

## Primary Election Calendar Is Issued For 1940 In State

### Start Setting Up Machinery On Saturday For State Elections

March 16—Last day for candidates for State and Congressional offices to file notice of candidacy with the State Board of Elections.

Meeting of the State Board of Elections in Raleigh to appoint the County Boards of Elections.

March 23—Meetings of County Boards of Elections at the court house at 11 o'clock in the office of the clerk of court for the purpose of organization and to determine whether there will be a new registration of voters, or a re-listing of voters under Chapter 263 of the Public Laws of 1939.

Clerks of the court to deliver new registration books, poll books, election laws and old registration and poll books for the years 1936 and 1938 to the chairman of the County Boards of Elections.

April 6—Meetings of County Boards of Elections at court house for the purpose of appointing registrars and judges of election, and making other necessary arrangements for the conduct of the primary.

April 13—Last day for candidates for the office of State Senator, Member of the House of Representatives and County and Township offices to file their Notice of Candidacy with the County Board of Elections.

April 27—Date of opening of registration books by registrars at the polling places at 9 a. m., either for a complete new registration or for additional registration in accordance with the decisions reached by the several County Boards of Elections at their meetings on March 23.

May 4—Date of county Democratic precinct meetings fixed by the State Democratic Executive Committee.

May 11—Date of close of registration books for first and second primaries. Date of Democratic county conventions.

May 15—Last day for statement of expenditures to be filed by candidates and campaign committees.

May 17—Date of meeting of State Democratic Convention in Raleigh at 12 o'clock.

May 18—Challenge day. The registrars are required to attend the polling places with the registration books from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m., when and where the books shall be open to the public for inspection for the purpose of challenges.

May 25—Date of first Primary Election. Polls open from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

May 28—Date of the meetings of the County Boards of Elections at the court house at 11 o'clock to receive the returns of the primary election, at which time the County Boards of Elections shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the primary for the county.

June 15—Last day for candidates to file statement of expenditures with the Secretary of State and Clerk of Superior Court.

June 22—Date for Second Primary, where same is necessary.

June 25—Date for the meeting of the County Boards of Elections, where a Second Primary is held, to canvass the returns, declare the results, and prepare proper abstracts for the primary, same as provided to be done on May 28th.

## Williamses Go To Jail In Numbers

It was a hard week-end on the Williamses in the county, the records showing where four were jailed during the week-end, the number including a man and his estranged wife. All of them were white.

Jasper Williams, champion runner, was finally cornered in a Tarboro store and jailed Saturday night for an alleged assault with a deadly weapon. His wife, Ella Williams, was arrested and jailed for alleged public drunkenness Sunday afternoon.

Jesse Williams was jailed for allegedly being drunk and disorderly.

Henry Williams was jailed in a case charging him with an assault.

Another man, named Williams, was arrested earlier in the week, but he was released before the other four were jailed.

### Dallas Whitley Arrested For Theft Of Bicycle

Dallas Whitley, young colored man, was arrested in Bear Grass Township yesterday morning by Deputy Bill Haislip for the alleged theft of a bicycle from Haywood Mobley, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mobley in Bear Grass Township, late last Saturday afternoon.

Whitley, working with two companions, dismantled the wheel, painted it and exchanged parts with the owner of another bicycle.

Three hours following his arrest, Whitley was tried in the county recorder's court, Judge Peel sentencing him into the roads for a term of four months. He started his sentence yesterday afternoon.

## Building and Loan Stock Sale Passes Five-Hundred Mark

Opening the 46th stock series a few days ago, the Martin County Building and Loan Association reported more than 500 shares sold up to date with the expectation that an additional hundred or more shares will be delivered before the series is closed. The stock sale was fairly evenly distributed among the various types including the three-and-one-half, the six-and-one-half, and the eleven-and-one-half-year issues.

Purchases were made from over a wide territory, quite a few shares having been sold outside the town and a few to customers as far away as New York.

At the present time, the association has approximately 6,000 shares of stock in active force. The current issue pushes the organization into the half-million-dollar classification.

The directors in regular meeting here last evening stating that all indications point to a continued growth for the association. It is understood that there are quite a few prospective home builders, that applications for loans will receive consideration at future meetings.

Commenting on the current stock sale, an officer of the association said this morning that the number turning to the organization for investment purposes is increasing, that quite a few people with moderate incomes are opening accounts with definite plans to build homes of their own and get out of the rental classification. "People who one would hardly believe interested in the organization are taking stock either as an investment or for financing home construction," the officer added.

The 46th series is still open, and it is not too late to subscribe for stock.

