

Nomination Conceded To Robert L. Coburn

T. B. Attmore Issues Statement Declining To Ask 2nd Primary

Only Candidates for State Offices To Be Voted On In County July 4th

Robert L. Coburn, Martin man who captured second position in the June 6 primary for one of the second district's two seats in the State Senate, but who failed to get a majority, was conceded the nomination when T. B. Attmore, third high candidate, said in a written statement that he would not ask a run-off. Mr. Attmore's action, although delayed to almost the last minute, substantiates predictions made week before last that he would not ask for a second primary.

The withdrawal by Mr. Attmore from further participation in the contest for senator chops off considerable interest in the primary July 4, when Martin voters will have only the state ticket to consider. The elimination of a second contest for senator will, it is believed by some, reduce the second primary vote by one-third or more of the county recorded the 6th of this month.

Mr. Attmore's statement reads: "In the primary election held on June 6th, I am advised that Mr. Coburn received only 271 votes more than I did as a candidate for the state senate from the second district.

"The State Board of Elections has advised me that I can ask for a second primary with Mr. Coburn. Many Democrats all over the district have asked me to enter a second primary with Mr. Coburn, but it is my judgment that inasmuch as Beaufort County will have one senator that it would not be fair to the other counties for this county to have more than one senator. Senator Coburn is my personal friend, is a gentleman and will well represent our people. I am grateful for the fine support I received, but I decline to ask for a second primary."

Reports received here following the first primary indicate Mr. Attmore was greatly disappointed in the support accorded him by Martin voters. However, as far as it can be learned here, no open denunciation has been directed against anyone or any political group as a result of the outcome.

Henry C. Lilley Passes Saturday

Henry C. Lilley, well-known young man, died at his home in Bear Grass Township last Saturday following a long illness. High blood pressure and resulting complications caused death.

Mr. Lilley, 26 years old, was the son of Stubbs Lilley. He married several years ago and is survived by his widow and two children.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville. Interment was in the Lilley cemetery in Griffins Township.

Mrs. Geo. W. Reason Dies Near Hamilton

Mrs. George W. Reason, 22 years old, died at her home near Hamilton last Friday following a period of failing health. She was a Miss Whitehurst before marriage.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. James Purvis, and interment was in the Scott burial ground near Hassell.

While the last rites were being conducted for Mrs. Reason her baby, just a few days old, died. Burial was beside its mother.

Fire Company Gets Call Early Yesterday Morning

The local volunteer fire company had its first call in several weeks yesterday morning at 12:30 o'clock, when fire destroyed the Chevrolet sedan of William Stokes, colored, at his home between the Roanoke-Dixie and Planters Tobacco Warehouses. When discovered, the fire was blazing through the top of the car and was about to catch the old two-story frame house. Some one pushed the machine from in front of the house to the Planters Warehouse, but no damage was done to either structure.

SENATE NOMINEE



Holding second place in the recent primary, Robert L. Coburn, local man, has been conceded the nomination to the state senate without entering a second contest. Mr. Coburn and Mr. William B. Rodman, of Washington, will doubtless represent the second district in the state senate next term, beginning in January.

BOARD URGED TO REMOVE OFFICER AT ONE PRECINCT

County Elections Officials Investigating Charge In Hamilton Today

Complaints growing out of the June 4 primary were directed to the chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections last week-end, when a petition was filed asking the removal of Mr. John A. Davenport as registrar in Hamilton precinct. The petition, carrying the names of 20 citizens in the precinct, has not been made public, but it is understood the paper attacks the character of the registrar and charges him with misconduct in handling the primary election early this month. Rumors, heard here from indirect sources, indicated counter charges were likely to be considered; action in the case pending a hearing by the county board of elections in Hamilton today.

It was said the Board had advised Mr. Davenport to resign, but no request for such action, if any, would be considered by the authorities until after the hearing today.

While the matter may be amicably settled at the hearing today, it is possible that the petition will be given a complete airing before a called meeting of the county board of elections later, according to Mr. Peel, chairman.

Action was said to have been started when the registrar allegedly delegated the task of marking tickets to himself, and cleared the polling place of others who might have participated, it was said.

The investigation of the charges brought against Mr. Davenport at Hamilton is likely to reach into other precincts, an official of the elections board explaining that informal complaints had been received from voters in at least one other precinct in the county. Facts in the latter case are being withheld, pending a preliminary investigation of the sources where the complaints are alleged to have been created.

The action started in the two precincts is contrary to reports on the conduct of the election heard here a few days after June 4th. However, the original reports probably limited information to fictitious action rather than to any irregularities in voting methods and any other passive happenings at the polls.

