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# THE ENTERPRISE

Young Farmer Loses Legislators May Quit And Return Fifteen Enter Town Primary

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**County Board Of** 

**Commissioners In** 

**List Of Hog Vaccinators Is** 

Submitted To Board

At Meeting

# Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Tuesday, April 5, 1949

this State.

Incorporated

potato committee continued plans

for establishing and maintaining

a sweet potato market in this

county, and reviewed the progress

made in laying the foundation for

increased acreages.

# **ESTABLISHED 1899**

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**Court Adjourned** Thursday After Hectic Sessions

### Few Criminal Cases Handled and Several Divorces Are Granted

The Martin County Superior Court after clearing the Coltrain murder case from the docket in hectic sessions lasting nine days, went on to handle a few criminal ing Five Places on Board; /cases and grant several divorces before adjourning for the term early Thursday afternoon. The civil calendar was crowded right

will be heard during a special term of the superior tribunal opening on the eighteenth of this month for a run of two weeks.

One or two civil judgments were entered in the records, but most of the time the court was in session after the Coltrain case was cleared was spent hearing the case charging Joe Clark, Henderson Moore, Grover Peel, Leaman large enough to fill all the posi- James and Dave Leonard James tions, the number of candidates with the theft of twelve bags of started jumping the middle of last peanuts from D. D. and R. G. Coo'clock that evening when L. Closs roads for three years. The case Roberson had his name entered was nol prossed as to Dave Leonard James. A verdict of not guil-J. S. Ayers arranged the filing de- ty was directed as to Joe Clark and Grover Peel. Found guilty by the jury, Henderson Moore was For Mayor: Robert H. Cowen sentenced to the roads for not less

than eight and not more than twelve months. For Town Commissioners: Ben The case in which L. L. Britt

D. Courtney, K. D. Worrell, John was charged with trespass, was H. Gurganus, Roy Ward, Leman continued under prayer for judg-Barnhill, C. H. Godwin, Sr., Julian ment until the June term Harrell, David Moore, W. O. Grif-

In the civil action brought by Donald Frank against Jasper Harrell and involving a landlord-tenant settlement, a judgment was entered showing an agreement had been reached.

In the case of C. B. Savage against G. H. Manning, the court issued an order further restraining the defendant from cutting timber on the lands of R. T. Purvis. R. H. Cowen was named receiver to take over control of timber on the Purvis land against

which the plaintiff held a paper.

The receiver was required to give

bond in the sum of \$1,000 and

Critcher and Gurganus were nam-

Based on two-year separation

grounds, divorces were allowed

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ed attorneys for the receiver.

The Martin County Commissioners, in a short but fast-moving session, Monday handled numerous new business items in addition to routine duties. All members of the board were present, including Messrs. C. C. Martin, W. M. Harrison, J. H. Edwards, C. A.

Roberson and Henry S. Johnson. The following persons were recommended to handle hog vaccinations in the county: C. A. Whichard, J. E. Mullens, W. H. Vanderford, Troy Warren

and J. H. Dixon, all of Robersonville and community. Bill Abbitt, R. G. Slade, Fate

Gurganus, Will Griffin, Willie Modlin, D. W. Brady, T. B. Brandon, Arthur Revels, Paul Harrington, Dewey Perry, Ralph Taylor, Sidney Beacham and R. M. Edwards, all of Williamston and Williamston RFD.

D. G. Matthews, Jr., J. H. Lillard, H. A. Haislip, W. F. Thomas, A. P. Hyman and George Oglesby, all of the Hamilton section.

J. J. Pierce, John Hassell and R. A. Haislip, Jr., all of Oak City and section.

V. B. Hairr, J. A. Ellis, Bennie Gray Lilley and Leonard Holliday, all of Jamesville and section. Ralph Davenport of Dardens. Oliver Carter of Parmele.

The board recommended that the following roads be taken over

by the State Highway Commission in Williams Township Road leading from Williams Lower School to W. Frank Barber's residence, a distance of two miles and serving ten or twelve families.

Road in Griffins Township, running by Ira Jones's.

Road leading from the Jamesville-Manning Road in Griffins

miles.

Nine of the ten townships in the county have reported a combined gain of \$1,352,414 in assessed property values, Supervisor M. L. Peel announcing yesterday that a report from Jamesville is being delayed by the North Carolina Pulp Company.

Session Monday Life In An Explosion

VALUATIONS

Valuation gains were reported in every instance except shree in the nine township.". Listings by colored property owners in Bear Grass and Poplar Point fell \$1,288 below the 1948 figures and personal property listings in Robersonville toppled downward by \$69,658, but the township went ahead with a \$201,116 gain in real values to show a net increase of \$131,458.