## Peanut Production Undergoes Marked Increase In South

That farmers to the south, especially those in Alabama and South Carolina, are going into the peanut business on a large scale is indicated by the increasing number of calls for seed received in this section during recent weeks.

A collective group of farmers in South Carolina is said to be in search of ten or twelve carloads of seed for planting this season. Recent reports from South Carolina state that farmers there are becoming more interested in the cultivation of peanuts on a commercial scale.

Ranked as non-commercial growers in many instances, farmers to the south of here are likely to upset the peanut farmer in this section. A study of the situation is now in progress, and it is understood that some action is being considered in behalf of the old commercial grower. The nature of the plans has not been disclosed.

## Mrs. Williams Will Address Local Club

At the regular meeting of the woman's club on March 13, we shall have an important program. I hope each member of the club will be present and enjoy the opportunity to participate in the program.

We are to have the honor and privilege of entertaining our district president, Mrs. O. L. Williams, of Swan Quarter. She will be the guest speaker for the meeting. This is the first time Mrs. Williams has visited our club, and I hope the entire membership will be present to hear her address. She is coming on special invitation of the American Citizenship and Public Welfare Department. I am sure her message will interest everyone, for she is an inspiring speaker.

We are also anticipating the privilege of greeting the members of the junior club. They have 82 on roll, and each is invited to attend the meeting, and each will receive a warm welcome.

There will be music, both instrumental and vocal, on the program, and the social committee will probably have a slight surprise for all those present.

I am asking the chairmen of all departments to bring to this meeting on Wednesday, a written statement of what they consider their department's best piece of work since May 1939. The purpose of this request is to enable me to fill out the necessary questionnaire intelligently. This questionnaire must be sent in immediately.

Here's hoping to see you at the meeting Wednesday at 3:30 p. m.—Louie P. Martin, President.

## Fire Wrecks Humble Colored Home Here

Starting from a defective flue, fire wrecked the humble home of Loucendia Smith, colored, just off Washington Street near Pearl at 8 o'clock this morning, throwing the woman and all her earthly belongings into freezing weather. A few flakes of snow fell to aggravate her adverse luck.

Housed in a small one-room shack with a small dirt-floor shed, the woman had just left her humble abode when she heard the fire alarm. Every article had been removed from the building before a burned rafter gave way and dropped the flue to the floor. Although the damage will hardly exceed \$25, the house is a wreck.

Finding the fire eating its way into the tar-paper roof, firemen were forced to use a large hose line from the water mains to bring the blaze under control.

Answering their first call in several weeks, the volunteer firemen were at the scene about half an hour hooking the hose to the water main, bringing the fire under control and making ready for the return trip to the fire station.

## Officer Gets His Man In Tarboro to End 3-Day Race

### Jasper Williams Jailed Here Saturday For Alleged Assault On Wife

Jasper Williams, young county white man charged with assaulting his estranged wife with a shot gun, fell into the toils of the law last Saturday night, his capture ending a three-day race originating on the local streets and following a course over local streets, alleyways, railroads, open fields, lowlands and swamps, cemeteries, hog pens and highways. Assisted by members of the highway patrol and several Tarboro police, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck cornered his man in a store on the outskirts of Tarboro early last Saturday.

Williams, maintaining that he had not been forced to even draw upon his second wind during the early part of the chase when the officer, assisted by Joe Godard, the third, ran him through alleyways, backlots, yards and railroad tracks here, told about the high spots as he eluded the law for three days. Placing a safe distance between himself and the officers, Williams took it easy Thursday afternoon and night, but he felt the arm of the law closing in on him Friday night. "You could have put your hand on me in the cemetery at Everett's Friday night," Williams told the sheriff, adding that the officer passed right by him as he hid behind a stone.

Figuring that the law was conducting the chase in earnest, Williams went to sleep with the hogs in a pen on a nearby farm. "The hogs rooted around so much, that I slept very little, (and it wasn't at all pleasant) to have the animals stepping on you," he explained to the officer.

Packing his suitcase around his body by putting on three shirts and extra garments on other parts of his body, Williams apparently had planned to end the race by withdrawing, but the law outwitted him.

Said to have fired on his wife with a shotgun, Williams did not hurt her, but the shot was said to have fallen all around her when she went outside the home of Mrs. Pat Wynne in Hamilton last Tuesday night.

Williams continues in the county jail awaiting trial.

## Expect Wounded Man To Recover

While his condition is still considered dangerous, Herman Manning, Oak City man who was shot through the lung last Thursday night in Harrell's filling station in the Goose Nest metropolis, is now expected to recover, according to late reports from a Tarboro hospital where he was carried for treatment.

