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## Pamlico, Without a Senator 40 Years, Asks Consideration

### Hugh G. Horton Announces As Candidate For State Senate Today

Pamlico County, without direct representation in the North Carolina State Senate for about forty years, came forward this week with a candidate and appealed to the larger counties for consideration and support.

In a letter addressed to The Enterprise this week, the chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, Arapahoe Precinct, Pamlico County, said:

"Pamlico County has not had a State Senator in about forty years. While we are not criticizing the other counties in the district or the men who have represented it in the past, we do not think the situation quite fair. It has been argued that we do not have a man of sufficient influence. We deny that. We do have a man, Mayor E. S. Askew, of Oriental, who is well known throughout the State and particularly in your section and who is well qualified to represent us in the next General Assembly. We would like very much to see him nominated for one of the two seats in the Senate from this district.

"Yours truly,  
"W. E. Tingle, Chairman."

Arapahoe, N. C.  
Monday, February 26, 1940.

To date the line-up of candidates in this, the Second District, for the State Senate, is not at all certain. Mr. Askew has not formally announced his candidacy, and as far as it can be learned, D. Bradford Fearing, of Manteo, and H. G. Horton, local man, are the only announced candidates in the field.

Unofficial reports state that W. B. Rodman, who represented this district in the State Senate for the past two assemblies, will not be a candidate to succeed himself this coming term. H. G. Horton, local attorney, who represented this county in the House during the past two terms, announced his candidacy this morning after being drafted by leading members of the party in several of the counties in the district.

While it is the practice in some districts where there are two or more counties making up a district to rotate their senators according to rules formulated by the Democratic Party organization handbook, no such practice has been advanced or followed in this district as it would appear from the contents of the letter penned this week by Chairman Tingle. Martin County had no candidates for the senate last term, and if Beaufort offers none this season it will be the first time in years that the neighboring county has been without direct representation in the upper house of the assembly.

## Seventh Candidate Enters Contest for Governor of State

### Bryant Thompson, Hamlet Man, Takes Issue With Opponents' Platforms

Taking issue with the announced platforms of other candidates, Bryant Thompson, Hamlet man, announced for governor this week subject to the action of the Democratic primary on May 25. He is the seventh candidate to enter the Democratic primary, and is the first to attack the platform of at least one opponent in the race.

The new candidate leaves little doubt as to where he stands on various political issues, for in announcing his candidacy he expressed himself as being against the sales tax, desired to see the State bone dry and advocated the diversion of gas tax funds when and where necessary to meet the general needs of the State.

His announced platform runs afoul of that advanced by Candidate A. J. Maxwell, who is advocating a fifty million dollar road improvement program without an increase in taxes and without floating additional bonds.

"At this time," Thompson said in a statement, "we cannot afford to spend \$50,000,000 on new highways because . . . we are a very poor State, and if we were in position to spend \$50,000,000 on highways we certainly could arrange to discontinue the present three per cent sales tax.

"I am bitterly opposed to the present three per cent sales tax . . . I also favor the State Highway Patrol being put under civil service in order to remove politics as much as possible . . . North Carolina is one of the greatest industrial States and everything possible should be done to encourage industry . . ."

Thompson said that he did not see how anything could be done for the schools at this time unless extra taxes were involved.

Other announced candidates in the Democratic race are J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh; Thomas E. Cooper, of Wilmington; Paul D. Grady, of Kenly; L. Lee Gravelly, of Rocky Mount; W. P. Horton, of Pittsboro, and A. J. Maxwell, of Raleigh.

