THE ENTERPRISE IS READ BY OVER 3,000 MARTIN COUNTY FAMILIES TWICE EACH WEEK

THE ENTERPRISE

THE ENTERPHISE IS READ BY OVER 3,000 MARTIN COUNT FAMILIES TWICE EACH WEEL

VOLUME LI—NUMBER 41

Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Thursday, May 20, 1948

ESTABLISHED 1899

Officials Reject Offer of Property For A New Street

Latest Plans Call for Paving The South Block Of **Smithwick Street**

In a special session last Tuesday evening, Williamston's town commissioners rejected an offer by Mr. Jos. B. Cherry to give a right-of-way for straightening South Smithwick Street in exchange for tax receipts. Not certain what other property owners would do, and reasonably convinced that they could not legally cancel tax claims in the sum of approximately \$1,700, the commissioners abandoned plans for relocating the south end of the street as it leaves the intersection with Railroad Street at White's tin shop.

Holding a petition signed by those owning fifty-one percent of the property facing the old street, the board ordered that the present street be improved and paved, the improvement to include curb and gutter, street paving and a sidewalk on the lower or northeast side. It is roughly estimated that the project will cost approximate \$3,500. Final action is expected at the June meeting after definite cost estimates are prepar-

Preliminary budget figures were studied following a review of the expenditures in relation to the 1947-48 budget to date. It was pointed out by Treasurer Dan Sharp that all departments were running well within their current budget estimates except in one instance where new equipment was added unexpectedly. The heads of the department are to be called in to go over the proposed budget figures for the next fiscal year, the officials calling for the completion of the figures in time to complete and have the tax books ready as soon as possible at the close of the fiscal year.

Advised that the supply of available lots is rapidly dwindling, the board is planning to explore the possibility of extending the boundaries to include adjoining property to the northwest.



Messrs. Henry S. Johnson, Jr., (left) and Nat W. Johnson (right) are bidding for the Hamilton-Goose Nest District seat on the Martin County Board of Commissioners being vacated by Commissioner R. A. Haislip at the end of the current term. The two candidates are numbered among the most prominent young business men in the county. Not to be confused with Mr. Henry A. Johnson of Gold Point, Mr. Henry S. Johnson is a Hamilton business man and farmer, and Mr. Nat W. Johnson is in business at Oak City.

School Cafeteria

For Robersonville

Session With Board

For School Projects

TAKE NO CHANCES

Abram (Buddy Rowe) Fonville's debtors are said to be taking no chances on their creditor getting out of jail where he is being held for the murder of Lewis Riddick and the serious wounding of Willie James Melton here on the morning of May 8.

One of the man's debtors was said to have sent him several dollars on a debt a few days ago, explaining that the last dollar would be paid this Saturday.

It will be recalled that Fonville went wild with a pistol when he called on Melton and Riddick to pay up their gambling debts, and that he fired away when they did not come forward with the cash.

Has Fifteen Cases In County's Court Man Gets His Initials Mixed

Up In Driver's License Law Violation

Judge J. Calvin Smith handled fifteen cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court during a comparatively short session last Monday. A fairly large crowd was present to hear the proceedings. Fines in the sum of \$205 were imposed and several road sentences were meted out.

Hopie Brooks, charged with operating a motor vehicle without the new type driver's license, was adjudged guilty and was fined \$25, plus the costs. Brooks explained to the court that he thought he was to get his new license when the "H" for Hopie came up instead of the "B" for Brooks. The twisted wrinkle did not save him

