



## GUARANTY BANK TO OPEN BRANCH HERE NEXT WEEK

A. G. Small, Formerly With State Bank Department, Will Be Cashier

The Guaranty Bank and Trust Company will open for business in the old Farmers and Merchants Bank building on Main Street here next Wednesday, it was officially announced today by Mr. W. H. Woolard, executive vice president. Arrangements for establishing a branch here by the parent institution in Greenville have been underway for some time, the formal opening awaiting repairs to the Main Street building and the selection of a cashier. New fixtures have been installed and the interior renovated.

Mr. A. G. Small, connected with the State Banking Department for several years, will be cashier of the new bank. Mr. Small has recently liquidated banks for the state department at Elizabeth City and Washington, and comes to his new position here highly recommended as a banker and citizen.

While complete details for the opening have not been announced, it is the prevailing opinion that officers of the institution, including Mr. W. H. Woolard, a former Martin County man, will be present. Mr. Small is expected here within the next day or two to acquaint himself with the new location and the people of the town and community.

Established in 1901, the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company was known until recently as the Greenville Banking and Trust Company. At its beginning the bank operated with a capital of \$10,000. Through the years, the institution has experienced a phenomenal growth, and today it has resources of nearly \$5,000,000, and its capital surplus and profits total \$520,369.56. Headed by some of the State's most prominent business men, the institution commands a leading position in the financial realm of eastern North Carolina, and its expansion program will add to the banking service of this section.

## Regular Services Sunday At Baptist Church Here

With the Easter season upon us, and the time drawing near for Williamston's simultaneous series of church services to culminate on Easter Sunday, there should be a perceptible increase in church activities. The regular services will be held Sunday at both the morning and the evening hours. The men's meeting of the North Carolina Baptist convention convenes in Greensboro Tuesday and Wednesday, and there should be a good-sized delegation from this church.

## Man Is Arrested on Bad Check Charge After Five Years

## W. M. Jones in Norfolk Jail; Will Fight Extradition To This State

W. M. Jones, white man, wanted in this county for the alleged forging of several checks about five years ago, was arrested by Norfolk police there this week, ending for Sheriff C. B. Roe back another long search for an evader of the law.

Jones, operator of a roadside garage at Williamston for a short while, is said to have forged checks and passed them off on J. K. Coltraine and Jesse Whitley, Williamston business men. A climax to the alleged law violations was reached when he is claimed to have bought a car from the Cox Motor Company, Robersonville, and accounted for the down payment with a forged check. He disappeared shortly thereafter, driving the car and taking the goods unlawfully gained.

Reports from Norfolk police state that Jones will fight extradition, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck immediately announcing that he would exercise every means to bring the man back to this county for trial.

Requisition papers were signed by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus in Raleigh yesterday and were later carried before Governor Peery, of Virginia, urging him to extradite Jones. A hearing is scheduled in Norfolk today, Sheriff Roebuck stating just before he left for the Virginia city that he hoped to bring the man back here for trial.

The news of the man's arrest was heard far and near, reports stating that Jones was wanted in Texas for the alleged theft of a car or cars. A warrant was received here yesterday from Sampson County asking that Jones be turned over to the authorities there after the law has run its course here. Charges similar to the ones brought in this county stand against Jones in Sampson County, it is understood.

## HOME OF GUARANTY BANK & TRUST CO.



For many years a banking center for this section, the old Farmers and Merchants Bank building here will be the scene of renewed activities next Wednesday when the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, a five million dollar institution, holds its formal opening there. Mr. A. G. Small is cashier of the new bank.

## Board To Consider Health Nurse Need

### RECEIVE CHECKS

A real Santa Claus right here in spring arrived today, and will start making his rounds next week among the tobacco farmers. Mr. Tom Brandon and his assistants will start next week delivering the first batch of tobacco parity checks to Martin farmers. All the checks are not in yet, but the amount on hand for distribution totals nearly \$128,000.00 or slightly more than half the entire sum due farmers in this county.

The agent said that farmers are being notified direct to call for their checks, and that no checks would be delivered until the farmer received a card and presented it at the office in the courthouse.

