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#### **Business Leaders** Plan Promotion **Bureau for Town**

To Hold General Meeting In Courthouse Here **Next Monday at 8** 

tee last week, plans for the or- small to accommodate the wor- including white and colored, was from Farmville to address the we can hold a portion of the gains! The sunrise service that morn-

by a committee composed of J. D. Woolard, Jack Edmondson, F. J. Margolis, Tom Parker, C. D. Pittman, Joel Muse, Ben Courtney, Ernest Mears and R. Edwin Peel.

The objectives of the organization which is designed after a chamber of commerce pattern, are reviewed briefly, as follows:

To effect a closer union of the merchants and professional men of Williamston for the purpose of cooperation in all matters pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the community and

To develop the territory around the town and make the same tributary to the town as a trading

To protect its members against dishonest employees, shop-lifters, improper legislation and delinquent debtors. To eliminate wasteful advertis-

ing and donation solicitation in the community. To establish and maintain a

high standard of business ethics among the merchants and profes-(Continued on page eight)

#### **Bookmobile Has** Many New Books

Making its monthly tour of this county this week, the Beaufort-Hyde-Martin bookmobile is circulating a number of newly added volumes, according to Mrs. Pauline Worthy, district librarian. Listed among the recently add-

ed volumes are the following: The House that Jacob Built by John Gould. A chuckling, mellow story about five generations handed down by Judge Clawson of a Maine family in the house

built by Jacob Gould in 1780. Lucinda Brayford by Martin Boyd. A long absorbing novel preme Court last week, the high about a beautiful Australian girl who married into the English aris-

Letter from Grosvenor Square by John G. Winant. Ambassador high court's decision was handed Winant's story of London in war down too late for the superior time told with warm and sin-

Lani by Margaret Widdemer. A and action will be delayed until delightful love story with background in Hawaii, Australia and the Pacific Islands.

Marshall: Citizen Soldier by prison for not less than seven and William Frye. A splendid biog- not more than ten years by Judge raphy of our great Secretary of Williams. Ward, charged with

Hawaii, the 49th State, by Blake Clark. A colorful account of the fascinating early days of Hawaii than five years. as well as of its present ways of

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Spending an entire week here, a recruiting party of three received only three recruits for the Navy. "But we did better than we did the week before when we maintained a six-day stand and received no enlistees.

No official report could be had, but it is understood that one of the three failed to pass the physical in Raleigh.

Several other potential recruits were unable to pass the initial tests here.

The recruiting party, traveling in a special truck and car, moved from here to Ral-

## Record Number Present At Former Resident Three Car Wrecks Four Political Races Easter Services On Sunday Kidnaped, Robbed On The Highways

religious services, including the through. special sunrise program in Woodlawn Cemetery, broke all records

promotional work, is coming here tive and encouraging fashion. "If all previous records. meeting, and all business firms made during the Easter season, ing attracted an estimated 325 and professional offices are ex- much will have been accomplish- persons, and the program participected to have representatives at ed," a religious leader was quoted pated in by representatives of the as saying, adding that he only various churches, was a very im-Incorporation plans and sug- hoped that the peak attendance pressive one. The several houses gested objects to be advanced by figures and the religious spirit of worship were filled to capacity the bureau have been outlined prevailing during the Easter seas- for the regular church services.

week after considerable de-

lay caused by bad weather

conditions, work on the farms

in this county is gaining mo-

early corn has been planted,

and next week, weather per-

mitting, will see thousands of

Irish potato plantings, re-

ported to be smaller this year

than they were last, have just

been completed and a late

Tobacco plants are doing

well and farmers are mark-

ing ready to combat blue

**Defendants Lose** 

Their Appeal To

John David Wooten and

Webb Ward Scheduled

To Serve Terms

Losing their appeals to the

North Carolina Supreme Court,

John David Wooten and Webb

Ward, Pitt County colored men,

Their appeals from judgments

Williams in the Martin County

Superior Court last September

were denied by the State Su-

court finding that the exceptions

taken to the trial proceedings by

Defense Attorney Dick Bundy

were without foundation. The

court of this county to invoke sen-

tence at the regular March term,

Wooten, charged with killing

Henry Ward, was sentenced to

killing Mary Brown and Mae Rid-

dick, was sentenced to prison for

not less than three and not more

The cases against the two de-

automobile accident on December

15, 1946, between Robersonville

and Stokes. The defendants,

charged with reckless and care-

for trial the following March but

one of the was still in the hos-

pital at that time. Similar condi-

tion existed when court was con-

Many Easter Egg Hunts

the June term.

next June for manslaughter.

acres planted to the crop.

crop is fairly certain.

mold with fermate.

