

## Additional Machine Is Now In Operation At The Pulp Plant

### Enlarged Plant Will Employ Approximately 600 Workers

The expanded plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company in the lower part of this county, near Plymouth, went into operation today, reports stating that work is being rushed to make the bleaching plant ready for operation in early June.

Apparently centralizing its pulp manufacturing business in the plant in this county, the company is gradually shifting its workers and equipment from the Richmond, West Virginia mill. Quite a few men have already moved in and started making ready to put the finishing or bleaching unit into operation.

Next week it was said a new steam boiler will be put in operation and a recovery boiler is scheduled to be ready in June. Half of the filtering plant is now in operation, with the other half ready for use when the increased capacity of the plant demands it.

When none of the paper machines to be installed is made ready to begin operations in June, it is understood one of the three machines at the Cherry River Paper Company plant in Richmond, W. Va., will be discontinued.

It was said this week that about 300 persons are still employed at the Richmond plant, but that the plant there would be abandoned when the installation of equipment is completed and the county mill is ready to turn out the finished paper product.

Regular shift workers at the plant now number 400, and when all of those scheduled to come from Richmond arrive and the pulp and paper departments begin to function at top speed, there will be a total of around 600 employees at the mill, it was said. In addition to the 400 regular employees now working, there are about 50 men employed in construction work for the plant and 100 construction workers employed by the contractors who are erecting the new buildings.

## Claims For Damage In Sum Of \$13,025 To Be Heard Here

### Parker and Harrison File Counter Claims As a Result of Wreck

As a result of a serious automobile wreck about two miles west of Everett's last June 16, the parties will appear to the Martin County Superior Court here next Monday to arbitrate, dismiss or ignore damage claims approximating \$13,025. Quite a few witnesses are being summoned here for the parties to the suits, and the trial is likely to continue during several hours. It is possible that other cases scheduled for trial that day will not be heard.

As a result of the wreck, W. D. Parker, local man, is asking \$5,700 damages, \$5,000 personal and \$700 to his Packard automobile. In his complaint, the plaintiff claims that the defendant, G. H. Harrison, Jr., was working as an agent of the Harrison Wholesale Company, and alleges that the defendant was driving west on U. S. No. 64 and struck his car with such violence as to virtually demolish it. The plaintiff avers that he was driving toward Williamston on his side of the road in a lawful manner. The plaintiff further alleges that the owners of the firm knew or should have known that their agent was reckless, an incompetent and irresponsible driver, that he had habitually violated the speed laws and had five or six collisions previously to that time. After claiming that he was not negligent, the plaintiff alleges that he was permanently injured, disabled and disfigured, that his chest was crushed, bones broken, leg cut, arm broken and face cut. He maintains that he is entitled to \$5,000 for personal injuries and hospital bills and \$750 for his wrecked automobile.

In answer to the complaint, the defendant alleges that the plaintiff was driving toward Williamston in a wrongful and unlawful manner and that without warning or signal turned his automobile to the left and ran squarely into the defendant's car. The defense further alleges that the plaintiff was operating his car while under the influence of some intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs, and was not keeping a proper lookout, that by his own negligence he contributed to the injury of himself and to that of the defendant listed as an agent of the firm. The defendant points out that he was driving in a prudent manner at the time and was on his right side of the road. As a result of the wreck and as a counter claim to that filed by the plaintiff the defendant avers he is rightfully entitled to recover of the plaintiff a total of \$7,275 in damages, \$650 for hospital bills and doctors' services, etc., \$5,000 for serious injuries to his wrist, shoulder and hip, and \$700 for time he lost from his work. The remaining \$925 damages asked for

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## Teacher Elections Scheduled In County in Next Few Days

Teacher elections by the various local committees are underway in the county at the present time, incomplete reports stating that most of the districts will complete the task by early next week, leaving one or two others to make their selections later. Action must be taken by the committees before the current term ends and the closing date is not far removed.

No official information is to be had just now, but reports recognized as fairly reliable indicate that the teaching personnel in the county for the 1940-41 term will undergo no marked change. A few teachers are planning to resign and accept positions in other schools or in other vocations. But even in some of these cases, the incumbents are asking reelection in the event their other plans do not materialize. Rumors indicate that a few marriages are scheduled for the summer period and that

some of the teachers plan to leave the school room and enter upon a staid domestic life.

