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## Commissioners In Uneventful Meet Here First Monday

### Hear Report on Operation of the Martin County Home

An uneventful business calendar was placed before the Martin County commissioners in regular session here yesterday, the board members spending a leisurely few hours handling its routine duties and listening to two or three small delegations and a report on the operation of the county home. An afternoon session was hardly necessary, but the board members returned to their room to clear the business calendar of a few minor details and handle other business that possibly could have been carried over into another session had there been a rush during the day.

Rendering a neutral report and one without recommendations, Dr. F. E. Wilson, head of the county health department, reviewed the operation of the county home and outlined approximate costs of converting it into a county hospital. The report which Dr. Wilson had been requested to submit to the board, was heard with much interest, and although the authorities took no action it was apparent the four commissioners present were very favorably impressed with the facts offered.

Appearing before the county authorities in a group, several citizens interested in the advancement of the Robersonville school asked that a \$2,500 building appropriation and \$750 for equipment be made available for the construction of an addition to the Robersonville school to house the new agriculture department there. The matter was discussed, but action was deferred for further consideration at a later meeting.

The commissioners ordered a public meeting held on May 1 in the commissioners' room in the courthouse for a hearing in connection with bond order introduced the sixth of last month authorizing \$50,000 road refunding bonds in Cross Roads Township. Plans are underway to call in the old bonds and float a refunding issue. The tremendous road debt has proved quite a problem to the taxpayers in Cross Roads and the county authorities are supporting a program for the retirement of the bonds over a 17-year period.

Several citizens asked the board to petition the State Highway commission to re-route the road in Bear Grass Township leading by the residence of Calvin Ayers so it would run a straight course to the Peel road leading to the Willie Gurganus residence.

All the commissioners were present for the meeting except Commissioner C. C. Fleming who was held at home by one of the most promising seasons on the Roanoke River there in nearly a quarter of a century.

## Choral Club Will Present Program

The Williamston Choral Club under the direction of Mrs. Louis Martin, will present a cantata, John Stainer's "Crucifixion", in the local Methodist church Friday evening at eight o'clock.

Many of the community's most able singers have been practicing their parts during the past several weeks, and the Friday evening program is certain to feature the Easter period song services here. The public is cordially invited.

The names of those participating follow:

Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mrs. E. F. Wynne, Mrs. John Hardy, Miss Ruth Norton, Mrs. W. K. Parker, Mrs. T. S. Critcher, Mrs. James Ward, Mrs. Arthur White, Miss Rebecca Harrison, Miss Jerry Humble, Dr. R. G. McAlister, Messrs. H. L. Swain, Asa Crawford, J. H. Dixon, Don Johnson, L. B. Wynne, W. C. Manning, Charles Leonard, George Peele, and Gordon Bennett. Mrs. W. C. Manning will be at the organ.

### Ordination Service To Be Held At Dardens Church

Deacons and elders recently elected by the Dardens Christian church will be ordained at a special service there Wednesday evening by Rev. C. C. Ware, of Wilson, assisted by Rev. Garland Bland, the pastor, Rev. J. M. Perry and J. D. Taylor. The combined Dardens choir and the Bear Grass trio will render special music, and the Lord's Supper will be observed.

## Churches Active Following Completion Religious Census

The Williamston Ministerial Association recently completed a religious census of the town as a feature of a large church enlistment program. The results of the survey indicate that each one of the churches has a large uncultivated and unenlisted constituency. A surprisingly large number of people living in the town still hold their church membership elsewhere. It was observed that the people who held no church connections either in Williamston or at other places were very pronounced in their denominational preferences.

The ministerial association meeting Monday united in extending an invitation to all church members whose membership is held out of town to enroll with the local church of that denomination. The following invitation was adopted by the group:

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