Attendance upon Easter Day on could be maintained all year

figures could be had for all the services, but it is conservatively here Sunday, the houses of wor- estimated that one-half of Wil-Advanced by a special commit- ship in some instances being too liamston's population, at least and ganization of a Business Bureau shippers. Preceded by special pro- represented in one or more serfor Williamston will be discussed grams in the local theater, schools vices during the day. The Chrisat a general meeting of business and in several of the churches last tian Sunday school, reporting 199 drugged, kidnaped and taken to and professional men and other week, the Easter Day worship present the Sunday before, had a sopt near Crestlawn Cemetery, leaders to be held in the court- schedule constituted a great day 283 for the program Sunday and robbed of nearly \$3,000 in house here next Monday evening in the community's religious morning, including seventy in the jewelry and cash. at 8:00 o'clock. Sam Bundy, form- realm. Ministers saw many new adult men's class. Other Sunday er local school principal who has faces, and the town's religious schools reported large attendance had experience in community power asserted itself after a posi- figures, most of them breaking gins said the victim was Mrs. E.

#### **Raising Money For** FARM WORK Going into high gear last

Accounting for the 1947 mentum. Quite a few farm-**Fund Listed This Week** ers have completed their spring p'owing and others are By Treasurer steady at the task. Some

In Martin County

The Martin County League for Crippled Children is making progress in the current drive for funds to finance its 1948 program. 1941 Ford coupe near the ceme-Up until yesterday afternoon tery. \$243.89 had been contributed, most of it coming from direct mail appeals.

Last year a total of \$557.06 was donated. Half of this amount or ilton platinum watch valued at \$278.53 was sent to State Head\$1,200 and an oblong platinum Speedster Admits quarters in Chapel Hill where it dinner ring set with 26 diamonds was used to help pay for spastic valued at \$1,600. In addition, she clinics, speech clinics, special in-said the men took her handbag structors for handicapped chil- containing \$18 in cash, two redren and numerous other ser-ceipts for \$5,000 worth of gov- along on the highways of this Martin County Chapter for the fur coat in storage, a safety de- hour, Norman F. Drew, Brattlepast year is as follows: Supreme Court

(orthopoedic hospital) \$30.00; Or- tain pen. thopoedic Shoes, \$8.25; bus fare After the robbery, Mrs. Walker He declared that patrolmen for parent and child to Gastonia, said the two men drove off and the South did not know how to \$11.10; campaign material left her standing in the street. treat motorists, that some should (stamps) \$31.00; transportation to She said she ran to the nearby be imported from the North to Goldsboro Clinic during the year home of C. A. Harris, 1531 Chat- teach 'em how to act. Drew had (3 trips-4 children each trip) tahooche Avenue, and asked Mr. his props virtually torn from un-\$22.50; hospitalization (all paid to Harris to call the police. The der him when it was explained ance on hand, \$0.68.

The object of the Crippled Chilare expected to start serving long dren's League throughout North Walker could give of the pair was Drew posted bond in the sum while they are in the fin Carolina is to provide a program that one was tall and wore a of \$47.05 and continued northof medical care and educational brown suit and the other was ward, but at a more reasonable opportunities designed to help 'short and chunky." handicapped youngsters grow into self-supporting and useful citizens who may live in dignity rather than be forced to live as dependents on their relatives or

on the State. Last year the League in North Carolina provided 1902 physical ion on the religious front, crime examinations, 344 medical treat- flared up on a fairly extensive ments, transported 1976 children but not after a serious fashion in over 169,240 miles to clinics and Martin County last week-end. hospitals; paid for 1032 days hospitalization, and 2252 days of con- over in one or two areas and at valescent care; paid for 132 X- least four ventured on the highrays, 164 artificial appliances, gave glasses, shoes food or clothing to 328 children, sent 6 handi- ed and placed in the county jail, capped children to special board- a report from another town stating schools, provided instructions ing that the local jail was overfor 27 "homebound" children by run and two or three inmates had