It has been reliably learned that no changes are expected in the principal personnel, but final action rests with the committees and the committees have not been heard from in every district.

Rumors indicating that certain rules and regulations governing the employment of married teachers would be adopted in one or more districts have not been firmly established. It is expected that the issue will be discussed by at least two and possibly by other committees during the meetings now at hand. Only one school, Robersonville, in the county has an established rule at the present time governing the election of married teachers. "Everything being equal, give the job to the single girl," one committee member outside the local district was heard to have remarked a few days ago.

## Census Survey Third Complete In County

### FINALS SPEAKER



Dr. Frank Porter Graham, nationally known educator and president of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, will deliver the commencement address here Wednesday evening, May 1, at 8:15 o'clock.

## Population Trend Is Bit Uncertain In County And Towns

### County Is Hardly Expected To Maintain Proportionate Gain This Census

While the enumerators are steadily engaged in the huge task of handling the 1940-complicated and extensive census, not a single word of an official hue has been released in connection with population trends in this county and in the several towns. It is now estimated that the task in this county is about one-third complete as a whole while some of the enumerators are more than half done with their survey. In one or two of the districts the work was hardly a third complete the early part of this week.

In a few cases the enumerators have encountered a marked indifference, but for the most part the people have answered the questions readily and quite willingly. No trouble has been experienced so far in this county as one Mr. Tobey predicted when he held up his hands in holy horror against the type of questions the census was asking.

With no basic facts to base their opinions on, observers are in the air when it comes to guessing the population trend in the county and several towns. It is agreed that there will be population increases in some towns and decreases in other towns in the county. Will the county maintain this census a proportionate gain of approximately 3,000 recorded in each of the ten-year periods from 1900? What was the trend of the population shift during the past ten years in the county? Have more youths moved from country to town or is the strictly rural population holding its own? What gain, if any, has the colored population made over the number of whites? These and a few other allied questions are being asked, but their correct answers will have to await the completion of the census survey and the tabulation to follow.

A review of the 1910, 1920 and 1930 census figures first by townships and then by towns, follows:

Township	1910	1920	1930
Bear Grass	1,023	1,358	1,575
Cross Roads	1,402	1,580	1,604
Goose Nest	2,077	2,657	3,034
Griffins	855	1,067	1,227
Hamilton	1,733	1,925	2,210
Jamesville	2,370	2,425	2,471
Poplar Point	992	963	926
Robersonville	3,077	3,811	4,478
Williams	947	1,105	1,014
Williamston	3,321	3,937	4,861

Towns	1910	1920	1930
Bear Grass	56	108	131
Everetts	146	230	270
Oak City	251	397	481
Hamilton	452	474	508
Hassel	90	85	169
Jamesville	398	389	344
Gold Point	126	130	121
Parmele	272	355	341
Robersonville	616	1,199	1,181
Williamston	1,547	1,800	2,731
	3,954	5,167	6,277

## "Gone With The Wind" To Be Shown Here May 5, 6, 7

In Tuesday's issue of the Enterprise, the Marco Theatre advertisement announced the showing of "Gone with the Wind," here May 6, 7 and 8th. We wish to make a correction as this production will be here Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 5, 6 and 7th. Tickets will go on sale here next week at the Watts Theatre and may be obtained any time when the shows are in operation.

On Sunday, May 5, a special showing of "Gone with the Wind" will be made at the Watts Theatre. The show at the Watts Theatre will begin at 1:15 p. m.

## Thirteen Marriage Licenses Issued In County Last Month

### Number White Marriages Is Among Smallest On Record

Weddings among the white population in Martin County last month were few and far between, the county marriage license bureau in the office of Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger reporting the smallest issuance to white couples for any March since 1931. The number of licenses issued to colored couples held to a figure slightly above normal for the period.

A review of the bureau records shows that the number of marriages after undergoing a marked decrease following the passage of the marriage health laws, is climbing to a normal figure again, especially among the colored population. The number of white marriages within the county is slightly below normal for the past twelve months as compared with the issuance for the 12 months preceding the passage of the special health laws.

**White**  
Trance Williams and Maude Silverthorne, both of Robersonville.  
William Hugh Daniel and Elizabeth Coltrain, both of Griffins.