It is believed that Jamesville will report a sizable increase, that the combined gain for the county will exceed one one and one-half million dollars.

**German Seeks To Recover A Cross** 

**Of Soldier Named Smith** From Williamston

Writing to Williamston's mayor, toward the stump about the time Robt. Cowen, a few days ago, a young Revels lighted the first fuse former German soldier solicited and the young man advised him to the mayor's aid in helping recover turn back. Seconds later the a religious token, a small silver charge exploded. Bonds was not

pocket.

cross. The soldier explains that hurt. The brother was across the he was captured and that he sur- field at the time. Township near N. R. Manning rendered his arms and personal A doctor was called and first aid home place to residence of M. H. effects, and that the small silver was rendered at the scene, and the Leggett, a distance of about three cross fell into the hands of an blast victim was carried to the

American soldier from Williams- hospital in a Biggs ambulance. ton whose name is Smith. A son of W. Staton Revels and Mary Ella Peel Revels, he was letter follows: "Very Honorable Mayor, "I am taking the liberty of mak- December 13, 1923, and spent most ing this request of you. of his life there on the farm. He "In 1945, during the war, I was attended the Williamston High sweating it out in the Pacific thefighting in Detmold against the School and served in the Navy American troops, when on Easter during World War II. He was I was wounded and the next day married to Miss Margaret Roberwas taken prisoner by the Ameri- son a short time before last Christtions will be held sometime in cans. We had to surrender our mas. arms and personal belongings. Surviving besides his parents Among them was a small silver and widow are five brothers, cross, five centimeters high, with Clyde and Clayton Revels, both of black onyx. It was a family re- Bear Grass, and Arthur, Saunders membrance and very dear to me. and Clarence Revels of Griffins; When I was transferred to the and four sisters, Mrs. Jasper Wool-Highway Accident When I was transferred to the and four sisters, Mrs. Jasper Wool-hospital in Detmold, through a U. ard of Bear Grass, Mrs. B. F. Lil-S. Guard, I found out that a sol- ley, Jr., and Mrs. Elbert Roberson

For S. P. Revels that the members of the State Legislature may get home by Easter. However, the lawmakers Young Man Fatally Hurt have been there since early Jan-While Blowing Stumps uary and accomplished little; so, if they are to make any progress

**Big Problems are Yet To Be** 

Solved; So Far Little

**Been** Accomplished

With Dynamite at all, which is doubtful, they'll Slade Peel Revels, well-knowt be in Raleigh until Christmas; roung farmer of Bear Grass that is if it requires as long to do Township, was fatally injured in a something as it has required them dynamite explosion on his brothhas been heard about action to reer's farm on the Corey's Cross lieve the pitiful situation in the Roads and Bear Grass Road about 9:00 o'clock last Saturday morn- mental institutions of the State. ing. One of his legs partially torn During the meantime, the mentalaway and the other broken and ly ill continue tied to bed posts as one would tie a common dog mangled, he died just about the time he reached Brown's hospital. to a tree.

Hold Funeral In

**Macedonia** Church

Other important matters to be Apparently the blast victim never knew what happened, reports considered by the legislators are stating that he was blown about blocking immediate adjournment. thirty feet by the blast, that there Schools, roads, and appropriawas little sign of life when help tions are still to be cleared. The boys who are dead set against

eached him. Scott's "Go Forward Program" Helping his brother, Clayton Revels, and a tenant, James are on a sit-down strike, patient-Bonds, clear a streak of stumps in ly waiting for the Scott followers a new field for a drainage ditch, to give in or starve out. Some of them are getting hungry, and the young man set two charges of dynamite under a stump. He light- just as soon as they agree to sured one fuse and was in the act of render unconditionally, the ses lightning the second one when the sion will not be long closing.

