ith z tellin 2 智力與 THE ENTERPRISE **VOLUME XXXII—NUMBER 49** Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Friday, August 16, 1929 FORMER CITIZEN Former Treasurer of Town PAPER PRINTED OLD PAVEMENT **RECORDER HAD**

FEATURESTOWN News and Observer Issued June 27, 1909, Has Many

20 YEARS AGO

Friday, August 10, 1928

Local Write-Ups HISTORICAL SKETCH Tells of Exploration Trip Up Roanoke As Far As Williamston Which

Was Made in 1586

leigh News and Observer gives two walks on the south side of the main pages of its first section to a brief history and review of Williamston and Martin County and a number of the section's prominent citizens. A short historical sketch written by Edward L. Conn, it is believed, will be of much interest to our readers, and we are inserting the sketch with the promise that other material carried in the issue will be reprinted as conditions per-

The sketch follows:

"Hawks, the North Carolina historian, relates the adventures of an expedition in 1586 from Sir Walter Raleigh's colony at Roanoke 'Island under the command of Sir Ralph Lane which ascended the Roanoke River, then bearing its original name of Morotoc, to explore the country and to search for gold. A landing was made where Williamston now stands, so that it was here that the soil of Martin was first pressed by the feet of the conquering race. It was many years thereafter before settlements were established by the white men. Emigrants from the Chowan and Perquimans precincts, coming across Albemarle Sound, located in Martin and the adjoining counties. Prior to the War of the Revelution many of the wealthy citizens of the town of Edenton and the county of Chowan owned large plantations on the Roanoke in Martin and Bertie Counties, among them being Governor Johnson. Subsequently a considerable

company of these men made their home in Martin County. The annals of the Revolution are replete with accounts of the distinguishing services of these patriots. In both civil and military life their conduct was exemplary, and their scions today are among the best citizens of the county.

1779, and was made the county seat of 6-round contest. The main bout of Martin just after the ratification of the evening is an 8-round set-to bethe charter of incorporation, taking its tween Eddie Kid Wagner, of Philaname from Asa Williams. In its early delphia, 165 pounds, and Battling Mahistory it was the center of extensive son, of Norfolk, 168 pounds. lumber and naval stores interests. Its merchants exported tar, staves, and used by the promoters. shingles to the West Indies and imported sugar, salt and molasses. Being the farthest inland point its trade with the surrounding counties in these commodities was large and profitable. Among the prominent merchants of that day were the Hunters, Yellowbys, Bagleys, Johnsons, and McKenseys, and in a later period Asa Williams, Kader Biggs, C. B. Hassell, and Rhodes Brothers. Among their contemporaries in the legal profession, Hon. Asa Biggs was the most highly distinguished, having served as a member of the National House of Representatives,' United States Senator, and Federal Judge. A widely known and any church we urge you to make our

PROVES COSTLY All of Sidewalk on South Side of Main Street Has To Be Removed

Haphazard methods in establishing street grade levels when the Main street was paved several years ago, and the individual selection of grades by builders are proving costly to the town at this time, and there is no way to get around the former blunders ex-

cept by completely altering the lines. In its issue of June 27, 1909, the Ra- Every attempt to save the old sidethoroughfare was made, but the breaks would not permit a satisfactory job, and it was decided to completely alter

the walks on that side. On the north side of the street, the line has very few breaks, and, according to the engineer, very little of the paving will be disturbed. The matter has been given careful study and consideration, and it is be-

lieved that the complete alteration of the walk on the south side was decidedly the best plan.

BOXING SMOKER HERE TONIGHT

Card Includes Battle Royal, 3 "Prelims," Semi-Final And Main Bout

The smoker tonight, at the City Hall, for the benefit of the Martin County baseball team, is expected to be well attended by boxing fans of the county, according to a statement by the promoter this morning.

The preliminaries get under way at o'clock and include a battle royal with five husky colored boys; a fourround bout between Kid Summerall, of this city, and Battle Whitehurst, of Robersonville, in the 145-pound class; a special added four-round bout between Willie Long and William Roebuck, both of Williamston, 165 and 164 pounds, respectively; and another fourround contest between Bad Bud Lucas and Big Boy Bill Bailey, both colored, of Williamston.