**Colored**  
John Henry Peel, of Williamston R.F.D. No. 2, and Elizabeth McDaniel, of Everetts.

Wilson Griffin and Kathleen Virginia Peel, both of Jamesville.  
Dennis Congleton and Mary Whitfield, both of Robersonville.  
Gussie Rogers and Elizabeth Brown, both of Williamston.

Turner Gilliam and Mae Winnie Hill, both of Windsor.  
Melton Brown and Alice Moore, both of Williamston.  
LeRoy Speller and Ella Clark, both of Woodard.

Willie Boston and Naomi Ellison, both of Jamesville.  
Dawson Williams and Ada Wilson, both of Robersonville.

Cape Charles Brown and Thelma Daniel, both of Williamston.  
Anderson Marrow, of Bullock, Granville County, and Marjorie Everett, of Everetts.

## Thirty-Nine Years Ago As Recorded In The Enterprise

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1901**  
Court 3rd Monday, March 18th. Read our club offer in this issue. Mr. John Lamb was home Sunday. Mr. W. S. Harris is sick at this writing.

Read the ad of the Chinese Washing tablets.  
All kinds of insurance written by Whitmore and Newell.

A cold wave struck town Tuesday evening about dark.  
Mr. Chas. Hassell to visit his parents in town this week.  
Mr. Olive, of Staley, N. C., was in town several days this week.

Everybody is looking for bargains and are finding them at Gurganus'. \$25 a week while sick. For further information call on Whitmore and Newell.

We are very glad to state that Mr. Geo. W. Newell is able to be in his office again.

Dr. Biggs will be out of his office from Saturday, March 9th to Monday, March 18th.

Mr. N. S. Peel was out last Monday for the first time since he came back from Richmond.

Anyone thinking of purchasing a typewriter will do well to examine the Hammond.

Our club offer in this issue will only run once more. Be sure and subscribe before it is out.

Mr. John W. Misell and family left this week for Roanoke Rapids where they will reside in the future.

D. B. Parker, Robersonville, N. C. makes the finest buggies in the eastern part of the state. Give him a call.

A fine stock of goods, low prices and accommodating clerks can always be found at Eli Gurganus'.

We are sorry to state that Mrs. B. K. Mason, who has been sick for the past week, is not much better.

Mr. J. C. Getsinger, of Amherst, was in town last Friday and called at our office and left a subscription to the Enterprise.

The debt on the Methodist church is gradually decreasing. Mr. Suttan

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## RECORD CATCHES

Catches, approaching an all-time record, are being reported at the Fleming fishery in Jamesville today. Between twelve and fifteen thousand herring were taken in a single haul this morning. Foreman Ange stating that the catch was possibly a little larger than the last one made on the schedule yesterday. Few rock were taken early today and there were only five shad among the thousands of herring.

Reports from the small streams emptying into the Roanoke state that the present run of herring is the largest in half a century.

## Plans Go Forward for Single Variety of Cotton in County

Plans for adopting a single cotton variety for Martin County or a type suitable to sections of the county were advanced at a Martin County Farm Bureau forum held in the agricultural building here last evening. There were only a few farmers present, but the foundation for advancing the one-variety movement was well laid when arrangements were made for conducting two demonstrations, one by Farmer C. Abram Roberson, near Robersonville, and the other by Farmer W. Robert Everett, near Palmyra.

Farmer Everett is planting his special seed today in cooperation with the county agent's office, and Mr. Roberson will plant his demonstration plots within the next few days, it was agreed at the last night meeting.

Six varieties—Coker's 100, strains

three and four; Coker's 200, strains one and two, and Coker's 4 and 1, strains three and four. About one-twentieth of an acre will be planted to each variety. The type proving the most promising will be recommended, soil and other conditions being considered.

Reports from the field indicate that possibly more than 6,000 of the 6,882 acres of cotton allotted the county this year will be planted to the crop. Following a campaign last winter and in early spring, Martin farmers are turning again to the crop after planting hardly a third of their allotments during the past two or three years. They are making extensive arrangements for combatting the boll weevil, one report stating that A. E. Smith is making home-made mops, and that other farmers are attaching mops to their plows so they can plow and mop at the same time.

