

## Will Hold Maternal And Infancy Hygiene Clinic In The County

### Expectant Mothers Invited To Avail Themselves Of Services

Meeting in the county board of health offices here last Tuesday afternoon, local doctors formulated plans for a maternal and infancy hygiene program, arrangements having been completed at that time for holding the first pre-natal clinic in the Williamston High School building on Thursday afternoon of next week from 1:30 to 4:30 o'clock.

The clinic will be conducted by local doctors, Dr. E. W. Furgurson, head of the department, announces.

- (1). To offer maternity service to women who are otherwise unable to pay for it.
- (2). To give the expectant mother a thorough physical examination, including urinalyses, blood tests, etc., in order to preserve the happiness, health, and life of mother and child.
- (3). To reduce the infant and maternal deaths.
- (4). To examine the infants at regular intervals, giving diphtheria toxoid, instructing and advising the mother regarding the proper care of both herself and the baby.

Continuing, Dr. Furgurson said: "Certainly, a greater service is rendered when a case is taken under supervision by a clinic or a private physician fairly early in pregnancy, has returned regularly, and has been visited regularly by public health nurses, has had blood pressure and blood for Wassermann taken, and a urinalysis made periodically than when she is seen by no physician or only during the last month of pregnancy. It is exceedingly important for the pregnant woman to have a thorough physical examination by her doctor before the fifth month of pregnancy. If, for example, she is found to have syphilis and is placed under treatment throughout the remainder of her pregnancy, she can be sure that in almost every case the baby will be born free from this dreaded disease."

"It is a grave injustice not alone to the physician but to the mother herself and to the unborn baby when the doctor is called for the first time after labor has begun, or is hurriedly called by a midwife to deliver a complicated or difficult case which he has never seen before. It is then usually too late for the doctor to make a thorough physical examination and the lives of both mother and baby may thus be unnecessarily endangered."

The Hardison School of Dancing recital was well received by a large audience in the High School auditorium here last night. Well balanced, the program reflected intensive and splendid training on the part of the teachers, Misses Mary Davis and Katherine Hardison.

## Dance Recital Well Received Last Night

Made up of two boys and 24 girls the school brings the year's activities to a close in a final program in the high school auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock.

Members of the class include: Masters Jack Booker and Lindell Ward, and Misses Barbara Margolis, Dorothy Leggett, Sylvia Green, Hilda Perkins, Mary Slade, Betsy Horton, Elizabeth Whitley, Sara Manning, Faye Gurganson, Ann Johnson, Harriett Peel, Patricia Taylor, Harriet Ward, Inez Smith, Delores Barrett, Elizabeth Muse, Christine Rogerson, Barbara Enright, Elizabeth Parker, Gloria Hayman, Betsy Manning, Patsy King, Della Jane Mobley and Hilda Perkins.

The program last evening was greatly enjoyed, and the recital, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, is expected to attract a good-sized crowd again this evening.

## Prison Camp Services To End Sunday Afternoon

During the week, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff and Rev. G. T. Hill have been conducting a week's meeting at the local prison camp. Each evening just after supper the men are permitted to return to the mess hall and while gathered there a service of song, prayer and sermon is greatly enjoyed by these men. This is one of the regular parts of the religious program that has been sponsored by the Presbyterians.

## Commissioners Will Receive New Tax Books Next Monday

The Martin County commissioners, meeting in regular session, will get their first look into the county's 1938 tax base next Monday when they receive the listings from the ten township list-takers. The picture will not be entirely complete as the corporation listings, certified by a state commission, ordinarily reach the authorities several days late. Reports state that the North Carolina Pulp Company listings are not acceptable to the county tax supervisor and those assessments are subject to change.

In accordance with the law, the commissioners will order the tax books opened for public inspection, preparatory to meeting in special session on a board of equalization on the following Monday to hear complaints. Several of the list-takers have already turned in their books, and the others are expected to have them ready for submission to the county authorities by next Monday.

## Harmony Prevails in Party, McDonald Says

### IMPROVING



Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, former candidate for governor, is improving in the Western North Carolina Sanatorium, Dr. S. M. Bittinger, director of the institution, said in his first official bulletin released since the patient was taken ill more than a year ago. "We feel that he had a good chance of eventually getting his disease well under control and be able to gradually take up his former activities," the doctor said.

## Big Air Transport At Local Airport

A giant transport air liner is now at the local airport and will remain here until Monday, June 6. The big ship is brought here by the C. A. C. Airways of Detroit. It is one of the largest of its kind in America with 1,000 total horsepower.

Among the crew are two nationally known transport pilots, Capt. Keith Cantine and Carl Davis who have safely carried over 100,000 passengers in their 12 years flying experience.