"If no complications develop, he has a good chance to recover," an attending physician was quoted as saying last night.

Tearing through the man's back and right lung, the ball fired from a pistol in the hands of Operator Edgar Harrell lodged just under the skin on the right side of the body. Manning, feeling something stinging him, called attention of doctors to the bullet Saturday.

It could not be learned how long the man would be required to remain in the hospital, but if no complications set in, he will likely be able to return home in a comparatively short time.

### Teacher Resigns Place In The Bear Grass Schools

Resigning as a member of the Bear Grass school faculty, Gerald Demond, originally from New York, left last Sunday for Greenville where he plans to enter new employment. John Glover, who is finishing his work at the East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville this week, has been appointed to succeed Demond. The new man will enter upon his new duties in the school next Monday.

His resignation coming unexpectedly, Demond left immediately for Greenville.

## Thirty-Nine Years Ago As Recorded In The Enterprise

Thursday, January 24, 1901. Subscribe to The Enterprise.

Go to Eli Gurganus if you want bargains.

Herring is reported to be in the Roanoke River.

Eli Gurganus is the man: If you want anything, see him.

Mr. Eli Gurganus spent several days in Norfolk this week.

Miss Eliza May Battles, of Durham, is visiting Mrs. A. T. Crawford, Turner's North Carolina Almanac for sale at this office. 10 cents each.

If you want a nice buggy or carriage, go to D. B. Parker's at Robersonville.

Mrs. T. H. Sutton, wife of Rev. T. H. Sutton, has been sick for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Simpson returned from their bridal trip last Monday night.

Mrs. G. W. Blount, the genial hostess of the Roanoke Hotel, is on the sick list this week.

Mr. George M. Burras, of Jamesville, father of our county treasurer, was in town yesterday.

Mr. S. W. Harrell returned last Friday night from Raleigh where he had been during the week.

Hon. H. W. Stubbs, our able representative, came in from Raleigh last Friday night and spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Court commences 2nd Monday in March. Now is the time to subscribe when you can get The Enterprise for 50 cents. See coupon.

Mr. Eli Gurganus intends to enlarge his store in the near future so he will have room for his large stock and to accommodate his many patrons.

Miss Roberta Dicken, the efficient music and elocution teacher of Williamston Academy, who has been suffering with "pharyngitis," is much better.

Messrs. J. D. Simpson and M. G. White, of Everett's, were in town Monday. They called at this office and renewed their subscription to our paper.

The Bank of Martin County will make application to the present session of the General Assembly for a charter of incorporation. Books are now open at the bank to receive subscriptions to its stock. Those wishing to subscribe are requested to do so at once.

When threatened by pneumonia or any other lung trouble, prompt relief is necessary, as it is dangerous to delay. We would suggest that One Minute Cough Cure be taken as soon as indications of having taken cold are noticed. It cures quickly and its early use prevents consumption. C. D. Carstarphen.

At a meeting of the Martin County Farmers Insurance Company on the 15th of January last, it was decided that only two agents be appointed for obtaining insurance for the company, and they were to be members of said company. Mr. Peter R. Reives and J. C. Gatsinger were continued agents and all others discontinued.—Jno. D. Simpson, pres.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at Williamston, N. C., which if not called for in thirty days will be forwarded to the Dead Letter office at Washington, D. C. January 1st, 1901—George Butler, William Gurganus, J. W. Green, J. H. Houston, James S. Lacy, Rheubert Lloyd, Dr. S. C. Loyd, M. H. Robertson, W. H. Rodgers, D. S. Signor, Captain Tillery, Haven-Bell, Old Nick Williams' Whiskey Co., W. D. Bland, Mrs. Lucy Hamilton, Mrs. Helen Robertson, Mrs. Nora Macklin, Mrs. Sarah B. White, Miss Annie Joyner, Miss Horser Husse.

J. M. SITTERSON, P. M. January 1, 1901.

## Local Girl Scouts Are Appealing For A Leader

Organized into a strong group nearly two years ago, local Girl Scouts have been deserted, and an earnest appeal is being sent out for an able and willing leader.

Approached in the interest of the young girls, several possible leaders are said to have explained they were "too busy" to accept the leadership task.

Volunteers are helping to hold the organization together, but it is quite evident that the group will disband if a regular leader does not step in and take charge of the activities.

