

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 a 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 caused the paint to run from the walls in other parts of the building. Damage to the building was estimated at \$400 and the loss on the stock and equipment will amount to around \$300, according to Fire Chief 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 gained a foothold rapidly and by the time the fire-fighting equipment was carried to the scene flames were pouring 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 warehouse and to other nearby property. Firemen were held out of the building during the greater part of half an hour by the stifling 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 accordance with fire regulations, Fire Chief Hall said today.

Charles Williams Dies In Griffins

Charles Williams, 39 years old, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Don Griffin, in Griffins Township last night at 11:20 o'clock following an illness of less than one week duration. 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 by three brothers, Henry F., William L., and James H. Williams, and two sisters, Mrs. Simon Corey and Mrs. Don Griffin, all of this county. He never married.

Funeral 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.

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 recent 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 offered a premium of three cents for each new name placed on the books during the latter part of the registration period. The round-up of the registration 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.

Outside the chairman of the board of elections and not including supplies and a few other items, a total of \$701.86 was paid the thirteen registrars, twenty-six judges of election and the two members of the election board.

Directors Of Chamber Of Commerce Meet Tonight

An important board of directors meeting of the chamber of commerce will be held tonight in the secretary's office. Members are requested to attend.

Outlook for Tobacco Crop in The County Very Unfavorable

Delayed first by cold weather, next by blue mold, and more recently by dry weather, the tobacco crop in Martin County is now being subjected to a wire-worm attack described by some farmers as a real ole German blitzkrieg. Briefly stated, the outlook for the current tobacco crop is very unfavorable, and many farmers are said to be greatly disheartened over the prospects not to even mention the price prospects.

Transplanting of the crop has been virtually completed in the county this week, but goodly numbers of farmers are still resetting in an effort to get something like a normal stand. In some areas where a heavy worm attack was experienced, the farmers plowed their fields anew and transplanted the crop in

its entirety. Considerable damage has been done by worms in the Cross Roads, Bear Grass and Jamesville Townships and some sections in Griffins and Williamston Townships. Some farmers declare that the most damage is being reported in those fields where the land was planted to rye last fall. They explain that the worms fed off the green rye and left a large crop of the pests.

In several of the upper-county sections especially in the Goose Nest area the outlook for a good crop is quite favorable. The seasons have been more favorable there than in the other sections of the county. Less than one and one-half inches of rain had been recorded here up until early yesterday, the fall being the smallest ever reported for the particular month.

Second Contest For Treasurer in County

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 Episcopal 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.

Public Opinion Is Pointing To War

With few exceptions public opinion 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 expressed, Martin County people declare in certain terms that something should be done to stop the murder and wholesale slaughter and check the blaze that is about to engulf the world.

An address by Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, Episcopal bishop of Ohio, to a graduating class in Raleigh this week received much favorable comment 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 be easy victims when the destroying hand reaches toward us. The world is on fire. God help us if we fiddle while it burns."

Bishop Hobson warned his listeners that "distances are obliterated with ease by modern mechanics. We will be nothing but blind fools if we rely on distance for a false security."

The speaker lashed dictatorships, saying, "This struggle is one that sooner or later has to be settled unless man is to become enslaved and enter into another dark age. We must realize," he said, "before it is too late, the fundamental differences between dictatorship and democracy."

Presbyterians Close Daily Bible Schools

The Poplar Point Bible school came to a successful close last Sunday when an interesting and profitable commencement program was given in the church. The enrollment of this school was 62 and practically all of these were present last Sunday at two o'clock for the commencement exercises. The church was packed and there was not a single vacant seat. A few were compelled to stand or leave.

Church school services are held at this point every Sunday at 2 p. m.

The Bear Grass Bible school which has been in session for the past two weeks closed its formal services Friday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Around 85 pupils have been in attendance upon the school and a corps of some 10 or 12 teachers have been doing a splendid work. Rev. J. W. Vinson, Jr., who leaves in August for China as a foreign missionary, has been in charge of this school.

The Vacation Bible school at Roberson's Chapel will get underway next Monday morning at 9 a. m. A large corps of teachers under the direction of Rev. Z. T. Piephoff and Rev. J. W. Vinson, Jr., will be on hand to begin this all important work among the children of the community. Be sure to send your children to the school.

