

## RECORD VOTE PREDICTED IN THIS COUNTY

No Agreements Made To  
Limit Contests To A  
First Primary

### WEARY OF POLITICS

Campaign, Closing Today, Believed  
To Have Climaxed All Others In  
Interest and Work

With the polls opening within the next few hours, candidates for political positions and the public generally are beginning to withdraw from the field of activity to await the returns tomorrow evening. The campaign, all but over now, has climaxed all previous ones in interest as well as in several other ways. For weeks, politics have been the main subject for discussions throughout the county, and it is with great eagerness that the many candidates and the general public earnestly look forward to the final curtain tomorrow evening.

It is understood that there will be no second primary as far as the offices of county commissioner and county board of education members are concerned, the law being interpreted to mean that the five highest in each case are the party nominees. There is possible, however, a second contest for treasurer and clerk of the court.

The Australian ballot coming into use for the first time in this State, has been discussed at length, and although many rulings have been handed down, the new law is expected to cause some confusion before the primary is over tomorrow. Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the county board of elections, delivered the ballots to the 11 precincts this week, completing the work yesterday. At each precinct he set up the booths and instructed the precinct officials as to the proper way of handling the voting. No great confusion is expected in this county, and the voters are urged to bear in mind that this is the first time the Australian system has been in general use and that it is new to all.

One of the largest votes ever polled in the county is expected tomorrow. Estimates on the total vote varied from 2,000 to 2,800. There were around 1,750 votes polled in this county in the primary, 1928.

Cards of instruction have been mailed out by Chairman J. Crawford Biggs, chairman of the State Board of Elections, which contain the following information of interest to the individual voter:

**How Ballots Are Obtained**  
When any voter offers to vote, he shall declare the political party with which he affiliates, and if he is registered, he shall be furnished by one of the election officials with a ballot of the party with which he affiliates.

**Method of Gaining Assistance**  
Any voter may ask and secure from any election official aid in the preparation of his ballots, or in voting.

Or he may be accompanied into the voting booth by any member of his family to aid him in marking his ballots. Or he may be accompanied into the voting booth by any person requested by him and approved by a majority of the election officials to aid him in marking his ballots.

**Manner of Marking Ballots**  
To vote for a candidate on the ballot, make a cross (x) mark in the square at the left of his name.

Mark only with a pencil or pen and ink.

**Spotted Ballots**  
If a voter tears or defaces or wrongfully marks his ballot, he may return it to the registrar and get another.

## Robersonville School Board First To Practice Economy

The Robersonville school board was the first to practice economy in the operation of schools, following a mass meeting held here last Friday night, according to an announcement made by I. C. Ainsley, professor in the school last year.

Mr. Ainsley, who resigned as teacher in the schools there this week, states in his announcement, "I have been advised by the local school board that there will be no phase of athletics in the Robersonville High School for the coming term."

No reports relative to athletics in other schools for the coming term have been made at this time.

## Program of Services at The Methodist Church

Dwight A. Petty, pastor.  
Sunday school, 9:45. Prof. W. R. Watson, Supt. Classes for all ages. Men's Wesley Class, Mayor R. L. Coburn, teacher.

Morning worship at 11. Sermon by the pastor on "Correct Estimate of the Gospel Truth." New members will be received.

Evening services at 8. Sermon theme: "The Pattern of Christian Consistency."

Senior League, Monday, 8 p. m.  
Hi-League Tuesday, 8 p. m.  
Prayer service Wednesday, 8 p. m.  
Choir practice, Thursday, 8 p. m.

## Three Lose Lives In River Here Last Tuesday Night

### LATE RULING ON ABSENTEE VOTE

Ruling To Affect Absentee  
Voting Only, Chairman  
Peel Explains

The attention of registrars and judges of election was called to a recent ruling of Judge J. Crawford Biggs, chairman of the State Board of Elections, by Sylvester Peel, chairman of the county board, yesterday. The ruling provides that when a voter is challenged at the polls, the stub which has the initials of the judge issuing the ballot and the poll-book number of the elector shall not be clipped off, as is done with all ballots where the voter is not challenged.