## Is Seriously Cut In Accident Near Here Wednesday

## Evans Perry Sustains Head Wound When Struck By Hatchet

Evans Perry, adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Perry, was dangerously cut on the head while working on a tobacco barn at his home near here on the Washington Road Wednesday. The cutting was accidental and is expected not to prove serious, Dr. Joseph Eason, attending physician, stated.

## All Cotton Growers in Gaston Sign Contracts

Practically every cotton grower in Gaston County will sign the cotton adjustment contract this season, according to views expressed by 1,170 men who attended the eight community meetings recently.

Haywood farmers estimate they need 5,000 more head of cattle in the county and have begun a pure bred breeding project.

## All Commercial Fishermen Warned To Get Licenses by County Warden

Commercial fishermen, that is, those fishermen who use nets of any kind to take fish for sale, will be required to procure proper licenses not later than April 3, County Game Warden Bill Abbott said yesterday. Those fishermen who take fish for their individual use alone from the Roanoke with nets are not required to purchase licenses, the game warden explaining that there are very few who do not fish on a commercial scale.

## GENERAL BELIEF IS THAT ACTION DEPENDS ON COST

## Representatives of Parent-Teacher Groups Will Sponsor Step

## Say Expense Small

The appeal for the county to employ a health nurse is recognized as the most important business scheduled for consideration by the Martin County Commissioners at their regular meeting next Monday. Representatives from several parent-teacher associations over the county are planning to direct the appeal to the commissioners at 2 o'clock that afternoon, according to plans advanced at a meeting of the county board of health and parent-teacher officers here a week ago. Other than the matter of employing a county health nurse only routine business is scheduled for consideration at the meeting Monday, Mr. Sam Getzinger, ex-officio clerk to the board, announced today.

No comment has been heard from members of the board in connection with the proposed health service, but it is generally believed that a majority, if not all, of them are familiar with the dire need for a nurse and even an all-time county health officer. Action in the matter will depend on the necessary costs, it is believed. Those interested in the service are of the opinion that the increased expense will be small, that the work will probably provide a greater return for the money expended than any other one agency in the county.

It is not known what tactics will be followed by the representatives in presenting their appeal to the commissioners, but it has been suggested that facts found in vital statistics records alone will more than substantiate a demand for a health nurse and an all-time health officer, too.

The outcome of the appeal is being quietly but eagerly awaited by those citizens who, for no direct fault of their own, have been forced to do without medical attention, and who, in many cases, have helplessly watched death strike prematurely in their homes.

With its limited provisions for safeguarding the public health, Martin (Continued on back page)

## LOOK FOR WATER RISE IN ROANOKE EARLY IN WEEK

## Will Probably Cause Cessation of Herring Fishing By Big Seines

Hardly before the old Roanoke River went back into its bounds information was received here yesterday that another freshet was in the making and could be expected here about next Tuesday, reaching about 12, or overflowing its banks to a depth of about 18 inches at that time. The river reached a crest of 34 feet in Weldon a day or two ago, the rise being the second reported within the past few days.

Seine fishing on the Roanoke at Jamesville has been at a standstill for a week, but operations are under way at Camp Point, a few miles below Jamesville. It might be that the Jamesville fishery will be able to operate some next week, but the high waters will inundate the battery and walk the latter part of the week. It might be the plant at Camp Point will continue its operations.

Reports from the lower fishery yesterday stated the catches of herring were running as high as 1,200 to 1,500 at a haul.

## Basketball Teams at Bear Grass Had Fine Season Just Closing

## Both Boys and Girls Have Good Records, Despite Inexperience

Organized for the first time in the history of the school, the Bear Grass school boys' and girls' basketball teams recently closed a very successful season, the girls winning 21 out of 26 games played, and the boys defeating 13 of the 18 teams played during the period.

The girls, in addition to their splendid record during the regular season, were runners-up in the county tournament and reached the semi-finals in a tournament at Greenville. They defeated teams in Washington, Beaufort, Bertie, Pitt, and Edgecombe and Martin Counties, scoring 520 points to their opponents' 140.

With four of the boys playing basketball for the first time in their lives, the boys' team made an excellent record, and, no doubt, will rank near the top in the sport next season.

