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County Electorate

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Filling Station Is Damaged By Early Morning Fire Here

Loss of \$700 Is Reported To Sinclair Station in "Tobacco Town"

Thought to have started from coal heater used in heating water, fire wrecked the barbecue pit and cook room and did considerable damage to the Sinclair Filling Station operated by Mr. Jule James on Washington Street next to the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse at 5 o'clock yesterday morning.

The rear part of the building was charred and large volumes of smoke pouring from the lightwood timbers pouring from the lightwood timbers caused the paint to run from the walls in other parts of the building. Damage to the building was estimat-ed at \$400 and the loss on the stock and equipment will amount to around \$300, according to Fire Chief C. P. Wall **Second Contest For** G. P. Hall.

Mr. James built a fire in the stove about four o'clock and was at the station with Mr. Emmett Whitley who was barbecuing two pigs in the rear of the building. The fire gain-ed a foothold rapidly and by the time the fire-fighting equipment was car-ried to the scene flames were pour-ing from the back and two sides of the building and the dense smoke blocked most of the Washington and Haughton Street intersection.

Mr. James suffered severe burns on his fingers in trying to check the fire and remove a few articles from the burning building.

Hooking up one large hose to the fire truck and laying a second one the volunteers had the fire under control in less than a quarter of an hour

Spectators, answering the alarm with the firemen, expressed fear that the fire would spread to the wareouse and to other nearby property Firemen were held out of the build-ing during the greater part of half an hour by the stiffling smoke which filled the entire building and poured through the top and around the eaves of the roof.

The loss was recorded among the largest here so far this year.

During the past few years, the fire company has answered several calls to the building. The Sinclair Oil Company, owner of the station, will repair the damage in strict ac-cordance with fire regulations, Fire Chief Hall said today. **Public Opinion Is**

Charles Williams Dies In Griffins

Charles Williams, 39 years old, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Don Griffin, in Griffins Township Don Griffin, in Griffins Township last night at 11:20 o'clock following an illness of less than one week dur-ation. He suffered an attack of pneumonia last Saturday. The son of Phillip Williams and the

late Mrs. Williams, he was born in Griffins Township where he spent all his life. He was partially blind all his life and confined his activities to a few duties around the farm, getting out very little. Besides his father he is survived

Besides his rather he is swilliam by three brothers, Henry F., William L., and James H. Williams, and two sisters Mrs. Simon Corey and Mrs. sisters ,Mrs. Simon Corey and Mrs. world is on fire. God Don Griffin, all of this county. He fiddle while it burns. never married.

services are being conducted this afternoon at three o'clock at his late home by Rev. James H. Smith, pastor of the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Manning Cemetery in Griffins Township.

The County Very Unfavorable Delayed first by cold weather, its entirety. Considerable damage next by blue mold, and more recent-ly by dry weather, the tobacco crop in Martin County is now being sub-jected to a wire-worm attack de-fins and Williamston Townships. cribed by some farmers as a real Some farmers declare that the mos German blitzkrieg. Briefly stat- damage is being reported in those ed, the outlook for the current to-bacco crop is very unfavorable, and to rye last fail. They explain that nany farmers are said to be great-

DAY OF PRAYER

The suffering, unimaginable hardships and cruel disregard for life itself, that is at this very

hour being endured in Europe by Christian people demands at least our deepest sympathy. In order that these horrors may

soon be brought to a peaceful end the Presiding Bishop of the Epis-copal Church has asked that each

church pray for peace. In his words, "In this hour of catastrophe I call the Church to

join with Christians throughout

the world in solemn supplication

for world peace." Sunday morning at the eleven

o'clock service it is hoped that as many people as possible will be at the Church of the Advent

and concerted prayers will be for a peace that will again bring health and happiness to the whole world; that fellowship

and love may reign in the place of selfishness and hatred.

Pointing To War

ion in this immediate section favors a more active part in world affairs

by the United States. While there has been an increased hate for Hitler ex-

pressed, Martin County people de-

gulf the world.

