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Town Board Holds Here Last Evening

Orders Laying of \$400.00 Water Line Extension on Smithwick Street

ton's town com Lindsley making a hurried return from Florida fishing grounds to attend the session. A short business ndar was before the authorities and it was handled in less than an

Receiving complaints about the dumping of rubbish and garbage near the grammar school grounds the board ordered the practice stop ped at that point, and instruction were given to have the rubbish hea covered with dirt. Town trash will be mped near the river in the future The warm weather during the pas few days stirred the flies to action and the school rooms were filled with them at times, it was pointed

The board ruled that it had no authority to meet the request of Mrs. Fannie Staton who, after pointing out several reasons, asked that she be relieved of \$100 town taxes.

A relief order was granted N. C. Stone when it was pointed out to the board that the property in question was just outside the town limits.

A \$400 water line extension was ordered to connect the lines between mons Avenue and Grace Street The connection was ruled necessary after the water department superintendent, R. E. Manning, pointed out that the present system on Grace street and Smithwick street, extended, did not provide adequate fire protection to the property there. At the present time the territory is served fro ma four-inch line connect ing at Simmons avenue on Haughton Street and forming a dead end down Haughton, to Grace Street and down that street to Smithwick and then to the high school building, a dis tance of possibly more than 1,500 feet. Arrangements are to be made for the immediate laying of the con-

Big Sports Program

There will be plenty of action in the local gymnasium next Friday night when the three games arranged for the benefit of the high school bill when Irving Margolis, manager accepting the challenge to "combat" through basketball, said that the group. Kiwanians would fight to the last The event attracted J. R. Walker, mored that Doc Mercer, George Harrison and John Pope are being groomed for play in the closing minutes if the amateurs fail to save the day for Kiwanis. A lively contest may be expected in this game.

In the second contest grammar the assistance of several former high school players will do battle with the high school girls. Josephine Harri-son, Mildred Talley, Dorcas Knowles, Mrs. Charles Godwin, Coaches Rebecca Harrison and Mary Forte Carroll, Mary Exum Kinsey, Mrs. Dick Daniel, Mrs. Lela Roebuck Cowan, Mary Carstarphen and others will of fer the opposition to the local girls.

In the nightcap Farm Life boys will play the boys' team of Williamston high school.

Washington County Boy Is Accidentally Killed

The first hunting fatality in thi section of the State this year was reported near Creswell yesterday when Claude Brinn, Jr., accidentally shot himself and bled to death within three hours.

Brinn, about 16 years old, had topped at a friend's house to rest, ed to raise his gun from the ground The hammer is believed to have his the edge of the porch and the entire load of shot tore into his thigh.

County Insurance Exchange In Monthly Meeting Here

The Martin County Insurance Ex change held its regular monthly ing in the offices of Harriso and Carstarphen here last evening everal visiting agents were pre-

The exchange will hold its next neeting in March in Robersonville.

Street Commission Will Hold Little Likelihood Its Regular Session | Hearing Here on February 16

damage, if any, the opening of a the amount too high. street will cause to the Cherry
property near Smithwick street and exception to the order of the court the railroad track leading to the appointing the new commission, the held their regular monthly meeting river, is scheduled to hold a hearing defense counsel maintaining that o'clock on the site, it was announc- the parties and about the same subed last Saturday following a hear- ject matter. The court overruled the ing in the office of the clerk of court for Martin County. W. O. Griffin, J. action was pending. An appeal to the E. King, and J. O. Manning have high courts was noted, but that is been officially named on the committee, Mr. Griffin serving instead of Mr .B. F. Perry as was first sug-

> A commission, appointed some time ago to appraise the damage the Marshall avenue

ed to appraise the counsel and authorities considering

not expected to interfere with the work scheduled for the commission

It is proposed to extend Smithwick street straight across the Cherry property and have it connect with

LIFESAVERS

Unemployment in su rance cheeks were recognized as life-savers by 52 former employees of the Columbian Peanut Company here this week. Out of work since the latter part of last year, the 52 people, mostly col-ored women, handled their first money in months. The checks average in amount hardly in ex-cess of \$2, and although small they are coming in mighty han-

