Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Friday, February 2, 1940.

### **Alleged Violators** Of Scrap Tobacco Law Are Released

Judge H. O. Peel Calls Ten Cases in County Court Last Monday

Characteristic of action in a number of courts throughout the tobacco belt, the state failed of enforcement of the Martin scrap tobacco law when Jasper Williams was tried in the Martin County recorder's court last Monday for allegedly violating the act. The case against Williams was the third of that type to be called by the recorder since the passage of the tobacco act by the last North Carolina legislature Nolprossing the case with leave against Williams, the court ruled that the prosecution had not proved the charges against the

In at least one of the cases, prosecution witnesses explained they had seen the defendants hauling scrap, but admitted that they did not know whether the defendants were buying and dealing in the low-grade

A second case, charging William with violating the motor vehicle laws, was nolprossed during the session of the court which lasted less than two hours.

Charged with an assault and with being drunk and disorderly, Columbus James pleaded not guilty. the conclusion of all evidence, the defense advanced a motion that the action be dismissed, the court granting the motion.

Upon the court's own motion, ac tion was dismissed in the case charging Mattie Joyner with abandon

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, James Williams was sentenced to the roads for a period of sixty days, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years. Payment of the costs was required by the court. Williams entered a plea of not guilty in the case

In the case charging Andrew Andrews with violating the motor vehicle laws, the court granted a mo-tion to withdraw the appeal from judgment meted out by a justice of the peace. The case was remanded to the trial justice.

The case charging Ben Reeves with an assault with a deadly wea pon was continued until next Mon-

A continuance was also granted until next Monday in the case charging Preston C. Durant with drunker

and reckless driving.

Jesse Walston, charged with lar ceny and receiving, was sentenced to the roads for a term of sixty days.

In the civil action brought by Na than Scott against H. M. Peel and others, the court ruled that the defendants were not indebted to the plaintiff in any amount The plain-tiff, taxed with the costs of the case. appealed to the higher courts.

### **Hog Raising King** Will Speak Here

Blake Pullen, of Warwick, Ga known in the south as the watermel on and hog king, will speak in the agricultural building here Monday, February 5th, at 1 p. m. discussion an Mr. Pullen will discuss the rais- was presented.

Mr. Pullen will discuss though a Dr. Marvin Evans, state denustring, care and marketing of hogs, a Dr. Marvin Evans, state denustring, in the which he has been engaged has just finished an examination of October.

A var good sows on his farm in Georgia. He is an accepted authority on raising hogs in all the states and it will be to the interest of the farmers in Martin County to hear him.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Lindsley Ice Company. A representative of the Garrett and Com-pany, of New York, manufacturers of fine wines, will speak to the far mers on grapevine planting in Mar-tin County. At the present time, Garrett and Company is furnishing grapevine rootings to the grower and at the same time guarantees to buy their output over a period of 20

### **Pupils Elect New Student Council**

Recently elected members of the student council of Williamston High School who will service for the spring semester are Conrad Get-singer, 8-1; Elizabeth Gurganus, 8-2; Mary O'Neil Pope, 9-1; Irvin Gur-ganus, 9-2; Susie Griffin, Roosevelt Coltraine and Charles Coltraine, 10; Nancy Biggs, Martin Anderson and Joseph Thigpen, II. Officers for the year are Marjorie Grey Dunn, pres-ident and Elizabeth Parker, secre-

The new members of the council have completed a survey of traffic conditions within the hallways and stairs of the local school and have set up new regulations and patrols which have brought about much improvement in conditions. Student pa-trols now direct traffic between all classrooms and control the building entrances during the lunch hour. With the wholehearted support of the student body, confusion in the halls is rapidly being reduced to a

## No Action Taken to Eliminate Spruill Announces Office of Treasurer in County For Kerr Scott's

eliminate the office of county ing urer has not been followed up by ing.

The board will abide by the authorities "The board will abide by the board will be ab regular meeting on February 5, acording to reports heard here day John E. Pope, chairman of the ish the office, board of commissioners, stated that Very little l neeting of the county officials.

has been pointed out that the banks many 'tater ridges in the county

Action taken by a number of citi- would handle the job possibly at a ms before the Martin County Com- small saving, such a course may not oners at a regular meeting of prove advantageous to all concernthe body the first of last month to ed." one person high in the county's eliminate the office of county treas- official family was quoted as say

ider the proposal at their next wishes of the people, Board Chair-neeting on February 5, ac-man Pope said in discussing what acto- tion if any would be taken to abol-