Outlook for Tobacco Crop in

any farmers are said to be great-disheartened over the prospects left a large crop of the pests. not to even mention the price pros-In several of the upper-county sec-tions especially in the Goose Nest Transplanting of the crop has area the outlook for a good crop is een virtually completed in the quite favorable. The seasons have

Courtney Will Go

Into June Primary

Governor

county this week, but goodly num-bers of farmers are still resetting in the other sections of the country. an effort to get something like a Less than one and one-half inches of normal stand. In some areas where rain had been recorded here up una heavy worm attack was experienc-ed, the farmers plowed their fields the smallest ever reported for the anew and transplanted the crop in particular month.

Casts Record Vote In First Primary **Fotal of 3,705 Votes Placed**

In Thirteen Election **Precinct Boxes**

An all-time high record vote was recorded in this county last Satur-day when 3,705 citizens went to the polls in the thirteen precincts to participate in the primary election. The vote exceeded by more than 200 the record established two years ago. Even with the large vote, the records that hardly more than twothirds of the citizens eligible to vote participated in the election. Nine of

ed two years ago in the first pri-

Nearly 1,800 of the people who registered did not vote last Saturday, but it is believed that the percentage of the registration voting in the primary was the greatest on record. The absentee ballot eliminated pos-sibly 50 or 75 votes, and the little **Treasurer** in County interest shown in the Republican primary apparently had some weight in holding the total vote to the re-ported figure. Less than two dozen votes were cast by Republicans, sev-eral precincts reporting no Republi-can votes at all. In one or two cases where there were Republican pollolders, not a single Republican vote **Against Dick Smith** was recorded.

Submitting a guess on the size of the vote, Luther Peel missed by ten Short Session Of votes. But his guess was the best re-Martins Voters Will Also Par-ticipate in Run-Off For ceived and he gets a year's subscrip-tion to The Enterprise free. The guesses ranged from 3,300 up to

4,000. Martin citizens are invited to

Reforming their lines hurriedly study the political situation as it pre-following the tabulation of the first sents itself during the next few

A comparison of the registration figures and the 1938 and 1940 pri-County treasurer. The announce-

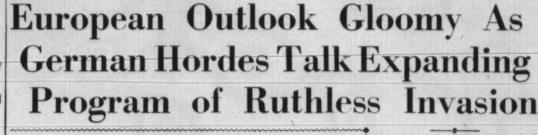
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A comparison of the registration				Martin County Recorder's Court last		
igures and the 1	and a second second second	the first of the film of		Monday, Judge Herbert O. Peel cleared six cases from the docket and		
nary votes follow:	41					
		1938		adjourned the tribunal well before		
Precinct	Reg.	Vote	1940	the noon hour. There were no sen-		
lamesville	538	382	396	sational cases on the docket, and the		
Williams	261	173	150	attendance upon the session was		
Triffins	430	-370	293	comparatively small.		
Bear Grass	412	251	255	Charged with drunken and reckless		
Williamston 1	681	878	492	driving, J. W. Belflower pleaded		
Williamston 2	739	•	590	guilty of reckless driving but denied		
Cross Roads	400	197	262	the drunken driving charge. He was		
Robersonville	963	395	477	found not guilty on the second count,		
Gold Point	150	98	122	and in the first the court fined him		
Poplar Point	206	146	156	\$25 and taxed him with the cost.		
Iamilton	170	169	156	Elliott Jordan, charged with an		
lassell	150	89	106	assault with a deadly weapon was i		
Joose Nest	402	206	250	sentenced to the roads for a term of five months. Papers were issued		
	5502	3354	3705	for the arrest of Fannie Jordan, a		
"The 1938 vote	is con	bined	with	second defendant in the case.		

that for Precinct No. 1. #

Escapes Injury In Automobile Wreck

Simon Jenkins was sentenced to Jack Epstein, Baltimore salesman, the roads for a term of three months in the case charging him with vioescaped injury yesterday morning about 11 o'clock when his car went lating the liquor laws out of control and turned over 'on Highway 64, near Sweet Water Creek. The car plunged down an en-Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Paul W. Henderson was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his drivbankment, tore down quite a few yards of wire fence and came to a er's license revoked for one year

stop in a group of cypress stumps. Epstein, traveling alone, told Pa- Church Group In trolman Saunders that someone ran