## Predicting Passage of Tobacco Act Changes

### Committees To Act On Six Amendments Within A Few Days

### Representatives Try To Meet Acute Situation Expected For Tobacco

Supported wholeheartedly by the North Carolina delegation and representatives from other tobacco-producing states, six amendments to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration Tobacco Act are expected to gain congressional approval within a comparatively short time, according to unofficial reports heard here today following the introduction of the measures in the House on Tuesday of this week. Favorable committee action was predicted within a week, and Congressmen apparently sensing the acute situation facing the tobacco farmers are certain to not vigorously champion the proposed changes in the legislative halls.

A review of the proposed changes follows:  
Amendment No. 1. This amendment would make it possible, in fixing the amount of the marketing quota, to make allowance for any temporary increase in the carryover of tobacco in this country arising from the storing of tobacco of the 1939 and 1940 crops in this country, which, except for the effect of the European war, would have been exported to and stored in foreign countries.

Amendment No. 2. This amendment would give authority for adjusting upward the marketing quota for any marketing year so that the adjustment of marketing needed to eliminate the quantity of tobacco in excess of the reserve supply level may be spread over a period longer than one year. This should result in less change of farm allotments and quotas from year to year and in less variation in the size of the crops placed on the market.

Amendment No. 3. This amendment would provide for conducting a referendum on the question of whether producers favor the establishment of tobacco marketing quotas for a three-year period. The establishment of marketing quotas for a period of three years would make it possible to provide in advance for

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## Parents-Teachers In Last Meeting

The last regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association for the school year 1939-40 was held in the grammar school auditorium Wednesday afternoon. Prior to the meeting the fifth-A grade and the WPA unit of the luncheon held "open houses" for the members and guests of the association. The fifth grades presented an interesting program on birds which included several songs and a playlet entitled "A Bird Sanctuary" in which descriptions of the habits and appearances of many of our native birds were related by the children.

Among the final reports given, the nominating committee stated that a president and a secretary for the P.T. A. for next year had not yet been appointed. Mrs. Old presented a very favorable report up to April 15th on the operating expense of the luncheon and upon suggestion it was decided that a complete financial report of the luncheon would be published in the Enterprise at the end of the school year.

Preparing for the operation of the luncheon next term, Principal D. N. Hix stated that several acres of land had been granted the parent-teacher association and that they were now in cultivation. Vegetables harvested from the several acres will be canned and stored for use in the luncheon next term.

The fifth and ninth grades won the attendance awards.

### CANDIDATE



Mr. E. H. Ange, of Jamesville, has announced his candidacy for a seat on the Martin County Board of Education. Appointed to the position made vacant by the death of John Getsinger in March, 1932, Mr. Ange is now serving his third term as a member of the board.

## Local Man Badly Hurt In Accident

Mr. W. H. Burden, 74 years old, was badly hurt last Wednesday evening about 7 o'clock when he started to walk across the main street in front of the Central Cafe and was struck by a truck driven by Wiley Upchurch, of Carrboro. Mr. Burden, father of Mrs. John Wier, of Williamston, suffered a broken shoulder and fractures of both arms. Given first aid treatment in a local doctor's office, he was later removed to a Washington hospital where he was said today to be getting along very well. His recovery is expected.

Unable to see very well, Mr. Burden, according to a statement made direct to local officers who investigated the accident, said that he could not and would not prefer charges against him. The truck, traveling at a very slow speed, had almost passed when Mr. Burden stepped off the sidewalk and walked from behind a parked car into the body of the vehicle. The driver stopped his truck within about twelve feet of the spot where the old gentleman was hit.

Although he was knocked to the pavement, Mr. Burden did not lose consciousness and neither of the wheels struck him. Unable to get up by himself, Mr. Burden was picked up by Catcher Albritton and carried to the doctor's office nearby.

## Fish Are Running In The Roanoke In Vast Numbers

The herring fishing season, a bit dull during recent weeks, struck its stride here yesterday when equipment was taxed almost to capacity in handling the catches at this point. Thousands of the fish were taken from the stream by small-scale fishermen using dip nets, bow nets and machine nets.

The run of herring attracted hundreds of fishermen to the river at this point, one report stating that quite a few farmers were taking time off from their field duties to lay in a supply of the fish.

Not quite as plentiful in this section of the State as they were a year ago, the herring are commanding fairly stable prices, but now, and then an oversold fisherman offers his catches at a bargain. But even at a price double the average quotations of \$1 a hundred is low compared with the value received.