Courtney Will Go Into June Primary Against Dick Smith

Martins Voters Will Also Participate in Run-Off For Governor

Reforming their lines hurriedly following the tabulation of the first primary results, Wilkins P. Horton this week announced he would go into a second primary to contest J. M. Broughton for the governorship, and Ben Courtney has signified he would contest Dick Smith for Martin County treasurer.

The announcements place two contests before Martin County voters for their consideration in the second primary which will be held on Saturday, June 22. Courtney, pointing out that a second primary had already been scheduled at the request of W. P. Horton, runner-up in the gubernatorial race, stated that he had decided to go into the second primary "after giving the matter due consideration and at the suggestion of many of my friends."

In the first primary last Saturday, Courtney trailed Smith by 458 votes. Smith polled 1,303 votes as compared 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, runner-up in the race for lieutenant governor, announced that he would not contest the office with Reg Harris, Roxboro man, who maintained a lead of about 20,000 votes in the 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 membership on the board of education, a decrease in the size of the vote is to be anticipated. No registrations will be in order, but the registration figures are believed large enough in this county for a representative vote expression.

Battling a lead estimated to range as high as 45,000 votes, Horton has got to materially increase his power if he will successfully challenge Broughton for governor. Early reports from the various political subdivisions in this county indicate that Martin voters will swing to the Broughton candidacy. It is possible that Horton will do a good job of repairing his lines and offer a strong battle, but many Martin voters, questioned these past few days, state they plan to support Broughton if for no other reason than that they believe he will win and they want to vote for a winner one more time.

Reports from over the field in the county and State maintain that both candidates for governor are lining up their forces for the second contest. Considerable work has already been advanced by Horton forces in this county while associates in the other camp are considering what strategy they will employ in directing an appeal to the voters for their support.

Local Men Take Plunge In Creek While Fishing

Two local men, Roy and Garland Coltrair, took a plunge into the cold waters of Moberly's Mill Pond early one morning this week when their boat turned over while they were starting a fishing trip. "Ooh, ooh, wah," one of the young men yelled as the cold water poured into his boots and quickly wet him to the neck.

They rushed home and changed clothes, but only one of them returned to resume his fishing.

Mrs. Ann Askew returned last week from New York where she went with a party of friends to visit the world's fair.

County Electorate Casts Record Vote In First Primary

Total of 3,705 Votes Placed In Thirteen Election Precinct Boxes

An all-time high record vote was recorded in this county last Saturday 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 show that hardly more than two-thirds of the citizens eligible to vote participated in the election. Nine of the precincts reported increases in their vote counts over those recorded two years ago in the first primary.

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 possibly 50 or 75 votes, and the little interest shown in the Republican primary apparently had some weight in holding the total vote to the reported figure. Less than two dozen votes were cast by Republicans, several precincts reporting no Republican votes at all. In one or two cases where there were Republican pollholders, not a single Republican vote was recorded.

Submitting a guess on the size of the vote, Luther Peel missed by ten votes. But his guess was the best received and he gets a year's subscription to The Enterprise free. The guesses ranged from 3,300 up to 4,000. Martin citizens are invited to study the political situation as it presents itself during the next few weeks and submit guesses on the size of vote that will be cast in the second primary on June 22. A year's subscription to this paper will be given the person submitting the best guess.

A comparison of the registration figures and the 1938 and 1940 primary votes follows:

Precinct	1938	1940
Jamesville	538	382
Williams	261	173
Griffins	430	370
Bear Grass	412	251
Williamston 1	681	878
Williamston 2	739	590
Cross Roads	400	197
Robersonville	963	395
Gold Point	150	98
Poplar Point	206	146
Hamilton	170	169
Hassell	150	89
Goose Nest	402	206
	5502	3354
	3705	

*The 1938 vote is combined with that for Precinct No. 1.

Escapes Injury In Automobile Wreck

Jack Epstein, Baltimore salesman, escaped injury yesterday morning about 11 o'clock when his car went out of control and turned over on Highway 64, near Sweet Water Creek. The car plunged down an embankment, tore down quite a few yards of wire fence and came to a stop in a group of cypress stumps.

Epstein, traveling alone, told Patrolman Saunders that someone ran him off the road and caused him to lose control of the car.

Damage to the machine will approximate \$300, and Epstein is considering the purchase of a new automobile.