Very little business is on the next as far as he knew no one was plan-hing to appear before the board in sioners to consider, J. Sam Getsinthe interest of the change urged by ger, ex-officio clerk to the board, the group of citizens at the last said this morning Jurymen will be drawn for the March term of super-There is a divided opinion as to the advisability of removing the office from the electorate and placing expected to point out to the comit in the appointment list. "While it missioners the bad condition of the

# Tax Listing Virtually **Completed In County**

CANDIDATE



Wayland Spruill, Bertie Coun ty man, yesterday announced his candidacy for the office of North Carolina Commissioner of Agri-

### Happenings In The Farm Life School

rather unfavorable condition for e past few weeks, our attendance as held up unusually well.
Our boys' and girls' teams played

J. Daniel was high scorer for the locals with B. Daniel, runner up.

\$10,244,905 this year or at virtually the same figure entered on the books. The girls were less successful, as

they lost by a close score.

The January meeting of the Parthe school auditorium Tuesday eve-

for a long number of years. At the all the smaller children's teeth. Dr. present time he has more than 200 Williams, the new county health Williams, the new county health doctor, with Miss Robinson, visited the school Wednesday and gave the children physical examinations.

# County Teachers Get Fifth

After a long wait-December 20 February 1—the approximately 200 school teachers in this county received another pay check yesterday. The pay checks, amounting to a little ov-er \$20,000, represented the fifth value. According to reports coming month salaries

### Forum Sponsored By Farm Bureau Is Held Last Night

Holding their first open forum under the Farm Bureau Federa-tion, Martin County farmers discussed a number of interesting topics in the agricultural build-

ing here last evening.

The topics centered around grape culture, standard weights grape culture, standard weights for sweet potato packs, poultry shipments and the use of limestone under the soil building program. Attended by about 40 farmers from all parts of the county, the meeting measured up to expectations and similar forums will be held each Thursday night from 7 to 8 o'clock in day night from 7 to 8 o'clock in the agricultural building. All farmers are urged to make their

farmers are urged to make their plans to attend as many of these forums as possible and take part in the discussions.

Timely topics will be discussed at each of the meetings which have the promise of proving highly beneficial to the farmer.

### No Material Change Is Expected In Total Property Valuation

Slight Gains in Real Estate And Provisions On Farms

The close of the tax-listing period Wednesday night found most of the real and personal property in this county on the books, early reports from County Tax Supervisor S. H. Grimes indicating there'll be no material change in the total values this year as compared with those of a year ago. "At least 98 per cent of the property in Williamston Town-ship including polls is on the books," List-taker H. M. Burras said yester-day, the county supervisor stating that the percentage figure is appli-cable to the work in nearly all the other districts.

With slight gains evident in real estate in some sections and with increased provisions reported on farms, the total county property values not including the corporation listings are expected to remain about the same despite apparent decreases in auto-mobile listings and in reduced merchandise stocks. A marked drop in automobile purchases was noted during the latter part of last year, but sales picked up materially after the first of last month, the purchasers the Bath boys' and girls' squads on Tuesday night at Bath. The boys were at their best, winning over their opponents with a score of 10-5. for the tax year 1939.

The list-takers are scheduled to transfer the lists from the abstracts ent-Teacher association was held in to the regular scrolls and have them ready for delivery to the county auning at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. J. Eason thorities the early part of March, Suning at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs.

Lilley, president of the organization, president of the organization, presided. Following a brief business day. The county-wide rate will not discussion an entertaining program be fixed by the commissioners before late June or early July, and taxes whom she came in contact.

A varied group of stories has been heard from the various list-takers over the county. Possibly the most difficult task was experienced by the county tax supervisor himself. While he owned a home on January 1, fire Month Salaries Yesterday ture but it did not cheat the tax lister. The property was valued at the same figure recorded last year. It is a well known fact, most peo-

ple are reluctant to list their prop erty for taxing purposes, and more value. According to reports coming from Mr. H. S. Everett and many of the other list-takers in the county, people are surprisingly poor in per-sonal property this year. "There are no 1940 automobiles. Women who received wedding rings when they were married, have lost them. Prac-tically all radios are out of commission and several years old. Mules and horses are all over 15 years old with the average something like 21. Sewing machines are 40 to 50 years old. Cows are usually dry and the dogs are either lost or have left home," the listers complain,

The old story, told on several previous occasions at listing time, was heard again. A ring owner gave it away last December and called it the association, demonstarted with back soon after listing time. But the the use of slides the proper methods climax was reached when a smartly dressed woman appeared before a certain list-taker with long tightfitting gloves covering a diamond ring.