## First Peek Into The 1940 Tax Situation Is Expected Monday

Meeting in regular session here next Monday, the Martin County commissioners are scheduled to get their first peek into the 1940 tax situation as the facts reveal themselves through the several township lists of property values. The authorities can well hold their breath as it is feared a reduction in assessed values will be found in the mass of figures, and it is generally agreed that a reduction in values means an increase in the tax rate. Maybe and maybe not. Anyway, the list-takers are scheduled to have the lists ready next Monday for inspection by the commissioners and by the general public who, according to law, will have an opportunity to appeal to the authorities from any contrary values assessed by the list-takers. The commissioners are scheduled to meet as a board of equalization and review

### CONSTANT

The number of automobiles in Williamston Township remains almost constant according to list-taker H. M. Burras who reports an increase of one in the listings this year over those of 1939. Last year there were 554 white and 60 colored car owners. This year there are 555 white and 60 colored car owners.

While the number of cars was increasing, valuations were decreasing, according to Mr. Burras, who pointed out that depreciation clipped about \$9,000 from the motor vehicle assessed values. Unofficial reports state that Poplar Point, the first to show a complete report of listings, gained about \$9,000 in its property values this year over last.

## James A. Jones Died Suddenly Near Here Early Last Evening

### Last Rites This Afternoon for Well-Known County Farmer

James A. Jones, well known and highly respected farmer, died suddenly at his home on the Mary Cherry farm, near here, early last evening, the end coming as a result of a third stroke suffered just a short time before he died. Suffering a first stroke about a year ago, Mr. Jones partially recovered and was able to be up and to move around until about five months ago when he suffered a second stroke. Since that time he has been confined to his bed unable to even turn his head. Mrs. Jones, ever faithful during his months of illness, was feeding him when he was stricken a third time late yesterday afternoon, death following at 6:30. Mr. Jones seemed as bright as usual and talked at length during the early evening meal.

The son of the late Henry and Carolina Green Jones, he was born in Bear Grass Township about 67 years ago, and lived in this county all his life. He was a hard-working man and an able farmer, one whose life was free of pretense and sham.

Nearly half a century ago he married Miss Mollie Taylor, who survives with the following children, Henry Jones, of Spring Green; Mrs. Hubert Modlin, of Cross Roads; Mrs. Willie Nicholson, Mrs. Roy Martin, John Robert and Franklin Jones, all of Williamston; Lester, of Cross Roads, and Hilton Jones, of Poplar Point. He also leaves one sister, Miss Anna Jones, of near Williamston.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home this afternoon by Elder B. S. Cowin and interment will follow in the Mobley Cemetery, Bear Grass Township.

## Farm Plans Ready For Distribution by The Agent's Office

Farm plans for the individual units, showing the amount of maximum payments and how they may be earned in cooperation with the soil conservation program, are almost ready for distribution in this county. The plans merely offer a clear-cut picture of the farmer's farm, showing how he may cooperate with the program to the greatest possible advantage. The allotted acreages are listed to the various crops, and the amount of payment it is possible for the farmer to earn from each one is listed on the farm plan sheet.

Attention is given the soil building practices which are described in particular as they relate to maximum payments under the program. The sheets will be made available to farmers in the various communities by the local committeemen within the next ten or fifteen days, it is understood.

## Specialist Tells Of Prospect for Stock Raising in County

Bill Hays Offers Some Basic Opinions on a Timely Farm Topic

"Don't plunge head over heels into the stock-raising business," Bill Hays, Washington County farm agent and a man who really knows his livestock, advised a group of Martin farmers here last night at another in the series of farm forums sponsored by the Farm Bureau Federation. "However, I believe that stock-raising in this section is going to help solve our farm problem," the agent explained.

Pointing out that there is more feed for cattle between the Roanoke and Pamlico Rivers than there is in all the State of Florida, the agent said that he can see no reason why Eastern farmers can't make money out of cattle. Florida is a right-butt cattle state, the agent explained, adding that he was certain this section is better suited for stock-raising than Florida is. He went on to point out a few advantages this section has over the great West.

"There is a large quantity of feed going to waste. To save that waste might mean the difference between a profit and a loss to the farmer. It isn't possible for this section to enter the business on any large scale, but there is a golden opportunity for the individual farmer to estimate his available feed in the fields and in nature pasture and fit his program to the supply of feed. Some farms can carry quite a few cattle, others will find it advisable to carry two or three," he said.