The high school there has only about 65 pupils to choose its players from, but the quantity did not dampen the efforts of play. Patrons and friends of the school ably supported Coach Russell Martin and the team throughout the season.

## Farmer Stabbed By Colored Man

D. O. Bowen, white farmer living near here, was dangerously stabbed by Clyde Tyner, colored, last Tuesday following some misunderstanding or exchange of words, according to reports heard here. Following his arrest, Tyner stated that he was attacked by Bowen and his son, Mack Bowen, that he attempted to avoid any trouble, and that when he was cornered he drew his knife, striking the elder Bowen in the back twice. Tyner was released under a \$100 bond.

Attending doctors stated that one of the knife wounds barely missed puncturing the man.

## Methodists To Have One Service Sunday

Regular 11 o'clock service Sunday morning. No service at night. Night service will be held at Holly Springs at 7:30. Sunday school, 9:45.

## Begin Work Next Week On Courthouse Addition

Construction of the four-room addition to the Martin County courthouse was started Wednesday by Contractors Griffin and Gurkin. Construction of the addition, costing \$2,050, will be rushed to completion, and will, no doubt, be ready for occupancy long before the next regular term of court. The addition is expected to eliminate overcrowded conditions experienced at the courthouse for the past year or more.

## Bertie Growers Decide On One Cotton Strain

Bertie County cotton growers have decided on the Cleveland 844-4 strain as the major variety of cotton to be planted this year.

## Jury Awards Plaintiffs \$400 In Suit for \$65,000 Damages

### BEAR GRASS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM



Front row: Hildreth Rogerson, Elbert Rawls, Leon Hall Rawls, J. C. Rawls; second row: Leon Rogers, Bernard Harrison, Joseph Keel, and Dan Peel; standing: Principal Hickman and Coach Martin.

## COUNTY BOARD AWAITS ACTION BY LEGISLATURE

### Meeting of Educational Authorities Scheduled for Monday Postponed

Awaiting the passage by the legislature of the bill appointing members of county boards of education, the Martin County educational body will not hold its scheduled meeting next Monday, it was learned today from Mr. W. O. Griffin, chairman of the board.

Since the bill has not been passed, appointing one new member and three old ones to the board in this county, it was decided by the chairman that the business scheduled for next Monday can wait until action later. Notice has been given the members advising them no meeting will be held next Monday.

The passage of the bill will effect only one change in the board personnel in this county, Mr. George Griffin succeeding Mr. Eason Lilley, who wished to retire from the duties of the office. Messrs. J. T. Barnhill, E. H. Ange, and John W. Eubanks will be reappointed and Mr. Griffin appointed by the omnibus bill in its passage in the legislature. Mr. W. O. Griffin's term does not expire until the end of two more years.

Some consideration is being given the terms of the board members by Representative Horton in an effort to have only two vacancies at any one time. This could be done by creating terms of two years for two members, four years for two more, and six years for a fifth member.

### Local Highs Lose First Baseball Game of Season

Opening the season here yesterday afternoon, the Williamston high school baseball team lost to the Bear Grass nine 11 to 1, the visitors, led by E. Rawls, featuring with a costly hitting attack.

G. Peel worked on the mound for the visitors and J. Rawls caught. Strawbridge and Shaw formed the battery for the locals.

The locals are playing in Washington this afternoon and will meet the Greenville nine here next Tuesday.

## Judge Smith Is Accused by Douglass With Attempt To Start Nudist Colony

Aside from the general interest existing, spectators in the superior court were offered a bit of comedy here Wednesday afternoon when Attorney Douglass was closing the argument for the plaintiff in the \$65,000 damage suits against J. Lloyd Corey, referring to the actions of his legal opponent in the case, J. Calvin Smith, the Raleigh attorney said that if one or more witness had turned on Mr. Smith he would remove all his clothes and

## MEET OF COTTON GROWERS TO BE HELD ON APRIL 10

### M. G. Mann Will Address Association Members in County Courthouse

For the thirteenth consecutive year Martin County members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association will hold their annual meeting in the courthouse in Williamston Wednesday, April 10, at 2:30 o'clock, for the purpose of hearing from M. G. Mann, general manager, a report on the past year's operation.