The unemployment office here is handling a goodly number of the insurance checks, nearly 600 applications have been received to date, Mr. John Enright said

Texaco Dealers In **Big Meeting Here** Last Friday Night

Formulate Plans for Business Expansion During Present Year

Meeting in the high school gymna am here last Friday evening. the Harrison Oil Company's one big family of 250 Texaco dealers and assistants listened with marked interest to plans for a continued business Here Friday Night increase during the current year. tin and Bertie Counties and a few from Bethel, the Texaco dealers formed new friendships among their group, and enjoyed a big barbecue supper plus all the trimmings. Arleams are played Service clubs will ranged by Messrs. George and Gus furnish the "highlight" of the triple Harrison, the event proved an entertaining affair, and brought toof the Lions, sends his team against a team made up of Kiwanians. Harcom Grimes, Kiwanian manager, in in six years. The large auditorium was necessary to accommodate the

ditch in an effort to gain athletic supremacy. Since plans for the manager of the district comprising of labor and industry from a Wash-R. W. Debdman, J. K. Pannill, J. D. Woodward, his assistants, all of Norfolk. Miles L. Clark, representative of the company with headquarters in Elizabeth City, was also present. The visitors expressed themselves as be-Bertie Texaco family, and were impressed with their sales record and their interest in offering an adequate and willing service to the mo-

toring public. Addressing the meeting, Mr. Woodward explained that the Texas Company holds a ranking position in the trade with quality products. "We know we have the quality, and I want to stress the importance of making available the most efficient, courteous and complete service to the customers possible at all times," he said.

The company is planning an enlarged program of activity during this year, it was pointed out by the visiting officials who appealed to the dealers to offer every cooperation in their power to make it successful from the standpoint of everyone.

During the past six years, the Harrison Oil Company has experienced increasing annual sales, "and we are looking forward to 1938 as being the best year in our history," Mr. G. H Harrison said following the meeting "We are doing everything in ou power to give the motoring public their money's worth for every penny spent at one of our stations, plus a courteous and efficient service at

That Texaco is gaining in popularity and now comp sition in the oil and gasoline fields mately 2,000 machines contin in this section is evidenced by the operation throughout eastern North istributors. Business has more than Possibly a ruling will be handed oubled during the past six years, down by the district judge within a nd more than 50 Texaco stations few days, but it is possible the issues have been added to the long list in will be undecided during several

Martin County Has 289 Unemployed Persons At Present

Control of Hours and Wages Is Seen As Remedy for Unemployment

Martin County has 289 persons to tally unemployed and who want to work, 89 employed in Federal emergency projects and 364 who are partly employed and desire more work, according to the census on total and partial unemployment recently made public in Washington. In the entire State there are 205,110 men and women who are entirely or partially unemployed or are working on WPA, NYA, CCC or other emergency work. Figures for the nation show 5,821,035 totally unemployed and desiring work, 2,001,877 emergency workers and 3,209,211 part. time workers who need additional employment, making a grand total of more than 11 million men and women in the army of unemployed and partly employed.

Legislative proposals to control hours and wages by the Federal government are now pending in Washington and are advocated by their sponsors as a remedy for unemployment. However, many labor leaders fear that the application of Federal administrative law to wage rates hours of work, and working conditions would have the opposite effect and prevent normal, peaceful negotiations between labor and employer. This threatened deprivation of freedom led the American Federation of Labor to oppose basic provisions in the proposed fair labor standards bill in the last session of Congress and brought forth the following declaration from a high Federation official in an address delivered in Philadelphia last December: "Labor is unalterably opposed to any department of government attempting to control or direct the relations well founded for the power to fix a minimum wage either carries with it or will lead to the authority to fix all his life. maximum wages and the gradation

Employers of labor in a recent that the passage of any such legislation would result in serious economic disturbances, create more unemployment, and would in effect place both labor and industry under bureaucratic control. This conference also pointed out that every similar effort to control wages and hours by law in foreign countries signally failed except under complete dictatorships and then with a total loss of freedom of action by labor and lower living standards

Farm groups oppose Federal con trol of hours and wages on the ground that the inevitable increase in production costs would result in lower price the farmer receives for his raw materials and an increased price for the finished products he purchases. Southern Congressmen led the fight which block. ed passage of this measure.