While the all-wise legislators Import More Than first one went off prematurely say by their acts that there is and the full charge caught him. It Lost In The War is thought that he had a stick of tracks and legalized gampling dynamite in a left side pocket of tracks and legalized gambling

they say there isn't enough mon-ey to provide school houses for Of The Best Seed they say there isn't enough monhis overalls and that possibly it Says It Fell Into Possession exploded. Another stick of dynamite was found intact in a back the youth of the State or to build roads to get over half the State Martin County Yam Grow-

out of the mud. They admit, by Bonds, standing nearby, started their acts, that there is money to finance liquor stores in hamlets,

towns and cities, but say there isn't enough money there to finance education on a respectable basis. The liquor question as it has been handled makes for a crazy quilt pattern and is in keep-

ing with much that the legislature has done. The legislature last week re-

fused to change its 1947 labor

**Hot With Primary** \$1,500 to the Cancer Fund Late reports from Raleigh state Martin County is being asked to ! Mrs. Harris with the aid of contribute \$1,500 to the American Thad F. Harrison is completing Thirteen Candidates Seek-Cancer Society Drive Fund dur- plans for the drive in this county,

Ask County To Contribute

Home For Easter For Commissioners And Mayor

ing this month, Mrs. Helen Taylor and since the quota is reasonably Harris/ county chairman, an- small and the work to be done is nounces. The amount, same as so important, it is quite certain last year/will be used in promot- that the goal will be reached easiing research work in an effort to ly and without delay. The per- the ole political pot in Williamston out of the picture, but the cases

combat the dread disease. Mrs. sonnel for the campaign in this started boiling over on the last scheduled to be called last week to do little or nothing. Nothing Harris said that plans are now becounty will be announced shortly. day for filing last Friday when ing made to perfect a society with-! The chairman stated that the the number of candidacies jumpin the county to help cancer Society is raising \$14,500,000 in ed to fifteen-thirteen of the cancases and to help guard against the nation to carry on the fight didates filing for the five places on the disease by taking timely ex- against cancer. The chairman the board of town commissioners aminations and studying its symp- pointed out that the April 16 issue and two for mayor. The primary, of Colliers carries one of the most the second held under the 1947 toms

Mrs. Harris was a guest of Gov- complete statements ever offered law, has one more condidate than ernor and Mrs. Kerr Scott in the on cancer. Headed. "101 Answers the number recorded in the elec-Mansion at Raleigh last Friday To Cancer", the article should be tion two years ago. when the drive was launched in read and studied by everyone After holding to a figure hardly

without fail.

Advancing Plans For week and reached a climax just burn. Leaman James pleaded to the before the filing deadline at 6:00 guilty and was sentenced to the Sweet Potato Market Roberson had his name entered in the race for town commissioner.

> over the top in the Martin County Chapter and a few more canvassers are yet to report. Fund Drive Chairman Garland Woolard announced yesterday that \$2,869.57 had been contributed and reported, the amount exceeding the quota by \$169.57.

The drive went over the top last week-end when canvassers among the colored citizens reported \$331.35, the chairman explaining that one or two canvassers are to report tomorrow or Thursday, that a detailed report would be released on the drive as soon as possible.

OVER THE TOP The Red Cross fund drive is

Meeting in special session last Thursday evening, members of the Farm Bureau's special sweet

**Thousand Bushels** ers' Association Will Be

Road in Williams Township leading off Highway 64 at Henderson Jones's place southerly and westwardly to Hardison's store or old Bell Town Road, a distance of 1 1-3 miles, and serving eight families.

Special tax elections were ordered held in Goose Nest and Bear Grass school districts. The elec-

("ontinued on page eight) **Slightly Hurt In** 

Henry Ray Oakley, nine years old, was slightly bruised and suffered some shock when he was struck by an auto and knocked Parmele Citizen about twelve feet to the side of the road in front of Dennis Hardy's store in West End yesterday morning about 7:30 o'clock. He was bruised slightly on his

muitor stationed by the U. S. Marine Corps Lane, applying the brakes on his worse and death followed. car, had almost stopped when the machine struck the boy. He call- and Mary Taylor Smith, she was ed for an ambulance and the boy born in Martin County near Robwas treated in a doctor's office here and released a short time lat- lowing her marriage to Mr. R. S. er. Lane suffered some shock but Bullock she located in Parmele was able to continue his trip after where she was active in church affairs for years. the victim was discharged from

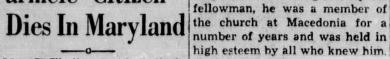
the doctor's office.

### **ROUND-UP**

Five persons were rounded up in the law's dragnet here over the week-end by local. county and state officers. Two were charged with public drunkenness and one each with non-support, larceny and liquor law violations.

Two of the five were white and the ages of the group ranged from 28 to 48 years.

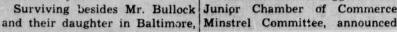
of Griffins and Mrs. Curtis Biggs (Continued on page eight) of Indiana.



