

## Few Show Interest In County Politics

### TWO CANDIDATES ARE NOW IN RACE FOR RECORDER

#### Quiet Primary In Prospect For This County Next June 4th

Inactivity in county politics points to a quiet primary in Martin next June, only a few formal announcements having been made so far for various office nominations. Only one contest has developed so far, presenting a situation entirely different from that of two years ago, when a second primary was necessary to thin out the office applicants.

Mr. H. S. Everett, county commissioner of Robersonville Township, stated this week that he would not seek re-nomination for that office next June. Mr. Joshua L. Coltrin formally announced his candidacy this week to succeed himself as commissioner from Williams Township. Messrs. T. C. Griffin, chairman, J. E. Pope, and V. G. Taylor, members of the county board of commissioners, were non-committal when questioned this week as to their seeking re-nominations.

Messrs. J. C. Smith, J. Sam Getzinger, C. B. Roebuck and C. A. Harrison have formally announced their candidacies to succeed themselves in their respective offices and positions now held by them.

Solicitor H. O. Peel, of the county recorder's court, will not run for that office again, but he announced today that he will be a candidate for nomination as judge of the recorder's court. Mr. Peel's candidacy developed a contest, Justice of the Peace C. B. Riddick, of Everetts, having already announced his candidacy for the recordership.

At a meeting held in the Bear Grass schoolhouse last night, voters of that district pledged themselves to the support of the candidacy of Mr. H. C. Green as county commissioner. But with one assured vacancy and two or three more possible ones in that body, no contest is likely to result in the race for commissioners. At least, no spirited contest is in sight just now for positions on that board.

No formal announcements have been filed by the three members of the Martin County Board of Education, but it is expected that Messrs. J. Eason Little, John W. Eubanks, and E. H. Ange will file to succeed themselves on that board.

Mr. R. J. Peel, clerk of the court, was nominated and elected for a four-year term in the June, 1930, primary election of that year, and no contest for that office is possible this June.

A few constable and justice of the peace contests are expected here and there throughout the county, but even with them no great interest is expected to result locally this year, as far as county politics are concerned.

Interest is centering on the race being staged by Messrs. Richard T. Fountain, A. J. Maxwell, and J. C. B. Ehringhaus for the gubernatorial nomination. And then there is the United States Senatorial nomination race, with Cameron Morrison, Tom Bowie, Bob Reynolds, and Frank Grist taking part. No contest has developed for State Senate nominations, only two candidates, Messrs. A. D. MacLean, of Washington, and Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth, having announced their candidacies for the posts. Elbert S. Peel will not be a candidate.

As the situation now stands, a small vote is anticipated in the county next June. But who knows what the last minute will bring forth?

Spirited contests are already on in many counties throughout the State, contests with so many office aspirants in the race that they even shade Martin County's huge primary of two years ago.

### S. H. Gurganus Displays Unusually Large H&n Egg

(Raleigh News and Observer) The News and Observer has received from F. F. Cox, of Robersonville, a hen egg weighing six and one-half ounces and measuring 7 3/4 inches in circumference and 8 3/4 inches around end to end. The egg was laid by a Rhode Island Red owned by S. H. Gurganus, Robersonville, R. F. D., who says that it was quite evident that the hen did not realize that eggs are sold by the dozen and not by the pound.

Mr. Gurganus, while not raising poultry on a large scale, has found it profitable. Starting the year 1931 with 132 hens, his net profits for the year were \$286.20 besides an increase of 18 in his flock. Mr. Cox designates the egg "a real specimen of Martin County hen eggs."

### Local Bank Will Observe Halifax Day as Holiday

Next Tuesday, Halifax Day, will be observed as a holiday by the Branch Banking and Trust Company here. The day is not generally observed as a holiday by many institutions or firms, and the holiday will be enjoyed by only the bank employees, it is understood.

On April 12, 1775, a group met in Halifax courthouse and signed the first declaration of independence of the English Crown. The next signatures were made in Mecklenburg County several weeks later, adding significance to Halifax Day.

### ORPHAN SINGING CLASS PLEASES BIG CROWD HERE

#### Total of \$79.84 Raised For Orphanage At Concert Given Last Night

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class delightfully entertained a large audience assembled in the grammar school auditorium here last night for the annual concert arranged as one of the contributing means of supporting the institution. The crowd was one of the largest ever to hear the singers and entertainers here, and the program was well received.

