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Eight Candidates

Are Automatically

Listed as Nominees

Contests for House, Judge

Boards of Education

And Commissioners

subdivisions had their hats in the

ring well before the filing dead-

line at 6:00 o'clock last Saturday

evening, Board of Elections Chair-

man Sylvester Peel announced,

the action filling all major offices

in the county and two constable

positions, one in Jamesville and

the other in Williamston. No one

filed for the office of county sur-

veyor, leaving that post unsuc-

cessful in its humble bid for a

candidate. The surveying busi-

best it can without the services

of a primary-recognized surveyor.

Township.

primary.

There were no late develop-

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Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Tuesday, April 20, 1948

Vandals Batter Vehicles Champ Exhibitor **Special Court Holds** To Defend Title With Bottles On Highway At Annual Show Final Session Today Running hog wild on the high- or Company when a rock was

ways in this section late last Fri- hurled against the windshield. day afternoon, vandals, riding in Striking directly in front of the Increased Interest Is Being a car believed to have been a driver, the rock cracked the Chrysler, battered automobiles windshield, the truck occupants and trucks and pedestrians with thinking at first that they had

A wave or motor vehicle acrocks and bottles, slightly hurting been fired on with a pistol or cidents struck the streets and one or two of their victims and rifle. endangering the lives of others. highways in this county over the

week-end. Town officers and members of the highway patrol reported eight accidents, two of them within a few blocks of each other in Williamston's main street. Others were reported at each of the county and in the middle. Only three persons were hurt and their injuries were described as minor ones. The propstruck the windshield, shattering tive of Spruill's. erty damage total was estimated it and scattering glass all over the

car occupants. Rachel Manning of 821 Spotswood Ave., Norfolk, suffered a leg injury when the car she was driv-

belonging to the Williamston Mot- issued.

good early last Thursday afternoon went out of control and noon went out of control and Episcopal Laymen driver was treated in Scotland In Meeting Here Wednesday Night

> sentative Addresses Large Group

The laymen of the Episcopal churches in the Middle District of Eastern Carolina held a supper meeting in the Woman's Club former rector of the local church, Duncan of Greenville, president thrown into the windshield. She of the district, conducted a short business meeting during which was discharged from Brown's Mr. Will Gaither of Elizabeth held last Friday evening at the Community Hospital following City and Mr. Frank Fagan of Woman's Club members of the treasurer and candidate for gover- treatment. Damage to each car New Bern, gave interesting re- local Junior Chamber of Com-

> present, representing churches in Other business handled was the Goldsboro, Kinston, Greenville, plans for the club's annual Ladie New Bern Aurora, Washington, and Installation night, set for Fri-Plymouth, Elizabeth City, Wind- day, May 7th. Various committee sor, Roxobel, Scotland Neck and appointments were made, and it get back into the lane of traffic Williamston. Judge W. H. S. was voted that an invitational Burgwyn of Woodland was a dance be held following the dinspecial guest. ner. The Rev. Wm. Kirk of the Virginia Theological Seminary, Alex- member into the organization, andria, gave an inspiring talk on this being Jaycee Ed Rowland, the importance of the seminary. Belk-Tyler employee. President-He said that a vast majority of elect Exum Ward installed the the men now in the seminary new member. The club voted \$35 are veterans of the last war and towards the cost of the annual are eager to help make the Martin County Fat Stock show. church's teaching a vital part of being held here next month. the life of our troubled world. "These men, several of them club members were read, and graduates of West Point and An- quite a few of the members ac napolis, are consecrated to the cepted invitations to attend varitask of building goodness instead ous Ladies' night programs being of war and hatred," the seminary held within the next several days representative said. He contin- by clubs in nearby towns. ued, 'The fact that Time Magazine selected a religious leader for the feature article in their of the club for a two-year term. 25th anniversary number shows It was voted to move the time of what many think is the hope of the meetings to seven-thirty, oeaccount of how these men are be- months. ing trained to become the future