#### Chamber Of Commerce Meeting This Evening tures unusually interesting.

tural building tonight at 8 o'clock. A representative attendance is urged by the secretary, Billie Clark.

# **Agricultural Post**

Challenges Present Commis sioner of Agriculture To Joint Debates

Windsor-C. Wayland Spruill, farmer and State senator for the third district, of Bertie County, today forounced his candidacy for commissioner of agriculture in the

Democratic primary.

Entry of the "silver-tongued ora-tor from Bertie" assures a lively race for the State post now held by Kerr Scott, who is expected to run

"Cousin Wayland," as he is known to hundreds of men with whom he has continuously served in the gen-eral assembly since 1933, is recognized as one of the most successful dirt farmers in this section of the State. On his farms he grows cot ton, tobacco, peanuts, corn, grains truck and livestock. He has attract ed wide attention by providing for each of his tenants a milk cow and the essentials of a "live-at-home" way of life.

As a member of the general assen bly Spruill has been active in be-half of farm legislation, sponsoring among many measures the present law to prohibit the sale of rotten scrap tobacco and the law to eradi-cate Bang's disease among cattle. He introduced the bill which was passed in the 1933 general assembly to take the State tax off land.

In addition to his primary interest in farming, Senator Spruill sponsored and put through many humani-tarian measures. He was author of the bill to establish the Eastern North Carolina Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Wilson. In addition to his famous oratory in the assembly in behalf of the public schools, Spruill has been the leader in every session in measures to enlarge and improve the facilities for deaf, dumb, blind

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## Mrs. Wade Everett Dies In Hospital

Funeral Services Conducted In the Hamilton Baptist Church Yesterday

Hamilton - Mrs Carolyn Blanche Poe Everett well known and widely beloved resident of Hamilton, died in Washington hospital early Wednesday morning. She was 39 years of age. Death came as a result of pneuand other complications. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in the Hamilton Baptist church of which she was a mem ber, her pastor, the Rev. E. C. Shoe, officiating. as she was affectionately .Poe."

called by her friends here, was a na tive of Apex. She taught school fol-lowing her graduation from Blackstone College, Va., first in Hender-son, later at Samarkand, and finally in Hamilton where she married De cember 18, 1926, and made her home until her death.

She was active in all phases of church work and community affairs, was a devout Christian and nance Corporation.

cemetery. Members of the R. A. and gram. Some time ago the citizens G. A. of which she was leader, carthere took steps to have a water-ried the many and lovely floral of-sewer system installed but the cost ferings to the their beloved "Miss Poe."

J. Beach, G. A. Oglesby, H. S. John-complete system, offering fire proson, Jr., B. B. Taylor and D. G. Mattection as well as water and sewer

sons, Wade, Jr. and Edwin Poe; also the town financing the other half a sister, Mrs. Bessie Harris, of Durham; three brothers, Rev. W. D. Poe, of Oxford; R. D. and H. M. Poe, of

# Specialist Holds

An interesting and instructive school demonstrating the advantageous use of cement was held in the Martin County Agricultural building here last Tuesday by the Portland Cement Association. Atengineers from twenty eastern Car olina towns, the school was held without cost to them.

of mixing concrete and cited flaws that could be expected from an improper mix.

Commenting on the all-day school, several contractors said they learned a great deal about the use of concrete, and found Mr. Phillips' lec

newly organized local chamber of sociation in this State. Similar meeting was arranged by Mr.

F. T. Green, representative of the sociation in this State. Similar meetings are now underway in the meeting was arranged by Mr. sociation in this State. Similar meetings are now underway in this section of North Carolina, and others will be held by the association's technician throughout the United States.

## Report Acute Water Shortage Drive Underway To In Hundreds of Local Homes Have Farmers Bear

of the town's water department with-holding any estimates of the damage Plumbers warn water customer every one of the old-type homes has been without water part if not all homes and buildings have been the time that the mercury held to low points, the superintendent said, adding that the situation was aggravated by freezing pipes buried as deep as ten inches in the ground and under concrete sidewalks.

Household members in numerous in meter customers not to build fires in meter to boxes. Few boxes have frozeners or to be superior to act when the every to act when the weather begins to "break". Several homes and to ready to act when the every the several pipes to "break". Several homes and buildings have been flowed by bursting pipes already, and it is quite likely there will be more.