A cash collection was taken, raising \$50.25 as a part of the amount necessary to offset the \$400 daily cost of operating and maintaining the institution. Other collections advanced by outside citizens and others who were unable to attend increased the general offering to \$62.90. A special fund created by the local lodge and added to the general collection last night made a total of \$79.84.

Little Hattie A. Marie Briley, entered from this county through the Stonewall Lodge at Robersonville, was to have appeared in the concert, but she was taken ill the night before and had to be returned to Oxford, it was reported.

Mr. C. K. Proctor, the much beloved superintendent of the institution, arrived unexpectedly and addressed the assembly, pointing out the valuable work being carried on by North Carolina Masons. His was an appealing talk, offered for the sole aim of advancing the cause of the underprivileged child in North Carolina.

### VOTERS IN MEET AT BEAR GRASS

#### Will Support H. C. Green For Member Board of Commissioners

Approximately 30 Bear Grass Township citizens meeting in the school house there last night, advanced Mr. H. C. Green, prominent citizen of that district, as a candidate for nomination as county commissioner. Mr. Green has served on the board previously.

The assembly also offered John H. Roberson, H. U. Peel, and H. D. Harrison as candidates for township justice of the peace. Noah Rogerson was selected as township constable to succeed himself.

Ordinarily township nominations made by the voters in convention are accepted without a contest at the primary. Of course if a contest develops for the county commissioners' nominations, Mr. Green will find it necessary to enter the June primary.

### Many Expected To See Senior Play Here Tonight

A large and representative crowd is expected to see the annual play to be presented by the local senior class in the high school building here tonight. Much preparation has been given the production of the play, the dress rehearsal last evening pointing to an entertaining event.

### Methodist Society to Have Silver Tea Wednesday

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will have a silver tea on Wednesday, April 13th, from 4 till 6:30 at the home of Mrs. William Manning. The public is invited.

### Rev. W. B. Harrington To Preach at Farm Life

Rev. W. B. Harrington will fill his regular preaching appointment in the Farm Life School auditorium Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it was announced yesterday. The public is invited to hear him.

## PASSAGE BONUS BILL WOULD AID MANY IN COUNTY

### Passage of Act Would Put Around \$286,416 Cash In Martin County

House of Representatives Bill No. 1, providing the immediate payment of all adjusted-service certificates in cash, is expected to come up in Congress next week, where many law-makers predict it will meet defeat.

The passage of the act would put into circulation in this county \$286,416, less the sum already borrowed by Martin County's World War veterans, estimated at approximately half the face value of the certificates. Congressman Wright Patman, of Texas, staunch supporter of the bill, says its passage would release \$38,804,178.24 in North Carolina and \$2,200,000,000 in the country.

In a recent address before the House of Representatives, Congressman Patman said:

"Three million six hundred thousand adjusted-service certificates are held by that number of veterans of the World War. These veterans reside in every nook and corner of America. The average value of the certificates is \$1,000. The certificates do not represent a bonus; they represent an honest debt that has been confessed by Congress for services rendered. Each holder of a certificate was really due an amount equal to the face or maturity value of his certificate October 1, 1931.

"The average veteran has borrowed 50 per cent of his certificate, the limit allowed by law. He is paying compound interest on this loan to a bank or to the Government—the one holding his certificate as collateral security for the 50 per cent loan. If the remaining 50 per cent is not paid to the veteran now, it will practically be consumed by compound interest. The veterans and their families need the money much worse than the banks or the Government need it in compound interest. If it is paid now, the entire Nation will be benefited by the additional purchasing power being placed into the hands of so many consumers who will put it into circulation. It will not be hoarded.

"At least 2,500,000 of these veterans need their money to purchase comforts and necessities of life or to pay debts which they owe and on which they are paying as high as 10 per cent interest. More than 720,000 of these veterans were unemployed when they obtained their 50 per cent loans, so an investigation made by the Veterans' Administration disclosed.

"We have sufficient idle gold in the Treasury of the United States to authorize the issuance of Treasury notes—legal-tender currency—to pay this debt in full. Experts tell us that our country needs a moderate expansion of the currency. In this way the debt can be paid without a bond issue, without increasing taxes, and without additional interest payments. The debt must be paid some time. Everybody will be helped if it is paid now.