The law provides that when the voter applies for a ballot, the official handing it out shall write his initials and the poll-book number of the voter on the stub. After the elector marks the ballot, the stub is clipped off and put in a separate box from the ballot, unless a challenge is made. If challenge is entered, the entire ballot, with stub attached, is put in the ballot box so that it may be identified if occasion requires it.

## JAMES F. POWER DIES AT EVERETT

Burial In Cemetery There  
Last Wednesday  
Afternoon

James F. Power, middle-aged man, of Everett, died in a Washington hospital late last Tuesday night after suffering a complication of diseases for several months.

Burial was made in the cemetery at Everett last Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. M. Stamps, of Louisburg, and a special friend of the family, conducted the simple service, a Scripture reading and prayer, requested by Mr. Power shortly before his death.

Originally from Virginia, Mr. Power was transferred to Everett several years ago, where he was employed as agent by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. As an agent, Mr. Power was very accommodating and will be greatly missed in the business life of the town as well as in other activities.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, and a daughter. His parents, several sisters and brothers, reside in distant States.

## MRS. CRISSIE BULLOCK DIES

Born Near the Old Rawls  
Mill In This County;  
Died in Pitt

Mrs. Crissie Bullock, formerly of this county, died at her home near Stokes last Tuesday evening about 6 o'clock, following a stroke of paralysis suffered the afternoon before. She had been in feeble health for several years, but was forced to her bed only three weeks ago.

The funeral was held at the home at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by Elder Tom Pollard. Interment followed in the burial ground near Oak Grove church.

Mrs. Bullock was born near the old Rawls Mill, this county, but moved to Pitt County, where she was married. Mr. Bullock and three daughters, Mrs. R. L. Hodges, of Williamston, Mrs. Lon Lilley, of Washington, and Miss Lella Bullock, of Stokes, survive. One sister, Mrs. Fernand Bullock, of Robersonville, also survives.

## Small Children Damage Property in Local Church

Several small children, recently entered the Episcopal church here and did considerable damage to equipment, some of the light fixtures being damaged and a hymnal board being torn from the wall.

The organ motor was started and left running. In the yard, the little prowlers destroyed two or three of the trees. Possibly these children did not fully appreciate what they were doing, but they should be taught to do better in the future.

## Town and County Tax Lists Appear Next Week

The several hundred tax delinquents in the town and county will see their property advertised next week, according to law requiring the advertisement. Town and county officials have withheld the lists as long as possible, and all settlements made within the next few days will withhold the property owner's name. The list was scheduled to appear today, but the calendar favored a few more days of grace.

Approximately 675 parcels of land will be advertised for county taxes and around 200 for local town taxes, a preliminary survey shows. Many owners are continuing to make settlements.

## AUTO PLUNGES INTO THE RIVER THROUGH DRAW

Arthur Perkins, Anna Faulk  
and Marie Spruill, Col-  
ored Lose Lives

### JNO. MOORE ESCAPES

Tripple Funeral Held In the Colored  
Baptist Church Here Yes-  
terday Afternoon

Arthur Perkins, Marie Spruill, and Anna Liza Faulk, colored, of this place, rode to sudden death when their car, an old model Chevrolet coupe, plunged through the open draw into the Roanoke River here Tuesday night. An examination of the bodies indicated that two of the car's occupants were killed, Perkins' back being broken. John Moore, a fourth party in the car, rode the machine to the river's bottom, freed himself and swam to safety.

The tragedy, one of the worst ever reported here, attracted large crowds, several highway patrolmen going to the scene to handle traffic. Young Moore was found crawling up the slippery bank, and he, suffering cuts about the head and face and shock, told about the wreck. Efforts were started at once to save the three members of the party, but the attempts proved futile. The car was raised about two o'clock Wednesday morning, almost a complete wreck. The car top, windshield were torn away, the workmen concluding that the occupants were thrown from the machine before it reached the river bottom.

