

Five Political Races Scheduled In County

Young Man Files For Place on The Education Board

Time for Filing For Local Offices Ends At 6 P. M. This Saturday

Another political contest developed in the county yesterday when Cecil B. Powell, young man of near Gold Point, Robersonville Township, announced his candidacy for a place on the Martin County Board of Education. Powell was reported to have filed with Elections Board Chairman Sylvester Peel during the day.

Powell's announcement develops a three-way race for the two open positions on the education board, Messrs. Henry C. Norman of Robersonville and J. D. Woodard of Williamston having filed with the board of election chairman the latter part of last week.

Although the office is an appointive one, it has been customary for a long number of years for candidates to enter the primary, the legislature recognizing the wishes of the voters as expressed in the primary. The contest is not limited to any definite district, meaning that two could be appointed from the same town or district.

The latest candidate to enter the race is thirty years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Powell of near Gold Point. He is a graduate of the Robersonville High School and attended a business school in Charlotte. He was born and reared on the farm, and is now engaged in farming and the mercantile business at Gold Point after managing a store in Washington, D. C., for about five years. He returned home six years ago.

The time for filing for district, county and local offices ends promptly at 6:00 o'clock p. m. on Saturday of this week. That means that the filing fee and application must be in the hands of the elections board chairman by that time.

Outside of state politics, Martin County voters as the line-up now stands, will be asked on Saturday, May 29, to decide contests for representative in the general assembly, county judge, board of education and county commissioner in the districts of Griffins-Bear Grass and Hamilton-Goose Nest.

As far as it could be learned no contest has developed in the second senatorial district, but two candidates, John Rodman of Washington and Sam M. Campen of Alliance, Pamlico County, have announced for the district's two seats. Mr. Campen, leading Pamlico citizen-farmer accompanied by Mr. Hugh Harris was here yesterday looking over the field. He stated that Pamlico was celebrating its golden anniversary without a state senator by furnishing one of the district's two senators this year.

Although several contests have developed, very little interest is being shown in politics in the county just now.

Recorder's Court Has Large Fund

Boosted by fines imposed on drunken drivers and speedsters, the Martin County Recorder's Court revenue for last month was about as large as any reported by the tribunal in any recent month. Although it held only three sessions during the month, the court reported fines of \$1,475.00 and costs in the sum of \$885.05. Fines and costs in the superior court amounted to \$146.65, and miscellaneous items, amounting to \$261.44, boosted the revenue in the office of the court clerk to \$2,768.14 for the month.

County court costs were listed as follows: clerk's fees, \$188.05; solicitor's fees, \$406.00; judge's fees, \$279.00; and jury costs, \$12. Since the court officers are on duty only twice a month, the amount turned into the county treasury, it is understood.

DELATED

The circulation of a petition, gaining a place on the North Carolina general election ballot of Henry A. Wallace, third party candidate for President, has been delayed in this county, it was announced a few days ago by Mrs. V. A. Ward, representing the Wallace Forces as a member of the national third party committee.

The arbitrary ruling by the State Board of Election which would disqualify petition signers from voting in the May 29 primary prompted the delay, Mrs. Ward explaining that the Wallace movement was not designed to deny anyone the ballot, but rather to make it possible for any one to vote for whom he pleased. The petition will be circulated after the primary.

Marriage Permits For Twenty-Three Couples In March

Issuance Is Considerably Above Average for Month Since Early Thirties

Twenty-three marriage licenses were issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger in this county last month, the issuance running considerably above the average reported since the early thirties. Only once since 1938 has the issuance of marriage licenses in this county been greater for March than it was last month. In March, 1946, twenty-nine licenses were issued.

Licenses were issued last month, nine to white and fourteen to colored couples, as follows:

White

LeRoy Godard and Ruby Harrison, both of Williamston.

Howell E. Wadsworth of New Bern and Mrs. Ella Hawk of Washington.

Louis F. Barber, RFD 1, Williamston, and Sarah Edwards, RFD 2, Williamston.

Ellis S. White and Elsie Mae Gardner, both of Williamston.

John A. McCollum and Sally Brown Gurganus, both of Norfolk.

Benjamin Langley Dixon and Isabell Perkins, both of Washington.

Hilton Parker Carson, RFD 1, Stokes, and Mary Warren of Williamston.