The big plane is reported to have cost \$56,000 and is capable of carrying 12 passengers. It is equipped with three Wright Whirlwind motors of over 330 horsepower each. Some of its modern conveniences include lavatory, electric light, dressing room and heat. It has a wing span of 75 feet and weighs 10,000 pounds when loaded. It is capable of a top speed of 150 miles per hour and has a cruising speed of 110 miles per hour.

The big transport will offer the people an opportunity to fly in comfort at a nominal cost.

The operators state that the transport would be here only through the week-end and suggest that the air-minded visit the airport at their earliest convenience.

## Announce Church Services In Presbyterian Churches

Williamston: Church school 9:45; worship service and sermon 11 a. m. "The Ideal Christian Life."  
Bear Grass: Church school 10; young people 7 p. m.; worship service and sermon at 8 p. m. Reception of new members by baptism and letter.  
Roberson's Chapel: Church school at 9 a. m.; reception of new members by baptism.  
Poplar Point church school at 1:30 p. m.  
Harrison's church school at 2 p. m. Prison camp services, 3:30 p. m.

## Judge Sentences Lin Williams To Roads In Recorder's Court

### Willis Pierce Is Fined \$100 For Transporting Liquor

Meeting in regular session Monday, the Martin County Recorder's Court disposed of one of its more or less regular customers for a while when Judge H. O. Peel sentenced him to the roads for a period of eighteen months. The court had only five cases on its docket, the number being the smallest handled by Judge Peel in several months. The tribunal was in session until noon, however, clearing the cases.

Wiggling out of tight spots on previous occasions, Williams was clamped down at the bar of justice Monday. Charged with violating the liquor laws in two cases, and drunken driving in a third, he was found guilty in the first case, the court granting a motion for non-suit in the second. Hollie Williams, a second defendant in the two cases, was released, the court nonprossing both actions. In a third case, Williams was found guilty of drunken driving, the court sentencing him to the roads for a period of six months in that case and an additional six months for violating the liquor laws. Judge Peel remembered a former judgment handed down by him back in October, 1937, when Williams appeared in his court for alleged violation of the liquor laws. The six months road sentence imposed at that time, was tacked on to the other two sentences, giving the defendant a total of eighteen months to consider his ways while working on the roads, under the direction of the State Highway and Public Works Commission. Incidentally, officers believe that a damaging blow has been dealt the backbone of the illicit liquor trade in Robersonville.

Charged with bastardy, Hubert Boston pleaded guilty, the court granting a continuance of the case until November, 1938, when it is possible additional and more enlightening evidence will be offered, either by the prosecution or the defense.

## A Former Candidate For Governor Issues Official Statement

### Race for Judge Is Not a Factional Fight, He Maintains

Issuing his first official statement on North Carolina politics since he was taken ill more than a year ago, Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, former candidate for governor, yesterday pointed with pride to the complete harmony prevailing in the Democratic party in this state, and declared that a vigorous and hard fought primary, based on issues, is the finest tonic for strengthening the party. The former candidate, now improving in a State sanatorium, had reference to the bitterly-fought contest of 1936.

His statement directed to this paper yesterday reads:

Newspaper reports and information which I have received from personal friends who have visited me since the Democratic convention are unanimous in attesting to the complete harmony and good will which prevail within the party ranks throughout the state. This harmony is no surprise to me since I have been feeling it very clearly for many months. It is a conclusive denial of the fears of some that the vigorous fight which was made in the last gubernatorial primary had driven a wedge of dissension and factionalism into the body of the Democratic Party. The healthy state of unity now apparent further establishes my view that a vigorous and hard fought primary, based on issues, is the finest tonic for strengthening the party.

I am particularly happy that the entire organization which supported my candidacy from managers W. L. Lumpkin and Itimous Valentine, through to the precinct workers, all have made and are making a real and sincere contribution to this harmony. It is also a great pleasure to me—and it is exactly what I expected—to observe the splendid manner in which Gov. Hoey is promoting friendliness and harmony in the party ranks. I personally appreciate very greatly these evidences of current good will. They refute very emphatically recent published reports that the state administration for which I campaigned, is

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## Downie Bros. Quit Road With Circus

Downie Brothers circus, experiencing bad sailing during the past few weeks, folded its tents in Norfolk this week and headed for its quarters down in Georgia, the caravan of trucks loaded with wild animals, canvas, tent poles and other equipment, passing through here last Wednesday.

Sparks, manager of the circus, announced that the circus will possibly go back on the road within the next few days or weeks. Conditions had not been very favorable to the growing little circus, and a holiday for the recession was considered advisable. The circus played here last year to large crowds.