A warning was issued today by the water department, urging water customers not to build fires in more.

own a large number of families commission they are directed to

A preliminary survey hurriedly local school indicate that the water completed today reveals an acute shortage is far more serious than it water shortage in nearly two hundred homes here, the superintendent have not had a peek at a bathtub

that is certain to come with the re-turn of normal temperatures. Nearly lines and to ready to act when the

nder concrete sidewalks. ter customers not to build fires in Household members in numerous meter boxes. Few boxes have frozcases have carried water from their en but in those cases where the cus-neighbors, and in one section of the tomers think the boxes are out of went to fire hydrants to get a skimpy the water plant and a man will be supply of water or just enough for sent to check the meters. Several drinking and cooking purposes Recustomers have already damaged meports from one or two grades in the ters by building fires in the boxes

# Propose Water-Sewer System For Everetts

### Plan For Extending Local Water-Sewer Lines Is Considered

**Health Department Engineers** To Outline Plans Here And In Everetts

Plans for a new water-sewer sys-tem in Everetts and for the extension of water and sewer lines in Williamston will be placed before sep arate meetings of the officials of the two towns on Monday and Tuesday of next week, it was officially learn-

ed here today State Board of Health engineers nd representatives of the Martin County Health Department will ap pear before Williamston authorities at a regular meeting of the town board next Monday night. A mass meeting of Everetts citizens has been called for next Tuesday night at 7.3 clock when plans for the propose

system will be discussed.

A complete study of Williamstor sanitation is slated at the meeting of the local board next Monday night Basic facts have been gathered in connection with the operation of the present system and the possibility of mproving conditions through the extension of the sewer and water ines Assistant Chief Engineer Abel of the State Health Department will outline methods for advancing the proposed projects and offer suggestions for consideration by authori ies in each town.

A preliminary survey of needed ewer and water line extension here was made two years ago when the town proposed a \$75,000 bond issu to finance the project. The bond is sue carried but failed of actual sale and the project was deserted. It is now proposed to handle the project through the Works Progress Administration. It is understood that the town can finance its share of the cost through the Reconstruction Fi-

Now without water and sewer connections, Everetts citizens are ser-iously considering the proposed pro-"last resting place" of estimate was considered too high and the matter was dropped until a short Pallbearers were L. F. Stokes, W. time ago. It is understood that a line connections, can be installed for Mrs. Everett is survived by her approximately \$30,000, the WPA financing about half the amount and through a loan from the Reconstruc-

Everetts citizens are expected to turn out in large numbers to hear health authorities and town authorities outline the proposed system and to offer their opinions. Future developments in advancing the project will be determined by the action of Concrete School will be determined by the next Tuesday night meeting which will be held in the school au-

### March Of Dimes Raises \$20 Here

The sale of paralysis tags here last Saturday netted \$20.10 which will supplement funds raised to fight infantile paralysis in the nation-wide celebrations of President Roosevelt's birthday. Approximately 200 tags were sold by Carolyn Lindsley, Nancy Biggs, Marjorie Grey Dunn, Mary Charles Godwin, Elizabeth Parket and Ruth Ward, local high school girls, who volunteered to conduct the while the sale of tags was not as

great as hoped for, it exceeded last year's sale by approximately four dollars according to David Hix, who conducted the drive.

#### TRAVELING FIREMAN

Gates Matthews, worker in the local Works Progress Adminis-tration office, is fast becoming known as a traveling fireman, and a valuable one, too. Mat-thews, for three years chief of the New Bern department, took an active place along with Williamston firemen last Saturday night when they battled the stubborn fire that wrecked the Grimes home on the corner of Haughton Street and Simmons Avenue. Two nights later he took his place along with New Bern firemen when they an-swered a call to Oriental and fought a stubborn fire there.

At 4 o'clock here Sunday morning. Matthews resembled an ice-covered snow man with lengthy icicles hanging from his

### Threatens Life Of Local Undertaker

An unidentified white man, slight over middle age and tall of statue breatened the life of Birrissa Slade operator of a colored undertaking business here, early last Tuesday

Posing as a representative of casket manufacturing firm, the mar entered the Slade home on Church Street, and demanded payment of a \$150 bill allegedly due his company. According to officers investigating the case, no such account was held against the local undertaking establishment, but the intruder de manded payment at the point of a gun. Help was summoned by a mem-ber of the Slade household and the intruder left before officers reach the home on West Church

Said to have been drinking, the man was driving a 1935 grey model Ford. No lead in the case has been

**Board Of Education To** Hold Meeting Monday

cation will hold a regular meeting here next Monday morning at 10 tin County will continue to coopero'clock. Only routine matters are on ate with the program," Mr. Leggett the board's business calendar