Typhoid Campaign Gets Off To Good Start Despite Rain

Martin County's anti-typhoid campaign was off to a good start Monday, despite unfavorable weather conditions, according to information received from two or three of the dispensaries. More than 600 men, women and children, mostly children, took the vaccine at Sandy Ridge and Farm Life, reports stated, and large numbers were at Jamesville and Oak City.

Reports of typhoid cases are being received in adjoining counties already, but so far no cases have been reported in this county.

Today the clinics are being held

Small Increase in County Property Listings

1935 and 1936 County Property Listings, by Townships

The following tabulations show, by townships, the 1935 and 1936 valuations of real and personal property values in Martin County, separately and collectively, the increase in total valuations over the 1935 listings, and also the percentage of increase or decrease by townships. The figures are subject to minor change and do not include corporations listings. Five townships show losses in their personal property values, and two a decrease in real property listings. Asterisk (*) indicates loss. All others are gains.

TOWNSHIPS:	PERSONAL PROPERTY				REAL ESTATE				TOTAL VALUES			
	1935	1936	Gain-Loss	Pct.	1935	1936	Gain-Loss	Pct.	1935	1936	Gain-Loss	Pct.
Jamesville	\$ 192,421	\$ 186,850	\$ 5,571*	2.89*	\$ 645,905	\$ 645,970	\$ 65	.01	\$ 838,326	\$ 832,820	\$ 5,506*	.65*
Williams	45,685	42,530	3,155*	6.91*	247,137	245,690	1,447*	.58*	292,822	288,220	4,602*	1.39*
Griffins	181,272	190,018	8,746	4.82	355,802	357,721	1,919	1.10	535,074	547,739	12,665	2.36
Bear Grass	163,283	157,905	5,378*	3.29*	378,058	384,428	6,370	1.15	542,341	542,333	8*	.01*
Williamston	500,028	589,053	89,025	17.80	1,354,280	1,411,554	57,274	4.23	1,854,308	2,000,607	146,299	7.88
Cross Roads	101,873	95,588	6,285*	6.17*	424,425	427,740	3,315	.78	526,298	525,328	970*	.18*
Robersonville	589,472	576,242	13,230*	2.24*	1,357,836	1,369,397	11,561	.85	1,947,308	1,945,639	1,669*	.09*
Goose Nest	192,183	192,339	156	.08	898,123	912,555	14,432	1.61	1,090,306	1,104,894	14,588	1.34
Hamilton	159,336	163,643	4,307	2.70	645,710	644,235	1,475*	.23*	805,046	807,878	2,832	.35
Poplar Point	62,679	67,204	4,525	7.22	232,487	235,337	2,850	1.23	295,166	302,541	7,375	2.50
County Totals	\$2,188,232	\$2,261,372	\$ 73,140	3.34	\$6,538,763	\$6,634,627	\$ 95,864	1.46	\$8,727,395	\$8,895,999	\$168,604	1.93

CHILD WELFARE TOPIC AT MEET HELD FRIDAY

County Health Department Also Discussed at Joint Session of Boards

The first joint meeting of the Martin County Welfare Board and the Child Welfare Advisory Committee was held last Friday morning in the courthouse. Mr. J. C. Manning, superintendent of public welfare, presided. He challenged the group with a presentation of the need in this county of a health department. He told of the opportunity of getting financial help through the social security funds for the establishment of such a department to meet the dire medical problems existing in the county. He stated that Martin County, this summer, would spend approximately \$4,000 for the typhoid immunization campaign and that with a great deal less expenditure a full-fledged health department with a doctor, sanitary officer, and two nurses could be operated for a full year and the advantage of treatment of numerous other diseases would be available. He pointed out with emphasis the wisdom of launching such a plan while there is the chance of securing aid from the state and federal governments.

It was agreed that every member of the board and the committee would endeavor to carry on an educational program in the county to arouse public consciousness, that Mr. Manning would contact the proper source to see if the available aid could be secured so that the project might be a permanent one. If this is possible the group will lay the plan before the board of commissioners.

Mr. William J. Wingate, field supervisor of social work for the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, was present and presented two plans which the state board requests Martin County to accept in order for it to become a standard welfare department. These plans are being offered to those counties in the state which do not have a full-time welfare department with a full-time superintendent of public welfare. Mr. Wingate said: "In order to derive the full benefits of the social security funds for this state, the state board is most anxious that the above counties accept one of the two plans." The first and wiser plan is that of appointing a superintendent of public welfare. A case worker for the department and a clerk is also needed. These staff members would comprise an organized standard welfare department. The state will pay one-half the salary of the superintendent and the case worker and half of their expenses, as well as \$25 toward the clerk's salary. The other is to be assumed by the county. The other plan resembles the set-up of the welfare department as it is, with J. C. Manning acting as superintendent of welfare and Miss Selma Ayers

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Series Farm Meetings To Be Held Nightly for Two Weeks

Rain interrupted preliminary efforts toward perfecting a soil conservation organization in this county Monday night, when it was found necessary to cancel a meeting at Robersonville, the first of a series scheduled in the county during this and next week.

