

## Commissioners In Regular Meeting Here Yesterday

### Considerable Time Given to Varied Schedule of Business

Meeting in regular session Monday, the Martin County commissioners worked until after four o'clock handling a varied program of business, but took action in very few cases. The minutes of the meeting were recognized as the shortest on record, the chairman explaining that considerable time was given to discussion of matters of little or no consequence but ones that had to be heard.

The tax books were received from the ten list-takers, the commissioners ordering them left open to public inspection until next Monday when as a board of equalization and review the authorities will hear any complaints property owners may wish to file. No review of the listings was made by the commissioners, but the property values will be tallied and placed before them next Monday by the county tax supervisor. Hearing nothing more in connection with the North Carolina Pulp company tax listings, the commissioners directed the tax supervisor to start an investigation immediately. Apparently the \$379,000 property valuation submitted by the company some time ago is not up to the expectation of the county authorities.

Reports were received from the various county department heads, the commissioners glancing over them hurriedly before ordering them filed away.

The department of welfare budget as it affects administration, old age assistance, aid to dependent children and relief for the blind, was tentatively approved. The budget calls for an appropriation of \$35,980, this figure not including the operation and maintenance costs at the county home. Hardly one-third of the \$35,980 is to be paid by the county, the State and Federal governments paying a major part of the cost for old age assistance and aid to dependent children. The county's share of the cost is estimated at \$12,210.

The \$6,880 appropriated for administration of the welfare department is listed as follows: superintendent's salary, \$1,800; case workers, \$2,200; clerical force, \$1,440; office supplies, \$380; telephone \$100 and travel, \$900, the county to pay around \$4,380 and the State and Federal governments around \$2,500.

The budget provides for 165 dependent children during the coming year, the county to pay \$2,970 or one-third of \$8,910.

Provision is made for the care of 180 on the old-age list, the county to pay \$4,860 or one-fourth of \$19,440.

Approximately \$750 is to be paid by the county for the support of the sixteen dependent blind.

The commissioners are to meet at 10 o'clock next Monday morning to hear complaints against assessed valuations.

## Education Board In Meeting On Monday

The 1938-39 county school budget was tentatively approved by the board of education in meeting here yesterday and approved an agricultural department for the Robersonville high school.

A few minor changes were ordered made in the budget figures which will be placed before the county authorities possibly at the next regular meeting the first Monday in July.

The establishment of an agricultural department at Robersonville will not be attempted before the 1939-40 term, the board of education members pointing out that the approval of the county board of commissioners and of the State Board of Vocational Education will be necessary.

All members of the board were present for the business discussions, including Messrs. J. W. Eubanks, of Hassell; G. C. Griffin, of Griffins; E. H. Ange and J. F. Martin, of Jamesville, and J. D. Woolard, of Williamston.

Supervisors will attend a school of instruction here the latter part of this week preparatory to starting crop land measurements under the soil conservation program.

## Commissioners Order Bond Election Held on July 9th

Proposing a \$72,000 general improvement program here, the town commissioners in regular session last evening passed on its first reading an order for the holding of a bond election on July 9, the authorities directing Town Attorney R. L. Coburn to complete arrangements for opening the registration books and handling details in connection with placing the program to a vote of the people. Messrs. J. E. Pope, registrar, and S. S. Brown and C. B. Hassell, judges of election, were named by the board. The motion to order the election was made by Commissioner P. L. Lindsley and seconded by Commissioner V. D. Godwin.

The proposed program calls for a \$34,000 street and sidewalk improvement program, \$15,000 for additional water and sewer lines, \$15,000 for a fourth deep well and \$8,000 for a recreational center.

Little other business was before the board during the last night meeting, and the authorities are expected to hold a special session early next week to pass the bond election order on its second reading.

Appearing before the board, J. T. Price asked that the ditch running from Main to Church street west of Sycamore street and across private property be filled in by the town. No action was taken, but the commissioners did order a survey for the proposed extension of Church street west one block and opening a new street from Church to Main.

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## Tim Council Faces Highway Robbery Charge In County

### Holds Up Three Men at Point of Gun and Takes Clothes

Tim Council, young Hamilton Township colored man, was arrested and placed in the county jail on Monday for alleged highway robbery, reports from the sheriff's office stating that the arrests of at least two others in connection with the robbery are expected momentarily.