After hooking the car, workmen, assisted by many of the spectators pulled it to the surface by hand. The freight boat, for which the bridge was turned, was summoned and the wrecked car was placed on its deck and unloaded at the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina wharf. Dragging for the bodies was continued but not until around noon the following day was the third body removed.

Young Moore, the only survivor of the accident, with his teeth chattering at the time, described the tragedy as best he could. "We were coming in to town at a fast rate of speed. Perkins was driving and one of the girls was controlling the gas. I warned him of excessive speeding, and told him the bridge gates were closed. It was too late then, and the next thing I knew I was drinking water."

According to stories told by eyewitnesses, the occupants realized their danger before the car went through the bridge gates, as they screamed. On through the gates the car is said to have gone and just before it plunged to the water's surface, 20 feet below, it was moving very slowly.

The town's populace, both white and colored, went to the scene, many remaining up a greater part of the night watching the dragging operations. Traffic was stopped for some time.

## To Return Alleged Murderer Here Monday

Perlie Rogers, alleged murderer of Millard Moore, will be returned here next Monday or early Tuesday, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck stated yesterday. Rogers is said to have confessed the crime to Baltimore police there a few days ago.

The picture of the accused man was forwarded here this week for identification, which was verified. Papers have been prepared for the man's return, it was stated at the sheriff's office here yesterday.

## Special Meeting of Legion Here Next Monday Night

There will be a special meeting of the American Legion next Monday night at the City Hall for the purpose of giving those who want to make application for compensation for injuries received or as a result of the war. Mr. Maurice Watts announces that the signature for the charter is completed and will be read at this time. We will be very glad to see all ex-service men at this meeting, whether they are members of the post or not, as the Legion is for the service men and exists only for the service men. Sandwiches and coffee will be served. Arthur H. Marshall, commander.

## Christian Church Services For Sunday and Next Week

Regular services will be held in the local Christian church Sunday morning and evening by the pastor. During the coming week, Rev. John Barclay, of Wilson will conduct a series of services.

At 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the members will attend a communion service at the Farmers warehouse where all the Christian churches in the county are expected to have large delegations. Sunday school will convene at the regular hour, 9:45.

## MAN REFUSES TO BE ROBBED

N. J. Corey Turns Back on  
Highwaymen and Saves  
His \$200.00

"Shoot, and shoot to kill," Mr. Noah James Corey, merchant near here, told highwaymen when they attempted to rob him at his store late last Tuesday night. The would-be robbers did not accept the invitation, however, and Mr. Corey still continues in possession of \$200 which he had in his pocket at the time.

In telling the story, Mr. Corey stated his experience should be warning to others.

Two men, driving a Chevrolet car, called at Mr. Corey's store about 11 o'clock that night and called him from his sleep, asking that he get up and sell them gas and oil. Mr. Corey stated that he started out in his night clothes to wait on the customers, but turned back and put on his trousers with the \$200 in the pocket. He serviced the car, and while waiting around for his money, he was ordered to put up his hands. "Not me," Mr. Corey said.

"If you don't put them up, I'll shoot," was the highwayman's reply.

"Shoot, and shoot to kill," Mr. Corey retorted as he turned his back and walked into the house. Taking his gun, Mr. Corey returned to the porch of his home and fired at the car as it turned down the road.

One of the robbers gave his name as John Mizelle.

## STORE ENTERED AT JAMESVILLE

Haul Small Quantity Goods  
and 150 Pennies Away  
On Bicycle

The store of W. L. Moore, Jamesville, was entered by robbers late last Tuesday and a quantity of goods were stolen. A case of snuff, two cartons of Prince Albert tobacco and a number of cigarettes were missing from the stock. The thief also hauled away 150 pennies.