Shown In Show's Swine **Division This Year**

For the first time in the history of the Martin County Fat Stock

Floyd Spruill, Jr., colored man, show the previous year's grand The first attack was reported was walking along the same high- champion owner has chosen to deabout 6:30 that evening when way near Chimney Corner when fend his title. Billy Bailey of Ev-Linwood Brown, accompanied by a car, said to have been a Chrys- eretts 4-H Club will seek to cap-Mrs. Pearl Sawyer, Ben Peel, ler, chased him off the highway ture the title two years straight Mountwell Holliday and C. A. As- into a ditch. He was then at- at the annual event to be held in kew, was driving from Williams- tacked with rocks, one cutting his Williamston on Friday, May 7. ton to his home in Jamesville, wrist. The car was said to have Marv Jane Rogers of the Wil-They had traveled a short distance continued toward Hamilton and liamston 4-H Club who owned the beyond Gardner's Creek when turned around, the occupants di- reserve champion last year is out they met a car and some object recting another attack at a rela- to do better this year. She has her eyes set on the grand champ-Officers are investigating the ion ribbon. She says the calf that

attacks and it is understood that beats her's will have to be a good A short time later, Ernest Har- several will be questioned to- one

There has definitely been an increased interest in fat hogs for the show this year, Assistant County Agent J. W. Sumner said. It is expected that more exhibit ors will compete for the prizes and that possibly the swine show will surpass interest in the beef cattle department.

The hogs will be judged in four groups-1 group of individual weighing 180 to 240 lbs, one group of individual weighing 241 to 300 pounds, one group of pens of three weighing 180 to 240 pounds and one group of pens of three weigh-

A grand champion individual will be selected and a grand champion pen of three also will



Grass Scout troop is expected to ual practice as possible is being were no children born to Everett's be completed within the next two urged upon the students so long as second wife Mary, that she heir-

Expect Change In Verdict Rendered **By Jury Monday Two Juries Find Very Little** Work To Be Done In **Court This Week**

The Martin County Supesior Court is folding its tent today, marking the close of what was to have been a two-week session for

Convened on Monday of last ments were signed and two days were spent hearing the \$15,000 damage suit brought by R. B. Spell-But all the work on the Early case was marked off when Judge Burgwyn set the \$2,350 judgment aside. A \$450 damage suit brought by Bullock against Bateman was settled last Thursday and the court ordered a recess until Monday of this week. During the meantime, four or five of the big cases were continued on ac-

When the court resumed its work this week more cases were continued, but after diligent search it was found that one was ready to be tried

Back in 1941 V. bought a piece of land in Everetts the same name, and when he saw

for tomorrow, Wednesday, after- James H. and Mary Everett, he noon at 5:30 and Thursday night listed them as the proper heirs. It The organization of a Bear at 7:00 o'clock. As much individ- was later brought out that there

R. P. Narron who made the investigation, the driver, while not a car and lost control of her 1947 Virginia Seminary Repre-

9:30 o'clock when a 1936 Ford here last Wednesday night. Mr. RFD 1, Greenville, plowed into meeting and welcomed the guests. the rear of a 1941 Plymouth being Rev. E. F. Moseley of Kinston, a

There were about 115 men club. that Powell started to pass a car and trailer in the 400 block, that he apparently slowed down to Brink Lilley stopped his taxi near the railroad under pass on day afternoon and was struck later and charged with drunken the damage was negligible, Offic-William H. Rogerson, driving Meeks of Ropersonville started to make a U turn near Parmele Sunday afternoon about 5:00 o'clock. Investigating the accident, Patrolman B. W. Parker said that dam-One of the more serious accidents on Sunday occurred in Hamilton Main Street at 8:30 o'clock that evening when Robert

ness will have to drag along the State Politics

ments to upset the political apple Coasting along and attracting politics are beginning to warm

renial candidate, came across well in advance with his \$5 filing fee discussed, the candidates stressing before the day was spent. for constable in Williamston their deep-rooted attachment to The line-up as it is now constituted lists nineteen candidates for issues, piping hot from opposition driven by Jack Dempsey Bryant, N. C. Green presided over the county and township offices, but eight of them, encountering no opposition, were automatically declared the democratic party nomi- question about the investment of ton's West Main Street. Mrs. nees and their names will not ap-State funds. "Mr. Johnson, has Bryant suffered shock and a small Burgant of Construction. Mr. Fitz pear on the ballot for the May 29

The declared nominees are: Sam Getsinger, register of deeds R. H. Smith, treasurer

Paul D. Roberson, county solicitor

C. A. Roberson, county commis-

Bear Grass went over the top with some to spare last week, and this week Rev. W. B. Harrington, chairman for cal offices in this county and its Griffins, stated that Miss Bessie Griffin, Mrs. Leslie Griffin, Mrs. Marion Lilley, Mrs. **Raymond Gurkin**, Mrs. Urban

, Nineteen Apply For Eight Accidents

NEARS GOAL

Although complete reports

have been received from only

two districts, it is fairly cer-

tain that the cancer fund

drive in this county is near-

ing the \$1,500 goal.