Judge Meekins Delays His Ruling On Slot Machines

Judge I. M. Meekins, scheduled rule yesterday on the legality of the slot machine, "silent salesman," de layed action pending the submission of briefs by plaintiff and defen counsel in connection with a ruling by the supreme court recently.

During the meantime, approx

Vet Hospital Will

Recent Ruling Almost Certain to Leave Williamston Outside Site Area

While all hope for having the mil n and half dollar veterans hospital located in Williamston has i been abandoned, chances of having the institution placed here were considered more doubtful following ruling announced during the week end by General Frank T. Hines, Vet erans' Administrator. It was point ed out in the ruling that the site for the new hospital will be considered in connection with the relative distances to Norfolk, where hospitalization is available to former service men. With one exception, Williams. ton is nearer Norfolk than any other town bidding for the new hospi-tal.

Local people continue sending appeals to Congressman Warren, urging him to have Williamston consid ered as a site for the hospital. However, it is quite apparent that General Hines will have much to say in

General Hines has informed all nquirers that the first step will be to determine the area within which the hospital will be located, with reference to distances from the hos. pitals at Norfolk, Va. When the area is determined, all towns in the area will be visited and hearings conbe held in Washington.

General Hines told Mr. Warren that after a thorough study had been made in his office, an area of the State would be designated and included in a circle. No towns outside of the circle would be considered. After the area has been designated, a board will be appointed to visit the area and will conduct hearevery town within the circle would be given the opportunity to present its claims. General Hines informed Mr. Warren that it would be useless for delegations to come to Washington, as their claims could not be considered there.

The bill carrying the appropria tion has not yet become law, and the money for the construction of the hospital will not be available until after July 1. No town will know if it is eligible for consideration until the area has been determined definitely.

J. W. Griffin Dies In County Friday

John W. Griffin, Martin County farmer, died at his home in the Spring Green section of Poplar Point Township, last Friday afternoon following a long period of illness. Mr. Griffin, apparently as well as usual, in a chair and died suddenly. He was 68 years old and lived in this county

He was the son of the late R. F. of wages between the minimlum and and Polly Knox Griffin. He leaves til about May 10. the following children, Mrs. Fred Clark, Misses Allie and Carrie Grifmeeting in New Orleans declared fin, Thomas and Joseph Griffin, all Basketball Tourney of this county, and Mrs W S Faton of Tarboro, and Mrs. Harry Jones, of To Start Next Week Williamston. His wife who was a Miss Cooper before marriage, died in 1932

Funeral services were conducted home farm. He was a member of the Baptist church in Everetts.

Time Magazine Man Kills Turkey And Quits County the following schedule:

John Stewart Martin, Time Magazine founder and editor, quit the county last week-end after bagging a wild turkey in the lowland, near here. Hunting in this community since the early part of last month, Mr. Martin pointed out that he would not leave until he bagged a wild turkey. Daily he saw numbers of the birds, but they managed to stay beyond gun range or find safety with. Jamesville-Bear Grass game. in gun range in more than one instance. Finally out of a drove of about 14 turkeys, he bagged one.

CLUB MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Williamston Woman's Club will be held Wednesday afternoon, February ninth at 3:30 o'clock in the club room. Mrs. E. F. Moseley, president will preside and Miss Jane Parker will give a talk on "The Restoration of Williamsburg." Every mem-ber is requested to be present.

First Herring Caught County Board Of Be Located Here At Jamesville Friday

'Key to Smokehouse' Is Found Last Friday By Tilmon Coltrain

Preparations for Big Season Will Get Underway in **Next Few Weeks**

Dipping the first 1938 herring fron he Roanoke at Jamesville last Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock, Til mon Coltrain is credited with having found the "key to Martin County" smokehouse" and turning attention again to one of this section's bigges industries. The catch this year comes about seventeen days behind the péning a year ago when U. S. Hassell and Carl Martin dipped three of the fish from the stream at Jamesville. Using a dip net, young Coltrain, son of the veteran fisherman and hunter, Mr. Ira T. Coltrain, caught the fish in a comparatively short time.