### FINNISH FUND

Anxious to offer some aid to a stricken people who have been subjected to ruthless attacks by Russia's invading hordes, Farmer Joshua L. Coltrane from over in Williams Township last week-end added \$5 to the Finnish Fighting Fund. While there may be rumors of peace and the war might stop, there are millions who are without homes, and the movement to recognize the honesty of those people in repaying their debt to this country continues to grow. Millions of dollars have already been raised in this country. Martin County now boasts an eleven-dollar fund, and other donations will be received and forwarded to the state chairman in Durham as rapidly as they are received.

## To Place Farm Plans Before Farmers in County This Week

Plans for the operation of individual farms will be placed before Martin County growers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week by the office of the county agent through the various community committees, the agent stating that all farmers are urged to call upon their respective committees for a discussion of the plans and signatures.

The farm plans offer a program of operation for each individual farm, showing the various crop allotments, the maximum payments obtainable under the soil conservation program including income from soil building practices and timely suggestions for a better balanced agriculture.

To participate in the 1940 program, the farmer is asked to sign the farm plan which is also recognized as an application for the various benefit payments under the Agricultural Adjustment Act program.

Committees will sit at the following places on Thursday, Friday and Saturday: Jamesville, Bear Grass, Griffins (Manning's Store), Robersonville (Plymouth Garage), and Williamston. Three townships, Williamston, Poplar Point and Williams, will be handled in the agricultural building. The committee for Cross Roads Township will be at Cross Roads on Thursday and in Everett on Friday and Saturday. In Hamilton Township, the committee will sit in Hamilton on Thursday and in Hassell on Friday and Saturday.

A few of the farm plans have already been placed before the farmers. All those who do not see their respective committees will be asked to report to the office of the county agent. It was pointed out, however, that as many farmers as possible should see their committees on the last three days of this week.

## Increased Interest In Church Is Shown As Easter Time Nears

### Attendance Larger Series of Special Services Planned By Church Leaders

By REV. JOHN L. GOFF. With the increased interest in church affairs that almost always reflects itself in church attendance as we approach the Easter season, the attendance in the several churches of Williamston last Sunday was noted. With a missionary study course being given on Monday and Tuesday in the Episcopal church and the first in a series of prayer services in the Christian, together with a regional meeting of young people at the Methodist church the first part of the week is being used by the churches.

The Christian Church will have its mid-week service on Wednesday, conducted by the Men's Bible Class and the church board, followed on Thursday at 3:30 o'clock with cottage prayer service in the following places: Mrs. J. O. Manning with Mrs. H. T. Taylor as leader; Mrs. C. B. Roebuck with Mrs. J. C. Manning as leader; Mrs. W. O. Griffins with Mrs. J. C. Manning as leader; Mrs. W. O. Griffins with Mrs. John L. Goff as leader.

The ministerial association of Williamston is sponsoring a series of thirty-minute Passion Week services in the Watts Theatre beginning on next Monday at 12 o'clock. The Chamber of Commerce has enlisted the merchants of the town to arrange lunch hours so that their employees may attend. The Kiwanis club, Lions club, Senior Woman's club, Junior Woman's club and the Masons are supporting this fine service for our citizens. It is hoped that the service will be of real help to our community.

Following is the report of attendance in the churches last Sunday.

Church	S.S.	Y.P.	A.M.	P.M.
Baptist	100	10	100	39
Christian	107	11	90	43
Episcopal	18		35	22
Holiness	112		95	150
Methodist	81	22	65	26
Presbyterian	25		37	

## Gives \$2,500 Bond In Shooting Case

Charged with shooting Herman Manning in Oak City last Thursday night, Edgar Harrell, prominent business man there, was released in \$2,500 bond here last Friday afternoon. The bond, readily raised by friends of the defendant, was allowed by county officers after consultations were held with attending physicians and the prosecutor in this district. "Bond in the sum of \$50,000 could have been arranged without trouble," an Oak City citizen was quoted as saying last Saturday.

A hearing in the case is being delayed pending the outcome of Manning's condition. When action is taken, the case will likely be placed before Justice Rawls in Oak City and sent to the superior court for trial. It is hardly possible that the case will be placed on the superior court docket for trial during the term opening next week.

Harrell is said to have expressed deep regret in connection with the affair. Unofficial reports from Manning state that he does not plan to push the prosecution indicating the case will be handled as a minor one and in the usual routine manner followed in the trial of petty cases.

### Rumor Has It McDonald Will Run For State Post

According to unofficial reports reaching here this morning, Dr. Ralph McDonald, the man who threw a bombshell into the political camp four years ago, is considering running for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction against Clyde Erwin.

The rumor has it that Mr. McDonald will announce his candidacy the latter part of this week.