Returning from their homes in Duplin County to a manufacturing company in Bertie County, three colored men, Johnnie Stokes, Chas. Hall and Charles Savage, took the wrong road at Bethel and followed Highway No. 11 into the Hassell section and got lost. While trying to find their way to Highway No. 125 and continue on to Williamston, Tim Council and several others stopped the men and held them at the point of a gun while their personal effects including two suit cases, several suits of clothes, a watch and other articles were taken.

The men, unharmed, were allowed to continue in their car, and the holdup was reported to officers. Sheriff Roebuck yesterday went into the Hassell section and recovered much of the property.

Reports state that there were about 50 colored people at a dance hall on what is known as the Council Road, near Hassell, that they were having a gay time when the three victims came along just before midnight.

Pending the arrests of others alleged to have participated in the holdup, no hearing has been definitely set, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said today.

## Martin Man Figures In Fatal Truck Accident

Praise Lee, Jamesville Township farmer whose truck figured in a fatal crash near Washington Sunday morning, was reported not responsible for the death of Albert N. McKinley who died a few hours later in a Washington hospital from injuries received in the wreck.

McKinley, a native of Indiana, was riding on the left fender of a milk truck when the two vehicles crashed. Reports state that the milk truck was two feet over the middle line of the road when the trucks crashed. Several passengers of the Lee truck were thrown off, but none was seriously hurt, according to reports reaching here.

Attorney Clarence Griffin is visiting in Chapel Hill this week.

## Garage Burned In Aulander Saturday

Fire, its origin not definitely known, wrecked the large garage building of Chas. H. Jenkins and Company and that of the Marsh Chevrolet Company in Aulander last Saturday afternoon. The loss, estimated at \$50,000, was partially covered by insurance. One new car and about 25 used cars were burned, several of the company driving several new automobiles from the building through plate glass windows.

Expecting the fire to spread to a row of 10 or 12 wooden buildings, Aulander officials sent out a general call for help, fire companies from Ahoskie, Roanoke Rapids, Scotland Neck, Williamston going there. Others were said to have started but were turned back. Williamston firemen connected the apparatus to the mains and threw water on the fire a short while, but the building was virtually burned down when they reached it. The truck and seven men returned here at 9 o'clock that evening.

## Committees Plan Teacher Elections In County Schools

### Fourteen Vacancies Reported in the County Faculties

Planning meetings this week, the several local school committees are expected to name teachers to those positions made vacant by resignations since the term closed a few weeks ago, according to information coming from the office of the county superintendent of school today.

A total of 14 resignations was received by the several schools, Jamesville being the only school in the county to announce no changes in its faculty for the coming term. Vacancies have been reported as follows in seven schools: Oak City 1; Everetts, 2; Gold Point, 1; Williamston, 5; Farm Life, 2; Bear Grass, 1 and Jamesville 0. The positions have been filled at Oak City, Everetts and Robersonville, it is understood, and only one position remains unfilled in the Williamston unit. "We are finding it very difficult to find a teacher for the home economics department to succeed Miss Josephine Grant, resigned," a member of the committee said this week.

Applications for the positions have been numerous, but not many of the applicants have had experience in the profession, several of the committeemen pointed out.

A review of the attendance records for 1937-38 shows that the county is likely to lose four and gain only one teacher for next term. The State School commission has not allocated teachers for the coming term, but it is probable judging from figures at hand that the elementary schools in Hamilton, Robersonville, Everetts and Farm Life will each lose a teacher, and that the high school at Williamston will possibly gain a teacher.

No change in the line-up of principals is expected in the county this coming term.

## Mother of Local Man Dies at Bertie Home

Mrs. Lucy W. Parker, mother of W. K. Parker, of Williamston, died at her home in Bertie County, near Windsor, Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, following a long period of declining health. She was 75 years old, and a native of Bertie. She was a member of the Baptist church for a long number of years, and the Rev. Mr. Linkey, of the Windsor Baptist church, is conducting the funeral services at the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will follow in the family plot on the home farm.

Mrs. Parker is survived by five sons: W. K. Parker, of Williamston; Samuel, J. B. and R. W. Parker, of Bertie; H. G. Parker, of Morganton, and one daughter, Mrs. H. C. Spivey, of Norfolk.