Positions In County

Lilley and Mrs. Pierce's store had made a two-day canvass and raised \$118.20, an amount \$43.20 in excess of the assigned quota. A fairly complete report on

the drive is expected within the next day or two.

cart in the county. P. Paul Holliday filed for constable of very little attention despite fever- Chevrolet which was damaged to Jamesville Township a short time ish campaign work by the candibefore the filing period was clos- dates during recent weeks, State ed, and Chas. Ray Moore, the pe-

cord last week came out with a

nor too, came back and said that the millions were in funds that Chief W. E. Saunders and Officer ports.

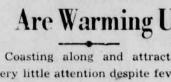
up. The routine issues have been the soil and their great love for ported Sunday morning about the common folks. Now, the side camps, are breaking into the open. Editor Davis of the Zebulon Re-

idle millions of dollars held as surplus in Raleigh?" the Zebulon

man asked. Johnson, the State

such answer.

Are Warming Up



the car were not injured and the Neck. According to Patrolman

running very fast, started to pass the extent of about \$500.

at \$1,620.

The series of wrecks starting in Williamston Sunday morning spread to all parts of the county

ing from Oak City toward Hob-

On County Roads

During Week-end

Two of Eight Wrecks Re-

ported On Williamston's

West Main Street

The first in the series was re-

driven by Ed Powell on Williamsthere been any effort to invest the cut on one finger when she was

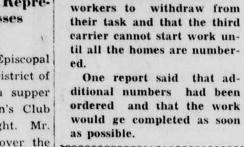
was estimated at about \$75 by

rear.

accident, reported.

age was negligible.

could not be invested, or some Chas. R. Moore who made the investigation. One report stated



Javcees Decide

DELAYED

merce voted to incorporate the

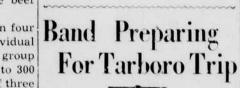
ing 241 to 300 pounds.

To Incorporate be selected.

The inauguration of an extended mail delivery service here has been delayed, reports stating that a shortage in house numbers forced the

Other farmers are expected to start transplanting this ris was driving a pickup truck night, but no warrant has been. There are only two 4-H mem week, but it will be latter bers with a baby beef this year part of next or early the folthat did not enter one last year lowing week before the task They are Lynette Haislip of the Oak City 4-H Club and Everett Purvis of the Hassell 4-H Club.

gets under way on any appreciable scale. Blue mold is present in many plant beds throughout the county, but damage is slight where spray materials were applied, Mr. Bowen stating that his plants had about recovered from the



mold.

FIRST TOBACCO

The first of the 1948 to-

bacco crop in this county was

transplanted by Farmer Toba

Bowen on his Bear Grass

farm yesterday, the farmer

stating that the plants were

so large that he had to either

pull them out of the bed and

throw them away or trans-

plant them. Preparing his

land last week, the farmer

transplanted only one and

one-half acres of his approxi-

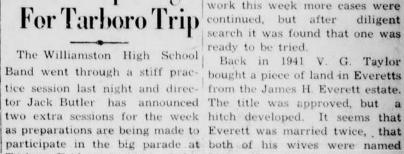
mately six-acre allotment. He

plans to complete the task

the latter part of this week.

The Williamston High School Band went through a stiff prac-

Tarboro Friday afternoon of this Mary. The title checker did not week as a part of Hospitality Day, know Everett had two wives by festivities there. Special sessions are scheduled that there were children born to



the trial of civil cases only. week by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, the court handled very little business that day. A few consent judg-

er against Dr. Edward L. Early.

count of a lawyer conflict.

sioner Cross Roads-Robersonville district.

commissioner, Williamston- Poplar Point district.

C. C. Martin, county commissioner Jamesville-Williams district, succeeding Joshua L. Colperiod of able and faithful service.

Chas. Ray Moore, constable Williamston Township.

J. Paul Holliday, Jamesville Township.

The other positions in the political set-up where activities are a little warmer are being contested, and all by good candidates. And since it has good men seeking the various offices, Martin County companion, Mary Taylor, of Cho- his car smashed when James Josh is assured a continuation of good government, a condition the county and its people can be justly proud of.

