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## TOWN BOARD IN REGULAR MEET HERE LAST NIGHT

### Club Representatives Urge Changes in Traffic Regulations

Meeting in regular session here last night, the local town commissioners heard requests from representatives of the Woman's Club for a change in traffic regulation in the business districts of the town. The club representatives urged that no "U" turns be allowed at the Smithwick-Main and Washington-Main street intersections, and that either one-way traffic or parking on one side only on Washington Street be adopted. Members of the board admitted that the traffic situation was fast becoming more complex on the streets here, and after a long discussion decided to eliminate the "U" turn at the corner of Smithwick and Main streets, sending the traffic to the Wats Street intersection to start return trips. If this action meets with success, other rules will likely be adopted, it is understood.

Overrun by stray dogs and dogs that are escaping taxation, the board placed an order for 150 tags with instructions that owners purchase and place them on their dogs' necks. No additional cost will be placed on the dog owner, and all dogs without tags on their necks will be removed from the town, it was said.

Mr. R. S. Critcher appeared before the board asking to rent the town hall auditorium with the understanding that he convert it into an apartment house. No action was taken, the board, with two members absent, deciding to consider the application at a special meeting soon.

Permission was granted S. L. Watts to hold a dance on Easter Monday, April 22.

## HOUSE DAMAGED BY FIRE FRIDAY

### Considerable Damage Done To Geo. Moore Home Friday Afternoon

Fire, believed to have been started by a spark from a chimney, did considerable damage to the home of George Moore and Harry Jones just across the railroad on Smithwick Street last Friday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock. While the fire was confined to the roof, much damage was done to the lower part of the house and contents by water.

Damage to the structure was estimated at more than \$300, Mr. J. B. Cherry, owner, stating that he had insurance on the house but that he believed the policy had expired.

The call was the second received by the company during the week, a first call of the year having been received two days earlier when fire wrecked the store building of William Whitley on Washington Street.

## Series of Brawls Reported Here During the Week-end

A series of disorders was reported among the colored population here over the week-end, but none of them proved serious, it was said.

Henry Rogers, colored, lost much blood when his ear was nicked by an unnamed party in a fight on Washington street last Saturday night. Only one stitch was necessary to close the wound. Rogers' clothes were cut on his back, but the weapon did not break the skin. The second disorder followed when a negro named Jones claimed his sweetheart did not do as she should and he stabbed her in the side Saturday night. The wound was not considered serious. Sunday night Tony Manson sliced Dave Melton, but did not hurt him badly.

## County Board of Health In Meeting Last Evening

Meeting here last night, the nominating committee of the Martin County Board of Health named Dr. W. C. Mercer, local dentist, to fill the position made vacant by the death of Dr. P. B. Cone. The board will hold a meeting here next Monday, when various business will be handled including the appointment of a county health officer for the next two years.

Names of the board members are: J. E. Pope, chairman; J. L. Hassell, mayor of Williamston; J. C. Manning, superintendent of public welfare; Dr. V. A. Ward, of Robersonville; Dr. J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville; and Dr. W. C. Mercer, of Williamston.

## Large Number Farmers See Show of Machinery

A large number of farmers and their wives and children attended a special showing of farm machinery arranged by the Lindsey Ice Company in the Wats Theatre here today. Following the picture, the farmers were entertained at the plant of the company.

## Peanut Sign-Up Campaign Now Under Way in County

The campaign for peanut acreage and production control was off to a rapid start early Monday morning, when Farmer Pleny Peel, Griffins Township, was the first to sign a contract. Mr. Peel owns a farm in Williamston Township and signed the contract at the courthouse. No rush was reported at any of the sign-up points, but reports clearly indicate the movement will include nearly 100 per cent of the growers in this county.

The county office yesterday explained that the parity payment would be made at the rate of 40 cents a bag on all peanuts raised by contract signers during 1934. These payments will be made on the actual production during that period and not on the base production figures for the 1935 crop.

Farmers are urged to measure their 1934 acreage with the understanding that at least 10 per cent of the acreage will be checked by the government. They are also urged to present the bills of sale along with the number of acres when applying for contracts.

## Increase Allowed in Acreage to Tobacco

### RELIEF CATTLE BEING SHIPPED TO GOLDSBORO

### Project Is Considered Very Unsuccessful From Many Standpoints

All relief cattle shipped into this county from the West last summer are scheduled to be moved out by Friday night of this week, according to orders coming from relief headquarters in Raleigh. The few remaining cattle, with the possible exception of 45 or 50 head, are being driven to Jamesville today for shipment by rail to Goldsboro. Orders for handling the 45 or 50 are expected in time to clear the pastures in Griffins and Jamesville Township by the latter part of this week.