A rather patehtic case was aired in the court when Junius Ebron, 70-year-old colored man and Contracts Approved a pensioner in the State of Vir-ginia, was called to answer for the second time a non-support charge. Returned to the county last week by Deputy Murray Holloman, Ebron depends mainly on a small pension for his support. Last November he was in the court for not providing support for his wife and children. He was directed to pay \$20 a month and prayer for judgment was continued at the November session. Included In List He was brought back when it was learned that he had not made the first payment. During the mean-Commissioners In a Joint time, his wife has been working

in a basket factory to support the

Of Education children. He had very little to say for himself, and calmly ac-The Martin County Commiscepted the twelve-month road

sioners meeting in joint session sentence. with the County Board of Edu-Oscar Rollins, drunk and disorcation Tuesday approved three derly, was fined \$10 and taxed school construction projects in with the costs. The court directed this county, the list including a him to pay \$7 medical bill for cafeteria for the graded school Minnie V. Gainor, and he drew a in Robersonville, an addition to five-day jail sentence. He is to the school at Bear Grass and a pay \$10 for his jail board and new high school unit here. keep.

No contracts have been formal- Charged with being drunk and end Paul B Nickens, pastor of disorderly and resisting arrest, Ludford Memorial Baptist Church anti-rat campaign in this county ly signed as yet, but the successful bidders are being notified and Johnnie Jones pleaded not guilty. in Plymouth, is the visiting min- indicates that comparatively few the preliminaries will be handled Adjudged guilty he was sentenced ister, and is bringing the mes- individual farmers are participatas quickly as possible with the to the roads for twelve months, sage each evening this week at ing in it. Approximately 175 expectation that contsruction ac- the court suspending the road eight o'clock continuing through tivities will get under way with- term upon the payment of a \$50 Saturday evening. The revival in a comparatively short time. It fine and costs and \$35 to Officer will not close at this time, but the and prepared yesterday to "plant" Bureau Progress none of the buildings will be maged by the defendant. He is to preach the closing sermons Sunis fairly certain however that W. Edmond Early for clothes da- pastor, J. Thad Ashley, will it.



The three men pictured above - J. D. Woolard (left) of Williamston, Cecil B. Powell (center) of Gold Point, and Henry C. Norman (right) of Robersonville — are in the race for the two open-ings on the Martin County Board of Education. The race is not limited to districts and the two high men in the May 29 primary irrespective of residence, will be recommended for appointment by the next General Assembly. All three men are well known in the business field in this section.

ment program will be held Sun- nesday.

in Drive On Rats

A preliminary report on the

However, it was explained that

ahead with an effective drive.

Justice Johnson

part of this week.

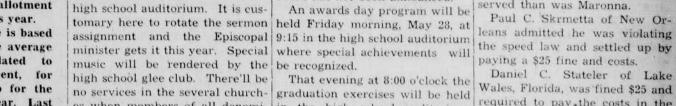
TOBACCO PENALTY

Penalty on tobacco produced in excess of quotas has been fixed for 1948 at sixteen cents a pound, according to unofficial information received here this week.

This year's penalty is a drop of three cents from that of 1947, when the penalty was 19 cents per pound. County tobacco acreage allotment was also reduced this year. The penalty figure is based on 40 percent of the average market price, calculated to the nearest whole cent, for the kind of tobacco for the preceding market year. Last year's flue-cured tobacco

brought an average price of 41.2 cents per pound.

with much success. The Rever-



es when members of all denomi- in the high school auditorium. nations gather at the school to Dr. W. E. Marshall, of the departworship at the special service for ment of political science, East the seniors. Carolina Teachers' College,

Announce Finals Program

In The Williamston School

The first in the series of events ule which gets under way next

on the local school commence- Monday and lasts through Wed-

day evening at 8:00 o'clock when holding their class day exercises

Rev. John W. Hardy, rector of the at 8:00 o'clock in the high school

Church of the Advent, preaches auditorium. The program for the

the commencement sermon in the event has not been announced.

A high spot in the finals pro- Greenville, will address the sengram but one not so eagerly anti- iors, their parents, patrons of the cipated, is the examination sched- school and other friends

FOR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION Speedsters Have Another Day In **Court This Week**

One Defendant Said To Have Exploded When Faced With Facts

There has been a marked reluction in the number of speeding cases in the county recorder's court, but a few are still being tagged by active patrolmen. Four speed law violators were booked in the court this week, each drawing a \$25 fine, plus costs.

