

Asks Action of Town Officials At Meeting

Club Group Asks Suitable Garbage Disposal System

Suggests Enforcement of Rat Ordinance and Covers For Garbage Cans

Pledging its cooperation, a special committee from the local Woman's Club very cordially directed a meaningful appeal or directive to the town officials for action at a meeting of the board Tuesday evening.

With Mrs. Joanna Martin as its spokeswoman, the committee suggested a three-point program and went so far as to say that it would circulate a petition for a tax rate increase for one year to finance those three points. The spokesman opposed a bond issue suggestion.

In accordance with resolutions adopted by the club, the special committee pointed out that the present garbage disposal system was inadequate, unsightly and insanitary, and pleaded for a suitable disposal method. It was suggested that possibly a land system or a trench system would meet the need of the town, that the project could be financed with ten or twelve thousand dollars.

The committee called for the enforcement of the recently-passed anti-rat ordinance, and urged covered metal garbage containers for every home or establishment. It was suggested that some type of cover be used on the present garbage trucks, and that the present equipment be replaced, in time, with regular garbage trucks.

In accordance with the committee requests, the board ordered covers placed on the garbage trucks and instructed the superintendent of the department to have garbage and cans sprayed with DDT. A survey of garbage containers is to be made with the possibility that all places will be required to provide and properly maintain garbage cans. The club committee is calling for a report, and it is fairly apparent that strict enforcement of the ordinance will be demanded.

The garbage disposal system has been studied and investigated from many angles over a period of years, and costs to finance an ideal plan, it was found, will run into fairly big money. The system proposed by the Woman's Club committee calls for a fairly large tract of land and a bulldozer to cover the garbage. The board agreed to investigate the proposals further and exploit every possibility for improving the present system. It was pointed out that the present garbage dump is being "abused" by individuals, that where the town is extending the

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Start Pre-School Clinics In County

Beginning next Monday, the health department will conduct a series of pre-school clinics, and the health officer is asking that one parent accompany his or her child and present certificates if child has been vaccinated against whooping cough and diphtheria.

The schedule follows:

White
Williamston, April 11 and 12, 9:30 to 11:30; Robersonville, April 13 and 14, 9:30 to 11:30; Hamilton, April 15, 9:30 to 11:30; Hassell, April 19, 9:30 to 11:30; Bear Grass, April 20, 9:30 to 11:30; Jamesville, April 21, 9:30 to 11:30; Oak City, April 22, 9:30 to 11:30; Farm Life, April 25, 9:30 to 11:30; Everetts, April 26, 9:30 to 11:30.

Colored
Williamston, April 27 and 28, 9:30 and 11:30; Robersonville, April 29, 9:30 to 11:30; Jamesville, May 2, 9:30 to 11:30; Gold Point, May 3, 9:30 to 11:30; Parmele, May 4, 9:30 to 11:30; Oak City, May 5, 9:30 to 11:30; Salisbury, May 6, 9:30 to 11:30; Everetts, May 9, 9:30 to 11:30.

ASKS TO WITHDRAW

An unexpected turn in the town's pre-primary campaign was announced yesterday when Candidate for Commissioner L. Closs Roberson asked to have his name withdrawn from the ballot. No statement accompanied the request.

He was advised that the ballots had been prepared and other arrangements for the primary had been completed, and that his name would appear as scheduled.

Committeemen for School Districts In Martin County

J. D. Woolard Renamed Board Chairman, J. C. Manning Re-elected

Holding their first meeting of the new term, members of the Martin County Board of Education—F. W. Holliday, George C. Griffin, J. D. Woolard, Cecil Powell and Ernest Edmondson—perfected their organization by naming Mr. Woolard chairman and re-electing J. C. Manning, superintendent of county schools. Mr. Woolard is beginning his third six-year term on the board, and is the tenth two-year term for the superintendent.

Committees for the various districts, remaining about the same, were named as follows: Williamston: R. L. Coburn, R. H. Goodmon, C. B. Clark, Sr., W. Iverson Skinner and T. Marvin Britton.

Robersonville: N. C. Everett, John M. Dixon, Sherwood L. Roberson, H. L. Roebuck and J. Marshall Kilpatrick. Oak City: Elmer R. Edmondson, LeRoy Everett, Wheeler Daniel, H. M. Ainsley and J. A. Everett. The Messrs. Everett, Daniel and Ainsley are new members of the committee.

Jamesville: Elmer R. Modlin, W. E. Manning, Chas. Gurkin, W. J. Gardner and Clarence Barber. The Jamesville committee was increased from three to five members and Messrs. Gardner and Barber are the new members.