A bicycle track was found leading from the store down the street to the highway several blocks away. Officers, investigating the case, found the same tire track at Roberson's filling station, four miles this side of Jamesville. One mile this side of the filling station, the track was discovered again, and as it lead down a dirt road, the officers followed it to the home of Henry Williams. Mr. Williams has a son not quite grown who had been seen at the Roberson filling station around midnight Tuesday. Officers failed to find the boy at his home, nor could they find the bicycle or any of the stolen goods. No arrests were made.

## Denies Reported Donation To Anti-Paving Fund

The report that J. G. Staton had contributed \$20 to Attorney H. G. Horton in preparing the restraining order enjoining the town commissioners from selling \$75,000 street improvement bonds was denied by Mr. Staton last Wednesday. He stated that while he did not favor the proposed paving program, he had not aided in bringing the injunction.

That Mr. Staton had contributed \$20 to the attorneys' fees was reported and accepted as authentic until the denial was made directly by him.

## Presbyterians To Hold One Service Here Next Sunday

"The Church with an Open Door"  
There will be but one service at the Presbyterian church Sunday and that will be Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. All the members are urged to request to attend this service. The pastor will be in Edenton, taking part in the Ordination and Installation of Rev. W. Payne Brown who has accepted the work in that field.

### Bear Grass

The usual Presbyterian services will be held in the school house at Bear Grass Sunday afternoon at 3:45. (Please note the change of hour). Rev. Z. T. Piephoff will preach and Mr. R. F. Pope will lead the singing. Come and join us in these services.

## To Observe Lord's Supper At Baptist Church Sunday

After the Sunday school session on Sunday morning, the Lord's Supper will be observed. It is the custom of this church to give the entire period of worship over to this important phase of its worship on the Sundays when it is observed.

The B. Y. P. U. groups will hold their meetings Sunday evening, but there will be no preaching service.

It is the desire of the pastor that the members of his church and congregation may lend their encouragement and their presence in the revival services which the Christian church is beginning Sunday. Williamston's churches live beautifully together, and they should unite enthusiastically upon such wholesome undertakings.

# State Board Increases Martin County's Allotment \$1,308.25

## Recommend Economy In The County Government

Taxpayers Are Asked To  
Carefully Study The  
Committee Report

With a good-sized audience, the county tax committee, Messrs. R. W. Salsbury, J. G. Staton, G. H. Cox and J. Eason Lilley, read its recommendations for an economy program in the operation of county schools and other public undertakings in the high school auditorium here last Friday night. It was unofficially learned that the report given at the meeting appeared in much weaker form than the original.

In the last issue of this paper, reference was made to a few sections of the recommendations of the special tax commission which the committee feels should have a fuller explanation in order that the full meaning might have been conveyed.

The report is carried below in detail, and the taxpayers are asked to carefully study the recommendations for economy in the schools. The recommendations suggest no definite cut in any particular item except in the superintendent's salary. A 20 per cent reduction in salaries, however, was discussed at the meeting last Tuesday night, it will be remembered by those attending. The possible effect was also considered.

The article in the last issue was not offered as a criticism of the committee, but merely recorded the facts as understood and carrying the impression that some reforms in government are practically impossible, although they are very much wanted and, in some cases, badly needed.

The recommendations:  
With our bonded indebtedness amounting to \$1,258,000.00, and our County tax rate at 1.34, it will require the strictest economy during the next few years to prevent our tax rate from soaring much higher than it is at the present. We are now faced with a shortage of approximately \$1,000,000.00 on our tax listing for this year of intangible property.

We are now facing a serious situation and it is high time to begin practicing economy in all departments of our County and State Government. We seem to have forgotten what the word "economy" means. The most of us have forgotten even how to spell the word. It has been so long since we used this word even in our private business and especially in the administration of our schools and County government that the word "economy" has become obsolete. It is really amusing how some of us try to interpret or construe the real meaning of the word economy. It is now time for us to awake from our Rip VanWinkle sleep and face the true situation.