## COMPTROLLER

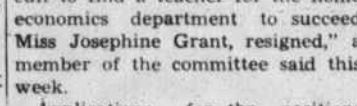
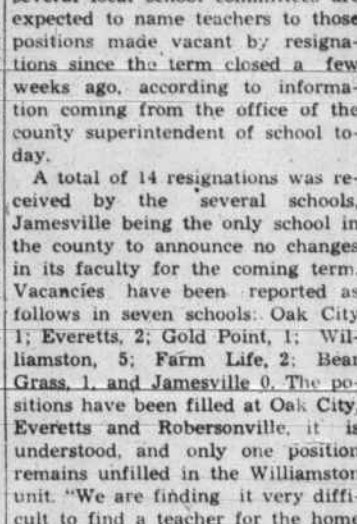
Interest in Eastern North Carolina politics is expected to overshadow the primary activities of the nation's capital today proves true. According to an unofficial report, Lindsay Warren, 13 years a representative of this district in Congress, has been appointed Comptroller General and guardian of the Federal Treasury.

The announcement, although unofficial, comes as a surprise at the close of a primary election. If the report is authentic and Mr. Warren accepts the job, it is understood the Governor is to issue a writ of election, and by proclamation shall require a vote for representative.

## Citizens of Martin County Settle Their Politics for Another Two Years at the Polls Last Saturday

### WINNERS IN SATURDAY PRIMARY

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## Plans Complete for First Maternal and Infancy Clinic Here

### Number of Subjects Plan To Attend Clinic Thursday

The first maternal and infancy hygiene clinic will be held on Thursday afternoon of this week from 1:30 to 4:30 o'clock in the local high school building. The clinic will be conducted by local physicians. As soon as arrangements can be effected, similar clinics will be held at other points in the county, it was announced.

The main purposes of these clinics will be:

To offer maternity service to expectant mothers who are otherwise unable to pay for it;

To give the expectant mother a thorough physical examination, including blood tests, urinalyses, etc.;

To examine the infants at regular intervals, giving diphtheria toxoid, and to instruct and advise the mother regarding the proper care of both herself and the baby;

To reduce the infant and maternal deaths.

Present indications are that it may be necessary to hold more than one clinic per month in Williamston in order to accommodate those wishing to avail themselves of this service.

The doctor should be engaged to attend a case at the first knowledge of pregnancy. His responsibility in maternity cases does not begin when the woman goes into labor. The expectant mother is in need of the supervision of a competent physician during the early months of pregnancy in order to give her such instruction and advice as will enable her to maintain good health and properly prepare her for confinement. The mother is also taught how to prepare for her baby and the principles of infant hygiene and care. Specific instruction in individual cases will be given as the attending physician in the clinic desires.

## Methodist Board Stewards Will Meet Tuesday Night

An important business session of the Methodist Board of Stewards is called to meet Tuesday night, eight o'clock at the pastor's study. Each steward is needed for this meeting.

## Rodman Polls 2,474 Votes to Lead the Field in County

### Johnson Shows Considerable Strength to Cope Solicitor's Race

Going to the polls in far greater numbers than many predicted, Martin County voters last Saturday settled their politics for another two years, peace and quiet marking the activities at the precincts throughout the county.

The day's voting brought some upsets, to be sure, but hate and antagonism were absent in the contests and the anti-vote was negligible in nearly everyone of the twelve precincts.

With one exception, the voting in this county will effect no change in the official family, Don Elphonsa Johnson winning over W. H. Coburn in the race for solicitor of the county recorder's court. Young Johnson, not so long out of law school, garnered amazing strength in every section and led his opponent in every one of the twelve precincts. Poplar Point, his native home, gave the young candidate 144 votes against two for his opponent, and almost equalled the record established by Griffins where a native son polled 365 votes against four for his opponent. With those two exceptions, the voting was fairly consistent throughout the county. Reynolds, Rodman and Johnson carried every one of the 12 precincts. Grady broke even in the race for utilities commissioner. Fearing, Manteo man, led the third candidate for State Senate from this district in eleven of the twelve precincts. Horton led Griffin in eight of the twelve districts for the State House of Representatives, but the final count left the candidates a few over two hundred votes apart. Hardison polled a majority in four precincts, but lost to Peel by nearly 700 votes in the race for county judge. For superior court judge in this, the second judicial district, Bone showed considerable strength in Williamston, Robersonville, Gold Point and Poplar Point to carry the county by approximately 500 votes. Rodman, candidate to succeed himself as State senator from this district, led the ticket, the Beaufort County man polling 2,474 votes. Johnson was second with 2,348 votes.

