

## Board Advertises Next Tuesday For Bids on Deep Well

### Water and Sewer Connection Fees Increased At Meeting Here

Meeting in regular session last Tuesday evening, Williamston's town commissioners instructed the town engineers to advertise for bids for another deep well to relieve the acute shortage plaguing the water supply. The first advertisement, outlining the specifications, is to appear next Tuesday, and bids will be opened approximately two weeks later, it was unofficially learned.

A proposed \$175,000 bond issue for expanding water and sewer lines and for the erection of an elevated 300,000-gallon capacity storage tank was discussed but no action was taken, the board instructing Mayor Robt. Cowen to seek additional information.

Advised that only 426 local vehicle owners had purchased the 1948 town license plates, the board instructed the police department to cite the approximately 174 who have not met the requirement to the courts. A minimum fine of \$1 was fixed, plus trial costs for violators of the ordinance.

Fred Silverthorne was refunded \$9 taxes when it was learned that the property was outside the town limits.

Realizing that the town had been losing money in making water and sewer connections, the board increased its fees from \$15 to \$25 for a three-quarter-inch tap, \$25 to \$35 for a one-inch tap, and cost plus ten percent for all water line taps larger than one inch. These fees are to be increased by fifty percent if and when additional connections are made to the water lines outside the town limits. Some members of the board were of the opinion that the rate for outside connections should be doubled, since fire protection was afforded in some instances without any taxation to offset the investment and upkeep of fire hydrants. A compromise was effected, and the board stated that just as soon as the water supply is supplemented outside connections would be permitted.

The fee for making taps to the sewer lines was increased from \$10 to \$20.

Before making changes in the service fees, the commissioners studied similar charges in a number of eastern Carolina towns. The rates here were the lowest of any and are now slightly under the average.

J. S. Gurganus, granted a franchise some time ago to operate a town bus service, was given a 90-day extension.

A loading and unloading zone was allotted the Dunning place.

A license request to operate a music box was withheld from Griffin and Griffin who operate a business at the corner of Washington and Main Streets.

A tax refund on \$47,928 worth of property was allowed the Dixie Peanut Company when it was pointed out that the listing was in error.

## Minor Street Accident Here Early Last Night

Very little damage resulted and no one was hurt when two cars crashed in front of the Marco theater on Houghton Street here last evening.

A Moore Grocery Company truck, driven by Ralph E. Savage, started to make a left turn just as Dr. V. E. Brown started to pass in his Cadillac. Fenders were battered on the two vehicles, officers estimating the damage at about \$75.

## DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will be observed here on Friday afternoon of next week when the people of the community are asked to participate in a union prayer service at the Memorial Baptist Church. Beginning at 4:00 o'clock, the service will last for about an hour. Using the theme, "The World at Prayer," the service will be conducted by Mrs. Ralph Gorham.

## Williamston Jaycees Lead The Way In TB Survey



Members of Williamston's Junior Chamber of Commerce led the way when the mass TB survey was launched in this county last week. Lining up with several others the Jaycees were among the first to patronize the X-ray mobile unit in front of Clark's Pharmacy. The Jaycees along with other organizations and individuals have been active in promoting the survey. (Picture by "Doc" Eugene Rice).

## S. Wilson Mizelle, Native of County, Dies In Hospital

### Funeral Service Held Last Tuesday Afternoon In Bear Grass

Funeral services were conducted at the graveside in the Mizelle family cemetery in Bear Grass Township last Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for Seth Wilson Mizelle, native of this county, who died in a Washington hospital last Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock. He had been critically ill for about a week. The Rev. Mr. Reeter conducted the last rites in the absence of his pastor.

The son of the late Seth and Pennie Mizelle, he was born in Bear Grass Township 75 years ago and spent most of his life there, moving to Beaufort about eighteen years ago.

Receiving a liberal education for his day, Mr. Mizelle taught in the schools of this county for a number of years. He later engaged in the mercantile business, managing a co-operative enterprise for several years. The venture is believed to have been about one of the first of its type ever undertaken in this section.