In the semi-final Kid Wilder, of Richmond, 132 pounds, meets Battling "Williamston was incorporated in Jurthoe, of Norfolk, 138 pounds, in a Plenty of action and fun is pron

> Program of Services at Prescyterian Church

Sunday, August 11, 1929: 9:45 a. m.-Sunday school. 11 a. m.-Worship services. We have been happy during the past

wo Sundays to have with us the mem-

bers of the various churches in Wil-

liamston whose pastors were not at

that time having services. We again

BIG DAY HERE HERE ON VISIT LAST TUESDAY Mack Nicholson Returns Session Lasts Nearly All Day and Many Cases Are Tried

BIG CROWD PRESENT aults and Liquor Law Violatio Charged Against Most of the Defendants

It was a big day in practically every far as it can be learned. Mr. Nichol espect for the recorder's court here last Tuesday when a big crowd attended, a big number of cases was called and several big fines were imposed. Two or three cases were continued, but the court followed the calendar W. L. (Bill) Johnson, failed to deliver closely and cleared the docket before adjourning. Calvin Coburn, pleading guilty of vi-

and taxed with the costs.

the defendant's paying a \$10 doctor's Sanford Cordon plead guilty of manutacturing liquor and was fined \$75 and taxed with the costs. A 12-months boro by the old stage road to work road sentence was suspended for a for the Southerner, then edited by Capperiod of two years.

follows: Conlee Dolberry, violating the liquor laws; J. I. Britton, reckless driv-

ing; Claud Manning, violating the stock laws; Simon Whitaker, assault; Julius D. Hardison, violating the stock Pleading guilty of manufacturing li quor, David Brooks was fined \$75 and

taxed with the costs. A 12-months rcad sentence was suspended. Babe Briley was found not guilty in the case charging him with larceny and ecciving. Joe Wheeler James entered a plea

of not guilty in the case charging him with disorderly conduct, but the court, after hearing the evidence, found him guilty. He was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs. Hubert Reaves, charged with aban

onment, was found not guilty. The case charging Frank Roberson with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued one week. The case charging John McCray

vington and Robert Elliott Brimm with operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor was continued one week. A nol pros as to Brimm resulted.

A lengthy record was required in the minutes for the case in which Timothy Keys, Leonard Boston, Jafus James, Hoyt Smith, and James Moore

were charged with disturbing religion worship and an affray. Keys has not, been taken and the case continues against him. Jafus James and Hoyt Smith were found not guilty. Boston and Moore were found guilty, the court suspending judgment upon payment of the cost.

Gus Purvis and Tom Scott, charged with disorderly conduct, were found extend a cordial invitation to all who not guilty.

will be without services this coming W. E. Bunting was found guilty of vio-Sunday to meet and worship with us. lating the liquor laws. Prayer for To those who are not affiliated with judgment continued for a period of two weeks.

Doesn't Believe Streets Can After Absence of 60 Years Returning here for the first time in 50 years, Mr. Mack Nicholson, a form er resident of the town, talked inter-

estingly of the old times in and around Williamston. When only a small lad, he started work in the office of the paper ever published in the county as

TFL RETERRESS

son stated that the paper was operated by Amelic Williams, one of the coun-'s leading citizens at that time.

Telling how he got the job, Mr. Nicholson stated that the delivery boy, a paper to a Mr. Cherry and that he was sent for the copy. While calling

for the paper. Mr. Nicholson was sized lating the liquor laws, was fined \$25 up by the foreman, a man by the name of Askew, who offered him the job. Judgment in the case charging Er- He started in the newspaper business nest Harrison with an assault with a in March, 1866, and after working for every dollar in taxes is another dol- variously estimated at from 11 to 8 to agents, F. E. Street, J. H. Roebuck deadly weapon, was suspended upon a year with the Epositor he sought an education. John Knight offered him bill and \$4 to the prosecuting witness. five months' schooling for five months' Palmer. work on a farm, and after completing is course of study he went to Tar-