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#### fendants grew cut of a multiple Order Last Unit For the Ambroses

Supplemented by a \$7.00 cash less driving resulting in the death donation by members of the Rivof the three persons, were booked erhill Colored Christian Church, and a \$7.02 contribution by students of the veterans' school in the local colored high school, the Amvened last June and the cases sufficient proportions to finance were continued at that time until last September when they privy. The last unit in the program was ordered last Friday and is being installed at a cost of \$46.75, balancing off the fund to the last penny. The Lest project Held Over the Week-end in the program is to be handled

this week. A dozen or more Easter egg No other contributions will be hunts were held here over the accepted since the family is now week-end, many of them being considered able to meet its own

No official count of attendance Mrs. E. T. Walker Reported Several Persons Were Hurt To Have Lost \$3,000 In **Jewelry and Cash** 

> Atlanta.-An Atlanta woman reported Thursday to Fulton County police that she had been

Fulton Police Lieutenant R. F. Jordan and Patrolman A. E. Hug-T. Walker, of 395 Callan Circle, N. E., wife of a Grady hospital physician. The Walkers moved to Atlanta from Williamston, and he has been prominently connected with the hospital since that

The officers reported that Dr and Mrs. Walker told them they went to the Anchorage in the Clermont hotel Wednesday night with some friends, whose identity they did not disclose. She said Crippled Children in her statement that the party had been making a tour of local

The officers said Mrs. Walker said she drank three glasses of beer at the Anchorage, and that she told them she believed the last glass had been drugged. She said she did not know how she became separated from her party, and that the next thing she remembered was that two men were taking her out of a black

Mrs. Walker, according to the police, quoted the men as saying that 'it was her jewelry of else." She reported the loss of a Ham-

vices. The financial report of the ernment bonds, a receipt for a county at sixty-nine miles an posit box key, bank book, a gold boro Road, North Bernaidston, Ambulance service to Gastonia compact and an expensive foun- Mass., went on to throw off on

ed at approximately 1:45 a. b.

The only description Mrs. etts.

#### Numerous Arrests Made In County

Despite the momentous occas-

The drunks all but tried to take ways under steerings wheels.

Fourteen persons were arrestvisiting teachers, gave specialized to be moved out to make room for others.

> Numbered among the fourteen placed in the county jail were nine drunks, one of whom was booked for resisting arrest. Four were charged with drunken driving and another was booked for indecent exposure.

But None Seriously, Patrolmen Report

Several persons suffered minor injuries and shock in a series of automobile accidents on Martin County highways Easter Sunday. Several others were detained for drunken driving, patrolmen stating that traffic was unusually heavy during the week-end and especially on Sunday.

on the hill just this side of the day, April 17. creek when he met the Gurkin car, a Nash, driven by the Richto his left but not in time for the

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## **Guilt But Argues**

Admitting that he was speeding "southern justice."

Duke) \$175.00; Total \$277.85. Bal- record showed the call was plac- that the arresting patrolman, M. F. Powers, was from Massachus-

speed.

Charles Stienglass, Bronx (N. Y.) attorney, was detained temporarily on a similar charge, but and accepted the arrangements

#### WEATHER

Ole Man Winter slipped back over night Sunday to defy Miss Springtime, and while he sent the mercury scampering down to 31 degrees, formed a little ice and sprinkled a light frost, he isn't believed to have done much damage to tree blos-

Temperatures in the forties prevailed and a cold wind blew Easter Sunday, but Milady ventured out thinly clad and with possibly a more conservative Easter bonnet than was expected.

#### PROCLAMATION

Whereas one of every three who now die of cancer could be saved through early detection and prompt treatment, and Whereas it already has been demonstrated that the death rate from cancer, which is responsible for one in every eight deaths, could be reduced by an informed public and existing

Whereas the people of the Town of Williamston always have shown a progressive attitude toward all worthy public health enterprises, therefore, I, Robert H. Cowen, Mayor of Williamston, do hereby proclaim April as Cancer Control Month and request that the citizens of this took do observe

I further request that all individuals, institutions, businesses and organizations cooperate and assist the American Cancer Society in its campaign during April.