Richard A. Eisele of Sea Girt, N. Y., and Janet H. Hoffman of Ocean Grove, N. J.

Thomas W. Mayton, Jr. of Petersburg, Va., and Thelma J. Perkinson of Ettrick, Va.

Colored

Samuel Scott and Marjorie Bennett, both of Williamston.

Johnny Corey and Georgia Merrick Corey, both of RFD 1, Washington.

James Walston and Amanda Bess, both of Williamston.

Edgar Lee Savage and Mary Scott, both of Williamston.

Lonnie Bond and Inez Freeman, both of Windsor.

Billy White, Jr., and Alice Marie Dickens, both of Oak City.

Jim Coffield of Hobgood and Velma Lee Parker of Oak City.

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To Extend Postal Services Monday

Plans are just about complete for extending the postal carrier service to nearly every part of the town and to quite a few patrons just outside the city limits, it was learned today. Carrier Jack Mobley, assigned to the new and third route, is to start with his pack next Monday.

Murderer Given Hearing Before Justice Johnson

Chas. H. Daniel Placed Under \$2,000 Bond for Killing Sim Quinley

Charged with murdering Sim Quinley, 70-year-old colored man in Jamesville last Saturday afternoon, Chas. H. Daniel, 32-year-old Negro, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice R. T. Johnson in the county courthouse last Tuesday evening. While no definite motive was advanced, the State could not support a first-degree charge and Justice Johnson fixed bond in the sum of \$2,000. Martha Gray, a material witness, was held in \$100 bond. Daniel was unable to arrange bond immediately, and it was considered likely that he would remain in jail until his case is called during the June term of the Martin County Superior Court.

The first witness, Martha Gray, colored woman, said that "Uncle" Sim went up town last Saturday afternoon and returned sooner than she expected, finding her in bed with another man, George Frank Green. She said that the elderly man abused her for such conduct and struck her two or three times, that Daniel came in from the field about that time. Daniel, said to have been planning to marry the woman, went to his room in the house where he and Quinley lived together. "I went there and talked with him a while and told him that he was so high that Mr. Gardner had to take him off the tractor," the witness said. According to her testimony, Daniel then got up and went to Sim's room. She said she heard a gun "break" and that she left for her aunt's home, telling them that she believed Charlie had killed "Uncle" Sim.

On cross examination, the witness said that while Charlie was driving a tractor in a field not far away, Green came along and they talked on the porch a few minutes, that they moved into a bed room and had been there about fifteen minutes when Quinley returned unexpectedly. She said she was in Quinley's room when he rebuked her. She said she did not know what happened between Daniel and Quinley in Quinley's room, that she had never known the two to have had any trouble before.

Paul Holliday, Jamesville officer, said that Ernie Gardner brought Daniel to him at Leslie Harrison's store about 5:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Charlie said he had killed Quinley and we got into a car and went to the home, finding Sim lying dead on the floor.

"Daniel told me that he had shot Quinley in self defense with a single barrel gun, but he later said that he twisted a double barrel gun from Quinley's hands and shot him with it," the officer said.

Cross examined by Defense Counsel Peel and Manning, the officer said that the load of shot went into Quinley's right side just below the shoulder. Daniel, the witness continued, went to his own room, got his single barrel gun and removed a shell. The double barrel gun, belonging to Quinley, was found on the bed, its barrel still warm and holding an empty shell. There was no sign of a scuffle and nothing was upset in the room, the officer said.

The load of shot made a hole no larger than his finger and the officer said he could detect no powder burns, but it was apparent the gun was fired at close range. Continuing, the officer said he found a pint of bootleg liquor and two glasses on dresser and one-half gallon of liquor in a locker or closet. The witness said he had known the defendant 25 years, that he had never known him to be in trouble before, adding that he was well under the influence of liquor.

Reporting his investigation, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said he went to the home and found Quinley dead on the floor and Daniel in his room. Daniel was said to have admitted the killing. According to the story related to the sheriff at the initial

Bids For A 300,000-Gallon Water Tank Received Here

Bids for the construction of a 300,000-gallon elevated water storage tank were received and opened at a special meeting of the local town commissioners yesterday morning at 10:00 o'clock. No final action was taken at that time, since the low bid was submitted subject to certain conditions and the town can only act subject to the fate of a bond issue to be determined in a special election during the month of June.