Sunday Services To Be Held In Cedar Branch Church

Regular services will be held in the Cedar Branch Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The evening service will be held at 8 o'clock.

The services will be conducted by E. C. Sexton.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

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.

The summer vacationing season is getting underway and thousands of children will be walking the streets. It is only fitting 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			
Accidents Inj'd	Killed	Damage	
1940	1	2	\$ 165
1939	1	0	200
Comparison To Date			
1940	39	28	\$4830
1939	15	14	4 3825

European Outlook Gloomy As German Hordes Talk Expanding Program of Ruthless Invasion

Completion of Census Survey Expected Within Short Time

"The 1940 census survey in Williamston will possibly be completed tomorrow or early next week," Mrs. L. H. Gurganus, enumerator, said today in directing a last appeal to local citizens for their continued cooperation in handling the task. "It is possible that some persons or families have been missed, and they are asked to notify me so that I may include them in the list," Mrs. Gurganus 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 census-taker was unable to list a number of persons. Any person who has not been listed is asked to notify Mrs. Gurganus that the survey may be completed without further delay. No estimate of the number yet unlisted is available, but it is fairly certain

that some one has been missed, unintentionally, of course.

No official figures on the local survey have been released to date, but the 1940 population count is expected to reach a point possibly in excess of 4,000. It was estimated at one time that the 1940 census would show a population of 4,500 or more, but it is now fairly apparent that there aren't as many people on the north side of Main Street as there are on the south side. Registration figures tabulated for the recent political primary are greater on the north side than they are on the south side, and it would appear that the census figures would reflect a corresponding increase on the north side over those on the south side. It won't be long before an official count will be available and if the town can boast a 4,000 population at that time it will have made an appreciable gain over the 2,731 listed ten years ago.

Short Session Of Recorder's Court Held Last Monday

Half Dozen Cases Are Cleared From Docket by Judge H. O. Peel

Convening a regular session of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, Judge Herbert O. Peel cleared six cases from the docket and adjourned the tribunal well before the noon hour. There were no sensational cases on the docket, and the attendance upon the session was comparatively small.

Charged with drunken and reckless driving, J. W. Belflower pleaded guilty of reckless driving but denied the drunken driving charge. He was found not guilty on the second count, and in the first the court fined him \$25 and taxed him with the cost.

Elliott Jordan, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon was sentenced to the roads for a term of five months. Papers were issued for the arrest of Fannie Jordan, a second defendant in the case.

Charged with being disorderly and with an assault, John Whitehurst was found guilty of committing simple assault and was sentenced to the county jail for ten days.

Brownie Whitehurst, facing a similar charge, was sentenced to jail for ten days.

Simon Jenkins was sentenced to the roads for a term of three months in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Paul W. Henderson was fined \$50 taxed with the cost and had his driver's license revoked for one year.

Church Group In Meeting Yesterday

The auxiliary members of Group 1 held an Auxiliary Officers Training School in the Presbyterian Church here yesterday. The sessions of this school got underway at 11 a. m. The morning session was begun with a devotional conducted by the Rev. Z. T. Piephoff. Following this devotional the following program was followed:

Mrs. H. T. Hicks, of Rocky Mount, taught the course for the Secretary of Causes. Mrs. Lea, of Wilson, taught the course for the General Officers. Mrs. T. C. Young, of Rocky Mount, taught the course for the 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 was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago was taken.

A delicious luncheon was served by the ladies of the local auxiliary and the ladies of Bear Grass and Roberson's Chapel.

The following churches are in Group 1: Elizabeth City, Ahoskie, Williamston; Bear Grass, Roberson's Chapel, Nahala and Tarboro. All of the churches were represented except the last two.

There were forty-five in attendance. The closing program followed the luncheon.

Rogue Raids Refrigerator Here Early On Thursday

Slipping through a screen door opening on the back porch a rogue raided the refrigerator in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Batley on Williams Street between four and five o'clock yesterday morning. A pound of bacon, a few eggs, oranges and lemons were stolen, but no other articles in the home were missed.

COUNTY BUDGET

The Martin County budget for the new fiscal year beginning July 1 will be a topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the board of commissioners here next Monday. It is already admitted 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 expected.

"There'll be some close figuring on every departmental item in an effort to head off a rate increase," a member of the board was quoted as saying.