"The Government will be saved tens of millions of dollars annually in administration expenses if the certificates are paid now.

According to reports there is a break in the ranks of veterans, many of them—virtually all of them—urging the passage of the bill, while their national commander, Henry L. Stevens, is against it at the present time.

### Young White Boy Caught Here Sent to State Roads

Ernest Harper, young white man arrested here last December for driving a car while intoxicated, was sentenced to the roads for eight months when tried before Judge Grady in Northampton Superior Court this week. Following his arrest here, Harper was returned to Northampton where he was held in jail until this week when he was tried and adjudged guilty of stealing an automobile there.

Shortly after stealing the Ford coupe, Harper was driving down Main Street here and ran into and wrecked a cart belonging to Herman Bowen. Continuing on his way, Harper lost control of the machine and ran it into a Main Street residence.

### Woodmen To Meet At Bath Next Thursday

A goodly number of Martin County Woodmen as well as many from other counties in the district are expected to attend the meeting of Modern Woodmen of America at Bath next Thursday, Paul Bailey, district secretary, said yesterday afternoon.

A fishing party will feature the morning program, and a fish fry will be enjoyed at noon. Interesting programs have been arranged for the afternoon and evening sessions, the Bath and Jamesville baseball teams furnishing entertainment in the afternoon, Mr. Bailey said.

# CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN HERE NEXT WEEK

## WINNERS IN MILK ESSAY CONTEST ARE ANNOUNCED

### Enterprise Publishing Co. Will Mail Checks to Six Winners Tomorrow

Winners of prizes offered by the Enterprise Publishing Company for the best six papers prepared in connection with the "Milk for Health Campaign" in Martin County were announced today through the office of the county superintendent, two prizes going to Hamilton, one to Williams, one to Williams Lower school and two to Robersonville.

The judges were ready to admit when the papers were returned that the task of selecting winners was a difficult one, that nearly all the papers were unusually good ones and showed hard work done by those taking part. On the other hand, the contest and the "Milk for Health" scheme in this county was a flop. Out of the several thousand children now in the schools of the county a very small number even expressed a desire to take part, several schools failing to prepare a single essay. It would seem that some are waiting for nature to pour milk down their hungry throats, hungry needlessly in so many cases.

But getting back to the contest, the judges read and re-read the papers. The names of the writers and the schools they represented were not on the papers when the judges were making their decisions. A numbering system was followed, giving every school and every child an equal chance. Many of the other papers are deserving ones, but their writers just miss sharing the awards.

Checks will be mailed tomorrow to Robert Davis, Hamilton, winner of the first prize, \$2.50; Dolly Myers, Hamilton, winner of the second prize, \$1.50; Reg Manning, Williams, winner of the third prize, \$1.00.

Winners in the colored schools where a greater interest in the movement was noted, include the following: Harry C. Lanier, Williams Lower School, first prize, \$2.50;

Beulah Lee Saunders, Robersonville, winner of second prize, \$1.50; Theona Lloyd, Robersonville, third prize, \$1. And checks will also be mailed to them tomorrow.

## COUNTY CASES IN FEDERAL COURT

### Fourteen Martin Cases Are Called In Washington This Week

Two more Martin County men, Andrew Harris, white, and Walter Collins, colored, were on their way to Atlanta today to serve a year and a day in the Federal prison there for violating the liquor laws. Their cases were heard along with 12 others from this county before Judge I. M. Meekins in Federal court at Washington this week.

Five other defendants, Irving James, colored, and Walter and Herbert Bullock and James Bailey, all white, were released and placed on probation for a year. George Peel was placed in the Chillicothe, Ohio, institution, to start his term next October. Sylvester Daniel was given 90 days in jail and George Daniel was given 30 days. John A. Griffin was fined \$50. John Lee and Wright Smith were given three months in jail. John Hopkins, white, and Claude Woolard, colored, were found not guilty.

All the defendants were charged with violating the liquor laws.

## Seine Fishing in Roanoke Progressing Very Slowly

Seine fishing on the Roanoke is progressing slowly, according to a report coming from O. W. Hamilton, Jamesville yesterday morning. Catches of two and three hundred were reported during the day Wednesday and yesterday. A goodly number of shad was caught Wednesday, Mr. Hamilton adding that the season was not far enough advanced for profitable fishing.