There were 1,076 head of cattle shipped into this county from the West. Of this number 73 were lost in the pastures, an equal number dying from one cause or another. Bears are understood to have killed and eaten at least two of the small cows. Reaching here half-starved by a feed shortage caused in the West by dry weather, the cattle were in bad condition. The change in feed and overeating caused a number to die. Most of those were thought to have strayed to thick spots in the pasture, where they were unable to get water and they were too weak to return to the watering and feeding places.

For some time the cattle have been shipped to various parts of the state and country, one shipment going as far as New Jersey. Most of them were shipped to Elizabeth City, Goldsboro, and Washington, the Roberson slaughterhouse here handling about 25 head at one time.

Developing scabies, the cattle have proved very costly, and the relief program designed to help the Western farmer and the Eastern relief subject has, it might be said, been very unsuccessful as a whole. As a result of the spread of scabies, the authorities decided to end the program, but not until native cattle were attacked by scabies, it is understood. The scabies has not amounted to much among the herds in this county, and the cattle have fattened very readily, as a whole.

## Skewarkee Lodge Installs Officers at Meet Tonight

Skewarkee Lodge of Masons will install its recently elected officers for the coming year at its regular meeting tonight.

The officers elected at the last regular meeting are as follows: V. J. Spivey, master; S. H. Grimes, senior warden; James C. Manning, junior warden; Hugh G. Horton, treasurer; and Frank S. Pittman, secretary.

The appointive officers, recently named by the incoming master, follow: L. Bruce Wynne, senior deacon; Charles Davenport, junior deacon; R. L. Perry and W. H. Harrison, stewards; J. C. Anderson, tiler.

## Mad Dogs Reported Killed Near Jamesville Recently

Reports from Jamesville Township state mad dogs are running loose in certain sections of that district, but, as far as it could be learned, nobody has been attacked by the animals. A mad dog was killed by Albert Coltrane several days ago, and it is believed other animals were attacked by the dog before it was killed.

Other reports maintain that many families depending upon relief are sharing their meager rations with dogs, one informant claiming that every relief family he knew had an old hound dog around to share in the relief hand-

### PERMIT FARMERS TO PLANT 5 TO 10 PER CENT MORE

### New Ruling Makes It Legal for Farmer To Plant 90 Percent of His Base

Under a recently ruling by the Secretary of Agriculture, farmers in this county will be eligible this year to increase their tobacco acreage to 85 and even 90 per cent of their established base, it was learned this week from the Martin County farm agent. The farmer planting 85 per cent of his base production will receive a rental payment at the rate of \$17.50 an acre. On the other hand, if he plants 90 per cent of his base production, the rental payment will be reduced to \$8.75 an acre.

A resulting change in adjustment payments will also follow when the acreage is increased. As it is understood here, the farmer selling only 70 per cent of his base production will continue to receive an adjustment payment at the rate of 12-1-2 per cent. The farmer selling 85 per cent of his base production will receive an adjustment payment of 6-1-4 per cent, the percentage dropping as the amount of tobacco sold increases. These figures are based on an acreage of four or more acres, the farmer planting less than four acres receiving a higher adjustment payment, it is understood.

Acreage allotments are not being determined in the office of the county agent and will be announced to the individual farmers direct within the next two weeks, Miss Mary Carstarphen, secretary in the agent's office, announced this week.

The provision with respect to marketing excess tobacco is separate from the provision with respect to acreage, and means that the producer may sell an additional quantity of tobacco up to but not exceeding 12-1-2 per cent of the initial production allotment, provided he is willing to accept a reduced adjustment payment.

The provisions for planting the larger acreage and marketing a large amount of tobacco are separate, and the producer may elect to take advantage of either one without the other, or both, or neither.

If Martin farmers take advantage of the increased allotment, there will be a little over 11,000 acres of tobacco under cultivation in the county this year. Many of the farmers will increase their crop, it is believed.

## County Court Has More Than 30 Cases on Docket

With 32 cases on the docket, the county recorder's court started one of the longest sessions today since it was established a dozen or more years ago. At noon today, it was almost certain that a number of cases would have to be carried over until next week for trial, the court failing to find time to handle the large docket.