The organization program will go forward at a meeting in the courthouse here this evening at 8 o'clock. Other meeting dates are as follows: Wednesday, June 24, Bear Grass; Thursday, June 25, Hassell; Friday, June 26, Oak City; Monday,

Three Negro Boys Held for Robbery Of Warehouse Here

Half of \$175 Stolen from FCX Safe Recovered Saturday Night

Harry M. and William Brown and Jack Whitley, all young colored boys, were arrested in Windsor last Saturday night and formally charged in Mayor J. L. Hassell's court here yesterday with the robbery of the Farmers' Cooperative Exchange warehouse on Railroad Street here early last Thursday night. Caught in a Windsor pool room by Officer J. H. Ahsbrook and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Windsor officers, the trio admitted the crime when returned here and carried before the trial justice for preliminary hearing. While they confessed entering the warehouse and carrying the small safe to a near-by lot, all three of the boys denied reaching into the iron box for the cash. About one-half of the \$175 in cash stolen from the safe was recovered, but two or three checks representing small amounts and some records could not be found, the boys explaining that they probably were blown away.

The warehouse was entered about 9 o'clock last Thursday night, the robbers tearing off the lock to a side door. Officers centered their investigation on the boys, but no definite clues were established until Saturday night, when the young robbers started purchasing suits of clothes. When the three learned the officers were on their trail, they hired some one to take them to Windsor, where they were arrested a short while later.

Unable to raise bond in the sum of \$500 each, all three of the boys, Harry M. Brown, 17; William Brown and Jack Whitley, both 16 years of age, were ordered jailed to await trial in the superior court next September.

Local Man's Car Damaged In Wreck Sunday Evening

Considerable damage was done to the machine but no one was hurt when Mr. R. D. Taylor's car was sideswiped by a reckless colored driver near Currituck Courthouse early last Sunday evening. The front axle of the Taylor car was badly twisted and the left of the body was battered.

Commission Urged to Pave Jamesville-Old Ford Route

Carrying a lengthy petition urging the paving of the road from Jamesville to Old Ford, via Hardison Mill, leading citizens from Jamesville and Griffins Townships were given a hearing by the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission in Raleigh last Friday. The delegation leaders well presented their case, but the commission took no action and offered little or no comment, it was said.

MARTINS WON 5 OUT OF 6 GAMES IN WEEK'S PLAY

Now Within Half Game of Top Position In Coastal Plain Standings

Registering five wins, four of them at the expense of the strong Ayden game, and only one loss during the third week of play, Peahack Walker's Martins annexed second place in Coastal Plain league standings, and are now bidding for the head position with 11 victories and 7 losses, the Martins are trailing the league leading Greens by only one-half game, and a show down for the top rung is expected today and tomorrow when the two teams are scheduled to meet.

SUMMER BEGINS

Summer, by the calendar, and by the weather, too, arrived last Sunday morning at 9:20 o'clock, bringing with it the longest day of the year. While the day was typical of summer all right, rains and cooler weather pushed the season temporarily into the background yesterday and today. Smoke was seen rising from a chimney here and there to cut off a chilling edge. The lapse in summer weather activities will be short, for there have been hot times during the summers in years past, and there will be plenty of hot days in the years to come, no doubt.

Local and County Officers Had Busy Week-End Period

Nine People Arrested and Placed In Jail To Await Action of Courts

Making nine arrests and conducting several liquor raids, local and county officers yesterday reported a busy week-end. The liquor raids, conducted in Jamesville, Williams, and Hamilton Townships, proved fruitless, but Deputy J. H. Roebuck barely escaped with his life when an alleged liquor dealer in Hamilton threw a half gallon jar of spirits out of the window and missed the officer's head by inches.

The arrests included three young men charged with the robbery of the FCX warehouse here and Jack Oakley in Cross Roads.

Robert Winbush, young negro, was arrested here for carrying a concealed weapon. Officers, making the arrest, learned after questioning him that he stole the pistol from Farmer Daniel Gardner, near here, sometime ago. Winbush denied stealing about 100 pounds of hams from the farmer about the time the pistol was stolen.