The news of the catch is well received by thousands who have no meat or even a smokehouse to store meat in. As the farmer looks to his removed from the farm look to the Roanoke herring for their main source of food, and the main fishducted on the spot. No hearings will ing season is eagerly looked forward to each year. Herring and griddle corn bread furnish the brawn and muscle for large numbers who do hard manual labor at low wages, and at the same time the fish is a recognized delicacy on thousands of tables throughout the land. A successful fishing season in the Roanoke is about the best insurance known to all classes against hunger during the

The catch by young Coltrain car ries double significance in that it gives notice of the approaching season and that fish are expected to pass through the pulp mill refuse in the lower part of this county unhampered. Many entertained fears that the acids from the plant would turn the fish back.

Reports from the several points along the Roanoke state that the fishermen are already making extensive preparations for the coming eason, that a good year in the industry is expected. A fair season was reported last year, but the two preceding seasons were disappointing to the fishery operators.

A continuance of the springtime weather felt in this section over the week end is expected to start the and they will be on sale within a few days, no doubt. The first sales generally command a price of five cents straight, the market dropping as a rule overnight to six fish for a quarter. The average price for the season ranges around a penny each.

along in early April, but the seines are placed in operation about the middle of March, depending upon weather conditions, and continue un-

Arrangements for a county basket ball tournament were completed at by Rev. E. C. Shoe last Saturday af- a meeting of the several high school ternoon at 3 o'clock, and interment athletic coaches in the Williamston was in the family cemetery on the school building last Friday afternoon. Coaches Edwards, of Williamston; Leidy of Robersonville; Martin of Jamesville, Vann, of Bear Grass, and Kilgo, of Farm Life, prepared February 16.

7:00 Bear Grass boys vs. Rober. onville boys. 8:00 Jamesville girls vs. Bear Grass girls.

9:00 Farm Life boys vs. Williams ton boys. February 17. 7:00 Jamesville boys vs. winner

9:00 Robersonville girls vs. Farm Life girls. February 18. 8:00 Winners of girls' games

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Bear Grass-Robersonville game.

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Ill At His Home Here

Mr. W. T. Hunter, one of the own's oldest and most highly refined to his bed for several weeks. | ed 17-8.

NEARING END

nearing an end, County Game Warden Abbitt pointing out to-day that next Monday, February 14, was the last day that quail can be taken legally. Hunting on Tuesday, February 15, is illegal and anyone taking quail on or after that day is subject to arrest

Warden Abbitt also pointed out that Sunday hunters are subject to prosecution, that the law prohibiting hunting on the Sabbath would be strictly enforced in this county in the fu-ture. It is not illegal to fish on Sunday, however.

Paul Clemmons, 50, **Explosion Victim,** Dies Monday Noon

Two Sons Injured in Explosion that Wrecked Building, Recovering

Paul Clemmons, local colored man, died in a Washington hospital yesterday about noon from injuries received in an explosion that wrecked the Star Light Inn, colored cafe Washington street here, and nearly cost the lives of his two ago. The man's death was described as horrible

Scalded from his head almost to is feet, Clemmons as soon as he was examined following the accident, was given only one chance out of a hundred to recover, and for ten days he suffered almost unbearable pain. The flesh began disintegrating before death came, reports reaching here from the hospital where he was removed following the explosion,

Clemmons, a veteran of the World War, had cooked in local cafes for a long number of years, and had just completed arrangements to open a people when the tragedy struck and ost him his life.

The explosion, shaking houses nore than a mile away, partially wrecked the foundation of the building and scattered timbers and glass over an area of several hundred yards. The tank itself was found several hundred feet from the small one story building. Clemmons had just started a fire in the stove used for heating hot water a short time the sale of a site in Jamesville. before, and frozen pipes under the from backing into the water lines.

be conducted tomorrow afternoon, to be held on March 7, the board reand the burial will follow in the serving the right to reject any or all cemetery just off the Washington highway.