Larceny and assault account for one half the cases. Drunken driving and prohibition violations come next with four of each on the docket. The other cases charge first one thing and another, including trespassing, abandonment, and so on. Interest is centered in the case charging a defendant with reckless mule driving.

## Jamesville and Bear Grass Teams Play Here Thursday

Undeclared this season, the Bear Grass girls' and boys' basketball teams will meet those from the Jamesville school in the new gymnasium here on Thursday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock, Coach Martin, of Bear Grass, announced yesterday. The teams are said to be well matched, with probably the advantage resting with the Jamesville boys and the Bear Grass girls. Both tilts are expected to prove interesting and large crowds from both Bear Grass and Jamesville as well as from this point will attend.

## CHILD FATALLY INJURED WHEN STRUCK BY CAR

### Accident Is Said To Have Been Unavoidable On A. B. Ayers' Part

Dashing from the roadside into the path of an auto driven by Mr. A. B. Ayers, of Bear Grass, little Violet Parrott was struck and fatally injured in front of her home one mile this side of Washington last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The child died in a Washington hospital that night at 11:20, never having regained consciousness. Both of her thighs and several ribs were broken, and she also suffered a compound fracture of the skull.

Although the accident was described as unavoidable on his part, Mr. Ayers was required to raise bond in the sum of \$1,000 by Justice of the Peace Harry R. Paul pending further investigation of the tragedy. Mr. Ayers was said to have been driving at a moderate speed; in fact, he is known to be a very careful driver and hardly ever exceeds a speed of 35 miles an hour as a rule. Immediately following the accident, Mr. Ayers rushed the child to the hospital, where her recovery was considered doubtful from the first. A hearing will be held in the case next Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock in Washington before Justice of the Peace Harry Paul, it was learned.

The child, four years old, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Parrott, tenants on the Tayloe farm a mile from Washington on the Williamston highway.

The accident was the first major one in which a Martin County resident figured during the new year. However, it was hardly over before one of far more serious consequences followed near Raleigh and, which resulted in the death of Martin County people.

## COUNTY BOARD HELD REGULAR MEET MONDAY

### Justices of the Peace Ask Review of Costs Allowed by Law in This County

Holding a session that lasted a greater part of the day, Martin County's commissioners in regular session Monday discussed a number of important matters, but took final action in only a few minor ones. All members were present, with J. E. Pope, new chairman, presiding.

Going before the commissioners several justices of the peace asked for a review of charges allowed by law, the board ordering an investigation be made. Those going before the board explained that they were allowed no costs when they sent a case to the higher courts and the defendant was found not guilty. They added that they did not expect remuneration for their services in those cases, but they explained that the county allowed only half the justice of the peace costs when a case was bound over to the higher courts and the defendant was found guilty.

Placed on the list of county poor, Sprat Bumpus, colored, of Jamesville, was allowed \$4 a month.

W. G. Perry was released from payment of \$2 dog tax listed by error in Bear Grass Township.

Ned Slade was released from payment of poll tax incorrectly listed in Hamilton Township.

## Locals Lose Their Opening Games to Bear Grass Teams

Using the new gymnasium here for the first time last Friday evening and playing their first scheduled game of the season, Williamston High School's basketball teams went down to defeat at the hands of Coach Martin's players from Bear Grass. Coach Peters' players, while possessing promising signs for rapid development, were slow getting started, and the visitors annexed their victory before the local girls knew it. The visiting lassies won 30 to 7, the Bear Grass girls maintaining their undefeated record.

A closer score was reported for the boys, the visitors winning by a margin of only 2 points, the final count being 9 to 7. The Bear Grass boys have not been defeated so far this season.

## President Calls for Eight Billions To Do Business

In his message to Congress yesterday President Roosevelt presented a budget calling for more than eight and one-half billions of dollars to carry on the government functions and care for the unemployed and needy. Nearly half the amount will be spent for recovery and relief, it was stated. The greater part of \$1,000,000,000 will go to war veterans. No new taxes will be levied, the President recommended, but the 1936 budget will miss a balance due to the heavy relief demands.