# In Georgia City Of County Sunday Lined Up In County

#### J. C. Smith Says He Is Candidate For County Judge

Hugh G. Horton Is Not A Candidate For The State Senate

With four contests virtually Mrs. Chas. G. Gurkins of near lined up the big gun in Martin Jamesville suffered a minor knee County politics is believed to have injury and other suffered minor been fired, observers voicing the shock in an accident just this side opinion that while there'll be enof Ward's Bridge on U. S. High- ough candidates to go around for way 64 between Jamesville and the major positions little or no Plymouth Sunday morning about opposition is expected outside the 10:45 o'clock. She was riding with field of county commissioner, Mr. Gurkin and their son, Hubert county court judge and the State Lee Gurkin of Richmond. Wil- House of Representatives. Just a liam Hopkins, RFD 1, Jamesville, little over two weeks remain for was driving his 1939 Chevrolet the candidates to get their names west on the highway and started into the pot, the filing time closto pass a car in or near the curve ing at 6:00 o'clock p. m. on Satur-

The major developments on the political scene in this county mond man. Realizing he could came over the week-end when J. not make it to his right side of Calvin Smith announced to sucthe road, Hopkins turned sharply ceed himself as judge of the county court. Chas. H. Manning, Gurkin car to miss plowing into Williamston attorney, announced the right side of his Chevrolet. a few days earlier that he would The Hopkins car continued into be a candidate for the position the ditch, turned over and came and filed with the county board of to a stop in a field. Damage to the elections. Hugh G. Horton, Wil-Hopkins car was estimated at \$350 liamston attorney, in a move that and that to the Gurkin car at \$200 came a bit as a surprise, announcby Patrolman M. P. Powers who ed that he would not be a canmade the investigation. Hopkins, didate to succeed himself as secsuffering a cut on his chin, was ond district senator. His action leaves the field, more or less, wide open, but Senator Rodman of Beaufort County, and Steve Askew of Pamlico County have been mentioned as potential candidates. However, reports reaching here raised the issue of Askew's residence requirements.

The line-up now includes three contests in the county other than the one for county judge, as follows: W. Tom Roberson and William M. Harrison for county commissioner from the Griffins-Bear Goose Nest District: and Edgar Gurganus and A. Corey for coun-

ty representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly. C. C. Martin has announced for county commissioner from the Jamesville-Willams District, and no op-While they are, in the final an-

alysis, filled by the legislature, there are two positions on the board of education. The terms of J. D. Woolard of Williamston and H. C. Norman of Robersonville the attorney was most congenial are expiring next April, and it has been customary for candias a gentleman without slurring dates to go before the people in the spring primary, the legislative action recognizing the wishes ex-

pressed by the voters at the polls. No official announcements have been made, but it is presumed that the following will be candidates to succeed themselves:

J. H. Edwards for county commissioner from the Williamston-Poplar Point District; C. A. Roberson for county commissioner from the Cross Roads-Robersonville District; J. Sam Getsinger for register of deeds; Paul D. Roberson for county solicitor; R. H. (Continued on page eight)

### Add New Books To Library Here

added to the shelves in the local library, Mrs. Ethel Anderson, librarian, announced this week, as follows:

Transfer Point, Immortal Hel-Still Waler, The Cat that Walked the Angler Duke Foundation. By Himself, The Butterfly that The young winner lived here Stamped, Susie, Mountain Pony until his father entered the chapand the Pinto Colt, Beacon Cot- lain's service in World War II ily, Nancy Keeps House, Princess now a senior in the Bessemer

#### GOVERNOR



Sherwood L. Roberson, prominent Robersonville husiness man and well known county citizen, was elected governor of the 189th District of Rotary International at a meeting held in Raleigh yes-

### Make An Urgent Appeal For Red Cross In County

Incomplete Reports Show **Fund Campaign Below** Minimum Quota

Pointing out that the Red Cross Fund Drive in the Martin County chapter is still short of its minimum quota, Mrs. John W. Hardy, chapter chairman, yesterday directed an urgent appeal to all thoughtful citizens to come to the aid of the organization and help of this week.

Grass District; Henry Johnson, had from the fund drive chair- considerable gains in the last commissioner from the Hamilton- the campaign had met with suc- put the business for 1947 slightly cess in certain areas, the drive ahead of the 1946 income, Postwas lagging badly in others.