## Major Battle Now In Progress Near City Of Trondheim

### British Uneasy About Power Of Germany In Norway Territory

A major battle between allied and German troops was reported north of Trondheim, important seaport, in Norway at noon today. Meager reports accompanied the statement declaring that the troops had clashed but there was a strong fear expressed that England was hardly in a position to get reinforcements to the newly formed battle front immediately. Fighting was also reported at three other points in the little Scandinavian country, but considerable importance was being attached to the outcome of the major engagement. Allied officers had reached the scene and the Norwegian soldiers with help from Britain and France were offering a strong fight.

On one front, the allied soldiers were said to have routed one German attachment, capturing a fairly large number and killing many others.

The British today are said to have admitted their fear over the strong hold Germany now had in Norway. It was estimated that 60,000 German troops are already on Norwegian soil and that the Reich is transporting an additional 2,000 by airplane daily.

While battle lines are forming rapidly in Norway, neutrals bordering the war zone are preparing against the legendary Trojan horse that was found in the Scandinavian area just a short time ago. Turkey today continued its preparations for war, one report stating that the country was expecting a flare-up in the Balkans at any time.

Explosions of thunder-like proportion were heard in the Skagerrak just off the Norwegian coast this morning, leading some to believe that a naval battle had been renewed in that territory. A heavy mist covered the sea and no sign of action could be seen from the shore.

While Europe's war muddle became aggravated today, official Washington turned its attention to the Pacific. The possibility of bringing economic pressure against Japan is being considered as a means of holding in check a threat by that country to invade the Dutch East Indies.

Armament on a billion-dollar scale for the next fiscal year was given an overwhelming majority in the United States Senate yesterday. The measure, approved by a count of 63-4 provided for the construction of two more warships and more than 400 war planes, along with other units for the navy.

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## Record Honor Roll Reported In Local School Last Month

### Names of 178 Pupils Appear On List For Period Ending April 3

An all-time scholastic record was established in the local schools last month when 178 pupils forged ahead in their studies to gain recognition in the honor lists. The gain in honor students is quite noticeable in the high school where the names of 48 students appear on the honor roll.

The list of honor pupils announced by Principal D. N. Hix, follows:

First grade: Helen Chesson, Elizabeth Griffin, Ann Page Woolard, Sarah Manning, Jean McLawhorn, Harriet Peel, Rhoda Fay Peel, Ruby Savage, Bobby Clayton, Bobby Davis, Louise Corey, Lindelle Ward, Carroll Barber, Charlie Cullipher, Russell Cullipher, Noah Davenport, Bobby Gurganus, Joseph Nicholson, Girdgeon Perry, Ray Phelps, Russell Rogers, Bob Swain, Haywood Williams, Marie Griffin, Priscilla Grizzard, Betty Sue Gurganus, Allie May Hardison, Mary Gladys Long, Alice Peaks, Betty Lou Wobblenton.

Second grade: Charles Carver, Warren Goff, Asa Manning, Tommy Osteen, June Bowen, Shirley Ann Beacham, Madaline Chesson, Rachel Chesson, Jessie May Melson, Elizabeth Whitley, Margaret Wynne, Norwood Keel, Mary Ellen Ward.

Third grade: Fannie Cherry, Edith Harris, Polly Manning, Doris Rogers, Ruth Shaw, Edna Thomas, Helen Howard, Jack Booker, Billy Edwards, Bobby Enright, James Gomer, David Griffin, Julian D. Mason, Paul Peel, Zack Piephoff, Bobby Rogers, Bruce Powell Rogerson, Bob Taylor, David Gurganus, Ransome Davenport, Clayton Hoard, Dortha Rogers, Dillon Rogers.

Fourth grade: Eunice Britton, Mary Coltrain, Chloe Davenport, Helen Grimes, Edna Hadley, Sarah Hardison, Barbara Margolis, Gertrude McLawhorn, Carrie Dell Peaks, Dorothy Peel, Lola Peel, Lucy Robertson, Doris Savage, John Gurkin, Wendell Manning, Dennis Moore, William Roger, Sally Hardison, Ganneda Stephenson.

Fifth grade: Dan Bowen, Tom Brandon, Melvin Godard, Hugh Horton, Charles Siceoff, Lucy Andrews, Louise Hines, Louise Griffin, Elizabeth Hopkins, Elizabeth Manning, Elizabeth Parker, Elizabeth Taylor, Jeanette Myers, Maxine Phelps,