Mr. Mann will discuss frankly the affairs of the association and will also point out the need for growing better cotton and will discuss production credit, the cotton market situation, and also the program of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange.

Members are invited to bring their friends and neighbors with them to the meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting members will elect delegates to the district convention, to be held later, and at which time candidates will be nominated for director of the district. The candidates will then be voted upon by the membership in the district and the one receiving the most votes will serve as director for the ensuing year.

The meeting in Williamston is one of a series of 33 that will be held during March and April. The association now has more than 18,000 members.

## To Prepare for City Election Next May

Meeting in regular session next Monday evening, the local town commissioners will make arrangements for holding an election of officers for the two-year term beginning the first of July. A registrar and election officials will be named and a registration ordered for the general election the first Tuesday in May. The commissioners will likely call a nominating convention to be held some time about the middle of next month.

As far as it could be learned today, no other business has been scheduled for consideration by the board at its Monday night meeting.

## ARGUE MOTION TO SET VERDICT ASIDE SATURDAY

### Decision Returned by Jury At 11:30 Thursday Morning

### Is Defense Victory

Roy Andrews, administrator, and H. F. Leavister, administrator, were each awarded \$200 damages by a Martin County Superior Court jury yesterday in their \$65,000 suit against J. Lloyd Corey, Pitt County farmer. The verdict, returned by the jury at 11:30 o'clock, came as a surprise, since the juryman found the defendant's agent, Ollie Page, negligent, and then determined the considered conservative damage. That the case is closed was far from certain today, the court having announced that a hearing would probably be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock on a motion to set the verdict aside. Plaintiff's attorneys were reluctant to comment on the verdict, withholding any statement about an appeal pending the outcome of the hearing tomorrow.

Raleigh attorneys appearing in the case, upon learning the verdict, were heard to whistle loudly, but what action they will take in the matter could not be learned.

The verdict, while considered favorable for the defense, unquestionably supports the state's claim in its criminal case against Ollie Page, driver of the truck claimed to have caused the death of John Leavister and Marshall Andrews, young white men.

Starting the case last Monday morning, the plaintiff and defense attorneys agreed to combine the \$50,000 suit brought by Administrator H. F. Leavister, father of John Leavister, who was killed in the wreck, and the \$15,000 suit brought by Roy Andrews, administrator of Marshall Andrews, the second victim to lose his life in the accident last September 6. A jury was easily chosen, neither side turning down more than two or three jury-men, and the \$65,000 combined suits were underway.

During all-day Monday and until 3:30 Tuesday afternoon an exhaustive examination of 39 witnesses was underway, the plaintiffs calling 15 and the defense 24 witnesses. Two of the defense witnesses turned out to be more for the plaintiffs, causing Attorney Smith to shed his coat and call

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## Number From Here Planning To Attend Meet in Greensboro

### Baptist Men To Hold Two-Day Session in Gate City Tuesday, Wednesday

A number of men from the Memorial Baptist church here are planning to go to Greensboro Tuesday and Wednesday to attend the sessions of the men's meeting of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention, which holds its 2-day sessions in the First Baptist church of that city, of which Dr. J. Clyde Turner is pastor.

This gathering, the first state-wide meeting of Baptist men ever held in the state, was projected at the New Bern annual gathering of the denomination last November. One thousand men are expected to march upon Greensboro Tuesday from all sections of the state to hear a program that is laden with interest and a battery of speakers from within, and without, the state that represents some of the best platform talent in the denomination.

Among the speakers are J. L. Kraft, Chicago, who comes at his own expense; R. N. Simms, Raleigh lawyer; J. T. Henderson, Knoxville business man; Dr. Zeno Wall, president of the North Carolina Baptist convention; Tom Avera, Rocky Mount layman; M. A. Huggins, Raleigh, who is general secretary of the convention; Dr. W. L. Poteat, Wake Forest; Dr. Walt N. Johnson, Mars Hill; and a number of other men representing the best talent in the denomination.

### Episcopal Services for Sunday Are Announced

Church school at 9:45. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. A week's preaching mission will begin Sunday night at St. Martin's church in Hamilton.