> This chapter is being asked for ago. a comparatively small amount. In the first quarter of last year the county chairman pointing out receipts, amounting to \$8,921.19, mands for the service.

> while the fund drive is lagging in last year, the sale of stamps dropsome areas. Texas City, Haynes- ping from \$8,076.20 in the months ville, Louisiana, Glades County, of July, August and September, Florida, and Smith County, Ten- 1946, to \$7,608.05 in the same nessee, where disasters were ex- months of 1947. Unusually heavy perienced, had passed their quo- purchases of one and one-half tas, doubling them in some in- cent stamps for greeting cards in stances, the people having been December checked the downward impressed by the work the Red trend, income jumping from \$10,-Cross did for them in times of 502.42 in the last three months of

> the others have since gone over of \$186.84 over 1946. the top, leaving the Martin Coun- While the stamp sales just about ty chapter and a few others in held their own last year as com-

> mands will be made on the Red forth to what is believed to be a Cross this year, the Red Cross new high figure. Money orders must be ready, it has been point- increased from \$303,270.96 in 1946

#### Several new volumes have been Former Local Boy Wins Scholarship

Zack Piephoff, young son of en, The Playboy, Hide-out, Lu- Rev. and Mrs. Z. T. Piephoff, and cinda Brayford, the Years of the a native of Williamston was one Pilgrimage, The Cry of Dolores, of six North Carolina high school Look South to the Polar Star, students to win a scholarship re-Way of Life, The Case of the Sec- cently at Duke University. Valued ond Chance, Marry for Money, at \$3,000, the scholarship is offer-Uncertain Heart, Flaming Irons, ed to six students each year, by

tage Mystery, Happy Little Fam- about five or six years ago. He is

#### **Asking \$1,500 To** Carry On Cancer Control Program

Mrs. Chas. Harris and Dan Peel Head Drive Opening In County Thursday

Plans are just about complete for launching a county-wide drive to finance important cancer con-I. Harris, the former Miss Helen Katherine Taylor, of Everetts, and W. Dan Peel, the drive to raise Thursday of this week. Sponsored here by the Jaycees with the cooperation of other organizations and individuals, the drive is to be extended into every district in the county during the next two

District quotas have been accepted by volunteer chairmen in nearly every district in the county and with support coming from all the people, the over-all quota can be raised very easily and without delay. Mrs. Harris, the county commander, and Mr. Peel, the county chairman, announced the following district chairmen and the quotas for the districts, as fol-Mrs. Leslie Hardison, James-

ville, \$100; Mr. Chas. L. Daniel, Williams, \$35; Rev. W. B. Harrington, Griffins, \$75; Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., Williamston, \$600; Elder A. B. Ayers, Bear Grass, \$75; Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, Cross Roads, \$75; Mr. Chas. Gray, Robersonville, \$300; Mrs. LeRoy Taylor, Poplar Point, \$30; Mrs. Nat Johnson, Goose Nest, \$100; Mrs. John W. Eubanks, Hassell, \$35. A chairman for Hamilton had not accepted the quota but it is certain that the people there will raise \$75 or more.

Last year this county was as-

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#### Slight Increase In Postal Receipts

After losing heavily during the middle part of the year, postal re-Complete reports could not be ceipts in the local office made

that the organization has already were about \$300 greater than they extended aid this year to several were in the corresponding three sections of the country where tor- months of 1946. That small gain nadoes and floods have left many was offset when the receipts for homeless and in dire circum- the second quarter dropped from stances to cope with catastrophes \$8,214.28 in 1946 to \$7,742.37 in the last year, and the outlook now is corresponding months of April, for increasing and greater de- May and June, 1947. The down-Mrs. Hardy pointed out that most through the third quarter of 1946 to \$11,362.90 in the corre-Two weeks ago, about half the sponding months of 1947. When chapters in the southeastern area the figures were compared for the had met their quotas, and most of two years, 1947 held an advantage

pared with the 1946 income, the While no one knows what de- money order business blossomed to \$340,835.52 in 1947, a gain of

#### FISHING

Although confronting several "Ifs", seine fishing is scheduled to get under way at the Jamesville plant Thursday of this week. Last reports stated that high water still covered the battery, but it could fall by Thursday.

The river at this point went on a stand at 10.5 feet late yesterday after rising about five inches over the weekend. Fishing was meeting with little success here, the fishermen stating that the