Mr. Mizelle, held in high esteem in his home and adopted communities, had farmed for a number of years, and continued active in his home and adopted communities. (Continued on page seven)

## Farmers Packing Court Room Here

Attending a special two-day school, farmers this morning packed the Martin County court room, one report estimating the number of pupils at nearly 300.

Specialists from State College and the State Extension Service are conducting the schools, and the pupils, including men and women, white and colored are showing much interest in the courses.

A. C. Kimrey, pointing out the importance of the family cow, and Dr. E. R. Collins, reviewing corn production, conducted the school this morning. Jack Kelley is to offer points on swine production and S. G. Dobson will stress pastures as a part of the farm program at the session this afternoon.

Home gardens, tobacco, insects and plant diseases are to be discussed Friday during the hours, 9:30 a. m. until 4:00 p. m.

The roads are bad, no doubt, but farmers managed to get to the first classes in unexpectedly large numbers today.

## Over Six Thousand X-Rayed In County

### Forty People Are Asked To Return For Examination

### Doctor Examines Sanatorium Treatment For Two Cases In Early Stages

The 6,000th person was X-rayed early last yesterday in the mass TB survey now nearing the end of its second week in Martin County. Considering the weather and bad road conditions, the survey has been very successful so far, according to Dr. R. F. Bell of the North Carolina State Health Department. However, a marked increase in the number reporting for X-ray is absolutely necessary between now and the end of the survey on Saturday of next week if the project is to prove really effective, it was pointed out.

Approximately forty persons who have had X-rays made are being asked to report to the county health department offices in Williamston for further examinations, and it was learned this morning that two persons have been advised by the doctors to report for sanatorium treatment as early as possible. The identity of the victims was not disclosed, but it was learned that neither of them suspected any trouble.

Through yesterday, the several mobile units had X-rayed 6,032 subjects, 1,482 of them since Monday, as follows: Tuesday, February 3, Williamston, 345; Robersonville, 215; and Hamilton, 132; on Wednesday, February 4, Robersonville, 318; Williamston, 307; and Smith Brothers' store, 165.

A change in the schedule for next week was announced today when it was learned that the pulp mill is suspending operations for a few days.

Units are at Williamston, Robersonville and Hassell today. On Friday and Saturday of this week, units will be at Williamston, Robersonville and Oak City.

Since the pulp mill will be closed next Tuesday, the unit scheduled to go there will be detained in Robersonville that day. However, a one-day stop will be made just outside the gate at the pulp mill on Wednesday, February 11 from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. and mill workers and their families may have their X-rays made. Other units will be stationed at Williamston. (Continued on page eight)

## REOPEN MONDAY?

Plans are going forward for the reopening of all the schools in this county next Monday, it was announced by the board of education officer yesterday. "Unless snow or sleet falls between now and then, we plan to reopen the schools next Monday," the county superintendent said this morning. It was admitted, however, that if attendance figures fall as much as 30 percent or more, the schools will be closed again.

### Runs Off River Bridge Yesterday Afternoon

Losing control of his 1947 Packard, Mesrop Tourigian, 3326 Richmond Street, Philadelphia, did an about face just this side of the river bridge yesterday afternoon. After making the turn-around, the car skidded down the embankment and had to be pulled out by a wrecker. The driver, his wife and two children were not hurt and no damage was done.

## Paralysis Fund Drive Near Its Goal In Martin County

The annual Infantile Paralysis Fund drive was reported nearing its goal in this county today, Chairman L. B. Wynne announced. It was admitted, however, that most of the main sources of income had been canvassed, that the drive would have to maintain its pace if the \$2,600 goal is reached.

With the schools closed and road conditions almost impassable, the drive canvass has been delayed, but most of the reports are in, the chairman stating this morning that \$2,157.18 had been collected and reported. The drive is now \$442.82 short of the original quota.