The stock man offered some valuable information as related to stock-raising, but there were only a few farmers interested in the topic. However, several of those present are keenly interested and they are likely to open the way for a new industry on Martin farms on a sound basis.

He reviewed the work that is being done in this county, and stated that a cattleman's association had been recently organized to facilitate the work. He pointed to the comparatively good market for cattle, and quoted livestock buyers as saying that the prices were not too high, that prices for hogs and other livestock were too low. Possibly the price of cattle will fall a few points, but according to information gained from unofficial sources and released by Mr. Hays, it is possible that hog prices will advance between now and mid-summer, some predicting 8 cents for swine.

Any Martin County farmer who plans to place a few cows on his farm will do well to talk with Mr. Hays, as he is in a position to offer some mighty good suggestions.

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## Openings For Boys In The CCC Camps

Openings for seventeen Martin County youths in the Civilian Conservation Corps camps were announced today by Miss Mary Taylor, superintendent of welfare. It was pointed out by Miss Taylor that only two or three applications were on file, and that young boys wishing to enter the service now have a splendid opportunity for appointment.

The openings are for fourteen white and three colored youths. Young boys wishing to enroll in the service are urged to file their applications with the welfare department immediately. The candidates are to report to district headquarters the first week in April.

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## THAT TAX MAN

The tax man is making a last round-up in the county, the schedule fixed by the State Revenue Department calling for all returns on income and the listing of all intangible properties by the fifteenth of this month. A check is expected along with the returns, it has been pointed out in an uncertainty way.

Deputy Collector Jack Hinton, who maintains his office in the courthouse here, is anticipating an increase in income and a larger tax on intangibles in the county this year. More people have already listed so far this year than last, he says.

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Monday, March 25: Harris versus Tayloe, Hopkins against Insurance Co., Fertilizer Co. v. Jernigan, Fertilizer Co. vs. Pearson, Fertilizer Co. versus Paul Murphy, Fertilizer Co. against Hall, Fertilizer Co. v. Smith, Fertilizer Co. vs. Britt, Fertilizer Co. vs. Boykin, Coltrain versus Harrington.

Tuesday, March 26: Cordon versus Jackson, Fertilizer Co. vs. Currie, Supply Co. versus Beach, Barber vs. Price, Fertilizer Co. v. Hodges, Fertilizer Co. vs. Moore, Gilfin Co. versus Liverman, Fertilizer Co. against Hargrove, Fertilizer Co. vs. Simmons, Hodges v. Mizelle.

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## Mrs. Celia Beach Dies Near Everetts Wednesday Night

### Last Rites Are Conducted By Elder B. S. Cowin Yesterday

Funeral services were conducted at the home near Everetts yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Mrs. Celia F. Beach, highly respected county citizen, who died Wednesday evening at 8:40 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Suffering a broken hip in a fall last summer, Mrs. Beach had been confined to her bed since that time, her condition gradually becoming worse as complications developed.

The daughter of the late Mack and Molly Roberson Cherry, she was born in this county 66 years ago next month. The family lived in Cross Roads a long number of years or until she and her two sons moved to Poplar Point just a few years ago. Mr. Beach died a number of years ago. A sister, Mrs. Martha Beach, died last December near Hamilton.

Besides her two sons, Messrs. J. Durant Beach and Church H. Beach, both of Poplar Point, she is survived by four brothers, Messrs. John Cherry, of Everetts; A. D. Cherry, of Robersonville; W. J. Cherry, of Conway, S. C.; and D. A. Cherry, of Springfield, W. Va.

Mrs. Beach had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Bear Grass for a long number of years and was devoted to its doctrine and teachings. She was held in high regard by all who knew her and was a good neighbor and a thoughtful and understanding mother. She enjoyed a large friendship circle in her home and adopted communities.

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