tain William Biggs. After a stay of 9th reads thusly: "Mayor Says Streets practically every member of the Mar-Several cases were not prossed, as three years in that town, he moved to Norfolk, where he was with one of the papers there for five years. Leav- Brother Coburn could write that and gard-pitching for Bertie-had plenty ing that town he went to New York and worked on one of the nation's largest dailies for a period of eight years. Returning to Norfolk in 1884

he worked again with the paper there believe that statement. about three years before going-to Cincinati to work on the Evening Post. heading, above referred to was written For 30 years, Mr. Nicholson has held by the Enterprise head-writer and not with Martin County scheduled to go to the position of proof-reader on that by Mayor Coburn. The headings for Windsor Monday and Bertie to come paper, which now has a daily circu-

lation of around 200,000. Mr. Nicholson takes much delight in showing a picture of himself, his daugh ter, a granddaughter, and a greatgrandson snapped on his 77th birthday, October 20, 1928.

He recalled many of the events happening during the Civil War period. He saw the Confederate ram "Albemarle" steam down the Roanoke from Hymans Ferry to rout the Yankees at Plymouth. Happenings connected

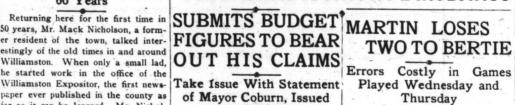
with the recapture of Plymouth were described, Mr. Nicholson stating that many articles were taken and that some sugar was brought here, the first he had seen in three years. Although he has been away from the

State for over a half century, Mr. Nicholson says he is still a Tar Heel While here Mr. Nicholson is the guest of Mr. W. H. Gurkin.

BOY, 15, CAUGHT MAKING LIQUOR

Raymond Bowen Admits Ownership When Caught At Still Near Here

It was a pathetic story told by Rayond L. Bowen, 15 years old, following his capture at a liquor still near 000 paving, at 5 per cent the home of his father, Lawrence Clerical expense Bowen, last Wednesday. Unassisted, Audit



of Mayor Coburn, Issued Last Week

Years Given in Detail; Rate For This Year Estimated at \$2.43 from over the river.

By W. T. MEADOWS

Extravagant borrowing increases State veritable comedy of errors, was finally

Can Be Paved By Bond Issue With No Increase in Town Taxes." Now, of one sort or another; and, too, Hog-

(Editor's Note .- The caption, or every one figured in the scoring. paper-including this one-for mechanuntil one team has won four games. ical reasons, are written by a member

of the Enterprise staff.) the term of office of this board, and join the Tygers for a try-out during

the first thing I am going to offer for the remainder of the season. your consideration is a budget made by myself for the period commencing May WAREHOUSE FIRM

1,000.00

18.630.00

1,500.00

1,500.00 1,200.00

31, 1929, and ending May 31, 1930. Here it is: Town Budget From May 31, 1929, to

May 31, 1930 Fire apparatus note \$ 1,571.43 Barnhill and Ingram Sales Sanitary Salary, R. L. Coburn, mayor and attorney Attorney's fees, Modlin case Notes payable, F. & M. Bk. Commissioners' salaries 150.00 600.00 550.00 3,000.00 675.00 1,200.00

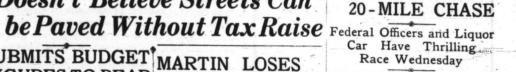
Insurance ... Fire department salaries and bonus Police salaries

Street department Interest & discount on \$310,-000 bonds, at 6 per cent Miscellaneous Outstanding accounts, water department, unpaid Outstanding accounts, fire

hose S Wharf and buildings at river Removing porches on Main Street Upkeep, town clock Sidewalk tax by citizens at large, based on \$50,000 worth, divided into 10 years Engineer's fee based on \$50,

2.500.00

2.500.00 600.00 350.00 475.00 ater department.