Edgar Gurganus, Williamston attorney, and A. Corey, Jamesville man and accomplished "jack of all trades," literally speaking, Lawful To Seine For are in the race to capture Martin County's seat in the State House of Representatives which C. B.

is relinquishing.

Smith, incumbent, much interest is almost certain to seine or take minnows from pub- street. Howell's car turned over Tom Roberson, Farm Life farmer, from the executive director, Clyde

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SPEEDSTERS

Speedsters are being lined up in fairly large numbers for visits before Judge J. C. Smith in the county recorder's court next Monday. Up until noon Monday twenty had been booked by members of the highway patrol working in this county.

The group includes a New York minister who was hurrying south last week to see the Azalea gardens.

John Henry Edwards, county Drunken Driver Arrested Here

Crashing the Main and Watts train who is retiring after a long Street red traffic light, almost West Main Street to discharge a clipping a school child and ig- passenger about 1:30 o'clock Sunnoring a call by Officer Chas. R. Moore yesterday afternoon, Les- from the rear by a car driven by

lie Edgar Coggins, RFD 2, Green- G. M. Nicholson, RFD 3, Wilville, was arrested a few minutes liamston. No one was hurt and

driving. He arranged cash bond er Wm. Haislip, investigating the in the sum of \$200. Apparently realizing the law was closing in on him, Coggins his 1940 Chevrolet west on U.S. got from under the wheel and his 64, had the right rear fender of cowinity, took over. She was

booked for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. Their cases are scheduled for

trial in the county court next Monday. **Minnows In Streams**

In accordance with an amended Samuel Howell, employe of a Martin, Robersonville school man, regulation by the Wildlife Re- cleaning and pressing establish-

sources Commission recently, it is ment in Robersonviile, drove his Chas. H. Manning, Williamston' now lawful to seine for minnows 1937 Ford into town from the diattorney, is contesting the posi- in inland fishing waters provided rection af Palmyra and ran into tion of judge of the Martin Coun- the net used is of dip-net design D. G. Matthews' 1946 Chevrolet.

square feet; a seine of length not church while the owner was at-While three members were greater than twelve feet and with tending services, the car was declared the party nominees, a mesh one-half inch or less. To knocked about 25 feet down the

be shown in the two board of lic waters for purpose of sale, but he was not hurt, but Patrolcounty commissioners contests. W. one must obtain a written permit man R. P. Narron estimated that in Washington, Senator Wm. B.

P. Patton, Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Davenport,

was painfully but not seriously

burned at his home here on Cher-

ry Street shortly before noon yes-

Telling members of the family

that he was cold, the child went

to the living room and dashed a

small quantity of kerosene into

some coals in a heater. The flames

flared up in his face, burning his

lace and arm and singeing his

eyebrows and hair.

terday.



High water in the Roanoke continues to delay seine fishing at Jamesville, the fishery owner-operator, Mr. C. C. Fleming, stating last night that it hardly looked possible to start operations before

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next week. The river daring 30 itours ending last night, dropped only one-half inch at this point, and is now helding to about eleven feet, or one foot over the banks.

leaders of the church.

A delicious "rock muddle" cooked by Gene Kimball and Bill Glover, was served by the ladies James Bullock led the singing. of the Episcopal church.

ty Court with Judge J. Calvin with opening not greater than six Parked in front of the Baptist Senator Umstead **Stops In County**

Taking time out from his duties Umstead made an impromptu vis- ed in better fishing and hunting it in this county last Thursday, are to meet in the courthouse The senator admittedly facing Wednesday night of this week at

8:00 o'clock. Some timely busi strong opposition in this county, talked optimistically about the ness will be discussed, including over-all outlook. The candidate recent changes made and proposhas no manager in this county but ed in the hunting and fishing rehe has some strong supporters. gulations.

However, his opponent, J. Melvile Broughton, will, it is predicted, Firemen Called Out carry the county three to one. Asked about conditions in

Washington, the Senator was Apparently starting from quoted as saying that they are in burning cigarette dropped on a tig mess. The initation spiral, mattress, fire threatened the Wilslowed down for a while, is now son home on Hunter Street here twisting forward more rapidly at 12:15 o'clock last Sunday mornnow, and Washington observers ing. Firemen threw out the burnore not at all encouraging in their ing mattress and very little dampredictions for the future. lage was done.

announced today. Twelve boys scholastin duties. have been registered.