Two bids were received, the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company bidding \$48,900, and the R. D. Cole Manufacturing Company of Newnan, Georgia, bidding \$47,000. Both contractors specified that the project would be completed in 445 consecutive days, the Georgia firm qualifying its bid on the condition that certain plates and other material can be made available by a certain date by the steel manufacturers. The time feature counts from the day the contract is signed. Both bids were accompanied by certified checks, guaranteeing good faith. The price mentioned in the bid does not include the cost of the foundation which, if the proposal is approved, will be constructed by the town at an estimated cost of \$3,000.

The terms specified in the bids call for a 300,000-gallon capacity tank to be constructed with a height of 100 feet.

The need for adequate water storage has become acute here and since it will require almost two years to correct the existing conditions, the town authorities consider it imperative to act without further delay. The bond issue will be discussed in every detail before the matter is placed before the people in a special election for final decision.

Justice Declares Arms Alone Can't Stop Communism

Even a U. S. Victory Would Leave This World Of Ours In Ruins

In a recent address at the University of Florida, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas declared that Communism cannot be defeated by military might alone. Asserting that "the prospects for peace appear gloomy," Douglas called for "dynamic and vital" democratic leadership.

The jurist, mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate for vice-president, said we must foster "human rights" at home and "liberal, humanitarian programs for the masses of the people of the world."

He said a political program like Communism "is not destroyed by military might unless the victor, like the Communists, is willing to install a police state."

"If we want hundreds of millions of the peoples of the world in the Democratic ranks," Douglas said, "we must show them the way with practical programs of social reconstruction."

The real victory over Communism, he said, "will be won in the rifle fields rather than on the battlefields."

"At home," Douglas said, "we must put an end to the shameful practice of branding everyone a Communist who espouses a liberal reform or promotes a program

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School Band Gets Bid to Gallopade

An invitation to participate in the big Gallopade at Rocky Mount on Friday, May 14, was received by the Williamston High School Band this week, the second bid to appear out of town to come its way in the last ten days. Both the invitation to Rocky Mount and the earlier one to Tarboro tomorrow week have been accepted.

The invitation to Rocky Mount is regarded as an honor because of the prestige it carries. The local band was a part of the giant parade in Rocky Mount back before the war took Director Jack Butler away from his post here.

In inviting the band back this year mention was made of the fine cooperation shown in the last visit of the unit to Rocky Mount. Director Butler's new uniform is, according to wire from the makers, due to arrive here by Monday. In the meantime he and the band are busy perfecting new drill numbers and adding to their growing list of musical tunes, especially in the march category. The band has been organized into units for more complete control and more rapid dissemination of orders through the

Tightening up on work by individual members of the band, a report is now being made by each student on the amount of time devoted to practice and this report is to be verified by the

RAINFALL

After holding to a figure above normal for almost a year, rainfall started slackening off here last month, but the March precipitation did not drop much below normal. According to Hugh Spruill, the keeper of the rain gauge, exactly four inches of rain fell in this section last month, or about one-half inch below the rainfall recorded in the corresponding month, a year ago. So far this year, 13.86 inches of rain have fallen at this point as compared with 9.13 inches recorded in the first three months of 1947.

Officers Destroy Number of Stills

Raiding in various parts of the county during the past few days, ABC Officer Joe H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel wrecked several illicit liquor manufacturing plants and arrested one alleged owner-operator at one plant.

Last Wednesday the officers picked up a 50-gallon capacity copper kettle and poured out 200 gallons of sugar beer at a plant in Bear Grass.

Striking in Griffins the next day, the officers destroyed a 100-gallon capacity tin kettle, a 50-gallon doubler and two coolers and five 200-gallon fermenters, and poured out 800 gallons of sugar beer and twelve gallons of raw liquor. Dick Cherry, Beaufort County white man, was arrested at the plant. He claimed the plant belonged to him. Placed under bond in the sum of \$200, Cherry is to face Judge J. C. Smith in the county court on April 26.

Going back into Bear Grass at 5:30 o'clock Saturday morning, the two officers found a 20-gallon copper kettle cooling off from operations carried on a short time before. No one was at the plant when the officers found it and only 25 gallons of beer remained when the operator decided to quit.