Several additional replies have been received to the direct mail appeals, boosting the individual contributions to \$879.75. Collections received in Robersonville's

## Juries Drawn For Two-Week Term Superior Court

### Fifty-seven Persons Called This Week; List Includes Two Women

Fifty-seven persons, including two women, were drawn by the Martin County Commissioners in regular session this week, for jury duty during the two-week term of the Martin County Superior Court, convening on Monday, March 15. No names of colored citizens were drawn.

Twenty-seven citizens, all men, were drawn for service during the first week, and thirty persons, including the two women, were drawn for the second-week jury.

Both of the women, Mrs. Edna Laughinghouse and Mrs. W. C. Manning, are residents of Williamston.

Names of the male citizens drawn for jury duty follow:

**First Week**  
Jamesville: C. C. Martin, H. H. Holliday and J. C. Kirkman.

Williams: Joe J. Johnson, Sr., and Vernon Griffin.

Griffins: W. T. Roberson, Julius L. Revels, N. T. Daniel and Lester J. Griffin.

Bear Grass: Seth Bailey, C. B. Harrison, J. A. Wynne, Jack Rogerson and B. W. Taylor.

Williamston: Gomer G. Taylor, Dennis Modlin, Thurman Perry, John Ashley Hardison, Elbert N. Manning, Dennis H. Leggett, William Rhodes Jones and W. J. Miller, Sr.

Cross Roads: William H. Taylor. Robersonville: Bill Everett and W. E. Everett.

Hamilton: J. G. Forbes and A. P. Hyman.

**Second Week**  
Jamesville: Bennie W. Cooper and R. C. Sexton.

Williams: J. Herbert Moore and W. C. Hopkins.

Griffins: W. Marion Lilley, Perlie B. Lilley, Clifton E. Ward, John A. Griffin and P. T. Roberson.

Bear Grass: Theodore Rogerson, J. W. Gurganus, Elbert H. Rawls and Garland Rogers.

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## Scout Committee In Meeting Here

At a meeting of the Martin District Committee last week, Julian H. Harrell, chairman of the Camping and Activities Committee, reported on the plans for the celebration of National Boy Scout Week. Scout week begins tomorrow and lasts through Thursday, February 12.

The activities will begin with the placing of window displays in local store windows. The Troops in Robersonville, Hamilton, Everetts and Jamesville were given their choice of decorating a window in their own town or using some other town in Williamston. A prize for the best window will be awarded to the winning Troop by Wheeler Martin, local attorney, who has long been associated with the scout movement in Martin County.

All Troops in the district will attend Church in a body on Scout Sunday, February 8, each in their own town. The two local Troops will attend together. Troop 27 will be the guest of their sponsoring institution, the Kiwanis Club, at their regular meeting tonight.

Next Thursday night, Troop 29 will be the guest of the Lions Club which sponsors it.

B. G. Stewart, leadership training chairman, announced plans for a Patrol Leaders Training Course to be held somewhere in the district before the council camporee in April. Ben D. Courtney, organization chairman, stated that plans were being made to organize new troops at Bear Grass and Farm Life. Claude Goodman, chairman of advancement, stated that he had been working on revising the list of Merit Badge counselors as well as forming a Boy Scout library.

K. P. Lindsley, new chairman of the Martin District, presided over the meeting. Others present were Clyde Manning, D. R. Davis, Rev. John Hardy, Wheeler Martin, J. C. Kirkman, V. B. Hairr and C. T. Gaines.

## Held For Attack On Edenton Taxi Driver

### SEED GROWER



Thomas W. Holliday of Jamesville, was one of three farmers to first produce hybrid seed corn in this county. Planting three acres last year, the Jamesville farmer produced approximately 150 bushels of seed corn, 100 of which he is now offering for sale. "That will plant about 1,000 acres," the farmer said, adding that he is offering free enough seed to plant one acre to 4-H club members.

## N. C. Symphony Orchestra Here Next Wednesday

### Special Concert For Pupils In Afternoon and Second That Evening at 8:30

The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra will appear in two concerts in the high school auditorium here next Wednesday, one in the afternoon for school children and one that evening at 8:30 o'clock for the general public.