We would like to make the following recommendations:  
1. We recommend that each road district elect from among its citizens a number required by law to serve on its road commission, who will take an interest in the roads of their various districts and that a financial statement be published at least once each year of its receipts and disbursements. This is required according to law and we trust it will not be necessary for some Grand Jury in the future to have to present any board for violation of the law.

A. We find that a good many of the road commissioners are not setting aside a sinking fund for their bonded indebtedness. This should be corrected as soon as possible, and the roads should be worked in a more efficient and economical manner. Those who do not do this are bound to face an embarrassing situation when these bonds begin falling due.

B. We are calling these matters to your attention for the reason we find in some cases that only one man is serving as road commissioner, and there is no regular meetings held, and none but the one commissioner knows anything about the conditions. This should be corrected at once.

2. We recommend that the assistants furnished the various county officers be curtailed as much as possible, and that these officers operate their offices on a more economical basis. That small items, such as stationery, phone calls, lights and water be reduced to a minimum. Our County Board of Commissioners would do well to watch these small items of expense all the way through the County Government.

3. We recommend that our representative be requested to have a bill passed in the next Legislature allowing our County Commissioners to work prisoners on the County farm and on the County roads, and that this be done in the most economical and profitable manner.

A. We make this recommendation for the reason that we find our County jail is full of prisoners and that we find quite a sum of cost is still uncollected. Our officers tell us the reason this cost is not collected is that our jail is full and there is no place to work the prisoner for him to pay his cost. We are sorry we are not able to give you the exact amount of cost still uncollected, but we have been unable to secure these figures.

4. We recommend that all bills of cost in criminal cases be made out immediately on the trial of the defendant by the Clerk of the Court, and that said bill of cost be immediately handed to the Sheriff or one of his deputies. That all witness fees in criminal cases only, be collected out of the defendant of the Sheriff and that he pay them direct to the respective witnesses.

A. We find that bills of cost have

## Enterprise To Give Returns Tomorrow

In an effort to place the Saturday primary returns before the people as soon as possible, the Enterprise is arranging a county-wide and State hook-up, and the results will be posted as they are received. While the paper wishes to accommodate its patrons in every way possible, it is asking them to remember that the count will be large and long, and that the returns are expected to be a little late in coming in.

The paper wishes now to publicly thank the poll holders and others throughout the county for their cooperation in tabulating the county results.

## CHANGE MADE IN VOTING PLACES

Electors In This Precinct To  
Vote In Peel Motor  
Show Room

Finding it impossible to conduct the primary election here tomorrow in the grand jury room at the courthouse on account of a lack of space, officials will move the polls to the Peel Motor Company display rooms on Washington Street, it was announced yesterday.

The booths have been erected ready for the first vote in the morning, and the officials will be there at sunrise to conduct the work.

It was also stated that the Cox Motor Company show room would be used by the voters in that precinct tomorrow. As far as it could be learned, the other polling places will remain unchanged.

Ten booths will be used here.

## EIGHT CASES IN COUNTY COURT

Three Cases Are Continued;  
One Other Is Heard  
By Jury

Eight cases were called in the recorder's court here last Tuesday, three of the number being continued at the request of the defendants.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging S. O. Mason with trespass. Walter Sessions was sentenced to the roads for fifteen months when he was found guilty on an assault with a deadly weapon charge. The last nine months of the sentence was suspended.

Calling for a trial by jury, John Howard Taylor and John L. Wynn were found guilty of assault, the court sentencing Taylor to the roads for a term of six months and Wynn for a term of two months. Appeals were entered.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Ernest Edmondson pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for nine months, the last seven months of the term being suspended.

Edgar Ayers, found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to the roads for nine months. Notice of appeal was filed.

Three cases, of minor importance, were continued for hearing at later dates.