## Six Are Killed in Automobile Wreck Near Raleigh Sunday

## Warren To Sponsor Seed-Feed Loan Bill

### FROWNED UPON BY AUTHORITIES IN HIGH PLACES

### Measure Considered of More Value Than All Other Relief Agencies

Although its passage is considered uncertain, a bill will be introduced at the present session of Congress by Lindsay Warren creating a fund from which seed and feed loans will be made to destitute farmers in this and other states for financing 1935 crop production. Frowned upon by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, a similar bill almost met with defeat last year, and it will be remembered that President Roosevelt stated at that time he would not approve such a fund this year. However, many emergencies were handled by the fund last year, and it might be the proposed bill will receive consideration this year. Established to advance \$40,000,000 to destitute farmers last year, the fund finally lent nearly a half billion dollars, drought condition in the west causing thousands of farmers to borrow heavily from the emergency lending agency.

Last year there were 376 loans made from the fund to farmers in this county, representing a cash outlay of approximately \$49,000. Nearly 94 per cent of the amount has been repaid, and when all the 1934 crops are sold, it is believed the uncollected amount will be less than 2 per cent of the total.

Those farmers favored by loans from the fund are still in need of financing in many cases, and it is believed that equally as many applications will be received this year as last in the event the bill becomes a law. Nearly all farmers borrowing from the fund made money last year, but their earnings went to pay back debts and taxes, leaving them almost penniless to finance their farming operations this year. Most of them are ineligible to borrow from regular lending agencies or from the crop production credit groups because they have little or no real property.

A review of the activities made possible by the seed and feed loan fund will show that the relief made possible by it has been worth many times what has been done by other relief agencies, including the subsistence farm projects in this county. In fact, many people are of the opinion that the fund has been one of the most valuable governmental relief agencies so far advanced in the interest of the destitute farmer, and the non-passage of the bill will increase the burden resting with the rehabilitation forces in this county, it is believed.

## Two Stores To Start Big Clearance Sales This Week

To make room for new seasonal goods, the firms of Margolis Brothers and Barnhill Brothers are announcing two big selling events to begin this week. Both stores have marked down prices to a very low point, affording the thrifty shoppers an opportunity to buy high quality merchandise at very low costs.

## Cars Collide on Washington Street Here Last Saturday

No one was hurt and very little property damage resulted when two old model cars crashed on Washington Street, near the warehouses, last Saturday night. A colored man named Rogers is said to have driven his car into the highway, crashing into the car driven by a colored man named Woolard.

## Sheriff Roebuck and Roy Peel Capture Two Stills

Raiding in the Free Union section of the county last week, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and assistant Roy Peel captured two large stills and destroyed about 3,000 gallons of beer and a barrel of liquor. James Moore, colored, was arrested at one of the plants, and there was no one at the other.

## Local Man Is Appointed Agent for Eastern Firm

Mr. J. Robert (Bob) Everett has been appointed local agent for Eastern Cotton in the Farmers Warehouse Poplar Point Township early Monday morning following a short illness.

### NEW 1935 LINE IS ANNOUNCED BY CHEVROLET

### Master Six Models Present Many New Features in Beauty and Style

Master de luxe models, strongly emphasizing beauty and style, and new Standard models, featuring high-powered performance with economy, were announced last Saturday by Chevrolet.

Master de luxe body models include sedan, coach, business coupe with luggage compartment, sport coupe with rumble seat, sport sedan, and town sedan. In addition to the coach, business coupe, phaeton, and sport roadster, which comprised the standard line last year, the 1935 new Standard line includes a full-sized four-door sedan and a sedan delivery car for light commercial uses.

The 1935 new Standard has been given virtually the same performance ability as the Master de luxe, which, however, departs distinctly from previous Chevrolets in striking advances in design of body and trim. The engines, incorporating many improvements over the 1934 Master motor, are of the same size and design in both models, while in the chassis the chief difference is the presence in the Master de luxe of Chevrolet's new "Knee-action" suspension, now entering its second year of improved construction and operation. The "Knee-action" feature is optional with the Master Six models, and the price is slightly lower without this.

Mechanically, the two models have

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## AUXILIARY WILL MEET THURSDAY

### Department President Will Address Fourth District Group in Club Hall

Meeting in the Williamston Woman's Club hall Thursday morning of this week at 10:30 o'clock, members of the fourth district of the American Legion Auxiliary of North Carolina will hear addresses by prominent leaders of the state organization, it was announced today by Mrs. W. H. Gray, president of the local post auxiliary. Mrs. M. H. Shumway, department president of Lexington; Miss Arula Adams, also of Lexington; and Mrs. Norfleet McDowell, of North Wilkesboro, will have parts on the program, presided over by the local auxiliary president.