Jeff Whitehurst was arrested for being drunk here. John Edmonds, Everetts colored man, was arrested there to face a similar charge. Ed Briley, Everetts colored man, was jailed to await removal to a hospital for the insane.

Bollie Council, colored man of Hassell, was arrested for drunken driving following a wreck on the Hamilton road early Sunday morning.

Wet Season Now Menace To Crops In This Section

Threatened by dry weather up until a few days ago, farm crops in this section are now facing what may prove an even more serious condition caused by a wet season. Up until noon today more rain had fallen in this section during June than in any month since last July. The heaviest rain of the month fell yesterday and last night, the weather station placing it at 2.31 inches, bringing the total for the month so far to 7.36 inches.

County Rate To Be Fixed on Valuation Total of \$11,000,000

Increase In Values Is Not Expected To Decrease Tax Rate Much

Martin County will have a property valuation of just about \$11,000,000 to base its 1936 tax rate on, according to a preliminary survey made unofficially of the listings turned in by the 10 township list-takers recently. Corporation values, placed at \$2,163,352 last year, were accepted in the preliminary survey without variation pending their certification to the county authorities by the corporation commission in the near future. The figures, while subject to change, show a valuation of \$8,895,999 for personal and real property listed by the local taxing authorities, the corporation tax increasing the figure to \$11,059,351, based on 1935 corporation listings.

Compared with a gain of more than 8 per cent last year, the values this year are considerably less, the 1936 gain representing less than 2 per cent over the 1935 values. However, it was expected the valuation this year would actually show a decrease because of a change effected in the tax laws by the last general assembly. The legislature increased the list of possible exemptions, and while the change probably accounts for decreases in personal property listings in five townships, the increase in the five others is a bit difficult to understand, especially in those districts having only farm property. For instance, Griffins and Poplar Point reported sizeable gains in percentage, and those two districts are strictly agricultural.

Despite personal property losses in Jamesville, Williams, Bear Grass, Cross Roads and Robersonville, the values on this type of property show a gain of \$73,140, the total personal property listings standing at \$2,261,372, as compared with \$2,188,232 last year. Williamston Township led the gains with an increase of \$89,025, or 17.80 per cent. Poplar Point, one of the smallest townships in the county, had an increase of 7.22 per cent, or \$4,525 above its 1935 personal property listings. Griffins and Hamilton had a good increase. Over in Williams, where a few dollars make a big difference in the percentage column, there was a decrease of nearly 7 per cent. Cross Roads had a drop of slightly more than 6 per cent, while Jamesville and Robersonville were under by between 2 and 3 per cent their 1935 personal listings.

In the real estate column, all but two townships, Williams and Hamilton, show gains, some fairly large, but most of them small. The decrease was a fraction of 1 per cent while the next increase fell slightly under the 1.2 per cent mark.

Williamston again led the list with a gain of \$57,274, or 4.23 per cent. Goose Nest was second with a gain of \$14,432, an increase that probably is the high spot in the listings, both personal and real, in the entire county. The actual gain in real values after deducting the nearly \$3,000 combined loss in Williams and Hamilton, amounts to \$95,864, or 1.46 per cent more than the 1935 real property values.

The combined personal and real values dropped in five townships, Jamesville, Williams, Bear Grass, Cross Roads, and Robersonville, but the other districts overcame those losses and made possible a total increase of \$168,604, or just about 1.93 per cent over the 1935 total values.

Getting down to the meat of the coconut, taxpayers will find very little reduction possible in the tax rate, as far as the increase in values will affect the levy. The increase in values will raise about \$2,500, and, other things being equal, may effect a cent or cent and a half reduction.

The figures offered here and in the table appearing in this paper are preliminary, and while they reflect some rather marked variations in listing, a detailed survey of them may account for the changes.

That some idea may be gained of the trend of valuations, the listings of this and the past two years are given, as follows: personal property values, 1934, \$1,604,814; 1935 \$2,188,232; 1936, \$2,261,372; real property values, 1934, \$6,444,848; 1935, \$6,538,763; 1936, \$6,634,627.

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Colored Woman Is Hurt in Wreck

Fannie Brayboy, local colored woman, suffered a broken arm and internal injuries about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, when the automobile in which she was riding with Bollie Council, colored, of Hassell, and Lena Roberson and a young colored boy crashed into a ditch bank and turned over near Mill Branch on the Hamilton road. She was removed to a Washington hospital, where she is expected to recover. None of the others was hurt, it was said.

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Regular Masonic Meeting Here Tonight at 8 O'clock

There will be a regular meeting of Skewarke Lodge, No. 90, A. F. and A. M., at the Masonic Hall tonight at 8 p. m. Members and visiting Masons are urged to attend.