## Christian Churches to Hold Joint Re-union Here Sunday

The several Christian churches of Martin county will hold a joint communion service at the Farmers warehouse here next Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, celebrating the nineteenth hundredth anniversary of Pentecost.

In announcing the special service, Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of Robersonville, stated that a large crowd is expected to be present that afternoon, and that all members are urged to commune. Deacons from each church are requested to be at the place of meeting at 3:30 with their communion sets and make proper preparations for the service.

The service will not last more than thirty minutes, it was stated.

## Baptist Missionary Societies Meet at Hamilton Yesterday

The Martin-Plymouth division of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union held its regular convention in Hamilton yesterday, the following churches being represented, Conoho, Everetts, Hamilton, Jamesville, Plymouth, Robersonville and Williamston.

The main address was delivered by Mrs. E. B. Beasley, superintendent of the Roanoke association, Mrs. Laura Cox, of Mexico, speaking before the body in the afternoon.

The delegates were welcomed by Mrs. Paul Salsbury, Mrs. V. A. Ward, of Robersonville, making the response.

## COUNTY TO GET \$46,845.15 FROM SCHOOL FUND

Tough Sledging Predicted  
For Some School  
Departments

Sum Represents Aid for Operating  
Schools Six Months; Other  
Amount To Be Announced

Martin County will receive \$46,845.15, or \$1,308.25 more than it did last year from the State equalization fund for the operation of its schools for six months during the coming term. The additional or increased sum was made after the board had threatened to increase determined valuations in this county by 20 per cent. The valuation was increased, the extent of the increase being unknown here, but the county's participation ratio was apparently raised. In only eight of the 94 counties-participating was the determined valuation decreased.

Commenting on the amount received by this county, Superintendent R. A. Pope stated that the money was provided for the teaching load, the equalization board seeing the necessity for increased aid in this particular feature of school operation. It was the superintendent's opinion that home economics work in the schools faces tough sledding during the coming term. Aid from the State for the one agricultural school, Jamesville, in this county, remains unaffected, it is understood.

The amount allowed by the State for the operation of the schools for a six-months period is separate and distinct from that fund allotted to the schools operating the extra two months. The fund to be received for the extra two months has not been determined at this time, but the equalization board is expected to make public the allocations for that work within the next few days.

Work is going forward daily in the superintendent's office here in preparation of the county school budget, but it will be several weeks before definite costs can be determined, it is understood.

## Whitsunday Program at the Episcopal Church

Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, Rector.  
Mr. Maurice Moore, Sunday school  
superintendent.  
Sunday school, at 10 a. m.  
Holy Communion and sermon, at 11 a. m.

This Sunday is known all over the world as Whitsunday, for in very early times the people went to church on this Sunday clothed in white, as it is the Sunday in which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit ten days after the ascension of Jesus, and in fulfillment of His promise to send the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, whose presence in the world is for the purpose of guiding men into all truth. The Church calls us today to celebrate this great event and asks that every member, but more especially the younger members, come to the Holy Communion with the parents, and every communicant avail themselves of this opportunity to give thanks unto God for His gift of the Holy Spirit, for it was on this day also that the church was born, when the Apostles left the upper room after the Holy Spirit had been given, and went into the market place in Jerusalem and preached to the assembled multitude, when upon the preaching of the word three thousand members were added unto the church. This invitation is given not only to the members of the church but to all who desire to come and worship with us and to all who want to take part in this great event of celebration of the day when God's Holy Spirit was made manifest to the world.

A call was made for the local fire company late last Wednesday afternoon when fire started in the plant of the Blount Manufacturing Company, on Smithwick Street. The blaze was put under control by employees and the fire apparatus was turned back. No damage was reported.

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## Sunday Morning Service At the Farm Life School

Rev. W. B. Harrington will preach at the Farm Life School next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, it was announced yesterday. There'll be no service at the Pine Grove Baptist Church Saturday, it was stated by the pastor.