Maintaining he was not guilty. Charles Maronna, 66, of St. Petersburg, Florida, released a verbal lashing against the court, declaring it was a racket. Almost fighting mad he was said to have called Patrolman J. T. Rowe a liar, a casual observer stating that the man barely escaped without being held in contempt of court. The patrolman declared he was careful in checking the defendnt's speed and his story was acepted by the court. Maronna paid he \$25 fine and costs, and while he may consider the bill exhorbitant, Clerk L. B. Wynne expressed the opinion that the man got off

Wiley C. Harrell, Virginia Beach druggist, was fined \$25 andtaxed with the costs. He did not like it a bit, but he was more reserved than was Maronna.

light

Paul C. Skrmetta of New Oreans admitted he was violating the speed law and settled up by paying a \$25 fine and costs.

required to pay the costs in the speeding case brought against

Charles A. Ziliak of Michigan was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs when he pleaded guilty of violating the speed law.

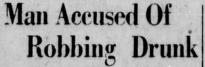
Killer Released In \$3.500.00 Bond

Richard Percy Brown, local colored man who shot and killed his good Iriend, William (Lus) Mid gette on Jamesville Street here last Friday evening, was released under bond in the sum of \$3,500 yesterday afternoon. A mortgage was placed on the properties of his brothers in Halifax County to satisfy the bond which was fixed at a preliminary hearing held by Justice J. S. Ayers in the courthouse last Monday evening One report said that Brown, once out of jail, started to his home to get his clothes and turned away when he saw two cars parked nearby. Messengers were then sent and they also turned back, the report adding that Brown left without his clothes to visit relatives in or near Roanoke Rapids until his trial is called during the week of June 7. It isn't believed that anyone was waiting for the man, that apparently he was scared. During the meantime, Bill iary in the elementary grades of Percy Brown and who it is claimboth the white and colored ed carried a shot gun and a pisleave town should Percy Brown



The next meeting of the board will be held early in June.

It was pointed out that work on a new deep well is going forward, but that the outlook now is not as favorable as it was when the 450foot hole was opened. Several layers of fine water-bearing sand were found, but the contractor has been unable to run a production test, it was learned.



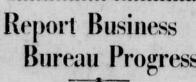
neighbor. Montford claimed he call and to explain what the asdropped the money and Scott Bureau hopes to accomplish. picked it up advising him that he (Montford) was too drunk to carry that money around.

later called for the money, that he gave it to him and that Montford was still so drunk he did not remember it.

Justice J. S. Ayers was of the drunk along with the others that no one knew where the money went and Scott was found not guilty.

being drunk and disorderly, pleaded guilty of being drunk and claimed he was so drunk that he did not recall being disorderly. In fact, the man was so drunk that he could not give his right name for about 24 hours. He could remember his initials, but did not know what they stood for. He was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the trial justice suspending the term upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs.

Horace Moore was fined \$7.50 and taxed with the cost for being drunk and disorderly. In a second case in which he was charged check. He was sentenced to the prominent farmer, mad a short roads for thirty days, the justice visit here today in the interest of payment of the check and costs. jate.



The canvassing committee for the 1948-49 term late next sum- next two years. the Williamston Business Bureau mer.

advises that the merchants and The program, calling for an ert Bellamy was adjudged not professional men are a little slow addition to the school at Bear guilty. in returning the letters that were Grass, a one-story high school

unit in Williamston and the Robmailed to them last week. ersonville cafeteria, will cost ap- trial and his case is to be called on No doubt this is caused by their not knowing the purposes and proximately \$116,446, exclusive May 31.