## Ships Two More Cars of Sweet Potatoes to Market

Two more carloads of sweet potatoes were shipped to northern markets by Mr. J. G. Staton from his 30,000 bushel capacity curing house here this week, the best grades selling for about 90 cents a bushel, less freight, it is understood.

### PROCLAMATION

Know all men, women, and children by these presents:

That, Whereas the National Clean-Up and Paint-Up Campaign has resulted in many advantages to community life throughout the United States in safeguarding health, in promoting thrift, in furthering fire prevention, in stimulating civic pride, and in making the home and town more beautiful; Now, therefore;

Be it known that plans have been perfected for a thorough clean-up and paint-up campaign in Williamston, beginning next Monday, April 11, and continuing throughout the week. This date is to mark the opening of a real campaign of persistent and constructive effort in cleaning up and keeping it up. In this worthy movement of cleaning up, painting, planting, repairing, and rehabilitation I urge each citizen to do his or her very best part to make our community clean, healthy, safe, thrifty, and beautiful.

R. L. COBURN,  
Mayor.

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON.

## COMMITTEE OF WOMAN'S CLUB IS IN CHARGE

### Every Man, Woman And Child Urged To Take An Active Part

No definite program will be followed, but every man, woman, and child, white and colored, is being asked to join in the clean-up and paint-up campaign here next week. Mrs. A. R. Dunning, chairman of the Woman's Club civic committee, said yesterday. Mrs. Dunning was optimistic as to the successful outcome of the movement next week, adding that a nearly 100 per cent support had been pledged by the people of the town.

Already the movement is under way here and there over town, and before next week is spent a thorough raking of unsightly scenes is anticipated. Every one is asked to do some task that will give momentum to the undertaking, a direct appeal having been directed to both the white and colored school children, urging them to take an active part and remember that cleanliness is next to godliness.

Mayor R. L. Coburn has issued a proclamation in connection with the campaign, and the town forces will cooperate to the fullest in aiding the success of the movement. Individual trash piles will be removed as soon as possible, following a call to the municipal water plant, street department head quarters.

The undertaking is one that every one can take part in; for there is no unnecessary burden to result in joining the ranks of those who are striving for a cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful place in which to live.

Unemployed labor is said to be clamoring for work. Next week will be an ideal time to give some one a job, aiding the worker and at the same time furthering the clean-up and paint-up movement. Hire one of the unemployed now; see your painter about handling that little or big job that will add value and attractiveness to your premises.

A clean-up campaign is a good spring tonic. It is most timely, and it is good business. It is also in keeping with Governor Gardner's Live-at-Home program. It is timely in that every well-ordered town as well as every well-ordered home should have a regular clean-up spell in the spring. It is good business in that, if it is properly conducted, it will put many idle men to work; it will bring about a number of civic improvements which will tend to produce better health conditions, safer, and happier homes, and a more self-respecting and contented citizenship.

## REPUBLICANS TO MEET HERE

### Convention For The First Congressional District to Be Held Tomorrow

Republicans from fourteen counties will hold their first Congressional District convention in the courthouse here tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock with Chairman M. B. Prescott, of Ayden, in charge. The convention will name two delegates to the National Republican Convention to be held in Chicago next June, and four members to the State Executive Committee from this district will be selected. The usual re-organization of the committee will be effected. District Attorney Wheeler Martin said here this morning.

Representatives from Dare, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Pitt, Beaufort and Hyde Counties, comprising the district, are expected here for the meeting, Mr. Martin said.

## Sunday Services At The Christian Church Here

Bible school and preaching at the regular hours. Only the Sunday evening service will be at 8 o'clock instead of 7:30 as heretofore. Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. Special music at both services. A fine worshipful atmosphere, and a warm welcome and brotherly fellowship. The pastor will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on "God's Message for Our Day." At the evening service the sermon will be, "How God Opens the Sinner's Heart." These messages are timely for saint and sinner. Take the family out. It is Second Sunday, and remember it is preaching Sunday at the Christian Church in Williamston. Come out from the highways and hedges. A warm welcome awaits you. A friendly church with a wholesome message. If it helps you tell us about it. We appreciate being helpful. Public cordially invited.