On Monday afternoon the raiders wrecked a crude outfit near the Ball Gray farm in Jamesville Township. The plant was equipped with a filthy oil drum and the officers poured out about 100 gallons of nasty beer.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Except for two minor accidents, the highways of this county were fairly safe during the past week. So far this year the number of auto wrecks is just ahead of those of a year ago.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend; first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

15th Week				
Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge				
1948	2	0	0	\$ 40
1947	0	0	0	00
Comparisons To Date				
1948	40	17	1	\$ 2,000
1947	38	20	3	8,550

Throws Aside Verdict Finding Doctor Guilty Of Negligence

Expert Witnesses Testify All Day In \$15,000.00 Suit

Jury Gets Thorough Lesson In Childbirth And Afterbirth

The \$15,000 damage suit brought by R. H. Speller, administrator of Mary Speller, and charging Dr. Edward L. Early with malpractice attracted several of the leading doctors of this section to the Martin County courthouse Tuesday. For almost a full day, the expert witnesses offered testimony, much of it in technical terms that prompted counsel to call for translation into everyday language. Before the evidence was all in, the jury got a thorough lesson in childbirth and afterbirth.

Dr. V. E. Brown, taking the stand for the plaintiff at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday morning told of the condition of the plaintiff's wife, Mary Speller, when she was removed by ambulance to his hospital on the afternoon of November 9, 1946. "She had a temperature of 104.4 and was somewhat delirious," the doctor said, adding that an X-ray showed she had pneumonia in the right lung, that she had to rest in a semi-sitting position, and that there was a foul odor. The witness explained that he immediately gave the patient blood plasma, glucose and penicillin, that while he was reasonably certain there was an infection from afterbirth, he found it necessary to treat her for pneumonia first.

"On November 25," the witness continued, "the patient had improved as much as could be expected, but continued to run some fever. An operation was deemed necessary and a large handful of the afterbirth was removed," the doctor explaining that the womb was cleaned as thoroughly as possible, that it was packed and the packing was removed the following day.

"I felt that the operation would pick her up, but she continued to get worse," he said.

Asked what the patient's condition was when she entered the hospital, the witness said there was inflammation around the womb, that she had pneumonia and blood poisoning. "It was out of the question to operate at the time for the patient could not have stood an operation," he said. The witness went on to say that the blood poisoning was caused by the afterbirth. "After the lung condition was cleared up, the patient was still distended and had a foul discharge," the witness explained, adding that the discharge was almost "pure" pus which cleared up to some extent following the operation.

Asked what, in his opinion, caused Mary Speller's death, the doctor said it was due to original blood poisoning resulting from detained afterbirth, that failure to remove the afterbirth caused the condition that resulted in the patient's death.

On cross examination, Dr. Brown said that he was not associated with Dr. Early in treating the patient, that he first saw the patient when she was carried to his hospital.

It was brought out in his testimony that the child was born at home on November 4, that the mother entered the hospital five days later and died on December 7. The witness said that he did not know the midwife, Rowena Riddick, and that he did not see the midwife after the mother entered the hospital. The witness said that he was advised that the delivery was difficult, and the examination led into a technical discussion of medical procedure.

The doctor, asked if the bill had been paid, explained that it had not been settled, that it had been demanded but that a bill for the amount of which he could not remember, had been rendered to the plaintiff's landlord, Urban Rogers, who was quoted as having asked

CANCER DRIVE

The annual cancer fund drive received a real boost this week when Bear Grass reported it had exceeded its \$75 quota by \$13.85. Headed by Elder A. B. Ayers, the drive was extended to all parts of the district in a hurry by Messdames LeRoy Harrison, Pete Mendenhall, Henry White, Jr. and Claude Rawls. Reports from four other districts are encouraging, the County Commander Mrs. Chas. I. Harris stating that well over half of the quota had been raised and reported, that no reports had yet been received from Griffins, Williams, Cross Roads, Robersonville and Poplar Point. The leaders there can be depended on to carry the drive over the top, the chairman said late yesterday.

Early Treatment About Only Hope In Cancer Battle

"Danger Signals" Of Disease Listed; Precaution Needed Early

Cancer can be cured if it is diagnosed and treated in time. This is the most important fact to remember about this disease. Too many people delay seeking medical advice when they suspect cancer and by refusing to face the issue give cancer a chance to spread to the point where cure may be difficult. If each person would seek medical advice when he has any symptom which might indicate cancer, many lives would be saved.