Approximately 500,000 votes were cast in the U. S. Senatorial race with Reynolds leading Hancock by more than 100,000 votes. Winborne led Grady by a substantial margin to continue as utilities commissioner in the State.

Their nomination almost equal to election in this county and State, the aspirants for the various offices will enter the general election next November more as a matter of form and will start their terms in office in most cases on the first Monday in December.

Sheriff Sam Whitehurst had a majority over all his opponents in the race for sheriff of Pitt County, the outcome aggravating the puzzle surrounding the buster proceedings brought by the Pitt commissioners against Whitehurst. The trial continues to drag, some believing the judge will throw the case out of court, and others believing the officer will be impeached for the remainder of the term. He will be eligible, in the latter case, to return to office next December.

## Six-Months-Old Child Dies Saturday Morning

Oscar Phillips Wynne, six months old son of Nellie Faye Wynne, died in a Washington hospital last Saturday morning. Funeral services were conducted from the county home, near Williamston, Sunday afternoon at four o'clock by Rev. John L. Goff. Interment was in the Bland family plot in the local cemetery.

The child was born in a Tarboro hospital last December and had spent most of its life in the Martin County Home. Several weeks ago the mother called for the child, but returned him to the home when he became ill.

The Lions indoor circus and merchants exposition will be held in the Planters warehouse instead of the new Carolina, it was announced today. Construction work will hardly be completed on the new house in time for the event, it was said.

## W. B. Rodman And Fearing Senators

### HEALTH REPORT

The percentage of positive cases of social diseases in this county continues to hold to a high point, according to information released in the county's health report during the past month. There were 240 tests made during the period, and 119 of them showed positive reactions, it is understood.

Whooping cough went on a rampage in the county last month, the health department reporting 81 cases in various parts of the county. A lone case of measles was reported.

## W. B. Rodman And Fearing Senators

W. B. Rodman, Jr., Washington man, ran away with the senatorial race in this the second district, but D. B. Fearing, of Manteo, polled sufficient strength to guarantee himself in the State Senate. Rodman, with approximately 11,701 votes, led the ticket in every one of the seven counties in the district except Dare. Mr. Fearing's home Mrs. J. J. Purdy, of Oriental, trailed the ticket but polled well over 500 votes in each of three counties.

Little interest apparently centered in the contest, many voters in nearly all the counties passing by the opportunity to vote for any one of the three candidates for the State Senate. In this county nearly 450 voters quit after voting for Rodman and over in Beaufort County nearly 1,700 tickets were "scratched" in the senatorial contest.

The unofficial vote by counties:

Rod'n Fearing's P'dy  
Dare (14 out of 15) 755 1313 146  
Tyrrell 579 571 140  
Washington 1239 796 312  
Martin 2474 1505 526  
Beaufort 4735 2453 620  
Hyde 1057 502 240  
Pamlico 862 342 659  
Totals 11701 7482 2643

## Dardens Resident Died Early Today

Goodman Hamilton, highly respected citizen of Jamesville Township, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Waters, near Dardens, early this morning. Suffering with heart trouble during the past several years, Mr. Hamilton is believed to have died from a heart attack during the night. He was found dead in bed early this morning after he failed to get up for breakfast.

Mr. Hamilton, a native of this county, was born in the Dardens community 78 years ago, and spent his entire life there on the farm. He was a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist church, holding membership at Corinth. His wife, Mrs. Sallie Ann Hamilton, died about two and one-half years ago, and he leaves no immediate kin.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Waters home tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister. Interment will follow in the Methodist churchyard at Dardens.

## How They Voted in County Last Saturday

	U. S. Senate	Utilities Com'n'r	Superior Court Judge	State Senate 2nd District	House Rep.	Judge Rec'r's Court	Solicitor Rec'r's Court
Reynolds							
Hancock							
Winborne							
Grady							
Bone							
Valentine							
Rodman							
Fearing							
Purdy							
Horton							
Griffin							
Peel							
Hardison							
Coburn							
Johnson							
TOTALS	2207	957	1182	1665	1883	1378	2474

## Announces Meeting Next Week At Swainland Chapel

Beginning next Monday evening, Rev. Edgar Harden, of Norfolk, will conduct a series of religious services in the Swainland Chapel (Christian) at Batts Cross Roads on U. S. Highway 17. The public is invited to attend.