Completion of Census Survey Tottering English Expected Within Short Time

"The 1940 census survey in Wil- that some one has been missed, unliamston will possibly be completed intentionally, of course

No official figures on the local tomorrow or early next week." Mrs. survey have been released to date L. H. Gurganus, enumerator, said to- but the 1940 population count is ex the precincts reported increases in day in directing a last appeal to lo-their vote counts over those record-cal citizens for their continued coop-excess of 4,000. It was estimated at

ber of persons. Any person who has not been listed is asked to notify Mrs. long before an official count will be Gurganis that the survey may be completed without further delay. No estimate of the number yet unlisted is available, but it is fairly certain the 2,731 listed ten years ago

Recorder's Court

Half Dozen Cases Are Cleared

From Docket by Judge

H. O. Peel

Convening a regular session of the

ple assault and was sentenced to the county jail for ten days.

Brownie Whitehurst, facing a sim-ilar charge, was sentenced to jail for

Held Last Monday

call children some persons or famil-ies have been missed, and they are asked to notify me so that I may in-clude them in the list." Mrs. Gur-ganus explained. ganus explained. In this day and age when people are moving here and there and are finding so many things to take them from their homes during long hours each day, it is possible that the cen-sus-taker was unable to list a num-ber of persons. Any person who has not been insted is asked to notify Mass.

COUNTY BUDGET

The Martin County budget for the new fiscal year beginning

July 1 will be a topic of discus-sion at the regular meeting of

the board of commissioners here next Monday. It is already ad-

mitted that the authorities will encounter much difficulty- in

holding the budget figures to

the current level; that a decrease

in the tax rate is hardly to be

ing on every departmental item in an effort to head off a rate increase," a member of the

increase," a member of board was quoted as saying.

Arkansas Traveler

ture of the right leg when he

Victim Of Accident

"There'll be some close figur-

expected.

Soldiers Give Word Account of Fighting

Allied Defeat in Flanders Is **Expected To Bring Italy** Into War "Shortly"

Civilization hangs in the balance and empires toter as the threat to the peace of the entire world was aggravated yesterday when the Allies ad mitted defeat in Flanders and the German hordes boastfully talked of an ever-expanding program of incasion. The critical hour is at hand, and no one seems to know which way and how the invader will move next to continue his attack on the last remnants of democracy and Christian culture in the world Half f Europe's people are already en-laved. Will they be freed or will the ther half fall victim?

England with the aid of a strifetorn France are feverishly promoting plans in the cause of freedom while Hitler and his savages lay their plans to widen their sweep that will enslave additional millions and pave the way for possibly 100 million men, women and children to starve ere

another winter is gone. Today, the Allies are making a last stand in an effort to save human life after the Germans had swept to victory in the first major phase of the war. Battered on land and in air, the Allied leaders are desperately continuing their task of removing from Flanders across the channel a ragged and tottering army now estimated at less than 200,000 men. How many have been moved to safety across the Channel is not known. No accurate story on the losses has been released, but it has been estimated that the French have lost 250,000 men, the English a like number, and Germiny about 500,000 soldiers these past three weks. Losses sustained by other nations offering defend themselves are said to run well in excess of a million people.

Broken and maimed by the strain they have been under during the past two weeks, tottering English Reginald Elliott, 75-year-old Aransas traveler and sewing machine oldiers gave word accounts upon mender, suffered a compound fractheir arrival on home soil of the mass was slaughter and horrible events trans struck by a car driven by S. W. Man-ning, Jr., on East Main Street here soldiers dead were left five-tier deep soldiers dead were left five-tier deep for the arrest of Fannie Jordan, a second defendant in the case vestered ay morning at 10 o'clock. In spots along the rapidly shifting the old man, walking across the battle lines The return of the men street toward the home of Mr and was found guilty of committing sim.