The club installed one new torium April 30. The scouts themment to the public. The "Fid- take part in the parade. dler's Convention" is open to individual participation. Anyone asked to contact Scoutmaster Le-

Several letters of interest to the man Keel.

Local Merchant **Died On Friday**

Bernard Harrison was elected a member of the board of directors Elijah L. Brown, prominent local colored business man, died at the future." He gave a vivid ginning in May, for the summer been in declining health for some of years, died at her home in time.

> tons here for many years, finally 77 years old leaving them to open a grocery business which he operated suc-The attendance prize, awarded a leader in his church and held o'clock by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, by Jesse Sumner, was won by responsible offices in the Odd Fel- formerly of Williamston. Interlows and Elks lodges.

Wildlife Group To Meet In Courthouse

Members of the Martin County Wildlife Club and others interest-

tions.

MEETING

Armed with sufficient petition strength to get a referendum, forces will meet this evening in the Memorial Baptist Church here to perfect an organization for an all-out drive against the sale of wines and beer in this county. No definite count on the number signing the petitions could be had, but it is estimated that far more than the required 15 percent of the eligible voters have affixed their signatures to the peti-

weeks, Scoutmaster Leman Keel it does not interfere with other ed the property and in turn her own kin and not the first children

The full band will go to Tar- were entitled to the property. The Bear Grass troop will pres- boro as a baseball game scheduled Last November a nephew. ent a "Womanless Wedding" and for Plymouth on Friday has been Thurston Davenport, and others a "Fiddler's Convention" in the moved ahead to Thursday to per- were declared owners of the land Bear Grass High School audi- mit all members to be on hand. on Highway 64 in the town of High school bands from Wilson, Everetts. At that time Judge selves make up the cast of the Rocky Mount and other towns are Paul Frizelle allowed the defend-"Womanless Wedding," which to be on hand and it is reported ant to file a petition setting up promises laughter and entertain- that two army band units may betterments and improvements. In the court this week the peti-The band is to travel by pri- tioner proved that he had spent

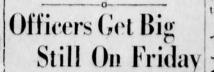
vate cars, leaving Williamston at \$7,500 building a six-room house. wishing to enter the contest is 2 p. m. A large number of local a filling station and other strucpeople are reported planning to tures. The jury so found after go for the parade and for the ball debating the issues about fifteen game in Tarboro Friday night.

> **Former Resident Died** Thursday

Mrs. Rena Cunningham, who his home here on Washington, made her home here with her son Street last Friday night. He had at various intervals over a period litigants reach some kind of an Pineville, Mecklenburg County, He had worked for the Jim Sta- last Thursday afternoon. She was

Funeral services were conducted in the Pineville Presbyterian cessfully for a long time. He was Church Friday afternoon at 4:30 ment was in the family cemetery

Surviving is one son, E. P. Cunernoon at 3:00 o'clock by his pas- merly of Williamston but now of



Raiding in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township last Friday morning, ABC Officer Joe H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel captured a 100-gallon capacity copper liquor distillery kettle and poured out 500 gallons of medium grade beer. The plant was fully equipped and was supplied from two fifty-gallon and one four hundred gallon fermenters.

The still was almost new, the officers stating that they believed it had been used, as more than two or three times.

ROUND-UP Eight persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail last week-end by local, county and highway patrol officers. Four were charged with publie druakenness, two with

drunken driving and one with an affray. Two of the eight were young white men and th

ages of the group ranged from 23 to 38 years.

high, that he would not let it stand. There was a possibility late Monday that the court today agreement. It is a possibility that the petitioner will buy the land. Taking the case shortly before 3:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon the jury found that the petitioner had reasonable grounds to believe title to the land was good and to go ahead and make improvements. A rental fee of \$17.50 per year was allowed by the jury.

Other proceedings not previously reported:

The case brought by Mrs. Lina J. Taylor against G. C. Taylor was settled by agreement, the plaintiff receiving \$552.62.

The case of W. M. Staton (Continued on page six)

quoted as saying that the amount allowed for betterments is too

minutes. No immediate action was taken by the court to set the verdict aside, but Judge Burgwyn was



Funeral services are being con- near Pineville. ducted in the A. M. E. Zion Church on Rhodes Street this aft- ningham, and two grandsons, for-

tor, Rev. A. H. Fisher. Interment Smithfield. will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery

en pronounced the invocation and

Carroll Jones.

Early Sunday Morning

A delicious chicken dinner was served the group by the members of the local Beta Club. Bob Cow-