## CALL FEW CASES IN COURT HERE

### Few Cases Reach Docket During Three-Weeks Inactive Period

Following a period of inactivity caused by the two-weeks term of superior court, Judge Bailey and Solicitor Peel returned to their regular duties in recorder's court here last Tuesday. Comparatively few cases had originated over the period, and most of them were of little consequence.

The court will hold another session next Tuesday according to regular schedule, and then rest for two more weeks while the civil term of superior court holds forth.

Cases cleared from the docket last Tuesday: J. A. Faulk was fined \$50 for violating the traffic laws, the court taking off the fine upon the payment of the costs by the defendant.

Adjudged guilty in the case charging him with larceny and receiving, Thurman Bell was sentenced to the roads for a period of ninety days. Ed Bell, charged with aiding and abetting in the same alleged crime, was found not guilty.

Prayer for judgment was continued until next August in the case charging Clara Ann Staton with violating the liquor laws.

Cleo Land was ordered to the roads for 90 days or pay costs in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws.

The old case charging Charles Owens with reckless driving was not pressed.

W. I. Edmondson was ordered to pay amount of check and costs in the case charging him with passing a worthless check.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Roosevelt Wilson with larceny and receiving. John Hopkins was sentenced to the roads for 90 days when the court found him guilty of larceny and receiving.

## Presbyterian Services In The County for Sunday

Sunday, April 10th, 1932:

Church School at 10 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 11:15 a. m.

Bear Grass Church school at 9:30 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 7:45 p. m.

Roberson's Chapel Church school at 3 p. m. Worship service and communion following.

The Master is at each of these services and He asketh for thee.

## Liberson Triplets Visitors Here Yesterday Afternoon

Little Misses Frances, Fern, and Faith Lieberston, the three-year-old daughters of Mr. and Mrs. G. Liberson, of Hollywood, Calif., were charming visitors here yesterday afternoon. Two of the bright, beautiful and lively triplets weigh 34 pounds each, the third weighing 36 pounds. They were accompanied here by their parents, who are spending some time in Plymouth with Mrs. Lieberston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hardison. Yesterday was the children's third birthday anniversary.

## 3,000 HERE FOR FORD SHOWING

### New Car Gets Favorable Comment During Two-Day Showing Here

A very successful showing of the new V-8 Ford and improved Ford truck was reported here yesterday and today, when nearly 3,000 people visited the showrooms of the Williamston Motor Company to see the wonder car.

"And how do you like it?" was a common question during the showing. "All right," was the general answer, and the Ford representative would explain the various features of the machine. With a change in the springs arrangement and the removal of the gas tank from the front to the rear, the car takes on a different appearance and created much comment. Apparently every one seeing the car here liked the changes, referring to the engine as one used in high-priced automobiles.

A Tudor sedan was on display late Wednesday night and all day yesterday, the company sending a sport coupe here today. The improved Ford truck was thoroughly inspected along with the cars by the throngs visiting the showroom.

Shipments of stock cars to dealers everywhere are expected within the next few days, Mr. Green, manager of the local company, said this morning.

## Elder O. W. Dowd Will Preach Here Next Sunday

C. T. Rogers, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League, Monday, 8 p. m. Epworth Juniors, Tuesday, 3:30. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 8. Presiding Elder O. W. Dowd will preach at the 11 o'clock service. He is a strong clear thinker, and you will enjoy hearing him. Come out and meet with us.

The second quarterly conference will meet after the 11 o'clock service. Members of the Holly Springs church will all take notice of this service.

## Local Presbyterians Win Prize at Ahoskie Meeting

Williamston was awarded the attendance banner for the best attendance by miles for young people's conferences of Albemarle Presbytery during the year, leading New Bern by only a small margin, according to a report at the one-day conference in Ahoskie recently. From all parts of the presbytery there were 137 persons in attendance.

Prospects were said to be bright for the holding of the five-day summer conference at Neuse Forest near New Bern.

## Dr. C. J. Sawyer Planning Tonsil Clinic in Windsor

Realizing the need is an urgent one and that none will be held by the State in this section this year, Dr. C. J. Sawyer, Windsor eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, is making arrangements to conduct a clinic in the Emergency hospital, Windsor, beginning April 18, he announced yesterday. Nominal fees will be charged for the services, and it is believed that many Martin County people will visit the clinic.