Following the transaction of business and addresses, members of the local unit will serve an informal luncheon, the meeting coming to a close about 12:30, it was announced. All auxiliary members are urged to be present.

## Kiwanians To Hold Their Regular Meet Wednesday

After a month's holiday from meetings, the local Kiwanis club will resume its regular schedule tomorrow evening at 6:30 o'clock in the Woman's club hall. This meeting is the first of the new administration, and a number of policies for the new year will be proposed for consideration. In addition, Professor D. N. Hix will speak for ten minutes on the Problem of the Saar. Every member is urged to be present.

## Meeting Hour for Farmers' Exchange Group Changed

The hour for the Farmers Cooperative Exchange meeting, first set for 2:30 here tomorrow afternoon in the courthouse, will be held at 7:30 instead, it was announced yesterday. Late developments causing a change in the schedule of the exchange representatives resulted in the change of hour, it was stated.

## Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rogers Dies

Nellie Marie, 5-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rogers, died at the home of her parents in Poplar Point Township early Monday morning following a short illness. Funeral services are being conducted today by Elder William Grimes. Burial will follow in the Harvey Biggs cemetery in Bear Grass Township.

## YOUNG GIRL OF ROBERSONVILLE ONE OF VICTIMS

### Miss Levora Grimes a Lone Survivor of the Worst Tragedy This Year

Their car crashing into a bridge abutment between Wake Forest and Durham last Sunday night, six of the seven occupants were either killed instantly or fatally injured, and the seventh was placed in a hospital, where she is expected to recover.

The names of the dead are: S. Clayton Mizelle, 19, operator of the car, of Windsor.

Leon White, 21, and James Morris, 22, both of Windsor.

Doris and Katherine L. Batchelor, young girls formerly of Robersonville, but recently of Durham.

Miss Pauline Whitfield, 19, of Robersonville.

Recovering from painful injuries, Miss Levora Grimes, of Robersonville, the lone survivor, told her mother that young Mizelle was drinking, that she had begged him to let her drive, but he refused.

Four of the young people were killed outright.

Miss Whitfield was thrown over the abutment, fell 18 feet to the marsh below and was not found until three hours later. Her body badly broken, she was unconscious and died at 1:30 a. m., Monday, while being rushed to a hospital in Raleigh. It was said the young girl was hurled about 125 feet from the scene of the wreck.

A triple funeral service for the Wind-or victims will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Services for the two Batchelor girls will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Baptist church in Wendell, Wake County.

Miss Whitfield will be buried from the Robersonville Baptist church at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. F. C. Shaw will officiate.

Tragedy had entered the life of Leon White when he was an infant. His mother was slain on a lonely farm and immediately after the killing his father disappeared and never has been heard of since. Leon, then a babe of about a year, was found at the scene of the hastily death, playing about his mother's corpse.

Miss Whitfield's brother, J. H. Whitfield, jr., was killed a month ago in an automobile accident near Robersonville.

On Sunday night, Miss Whitfield had not been missed until Coroner Waring started a check-up in Raleigh some time after the wreck and learned from Miss Grimes that there was a seventh person in the death car.

A searching party went back to the scene early Monday and found her near the bridge, a few yards from the water's edge.

The seven young people were riding in a Chevrolet coach, 1932 model. The machine was practically demolished when it struck the abutment, swerved to the left, and then hit again on the right side of the bridge.

## LAW MAKERS TO MEET IN RALEIGH

### Governor Will Address the Assembly Thursday Or Friday

North Carolina's General Assembly convenes tomorrow what many believe will be a long session. Already the law makers are entering Raleigh getting ready for caucuses and the selection of a speaker of the House.

Representative H. G. Horton and Senator Robert L. Coburn, representing this county and district, left here today for Raleigh.

Among the many questions scheduled for answers by the 1935 assemblymen are:

Higher salaries for school teachers and state employees; a strict state-wide automobile driver's license law with the possibility of an enlarged highway patrol; some form of old age and unemployment insurance; increased funds for highway maintenance and construction whether or not to divert highway funds into the state's general fund; the taking over of the counties' road indebtedness; a higher alcoholic content for beer and perhaps the ordering of a referendum or some other action regarding "hard" liquor; continuance of the sales tax during the next biennium and simplification in the event it is re-enacted; ratification of the child labor amendment to the constitution; supplementing of federal relief; and problems of higher appropriation for educational institutions.

Governor Ehringhaus is expected to deliver his biennial message Thursday or Friday of this week.