library for final instructions for opening the term. Pupils are to report for (Continued on Page Seven)

Red Cross Ready For Storm Here

Recognizing the possibility of storm danger in this area, the American Red Cross sent a trained field man, Edward Guyette of Alexandria, Va., here late last night to direct emergency relief activities if necessary.

It looked one time as if the storm would bear heavily on this section, but the center passed about 30 miles off the coast shortly before midnight last night.

No great damage was reported along the coast. Fishing piers were swept away and communications were disrupted there. In this area, little or no damage was reported, the wind gusts hardly exceeding 30 miles an hour. Only moderate rains in this area were traceable to the storm which was blowing into Connecticut about noon today.

Band Picnic To Be Held Tomorrow

Members of the Williamston High School Green Wave Band, their parents and friends will join in the annual band picnic in the grove between the ball park and First Christian Church tomorrow afternoon at 6:30.

Director Clyde Wade "blew in" from Roxboro yesterday afternoon and last night took over the direction of the band in a brief and informal rehearsal in the band room at the high school. A chance to meet the new director will be one of the attractions of the picnic along with the usual fine food.

The new director was introduced last night by Jack F. Butler, now with the Dixie Motor Company, who resigned this summer after a long term as director of the band, and first impressions on all sides were quite favorable. It was evident at the meeting of the band with its new director that all hands were excited but it was also apparent that they will soon be hard at work together to get the band program back in high gear after the summer let-up.

The Governor and Council have an awful account to render for the murder of our brave men who had often been appealed to for aid.

(Later installments list the wounded in the battle for Hatteras.)

In the next installment (No. 7), Mr. Bagley tells about the formation of a vigilance committee in Williamston, the movement of Company B from Hamilton and goes on with his work as treasurer of the Volunteer Fund.)

Sales Pass Two Million Pounds On Market Here

Prices On Local Market More Than \$1 Higher Than Belt Average

Sales on the Williamston tobacco market are passing the two million-pound mark today with prices holding fairly firm.

Through yesterday the market had sold 1,850,162 pounds for \$1,004,837, an average of 154.31 per hundred pounds. The average on the local market for the first two weeks was more than \$1 higher than the general figure for the belt, according to official reports released by the marketing services. The sales today will carry the total well over the two million-pound mark, late reports stating that prices were holding firm and a strong demand prevailing for the medium or poorer quality grades.

The market had its largest sale of the season last Friday when 359,190 pounds were sold for an average of \$53.17. Yesterday's sale of 324,538 pounds was the second largest of the year and possibly the market would have blocked but early morning rains in the area slowed down late deliveries. The average yesterday was ten cents a hundred pounds above the figure for last Friday.

A report for the entire belt was released by the State and Federal Marketing Services for the season to date, as follows:

Average prices by grades for Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco were generally steady to slightly lower during the second week of auctions. Volume of sales was extremely light most of the week but fairly heavy on Friday. Quality of offerings showed some improvement when compared with opening week reports of the market.

Sales for the week ending Friday, August 27 grossed 25,014,409 pounds and averaged \$53.12 per hundred. The average was only (Continued on Page Seven)

Native Of County Dies At Pantego

Mrs. Sallie L. Green, native of this county, died at her home in Pantego Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. She had been in declining health for months.

The daughter of the late Henry and Marina Mizelle Roberson, she was born near Jamesville 84 years ago, and spent her early life there. Following her marriage to the Rev. Thomas Green, she moved to Washington County about sixty years ago, locating in Pantego about five years later. She was a member of the Pantego Christian Church.

Her last visit to this county was made last December when she was in the home here of her niece, Mrs. Ed Hardison.

Surviving are two sons, Henry D. and James M. Green, both of Norfolk; four daughters, Mrs. Alice Woodward of Pantego, Mrs. Oreston Cannon of Greenville, Mrs. T. R. Selby of Jacksonville, Fla., and Miss Sadie Green of Wilson; eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. J. W. Perkins, of Wendell, and one brother, Eli Hoyt Roberson of RFD 2, Williamston.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Pantego Christian Church by the Rev. Bill Waters of Beth this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Interment will be in the Belhaven cemetery.

Hamilton Man Is Victim Of Attack

Harry S. Peel, Hamilton young man, was shot through his right hand by Herman Farmer, also of Hamilton, early last Saturday morning on the Peel farm near Hamilton.

Using a .25 caliber automatic pistol, Farmer fired at close range, leaving powder burns and a hole in the victim's hand.

Farmer, at liberty under a \$200 bond, is scheduled for trial in the county court next Monday. The victim, treated in Dr. Highsmith's office, was reported to be getting along all right.