## Continued Rainey Season Dampening Hopes Of Farmers

### May Rainfall Establishes New Record For This Section

Recent rains are estimated to have exacted a damage as great as 20 percent to crops in this county according to reports coming from nearly every one of the ten districts. In one or two sections, the damage will approximate 30 per cent, and in others the loss will hardly exceed five per cent, the reports indicating that few farms came through the recent wet season without any damage.

While the loss is centered on tobacco, the reports maintain that all crops suffered some damage. The corn crop, while reddening around the stalk, can be saved by supplementary fertilization, one report stated. Tobacco on certain types of soil has been considerably damaged and Irish potatoes left in the fields during the rains are damaged in the low places, other reports show.

A break in the wet season last Tuesday sent farmers hurrying to their fields yesterday in numbers, a few finding it possible to start their plows running on Wednesday. With few exceptions plows were in operation on every farm yesterday, but today additional rains again halted the big battle against the rapidly growing grass. Nearly three-quarters of an inch of rain fell here from 8 o'clock until 2 this afternoon.

Along about May 8, farmers in this county were anxious for rain. A small downfall was reported on that day. Crops, especially tobacco that had just been transplanted, took on new life. More rain fell on the 12, 13 and 14th, and farmers reported the best stands and the most promising outlook than in any other season for years. Two days passed without rain, and the outlook was reported even more encouraging. On the 21st, the wet season got underway, and rains fell every day from that time until last Monday. Some hail fell also, but the damage was not great in this county. Cool weather followed, and the mercury dropped to the fifties, people in nearby areas claiming that a few flakes of snow fell. The May rainfall, amounting to 6.75 inches, established a new record as far as records go, and followed a seven-inch fall reported in April. A year ago,

## Daily Vacation School Being Held At Bear Grass

Miss Louise Paschall, working under the auspices of the Presbyterian church in the county, is conducting her third Daily Vacation Bible school of the summer at Bear Grass this week and next week. A corps of 10 teachers are assisting her. A splendid school is meeting each morning at nine and continuing in session until 11:30. The enrollment is slightly smaller this year due to the present epidemic of whooping cough. The commencement exercises of this school will be held Sunday week.

## LIBRARY HOURS

Beginning next Monday, a new schedule of hours will be observed by the public library on Watta Street here. Mrs. James Cooke, in charge, announcing that the library will be opened each week-day from 9:30 to 12:30 p. m. and from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m.

The story hour for children from four years of age and those through the third grade will be continued, at 9 a. m. each Saturday morning.

Books may be kept without charge for a period of two weeks and renewed at the end of that time if the book is returned to the library for a second release to the same person. A charge of one cent each day is made when the book is kept out of the library over time, it was explained. New volumes are being added from time to time, and the general public is invited to frequent the library.

## Last-Minute Rush for Votes Gets Underway Throughout County as Time for Balloting Draws Near

### Authorities Expected To Call Bond Election Next Monday

Williamston town authorities are planning to order a special bond election at their regular meeting next Monday in connection with advancing a \$72,000 general improvement program. A new registration of voters will also be ordered and other arrangements effected for holding the election, Mayor J. L. Hassell said today.

The improvement program calls for the expenditure of \$34,000 for paved streets and sidewalks, \$15,000 on sewer line extensions, \$15,000 on additional pumping equipment for the town's water system and \$8,000 for a recreational center.

Plans have virtually been completed to start work on the recreational center within the next two or three weeks. Mayor Hassell explaining that the project will be financed temporarily by notes. Contracts have been executed with the Works Progress Administration for the construction of a swimming pool and the tiling of the ditch running through the site located between Watts and Biggs streets. The town representatives signed papers this week agreeing to complete the project if, for any reason, the Works Progress Administration suspended activities.

There's been a lot of rural politicking going on in Martin County these past few days, a number of the candidates and their wheel-horses having shaken many bushes for loose votes in their last-minute rush to swing the tide at the 12 voting precincts tomorrow. The recent activities point to a larger vote than was generally expected, one that will possibly exceed 3,200, but the weather and farm conditions will have to be considered in this connection when tomorrow comes.

"It's anybody's race," is the way many political observers are describing several of the contests in the county, most of the politicians being agreed that Reynolds will lead Hancock by a wide margin. Later reports, however, maintain that Frank Hancock is gaining strength in his race to oust somebody's "Bob" from the United States Senate. His strength gaining comes too late, and Hancock is not expected to count hardly more than one out of four and certainly not more than one out of three in this county.