Miss maybelic Smith Bullock, Held in the Macedonia church Dix Hill, in the crowed school back and one leg, but no bones a resident of Parmele for many Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, were broken and there were no years, died at the home of her the funeral was attended by a treskin abrasions, Patrolman J. T. daughter, Mrs. J. B. Weichert, in mendous crowd, possibly more Baltimore Monday afternoon at than 1,200 persons. The service Rowe, making the investigation, 2:00 o'clock after a long period of was conducted by Rev. Preston E.

declining health. She entered a Cayton, pastor of Edenton; Rev. Baltimore hospital about six Luther Ambrose, pastor of the in Raleigh, was driving west on months ago for treatment, but Maple Grove Church; Rev. W. B. Highway 64 when the boy darted was visiting in the home of her Harrington, county Baptist mininto the road back of a truck, daughter when she was taken ister, and Rev. Mr. Butler, Wash-

(Continued on page eight) The daughter of the late H. J. **To Present Jaycee** ersonville on June 18, 1883. Fol-Chairman Nelson Leggett of the



are a daughter, Mrs. Silas Leg- today that a repeat performance gett of Robersonville; a sister, of the minstrel presented at the Mrs. J. B. Coburn of Williams- Williamston High S. hool auditorium last Friday night will be givton; two brothers, H. B. and Grady E. Smith, both of Rober- en this coming Friday night in the ning at 7:30 o'clock. sonville, and seven grandchil- same place.

dren. Declaring the minstrel last Friday night was a decided success The body will be returned to the county late tonight and will and that many calls had been rethe Bethel Cemetery. 8 c'clock

Farmer Joe R. Winslow was law. Some of those who stood named president; Mayo Hardison, born in Bear Grass Township on pat against any change, spoke elovice president and M. M. Levin, quently of the three introducers of secretary-treasurer, Farmer H. U. the bill, declaring they were Peel was named to assist in the operations and the group is to go atre while labor was striking at to Raleigh within the next day or home. The strikes in North Cartwo and incorporate the new venolina are not recalled, and it is a ture under the name of the Marknown fact that one of the introtin County Yam Growers' Associducers of the bill in 1947 spent ation.

most of his time at Fort Bragg.

Another stand-patter allegedly stored sugar and other scare arthat a machine would be installed State Legislature last week, J. D. missioner G. H. Harrison. ticles in quantities in his pantry during the war. Others who are

against any change in the labor law, piled up profits and ran helter skelter during the war while someone else's boy was sweating it out in the Pacific.

They are the ones who can raise A promising young man and a their voices so eloquently when neighbor ever willing to help his it comes to putting a foot on the fellowman, he was a member of neck of the common man, but so far few if any of their number number of years and was held in

have raised their voices in behalf rooms, or the fellow out in the mud. They tell the people that they have improved the lot of the school teacher, but the promise of a 20 percent salary increase turned aut five percentain A little spark of life twinkled yesterday in the House when that body passed a \$72,000,000 meas-

> ure providing permanent improvements. But the measure goes to the Senate. Today, the House is considering the biennial appropriations bill.

Minstrel Again Annual Banquet of **Masons** Thursday

and other European countries dur- a meeting of the body. The annual banquet of the Skeing the next three months. She is

warkee Masonic Lodge will be being accompanied on the tour by Badly Cut In Affray held in the Williamston High Miss Van Kerous, her roommate School gymnasium Thursday eve- at the D. Paul Hospital, Norfolk. Miss Perry, a sister of Mrs. A.

Superintendent Leon Gray of P. Coltrain, also formerly of Wil- woman, was dangerously cut on have been unable to check the Oxford Orphanage, will be the liamston, attended high school her neck and back by Mary Glenn fire with the equipment.

here, and three and one-half Taylor in front of the Cotton Club speaker at the banquet. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison were in Plans for the banquet have years ago entered the D. Paul on Washington Street here last the front part of the house when lie in state at the Wilkerson Fu- ceived demanding a repeat per- developed slowly and some of the Hospital School of Nursing and Friday night about 11:00 o'clock. a neighbor came in and asked neral Home in Robersonville un- formance, Leggett said the group members of the lodge have not was graduated last September Thirty-seven stitches were taken where all the smoke was coming til 2:00 o'clock Thursday after- had decided to present the show had an opportunity to secure tick- with honors. She made the high- to close the wounds. from. Mr. Harrison investigated, noon when the last rites will be again with new jokes added. The ets to the banquet so it has been est average in the group taking! No official report could be had, but could not reach the kitchen conducted. Interment will be in repeat performance will start at announced that tickets will be Virginia's State Board of Nursing but it was thought that the attack- until he went out the front and available at the door. examination. er was fighting over her husband. around the house,

**Appoint Members Education Board** 

they are primarily interested in one thing-good government for the town. The candidate outside the present four board members polling

tails for the candidate.