truck approaching from the direction of up town, did not see the automo As the cl As the clean-up of the first whole ale slaughter is being effected, at bile and continued walking. Man-ning sounded his horn and the old tention is being centered on other gentleman stopped, the right front light and bumper striking and knocking the pedestrian to one side Manning was not running very fast will resume his march on Paris. Oth-Maining was not due to officer J. ers say an attack on England across H Allsbrooks who investigated the the 20-mile Channel is imminent accident with Patrolman Saunders. Carried to the local hospital, the Arkansas native was said to be get ting along as well as could be ex-pected today. Asked if he would have the police notify anyone, the old man Activities along the Channel have who had just come here the evening

check the blaze that is about to enrunner-up in the race for lieutenant governor, announced that he w not contest the office with Reg Har-ris, Roxboro man, who maintained lead of about 20,000 votes in the

Bishop Hobson warned his listen-

to the second primary "after giving the matter due consideration and at

Smith polled 1.303 votes as compar-ed with 845 polled by Courtney. The two men polled a total of 2,148 votes as against 1,436 polled by the other three candidates combined.

A third contest was expected up until yesterday when Erskine Smith,

An address by Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, Episcopal bishop of Ohio, to a graduating class in Raleigh this week received much favorable com-ment here. He said, in part: "If we expect to save our freedom by sitting here with no concern over

what is happening in the rest of the world, we are sure to lose it. "Unless we move at once we will

bership on the board of education, a decrease in the size of the vote is

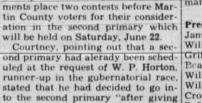
In the first primary last Saturday, Courtney trailed Smith by 458 votes.

this

In Creek While Fishing

last Saturday primary. It is hardly likely that the size of the first primary vote will be maintained in this county on June 22. The race for treasurer will possibly attract more attention, certainly as much, as the contest for governor,

but with the elimination of commissioners' and other contests for mem-



With few exceptions public opin- the suggestion of many of my friends."

primary results, Wilkins P. Horton this week announced he would go ond primary on June 22. A year's into a second primary to contest J. subscription to this paper will be M. Broughton for the governorship, given the person submitting the best and Ben Courtney has signified he guess would contest Dick Smith for Martin

Primary Saturday Cost Nearly \$1,000

It cost Martin County nearly \$1,000 or about 37 cents for every ballot placed in the precinct election boxes last Saturday. Due to several factors, the primary was possibly the most expensive held in the county in re-

cent years if not in its history. Considerable cost was attached to the new registration. Repeated calls were made to the citizens to register and finally the registrars were offer-ed a premium of three cents for each new name placed on the books dur-ing the latter part of the registration period. The round-up of the regis-tration cost \$73.11, the drive netting 2,437 names. The registrars were paid at the rate of \$5 a day for each of the four Saturdays they held the books open for names and challenge, the thirteen officials receiving a total of \$325 in salaries alone. Judges of election shared in the pay-off, but their checks will be small.

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istrars, twenty-six judges of election and the two members of the election

Directors Of Chamber Of

An important board of directors meeting of the chamber of com-merce will be held tonight in the secretary's office. Members are re-quested to attend.

distances are obliterated regi with ease by modern mechanics. We will be in order, but the registration will be nothing but blind fools if we figures are believed large enough rely on distance for a false secur- in this county for a representative

ity." The speaker lashed dictatorships, saying, "This struggle is one that sooner or later has to be settled un-less man is to become enslaved and enter into another dark age. We must realize," he said, "before it is too ports from the various political subrealize," he said, "before it is too late, the fundamental differences be-

tween dictatorship and democracy.

Presbyterians Close **Daily Bible Schools**

other reason than that they believe he will win and they want to vote for The Poplar Point Bible schoolcame to a successful close last Sunday when an interesting and profit-able commencement program was

winner one more time. Reports from over the field in the ounty and State maintain that both given in the church. The enrollment of this school was 62 and practically candidates for governor are lining up their forces for the second contest. Considerable work has already been all of these were present last Sun-day at two o'clock for the commenceadvanced by Horton forces in ment exercises. The church was county while associates in the other packed and there was not a single camp are considering what strategy vacant seat. A few were compelled they will employ in directing an ap to stand or leave. peal to the voters for their support

Church school services are held at this point every Sunday at 2 p. m. The Bear Grass Bible school which