Arkansas Traveler Victim Of Accident

Reginald Elliott, 75-year-old Arkansas traveler and sewing machine mender, suffered a compound fracture of the right leg when he was struck by a car driven by S. W. Manning, Jr., on East Main Street here yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

The old man, walking across the street toward the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Daniel, was watching a truck approaching from the direction of town, did not see the automobile and continued walking. Manning sounded his horn and the old gentleman stopped, the right front light and bumper striking and knocking the pedestrian to one side. Manning was not running very fast at the time, according to Officer J. H. Allsbrooks who investigated the accident with Patrolman Saunders.

Carried to the local hospital, the Arkansas native was said to be getting along as well as could be expected today. Asked if he would have the police notify anyone, the old man who had just come here the evening before was quoted as saying he had no one to notify, no one to tell and possibly no one to care. It is likely that he will have to continue under the care of a physician for several months.

Colored Woman Is Accidentally Shot

Beatrice Mabry, young colored woman, was dangerously shot by Wilmer Brown, colored, on the farm of Mr. Sylvester Lilley in Griffins Township yesterday morning. Said to have been accidentally shot, the woman was given first-aid treatment in a local doctor's office and removed to a Washington hospital where late reports state she is expected to recover. The bullet, fired from a 22 calibre rifle, entered the woman's breast and went almost through her body.

Brown was preparing to shoot a crow when the woman suddenly walked in front of him and just in time to stop the bullet. After investigating the case, officers stated the shooting was accidental and that no arrest would be made.

Local Boy Scouts Leave Sunday For World's Fair

Five local Boy Scouts, James Carrow, Jack Bailey, Conrad Gotsinger, Stuart Critcher and Billie Mercer will leave Sunday for New York where they will serve with several hundred Boy Scouts from all over the South in handling a varied schedule of duties at the fair. They will be at the fair a week and then the youths plan to spend two or three days "taking in" the big city.

James Wallace, of Jamesville, will accompany the boys from here. They will leave Rocky Mount on special pullmans Sunday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

Tottering English 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 totter as the threat to the peace of the entire world was aggravated yesterday when the Allies admitted defeat in Flanders and the German hordes boastfully talked of an ever-expanding program of invasion. 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 of Europe's people are already enslaved. Will they be freed or will the other half fall victim?

England with the aid of a strife-torn 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 Germany about 500,000 soldiers these past three weeks. Losses sustained by other nations offering to 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 soldiers gave word accounts upon their arrival on home soil of the mass slaughter and horrible events transpiring during the period. German soldiers dead were left five-tier deep in spots along the rapidly shifting battle lines. The return of the men brought a grimmer realization of war and its devastating effect to those back home.

As the clean-up of the first wholesale slaughter is being effected, attention is being centered on other fronts, and anyone's guess as to where Hitler will strike next is as good as another's. Some think he will resume his march on Paris. Others say an attack on England across the 20-mile Channel is imminent. Still others say the next phase of the war will see the war, Mussolini, playing a major part. "He is expected to take action within a week or two," one observer said early today. Activities along the Channel have

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Timely Facts On Second Primaries

Raleigh—Unless there is a sharp reversal of form, J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, will be North Carolina's next governor. Since 1916 when the present primary system was established, the high man in the first gubernatorial primary invariably has defeated the runner-up. Except in one instance he not only has achieved victory but has increased his margin between the first and second primaries.

The exception came in 1932 when Dick Fountain cut the Ehringhaus lead from 47,371 to 13,084 in the runoff primary. In that campaign there was a clear issue between Fountain and Ehringhaus.

In all other second primary battles the winner of the first primary has been swept into office by a sizable margin. In the famous 1920 campaign, for instance, Cameron Morrison led O. Max Gardner by less than 100 votes in the first gubernatorial primary. Four weeks later in the runoff the margin was increased to 9,259 votes.

In 1924 A. W. McLean defeated Josiah Bailey decisively. In 1928 Gardner was nominated without opposition. Then followed the Ehringhaus-Fountain battle of 1932. Four years later in 1936 Clyde R. Hoey increased his first primary lead of 4,468 votes over Dr. Ralph McDonald to 51,940 in the runoff primary.

In Saturday's gubernatorial primary Mr. Broughton, running against six opponents, polled approximately a third of the entire vote and ran more than 30,000 votes ahead of his closest rival. His margin of victory was the greatest ever polled in a multiple contest such as was conducted last Saturday.