The list of candidates:

and W. Iverson Skinner.

fin, N. C. Green, David Davis, L.

Closs Roberson and M. M. Levin.

primary next Monday, the candi-

dates, for the most part, are wag-

ing whirlwind campaigns. Ap-

peals, direct mail, public and per-

sonal, are being made, but up until

early this morning few cigars or

campaign favors had been passed

out. Apparently there is no clique

operating, but one or two candi-

dates, reports state, have suggest-

ed vote swapping in the pinches.

For the most part the campaigns

are being conducted on a high

plane, the candidates declaring

With little time left before the

the largest number of votes will Two appointments to the Mar- be appointed immediately to fill The group said that contacts tin County Board of Education the position made vacant on the

**Goes To Jail In** had been made with the markets, were made by the North Carolina town board by the death of Com-

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**Damaged By Fire** 

**Politics** Getting

**Only Week Away** 

**Two For Mayor** 

Hardly simmering for weeks.

by late summer or early fall, and Woolard, completing six years on . Few guesses have been advancthat established market prices the board, was appointed for an- ed as to the expected outcome of would be posted every day during other six years to succeed himself, the next Monday vote. Some are the regular marketing season. | and Cecil Powell, 'young Gold of the opinion that it will be a Reviewing the progress that Point man, was appointed to suc- close contest, that some of the canhad been made in getting an ex- ceed Henry C. Norman, Roberson- didates will be nominated by a marital "freedom" he landed in panded acreage, the group said ville man who has ably served minority vote. There is no pro-

that over 1,000 bushels of the best as a member of the board for vision for a second primary, and seed types had been imported by twelve years. The two appoint- the outcome next Monday is tantaformers, that the normal acreage ments were made subject to the mount to election since no opposiwill be increased by between 1,000 wishes of the voters of Martin tion party ticket is anticipated for for non-support and his arrest and 1,500 acres this year. Several County in the May, 1948, primary. the regular election in May. The

armos are planning to put quite Powell's appointment calls for a a few acres to the crop, but most two-year term, the country to preof the acreage will be traced to sentative, A. Corey, staggering the those farmers planting anywhere terms in accordance with custom Home In West End from one to four acres, it was stat- which is designed to block a complete turn-over of the board pered.

The movement for an expanded sonnel at any one time. acreage and an established market Other members of the board

is having a solid foundation raid were appointed in sector among the 4-H club members and Geo. C. Griffin and Ernest Ed- pipe to a wood stove toppled down the Future Farmers of America. mondson who have four more in the kitchen, fire did consideryears to serve on their current able damage to the home of Mr

(Continued on page eight) terms, and Ferd W. Holliday who and Mrs. J. D. Harrison in West

is now completing two years of a End yesterday afternoon at 1:50 **Former Resident** 

four-year term as a member of o'clock. A sizable hole was burned in the kitchen ceiling and a the board. The two new members, Messrs. | large portion of the roof and many

Powell and Woolard subscribed to of the rafters were damaged. Anthe oath of office administered by swering the call, the local fire de-

Williamston, sailed from New day morning at 9:30 o'clock, and checking the fire. York a short time ago for Greece both entered upon their duties in No official estimate on the loss

> sibly will exceed \$1,000, according to one report.

No water line is near the home and if the firemen had been just Annie Purvis, young colored a few minutes later they would lowing the close of the registrations books last Saturday by Registrar John E. Pope. Acting to make themselves eligible to participate in the town primary here next Monday, 239 persons added their names to the registration list, including 139 colored citizens, It is estimated that between 1,450 and 1,500 persons are

"Freedom" Search Willie Manson, young colored man, went into the Martin County Superior Court last week, seeking a divorce, but in his search for

> jail. Manson allegedly deserted his wife and two children some over two years ago. He was indicted followed in Norfolk. Bond was

tiven and he skipped from under it. Manson was trailed to Philadelphia but was never apprehended. Last Thursday he "sneaked" into the county court, claiming a divorce. His divorce case was called and after he had offered his testimony, Judge Chester D. Moris, presiding withdrew a man and ordered a mistrial, the court declining to submit the issues in the divorce action when the plaintiff was charged in a criminal action with willful failure to support his two children. He was booked for trial in the county court.

REGISTRATION

One of the largest prcprimary registrations ever recorded here was reported fol-

eligible to participate in the primary.

could be had, but the damage pos-Here Friday Evening

Miss Bernice Perry, formerly of Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne Mon- partment did an effective job in

**Touring Greece**