More than 100,000 children and 50,000 adults heard the orchestra last season, according to Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., local chairman of the North Carolina Symphony's annual membership drive, which was completed in this county several weeks ago.

The orchestra traveled 3,600 miles throughout North Carolina, performing 115 concerts in 58 cities and towns, Mrs. Martin pointed out.

The musicians gave two concerts a day, five days a week for three solid months and received the plaudits of every section of the state.

The tour began with an historic performance before the State Legislature in the State Capitol.

The first part of the tour was made by the Little Symphony, of 23 players, who performed in many of the smaller communities that could not finance the Full Symphony.

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## Native Of County Passes In Bethel

Mrs. Lydia Cherry Thompson died last Sunday morning at her home in Bethel. Married for 57 years Mrs. Thompson lived her entire life in and around Robersonville with the exception of the last three years which were spent in Bethel. She was the daughter of the late Andrew and Louise Cherry.

Funeral services were held Tuesday from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Farmer in Robersonville at 3 o'clock. Interment was in the Robersonville cemetery.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Farmer are her husband, Joe Thompson; two daughters, Mrs. Leman Roberson of Bethel and Mrs. Vance Bennett of Everetts; two sons, Joe Thompson, Jr., of the home and Nathan Thompson of Robersonville; one brother, Nep Cherry, and one sister, Mrs. Annie Roerson, both of Williamston.

## Geo. Jackson, Jr. Pleads Guilty At Hearing Tuesday

### Justice Johnson Calls For \$2,000 Bond For Attack On James Crumey

Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, George Jackson, Jr., young Washington County colored man, was returned to the county jail this week when he was unable to post a \$2,000 bond required by Justice R. T. Johnson in a preliminary hearing held in the courtroom.

His face covered with a mean smile at times, Jackson told the court that he had no evidence to offer at the time.

James Crumey, Edenton taxi driver who was nearly stabbed to death in the island section of Williams Township late in the night of January 20, offered a detailed account of the attack and the events leading up to it.

"Jackson approached my cab in Edenton late in the evening of January 20, and asked me to take him to Plymouth. He said he had sufficient money to pay his fare. He started to get into the back seat but I insisted that he ride with me in the front, that it would be warmer. When we reached Plymouth he said that he lived a short distance away, and we continued to a dirt road. The road was in such bad condition that I told him it would be impossible to travel it," Crumey said.

"Continuing the taxi man said, 'Jackson then asked me to carry him to the home of his grandmother who lived near Jamesville, agreeing to pay the difference in fare. During the meantime, Jackson asked how was the taxi business. I explained that it was not as good as it was when the base was in Edenton. When we reached Jamesville I asked Jackson how much farther it was to his grandmother's, and he said it wasn't very far. A few miles out of Jamesville we stopped and turned into a side road, Jackson explaining that his grandmother lived in the second house on the left. The road was in fair condition and we started down it, and I told Jackson that the houses were a long way apart.

"When we reached the second house I turned in and opened the door to see how to back around. When I opened the door and looked out, Jackson drove his pocket knife into my neck." The victim did not describe the wound, but his jugular vein was cut and he almost bled to death before he could drive to Williamston. Stopping at the police station, Crumey was removed to the local hospital where he spent several days, his condition being regarded as critical for thirty-six hours.

"Continuing his evidence before Justice Johnson, Crumey said that he turned just in time to ward off another blow, that he caught Jackson's wrists and struggled for life. He told me, 'I'll finish you off,' and he leaned over and bit my forehead, making a bad wound there."

Losing strength rapidly, Crumey added, "I edged my way to the side of the car and fell out."

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## SUSPENDED

Operations at several industrial plants were suspended this week following the sleet and snow storm of last week-end. The Wells-Oates and Williamson Lumber Company plants have been idle this week and while they plan to reopen soon, no definite date has been fixed.

Its wood supply about exhausted, the North Carolina Pulp Company is planning to close down for an indefinite period beginning next Monday, it was learned unofficially here this morning.