3 RUM RUNNERS

CAUGHT AFTER

Advertisers Will Find Our Col-umns a Latchkey to Over 1,600 Homes of Martin County

ESTABLISHED 1898

ENDS NEAR HAMILTON

Two Men and Woman, of Rosemary, Bound Over to Federal Court at Preliminary Hearing

A twenty-mile chase, resulting in the After winning the first two games capture of three rum-runners, featured ESTIMATES RATE \$3.03 of the post-season series with the Ber- the work of Federal prohibition agents tie County team, the Martin County in this section this week. Arthur Lee stimated Budgets for Next Two boys proceeded to show their worst Daniel, Lewis Johnson, and his, wife, form of the season to drop the contests, all of Rosemary, were arrested at the Wednesday and Thursday to the boys end of the chase near Hamilton, and their car, - a Dodge roadster, with a

The game Wednesday, which was a quantity of liquor was confiscated, Starting about six miles out on the ity, and town debts and taxes. Every won by the Bertie team, after the lead Washington road, the chase carried dollar of interest or any kind of a pub- had see-sawed back and forth for the númerous thrills, and much excitement ic bond is another dollar in taxes, and greater part of the afternoon, at a score for the runners, onlookers, and the ar that comes out of the people in in-treased cost of living."-Frederick official score. Although Martin outalmer. The above is especially quoted for rors, which tells the whole story.

here. Once, at the warehouses here, the benefit of Hon. R. L. Coburn and Thursday's game, played here, was they narrowly escaped a wreck when his paving proponents. Coburn's cap-little better. There was more excuse they attempted to pass the Dodge. tion in his article in your issue of the for losing this contest, however, as Reaching Haughton Street, the chasets faced a bad dust screen, but in* spite of that they continued close be hind the runners. At one time, the officers barely missed effecting the arhe and Sam Getsinger could figure for 100 years and he could not make we hits off him. Cherry pitched for the time runners a greater lead. On through poor old taxpayers who are already locals, and although the visitors made Hamilton the chase continued, and it burdened with unmercifully high taxes but 9 hits, they were so well inter- was beginning to look as if one of those spersed with errors that practically endurance tests was in order. The Dodge developed engine trouble, and

the runners started throwing off liquor to lighten the load. Their efforts proved worthless, for the officers made all articles that appear in this news- here Tuesday. The series will continue the arrests with five galons of liquor in the car. Eight gallons were lost Bertie is now, without the services when the containers broke and five of their crack shortstop, Whitehead, others were recovered all along the I am not going into anything beyond who left Wednesday for Detroit to road, the containers withstanding the jar as they were thrown from the

> Returning here about 7:30 o'clock that evening, the officers provided a earing for their prisoners, the John-**READY TO OPEN** ns furnishing bond and Daniel going jail in default of bond

According to the reports, the liquor was purchased in Beaufort County and was scheduled for delivery in Rosemary and Weldon.

And Auction Force Has

Been Selected

"We are just about ready for the

opening," Messrs. Barnhill and Ingram,

operators of the Farmers Warehouse

here, stated last night. "Our sales

force has been selected an dour auc-

Boston, Va., will arrive 'next week,

3,200.00 tioneer, Mr. Joe T. Bass, of South

1,500.00 preparatory to the market opening Sep-

tember 3," they continued.

OAK CITY NEWS AND PERSONALS

Bookcraft Club Formed to Repair Library Books Of School

Oak City, Aug. 15 .- The organiza Both Mr. Barnhill and Mr. Ingram ion of the Bookcraft Club as an aid arc, well known to the farmers of this n repairing old library books will-save. section. Mr. Barnhill was connected the Oak City school library about \$75 with the office force of the Farmers this year, Principal H. M. Ainsley an-600.00 Warehouse last year and the year benounced today.

fore, and this season he will assist Mr. Ingram on the sales. Mr. The work began August 12th, and several books have been repaired. Ingram, a veteran warehouseman and Bookcraft will continue through the tobacconist, has been on the market term of school, thus giving high school years. These two men have formed a pupils a chance to learn an art and here as a buyer during the past several strong partnership, and they are mak-