Williamston Churches Organize Choral Club

The Williamston Choral Club held its organization meeting at the Woman's club Monday night. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Jim Smith, directer; Mrs. Wheeler Martin, assistant director; Mrs. K. P. Lindsley, pianist; Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, secretary and treasurer.

Meetings will be held each Mon day night and the dues are only five

Drunk Wanders Into Home And Retires Early Sunday

Esse Moore, colored man, wande ed into the George Moore home or Smithwick street about two o'clock Sunday morning and retired on a day bed. Mr. Moore called police and they found the drunken negro asleep

No trespass charge was brough! against the intruder, but he was booked on a drunken and disorderly charge, and the court fined him \$7,

Locals Lose Doubleheader To Robersonville High

Both of the local teams were the short end of the score in gan spected residents, continues quite ill played in Robersonville last Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. night. The girls lost by a score of Joe Godard, here. He has been con. 16 to 23, and the boys were defeat.

Commissioners In **Meeting Monday**

Set Machinery in Motion for Issuance of Road Refunding Bonds

Holding their regular monthly neeting Monday, the Martin Coun y commissioners were in session until late afternoon handling a varied business calendar that had to do with road bonds, property values, jurymen for the next term of court and the inspection of reports and current bills. Final action was taken in only a few cases, however.

The motion to issue \$50,000 refundng road bonds in Cross Roads Township is recognized as the foundation for clearing the huge debt over a long period of years. No schedule of payments was advanced, and final action will possibly have to await a special act in the legislature. It is sible for the county to purchase investment and underwrite them at a cheaper rate of interest to taxpayers in Cross Roads Township. Since the original bond issue amount s not being increased, it is not nec ssary to submit the refunding isuance to a vote of the people. Cross Roads has the heaviest road bond debt of any district in the county Several others have paid off their indebtedness to the last penny, and Williamston and Goose Nest have materially decreased their bonds from the original \$40,000 issue. Hamilton has also made progress in reducing her special road debt. other districts have no special road bonds outstanding except Roberson ville and that district handles that sons on last Friday evening a week particular debt through a special

> Adjustments in property as ments were effected in three cases the board fixing the values where erproperties of Lizzie Griffin in Goose Nest, and those of S. S. Slade and W. T. Baker in Williamston Township.

Jurymen for the two weeks term of Martin County Superior court convening next month were drawn, and considerable time was spent reading reports of the several county agens and the inspection of current

restaurant of his own for his own Board Of Education In Meeting Monday

Holding their first meeting of the alendar year here yesterday, the members of the Martin County Board of Education limited actio duties arising in connection with the sale of abandoned school sites in Williamston and the confirmation of

The site of the old colored school house prevented the generated steam building in Williamston next to the Baptist cemetery on Rhodes street Elisah Clemmons was badly burn- was ordered offered for sale to the and bruised on his body and highest bidder. The lot is about 200 he has spent much time in the hospi- by 200 feet. The other piece of proptal. Another son, William Hardy erty owned by the school and which Clemmons, who suffered bad cuts on is to be offered for sale, adjoins the his head and chest, is recovering at grammar school grounds and the the Clemmons home on Sycamore property of B S Courtney in Williamston. There is only about 1-40th Funeral services for the father will of an acre in the plot. The sales are bids and sell the sites at private sale. The sale of the old Jamesville white school site to Mrs. Lizzie Smithwick for \$75 was confirmed.

All members of the board were present for the meeting which lasted only a short time

Part-time Health Office Files Its Last Report

Surrendering its duties to the new set-up, the part-time health de partment in this county last week filed its last monthly health report, and it was a corking good one, too. According to the report there were only three cases of contagious disease in the county during January. Two cases of scarlet fever were reported in Robersonville and one in

Required by law, all reports of ontagious diseases in this county will be handled by the full-time department in the future.

Man Is Tried For Knife Attack On Cecil Pippen

Brutally attacking Cecil Pip olored with a knife in a Wash ton Street beer garden here last Saturday night, Alonza Biggs, also colored, was taxed with the costs in court here yesterday. Biggs was a directed to pay Pippen's do Pippen, who lives near Willi ton, asked Biggs to carry him he and an argument followed.