Losing \$10 and not knowing aims of the organization. Several of the plumbing, heating and elec-Charles Fowler, charged with how or where, George Montford firms have called in to ask ques- trial wiring of the cafeteria which non-support, pleaded not guilty went to the police, alleging it had tions and the members of the will be handled, in all probabil- and was adjudged not guilty. The been stolen by Sylvester Scott, his committee are glad to have them ity, by the education board forces. State, in the case, maintained that The Bear Grass general conthe plaintiff was forced to move was on Scott's porch, that he sessment covers and what the tract is being awarded to C. B. out of their home when the prop-Mooney and Sons of Edenton for erty was sold, that she stored their It is the intention of the can- \$41,065. The Bear Grass heating household goods in Rocky Mount vassing committee to organize contract, calling for an expendiwhen no suitable living quarters

groups and have at least two cost around \$16,000 or more. Scott explained that Montford members visit each potential. The commissioners discussed she was forced to live with her member and outline the purpose the program for almost two children in other states, and that hours, and it was pointed out that the husband had failed to provide of the Bureau.

Two good examples of such an it can be financed from reserve organization was displayed in Ra- funds and without a special bond leigh when they had their "Trade issue. However, there is a posopinion that Montford was so In Raleigh Day", and in Rocky sibility that the tax rate will be

Mount when they had their "Gal- affected slightly. lopade." With the cooperation of ture of \$7,444, was awarded to C. all the firms and professional L. Russ and Sons of Greenville.

men, Williamston can have a simi- The plumbing contract for Bear W. C. Chapman, charged with lar organization in its Business Grass, going to Jack Sullivan of Rocky Mount, calls for an expen-Bureau.-Reported.

Prize Stock Show Beef

Prize beef of the recent Martin County Fat Stock show is being \$53,894.

going to C. L. Russ and Sons,

amounts to \$4,023. Jack Sullivan

liamston for \$3,387, and the elec-

(Continued on page six)

placed on sale in the Colonial C. B. Mooney and Sons are Some of the beef was placed on the Williamston High School proj- throughout Eastern North Caro- primary. sale a few days ago by Ward's ect, calling for an expenditure of Market here \$40,300. The heating contract,

Senatorial Candidate Makes Short Visit Here gets the pumbing contract in Wil-

Accompanied by Sheriff Horton with issuing a wortbless cneck of Pamlico, Mr. Sam M. Campen, Buchans Electric Gar answerts to Moore said he had paid \$2 on a \$3 Pamilco County business man and

The general construction consuspending the term upon the his candidacy for the Stafe Sen-

ready for use at the opening of violate no criminal law during the day morning at 11 o'clock and the incorporated towns are going

There has been a large attend- Robersonville handled about 160 Charged with an assault, Robance at each of the services with pounds last Thursday despite the

people attending from Williams- rain. Williamston is making J. Leon Wynne, charged with ton and the surrounding territory. ready to spread between 800 and drunken driving, called for a jury

Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

To Collect Books

For Leper Colony 75 pounds of the special poison Boy Scouts of Troop 27 will in the drive to reduce the rat

start collecting old discarded population. books Monday, May 24 for dis-

tribution to a leper colony in the Philippine Islands. Local people are asked to co-

could be found in Parmele, that ing a few old books. Books suitable for junior and senior high schools use, and especially general fiction, travel, adventure and biography are needed.

(Continued on page six)

Candidate for Governor To Make Motorcade Visit Here

Climaxing the six-man race for | night stop in Greenville. The mogovernor, R. Mayne Albright will torcade, including Albright supditure of \$3,785. The electrical stop his motorcade here next porters from various parts of the the payment of the costs in the wiring contract there goes to the Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock State, will swing on down to the cases charging Lelon Roberson tificates. On Sale in Store Here Durham Electrical Company, the for a twenty-minute program in Carteret and New Hanover coasts and C. H. Rawls with not stopamount boosting the total cost front or near the City Hall, it was and work back through Lumber- ping before entering a main high- Guernsey Sale To Be