Local Men Take Plunge has been in session for the past two weeks closed its formal services Fri-

their checks will be small. Outside the chairman of the board of elections and not including sup-plies and a few other items, a total of \$701.86 was paid the thirteen reg-of \$701.86 was paid the thirteen reg-transformed and a corps of some a splendid work. Rev. J. W. Vinson, Jr., who leaves in August for China day morning at 11:30 o'clock. Around 85 pupils have been in attendance Two local men, Roy and Garland Coltrain, took a plunge into the cold waters of Mobley's Mill Pond early one morning this week when their boat turned over while they were starting a fishing trip. "Ooh,ooh,

as a foreign missionary, has been in charge of this school. The Vacation Bible school at Rob-erson's Chapel will get underway

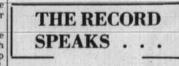
commerce Meet Tonight important board of directors important board of directors intervention of Rev. 2. T. Piephoff and Rev. J. W. Vinson, Jr., will be on They rushed home and changed clothes, but only one of them returned to resume his fishing.

hand to begin this all important work among the children of the commun-ity. Be sure to send your children to the school. Mrs, Ann Askew returned la week from New York where she went with a party of friends to vis the world's fair.

him off the road and caused him to ose control of the car.

Damage to the machine will ap proximate \$300, and Epstein is con

ten days.



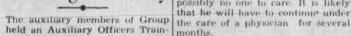
Martin County motorists manage somehow or other to keep the accident record fairly crowded with new figures week after week. But fortunately they are steering away from the grim death column where only one recording has been made so far this year.

summer vacationing sea-Th son is getting underway and thousands of children will be walking the streets. It is only fitand ting and timely to appeal to the motorists to exercise greater precautions and help save human life.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time. 21st Week Comparison

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1	1939	1	0	0	200
e		Compa	rison '	Fo Dat	0
t	1940	39	28	1	\$4830
	1939	15	. 14	4	3825





divisions in this county indicate that Martin voters will swing to the Broughton candidacy. It is possible that Horton will do a good job of peating his lines and offer a strong battle, but many Martin voters, ques-tioned these past few days, state they plan to support Broughton is in support Broughton is the services will be content other recommendation of the services will be content to a support Broughton is in support Broughton is the services will be content other recommendation of the services will be content to a support Broughton is in support Broughton is in support Broughton is the services will be content to support Broughton is in support Broughton is the services will be content to the services will be content to be support Broughton is in support Br

the churches were represented ex-

cept the last two. There were forty-five in attendance

The closing program followed the luncheon

Rogue Raids Refrigerator

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possibly no one to care. It is likely Timely Facts On Second Primaries

Accidentally Shot of Raleigh, will be North Carolina's next governor. Since 1916 when the Beatrice Mabry, young colored lished, the high man in the first gu-

woman, was dangerously shot by Wilmer Brown, colored, on the farm defeated the runner-up. Except in taught the course for the General of Mr. Sylvester Lilley in Griffins one instance he not only has achiev-officers. Mrs. T. C. Young, of Rocky Township yesterday morning. Said give been accidentally shot, the give between the first and second pri-

Circle Chairmen, and Mrs. J. C. Gardner, of Tarboro, the history of Woman's Auxiliary, An offering for the erection of the auditorium at Montreat, N. C., which recover. The bullet, fired from a 22 off primary. In that campaign there was destroyed by fire a few weeks calibre rifle, entered the woman's was a clear issue between Fountain

primary. Four weeks later in the runoff the margin was increased to 9.259 votes

Local Boy Scouts Leave Sunday For World's Fair Five local Boy Scouts, James Car-In 1924 A. W. McLean defeated Jorow, Jack Bailey, Conrad Getsinger. tion. Then followed the Ehringhaus-Stuart Critcher and Billie Mercer Fountain battle of 1932. Four years will leave Sunday for New York later in 1936 Clyde R. Hoey increased where they will serve with-several his first primary lead of 4,468 votes

Here Early On Thursday Slipping through a screen door raided the refrigerator in the home Substance in the source in the so of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bailey on Wil-liams Street between four and five o'clock yesterday morning. A pound of bacon, a few eggs, oranges and lemons were stolen, but no other ar-ticles in the home were missed,