A clear-cut and unqualified opinion on most of the other contests now pending for judicial, senatorial and county offices is not to be had from the average citizen, all agreeing more or less, that the outcome will be close. Opposition camps, in at least two of the contests, express confidence in the outcome tomorrow.

Reports from the county show that where one candidate is strong in one section, he is weak or not as strong as his opponent in another section, placing the candidate who is expecting a strong support at a disadvantage in those precincts where a light vote is predicted. The old-timers calculate that the outcome of the election depends on the size of vote cast tomorrow. The heavier the vote, they say, the closer will be some of the contests.

The primary election tomorrow finds the old political line-up as it held firm two years ago badly shattered. There's been a great deal of switching, and the identity of the groups has been lost in most cases. No attempt to explain their switching is made, but it is apparent that the majority of the voters are voting of the candidates of their choice and not against someone.

Unofficial reports maintain that "haulers" have been lined up for the battle of ballot tomorrow, that the roads in at least five of the twelve voting districts will be kept warm in behalf of first one and then the other candidate. Few of the candidates themselves are effecting arrangements for transportation, but their friends are coming to their aid. Comparatively little money has been spent in the county by the candidates, and it is understood that transportation costs, for the most part, will be accepted by their friends who are keenly interested in the way of the voting tomorrow.

As the campaign draws to a close, it bids well to go down in political records as among the cleanest, fairest and most unbiased ever held in this county. And may the best man win!

## Wilson Likely To Get Vets Hospital

Unofficial reports coming out of Washington yesterday maintained that Wilson had been selected as the site for the million and a half dollar veterans' hospital. A bill for the construction of the hospital was approved on Monday of last week.

Twenty or more towns, including Williamston, made bids for the hospital, and representatives of the Veterans' Bureau and the government visited the towns and inspected possible sites. Little hope was ever entertained for the hospital to locate here.

The recommendation of the hospital board is said to have been transmitted to the White House, for the President's approval, but when interested members applied to the veterans bureau for information concerning the status of the hospital plans it was explained that there was no information available "at this time."

Later reports maintain that no site has been selected.

## Recent Activities Point To Increased Vote In County

### Opposition Camps Express Confidence as Voting Day Nears

Through the cooperation of the several registrars, The Enterprise plans to tabulate and post the primary election returns for this county in its Main Street office tomorrow night. A cordial invitation is extended the public to "peek in" on the results as they are filed.

Arrangements are being completed for the tabulation of the returns from the U. S. and District Senatorial and Judicial contests, and they will be posted as rapidly as possible.

The polls close at 7 p. m., and the first returns should start moving within the hour. While it may be possible to determine the trend late tomorrow night, the final returns for the U. S. Senate race will hardly be available before Sunday or Monday.

## Potatoes Moving From This Point

Three carloads of Irish potatoes, the first loaded at this point, were moved out of here yesterday. Prices ranged as high as \$1.00 a bag, it was learned.

Heavy shipments were reported throughout most of the potato area yesterday. Aurora shipping nearly 200 cars or two train loads during the day. More than 600 cars moved out of the territory yesterday for the northern markets where prices were ranging as high as \$1.65-1.85 the 100-pound sack. Chicago yesterday posted prices as high as \$2.25 per hundredweight for Bliss Triumphs.

Very few No. 2 potatoes are moving, local growers pointing out that the buyers are all anxious for the very best grades.

Digging operations, carried on since last Monday, were again interrupted by heavy rains in this section, some farmers stating that the continued wet weather will curtail production as the season draws to a close.

## Daily Vacation Bible School At Piney Grove

Beginning next Monday afternoon at two o'clock, the Piney Grove Sunday school leaders will conduct a daily vacation Bible school, Rev. W. B. Harrington, pastor of the church, announced today.

Rev. James H. Smith, pastor of the local Baptist church, will be in charge of the school and he will be assisted by six teachers. An enrollment of around 100 pupils is expected, the leaders stating that children of any denomination are cordially invited to attend the school which is to continue throughout the week.

## Record Sale Of Beer Licenses In County

A record sale of beer licenses was reported in this county today by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck. Thirty-eight licenses to sell beer and two for the sale of wine have been sold, the officer said, netting the county \$1,000.

Every district in the county except one, Bear Grass, has one or more places selling beer. Williamston with 14 establishments handling beer and two handling wine leads the county in the number of licenses bought. Other licenses were issued as follows: Dardens, 2; Jamesville, 1; Griffins, 1; Everetts, 2; Robersonville, 4; Poplar Point, 2; Williams, 1; Oak City, 2; Parmele, 2.

Mr. Ben Dixon MacNeil passed through here last night enroute to Fayetteville to attend the funeral of his mother.