Prominent County Man Continues Seriously III

Mr. Harry Waldo, prominent county citizen and a resident of Hamil-ton, continues critically ill in a Richmond hospital. He underwent a ma-jor operation in the Virginia hospi tal last Monday

### Rides 3,000 Miles To Hunt Turkeys In Martin County

With much leisure time on his hands, Mr. B. J. Scott hopped in his car out in California several weeks ago and started out to hunt turkeys in Martin County. Accompanied by his wife, Mr. Scott of course enjoyed the new scenery as his car marked off approximately 3,000 miles, but cold weather greeted him along the Atlantic seaboard and turkey hunting hasn't been so hot since his arrival.

With Walter Gurganus-Mar-tin County's ole Dan Boone-as his guide, Mr. Scott can rest as street ne'll get a turkey if he stays long enough. And he plans to stay just that long, if not long-er. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are guests of the George Reynolds Hotel and are apparently enjoying their stay here on this side of the continent. sured he'll get a turkey if he

# Burden Of Economy

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Committee Proposes Double Blow at Farm and Needy Population

With the mouths of hungry muni n makers to feed with one hand through the defense program, the House Appropriations Committee, bent on economy for the satisfaction of budget alarmists, are turning to and saddling the farmer and the needy with the burden. A few milhons have been sliced here and there but when the farm was reached, the boys in Washington really applied call the axe, slicing off some seventy mil-l be hon dollars ordinarily used in the purchase of surplus farm commodi-ties for distribution among those unable to buy and feed themselves.

Proposing sharp curtailments in the administration's farm program, the committee sent to the House bill carrying \$634,374,256. This is 20 per cent below President Roosevelt's budget requests of \$788,929, 519 and compares with \$1,301,340, 315 for this year.

Farm state congressmen, under the leadership of Representative Jones (D-Tex.), immediately raised the cry that the farmer was to be made the 'goat' of economy; one committee member retorted that when "you've got to cut, you've got to cut" and pleaded for permanent subsidies independent of the Federal treasury.

Meanwhile, the current Congresional economy drive suffered its first major reversal when a Senate appropriations subcommittee restored to the "independent office" appropriations bill a \$39,000,000 item to pay for building new merchant

Senator Byrnes (D-S.C.), also disclosed that the Senate group had found a way to carry on the work of three of President Roosevelt's new agencies for which the House re-fused to provide funds on the ground that these agencies had not been au-

thorized by Congress. Byrnes estimated that the net increase in the independent offices bill, after taking into account certain reductions made by the senators, was \$38,000,000.

The deep slashes in the farm bill, coming at the start of a year when each House member must stand for re-election, wiped out these major recommendations of the president:

1. \$72,678,812 to supplement automatic appropriations of about \$100,-000,000 to facilitate disposal of sur plus commodities.

2 \$47,975,000 to continue benefit payments to sugar growers under a

3. \$25,000,000 for nation-wide loans (Continued on page six)

### Good Forest Fire Record In County

Martin County had a splendid forest fire record during the last six months of 1939," County Warden Marvin H. Leggett said yesterday in addressing an appeal to all farmers urging them to get permits and exburning woodlands between now and next June. In accordance with Chapter 207 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, any one wishing to burn woodlands even on his own ferm must apply to the county or district varden for a permit. "This practice The Martin County Board of Edu- has helped to reduce the number of fires, and we hope the people of Mar-

Permits are issued by community varden without cost.

During the past six months there were only four forest fires in the county, resulting in an estimated damage of about \$50. Two of the fires were started presumably by careless cigarette smokers. People cooperated splendidly in the forest protection program, ten persons actually con-tributing their labor free in bringing the four fires under control, the warden explained.

### One Hurt In Wreck On Jamesville Road

Lillian Bowen, colored woman, was painfully bruised and slightly cut on her knees when the car, Ford sedan, driven by her husband Eddie Bowen, went out of contro and turned over just beyond Gard-ners Creek on the Jamesville Road last Tuesday night. Bowen was not hurt, but he admitted he was greatly frightened as the car started climbing a high bank and turned over on

Bowen stated that he left his home on the farm of County Commissioner R. Lee Perry early that night. As he rounded the curve just beyond Gardners Creek, the car lights went out and before he could stop, the machine climbed nearly to the top of a 12-foot embankment and turned Bowen stated that he left his home of a 12-foot embankment and turns over. Bowen and his wife were of their way to Jamesville to see haick mother.