What is cancer? What causes it? Cancer is the uncontrollable growth of living cells after the body tissues have ceased to grow normally. All life begins as a single cell. This cell doubles and the two cells multiply again to produce four. This cell multiplication goes on until the whole body is built. Then cell increase slows down to the point of merely taking care of repairs and necessary replacement of old worn-out cells.

For instance, if you cut your hand, the cells of the injured muscle and skin begin to multiply rapidly and this accelerated growth continues until the injured tissues are filled in. However, if an injury is repeated time and time again, and at the same spot, by certain types of irritating substances, the orderly cell multiplication may change to a lawless growth and a tumor is started.

A tumor is a lump of cells that has no useful function. There are many kinds of tumors. They grow inside the body, where they are difficult to detect, as well as near the surface of the skin. Some remain small, some grow to a great size, but if they are self-contained and do not spread to other parts of the body, they are called benign ("good") tumors.

On the other hand, some tumors

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Court In Recess Until Next Week

Completing the trial of the \$400 damage suit brought by W. R. Bullock against J. S. Whitman, the Martin County Superior Court ordered recess at noon today until next Monday.

The Bullock-Whitman case, growing out of an auto-truck accident on November 28, 1945, on U. S. Highway 64 a few miles west of Robersonville, was called Wednesday afternoon and its trial continued until noon today. The plaintiff alleged that the driver, a colored man, of the defendant's truck made a turn without giving proper signal. The defense maintained that a proper warning was given. Deliberating the issues a

Plaintiff's Counsel Says Case Will Be Tried Second Time

Jury Deliberated Issues For Two Hours, Giving A \$2,350 Judgment

Trial by jury received a telling blow in the Martin County Superior Court late yesterday afternoon when a verdict declaring Dr. Edward L. Early negligent was set aside by Judge Wm. H. S. Burgwyn. The action of the court climaxed a two-day trial in which the plaintiff, R. B. Speller, colored, alleged the defendant, Dr. Early had been negligent in treating his wife back in November, 1946. While they took no issue with the court, some of the jurors asked "Why have a jury," and at least one offered to return the meager pay tendered him.

Evidence in the case was completed at 4:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and counsel argued the case until almost noon the following day. Judge Burgwyn completing his charge and turning the case over to the jury at 12:45 Tuesday afternoon. It was reported that the first poll was ten to two against the defendant in answering the first issue, "Was the death of plaintiff's intestate, Mary Speller, caused by the negligence or neglect of defendant, as alleged in the complaint?" A unanimous agreement soon followed on that issue, the jury finding it difficult to agree on the amount of damages. The plaintiff asked \$15,000 damages and the jury after deliberating the second issue, "What amount, if anything, is plaintiff entitled to recover of defendant?", for more than two hours awarded the plaintiff \$2,350 damages.

When the jury reported its verdict, Defense Counsel H. S. Ward asked that each member be polled, the action leaving the verdict unchanged. Attorney Ward then addressed the court, declaring that the verdict should be set aside as being contrary to the weight of the evidence, that the evidence supported an overwhelming victory for the defendant who the attorney, warming up to the subject, said that the verdict has stricken down the defendant in his usefulness. The attorney was interrupted by the presiding judge who said, "I have been on the bench twelve years and during that time I have never set aside a jury verdict, but I can't let this one stand; it is contrary to the weight of the evidence." The judge dismissed the jurymen, instructing them to prove their attendance.

Plaintiff's counsel said that there was nothing else to do except try the case over again. It isn't likely that it will be calendared before next September or

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"Bring a Bundle" Meeting Planned

Postponing the regular meeting from April 20th to April 27, the local Woman's Club will hear an address by Mrs. J. M. Hobgood of Farmville and bring a bundle for distribution by the welfare agency of the county.

Mrs. Hobgood is a past president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs and is regarded as an interesting speaker. The meeting will be in the Woman's Club building and start at 8:00 p. m.

The program is to be presented by the Civic and Public Welfare division of the Williamston club. Mrs. Charles H. Manning, committee chairman, asks that each member bring a bundle of good used clothes, linens and shoes to the meeting. This collection will be turned over to the county welfare department to be distributed among needy people in Martin County. Mrs. Manning says there is an urgent need and that club women wish to help.