## Man Blows Top of Head Off With Gun at Main Street Home Here Sunday

The last chapter in the tragic life of Harvey L. Gardner, Martin County man, was written in his humble home on West Main Street here last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock when he turned a gun upon himself and blew the top of his head off, police stating that the inside of his head had the appearance of a scraped-out gourd. Offering no warning to members of his family, Gardner took his gun, said, "Good-bye everyone," went to his room, bolted the door, sat down on the bed, removed his right shoe and pulled the trigger of the gun with his toe. He fell over backwards on the bed, the gun tearing against him.

Officers, called to the home, burst open the door and after a short investigation, considered an inquest unnecessary.

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Gardner, about 68 years old, was born and reared in Williams Township. An able farmer and a good citizen when sober, he farmed all his life, living in various sections of the county. For the past several years he lived on the Cunningham farm, at the edge of town. A few months ago the family moved into the old Adeline Duggan home on West Main Street.

His sudden death marked the close of a long career of crime, including numerous fights, cuttings and shootings. A number of years ago while in a drunken condition, and most of his crimes were committed under such condition, he almost cut a colored man to death at his home on the Washington Road about thirteen years ago. During the early part of this century he almost cut Sylvester Askew to death. In the winter of 1932 he shot and fatally injured his son, Willie Gardner. He was tried for murder in the second degree in December of that year and was sentenced to serve not less than seven and not more than twelve years in prison. After serving several years, he was paroled and for a long while he was recognized as a law-abiding citizen. His first wife died while he was in prison and some time after his parole was effected he married again, his second wife surviving. A few months ago the parole was lifted and all his citizenship rights were restored, and he gradually wandered back to the old habit that had brought untold trouble to the family.

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## Easter Seal Sale Started In County

The annual nationwide Easter seal campaign to aid crippled children opened in the schools of Martin County today, it was announced by Miss Mary W. Taylor, superintendent of public welfare.

North Carolina is joining with thirty other states throughout the country affiliated with the National Society for Crippled Children to raise funds to carry out their program of giving every crippled child in the State an opportunity for a full and better life.

The society is a lay organization which cooperates with various government and social welfare agencies in developing a well rounded program for the crippled child, embracing proper medical treatment, hospitalization, education, proper psychological adjustment to their environment, vocational training and employment. The annual Easter seal drive provides necessary funds to carry on their work.

The seals are being sold in Martin County through the school children. This is appropriate because of the particular effort being put forth at this time for the education of physically handicapped children. Miss Taylor states, "The education of crippled children is a vital necessity. Handicapped in body, and thus denied many of the occupations open to normal boys and girls, a trained mind is their only hope of economic independence," and urges all citizens of this community to buy as many of these seals as they possibly can. The seals sell for a penny apiece.

"Share our Easter joy—Buy Easter seals—Help crippled children" is the slogan for the 1940 seal sale.

## Plan Organization Forum Group Here

"Shall Williamston Have a Forum?" will be the topic of discussion at a meeting to be held at the Woman's Club building on Thursday night at 8 o'clock. The meeting is the result of interest expressed by a number of persons in organizing a forum group. Mr. Arthur Bertolett will act as discussion leader Thursday night. Officers will be elected and a regular time of meeting set.

Membership, according to the suggested plan, would be composed of young adults, married or single, interested in intelligent consideration of subjects of vital importance in the social, economic and religious life of today. Each meeting will be conducted in regular forum style, with a talk by some well-informed person followed by open forum discussion by the group.

Any young people interested in the forum project are urged to attend the initial meeting Thursday night to help perfect plans for an organization which should add much to the intellectual interests of Williamston.

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## Project Is Approved For Parmele School

A Works Progress Administration project for the construction of a new colored school building in Parmele was formally approved by President Roosevelt in Washington last week-end when the agency appropriated \$16,554 as its share of the cost. The Martin County Board of Education, project sponsors, will spend approximately \$12,000 to match the federal appropriation.

Work on the project will likely get underway about the middle or latter part of next month.

The proposed building will be similar to the new school at Jamesville as far as the interior arrangement is concerned. It will have eight rooms including an auditorium.

## Republicans Recommend Election Board Member

Messrs. Wade Vick, of Robersonville; Charles Davenport, of Jamesville, and Jesse T. Price, of Williamston, have been recommended to the State Board of Elections to represent the Republican party on the Martin County Board of Elections. Party Leader Wheeler Martin said yesterday. One of the three men will be considered for the post by the State Board members in their meeting at Raleigh on Saturday of this week.