of the Bear Grass building to announced by his Raleigh head- ton, Fayetteville, Smithfield into way from a side road. It has been quarters yesterday. The stop will Raleigh. From there the candi- a common practice for motorists be one of about thirty the 38- date will make a last tour of the to slow down and move into the

for the general construction on will make in a wide swing west, closing a day ahead of the but the law calls for a complete in Goldsboro Friday afternoon of Deputy Roy Peel and two federal

lina in the last few days of the It has been claimed that the rough-and-tumble campaign. man's trailer campaign is rolling Start Construction Work Moving in from Tarboro, the on to what may be the "biggest motorcade, headed by Albright's political upset in North Carolina

car-trailer, "The Challenger," will history." It is rumored that there stop near the City Hall, marking is a definite "swing to Albright" started yesterday for a storage the candidate's second visit to this in all parts of the State. No such warehouse on Railroad Street be- ers Association will hold its last not been used recently. section. The candidate will speak announcement has been officially tween Eim and Pearl S reets by meeting of the year Monday night

\$1,300, boosting the total cost of briefly from "The Challenger," made, but the Albright camp is Mr. Sid A. Mobley. and move out of here at 3:20 for claiming that the "opposition is The structure, 65 by 150 feet, auditorium. Election of officers stating that they had been able 9 Plymeuth, going from there to conceding that he will be in the is to be built with cinder blocks will be in the principal business of find only four manufactur Wash: ngton and on to an over- second primary. and the floor will be of cement, the meeting.

this county during the 20th week, but the record is leading the figures recorded in two columns up until the farmers ordered 504 pounds of bait same time last year. 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.

THE RECORD

SPEAKS . . .

Only one accident was re-

ported on the highways of

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 20th Week 1948

1 0 1947 0 0 0 1.000 pounds within the next few **Comparisons To Date** days. Everetts, Jamesville, Ham-1948 55 21 1 ilton and Oak City have ordered 1947 49 26 160 pounds each, and Parmele and Hassell are planning to use about

Announce Safety Slogan Winners

00

10.915

10,725

Winners in the Safety Slogan contest, sponsored here recently Hears Four Cases by the American Legion Auxil- Brown, who allegedly chased

Justice R. T. Johnson heard schools, were announced a few tol for Percy Brown, planned to four cases in his court the early days ago.

In the white schools, Sandra gain his freedom. Percy Brown's Charged with "beating" a board Margolis won first prize. Other disappearance yesterday has reaill, J. B. English was found not guilty.

Probable cause appearing in the and Billy Glover. ase charging him with assaulting female, Roscoe Morrow was bound over to the county court winners were, Nellie Gray Rog- burial Tuesday afternoon under bond in the sum of \$25. ers, Herman Davis, Joseph Man-Judgment was suspended upon

son and Eva D. Lynch.

Held In Goldsboro

A large Guernsey sale is being Stores market here this week-end also being awarded the contract year-old candidate for governor campaign into the Piedmont and main highways without stopping, held in the Farmers Warehouse this week at 1:00 o'clock. Sev-

planning to attend. On Storage House Here P. T. A. HOLDING FINAL Work on the foundation was

MEET OF YEAR MONDAY The Williamston Parent-Teach-

winners were Anne Davis Peel, lieved tension in some quarters, Janice Holliday, Sarah Everett one report maintained.

The body of Brown's victim In the colored schools, Marjorie was removed to Washington Langford took first honors. Other County, his native home, for

The winners were awarded cer- Officers Wrecked Two Distilleries

Raiding in Hamilton and Goose Nest Townships yesterday afternoon, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck, agents from Elizabeth City found eral farmers from this county are and wrecked two crude liquor plants. Both were equipped with 50-gallon capacity oil drums and no beer was found at either plant. One had just been moved to a

new location and the other had

The illicit liquor business is in at 8:00 in the grammar school a slump just now, the officers