Farm Life: A. J. Hardison, B. F. Lilley and Lester Griffin. Bear Grass: E. C. Harrison, W. C. Jones and Kneezor Harrison.

Sub-Committees
The following were named on the sub-committees, some of whom are to serve as liaison members between the committees:

Everetts: G. T. Forbes, Alton Keel and H. L. Roebuck. Hamilton: LeRoy Everett, Clayton House and H. J. Johnson.

Hassell: J. D. L. Heridge, W. E. Purvis and Joe Haislip.

Ask \$1,000 For County's Needy Crippled Children

LUDLOW SPLIT crippled children. A goal of \$1000.00 has been set for the 16th annual Easter Seal Sale, Rev. Jim Lowry, chairman of the drive, sponsored by the Martin County Crippled Children's Society, announced today. The sale of the Easter Seals is now under way and will end Easter Sunday, April 17.

Rev. Lowry said records reveal 55 crippled children registered in Martin County. "Each child should have the opportunity to build up all normal faculties and to outwit disabilities through rehabilitation," Rev. Lowry said. "Proper schooling, recreation, and vocational guidance must be provided so that each individual can become a useful and self-sustaining citizen."

The Martin County Society is an affiliate of the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children, one of more than 2,000 member units of the National Society for Crippled Children and adults. Easter

Twenty-Three In County Court For Hi-way Speeding

Same Consideration Shown Tourists As Accorded The Home Folks

Alleged speedsters on the state highways in this county had another day in court this week when twenty-three were called to answer before Judge Chas. H. Manning. Three of those whose cases were called did not answer and action against them was continued.

Stopped on U. S. 17 a few days ago after being clocked by Patrolmen Powers and Rowe at 74 miles an hour over a six-mile course, a tourist talked "mighty ugly," but his eyes brightened when he was assured that tourists were given every consideration. "Tourists are charged no more for speeding than are the home folks," the patrolman assured him. The speedster posted bond and continued on his way.

Thomas Bennett of Sumter, South Carolina, did not report when called. The case against Chas. Richard Southerner of Greensboro was continued until next Monday along with one charging John Brown with speeding.

Charged with careless and reckless driving along with speeding, William Darling Meeks was fined \$40 and required to pay the costs.

Everett Alford Richman, Jr., of Elizabeth City, was fined \$35 and taxed with the costs for speeding.

Charged with speeding and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Orlander Green, Jr., was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs.

Daniel Jos. Hassell of Columbia was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of speeding, each of the following defendants was fined \$15 and required to pay \$22.05 costs for speeding:

Edward Eugene Monk of Scranton, N. C., Russell T. Wingate of Cherry Point, Harold I. Nemuth of Portsmouth, Louis Gold of New York City, Edward S. Nurikien

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Band Program Is Well Received

All dressed up in attractive new uniforms, members of the local colored high school band were well received in a concert last evening. The house was packed for the program, the group including quite a few white spectators. The local band offered four numbers and the Roper High School band participated in the program.

Several addresses were made, including talks by Jesse Rogers, who has worked hard for the band, Junie Peel and M. M. Levin who assisted the band in its early organization.

It was reported that the meeting was climaxed by an impromptu political rally.

Martin Hollis was adjudged guilty of drunken driving.

Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Ed Pilgreen was sentenced to the roads for ninety days, the court suspending the road sentence upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs.

Mary Lee (Mon) Dickens, pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to jail for three months, and is to work at the county home during that time.

Ora Staton was adjudged not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon.

Judgment suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Booker T. Teel with assaulting a female.

The cases charging Jesse Lee Jones and Ernest Wooten with careless and reckless driving was continued until next Monday.

Local Ministerial Group Plans Holy Week Services

By E. R. Shuller, Secretary

There will be no special night services other than those planned by the individual churches during Holy Week. Services are planned for each morning at 10:00 o'clock, beginning Monday, April 11, and running through Friday, April 15, at the Vicar Theatre.

The speakers for these services will be as follows: Monday, Rev. John L. Goff; Tuesday, Rev. J. Thad Ashley; Wednesday, Rev. Stewart B. Simms; Thursday, Rev. James I. Lowry; Friday, Rev. E. R. Shuller. The speakers for Monday, Wednesday and Friday will go to the High School to speak to the student body at 10:30.

An Easter sunrise service will be held as usual and will be under the direction of Rev. James I. Lowry.

Set New Records At Court Session Held Last Monday

Fines, Forfeitures and Costs Imposed That Day In Excess of \$2,500.

New records were set last Monday when the Martin County Recorder's Court tackled an accumulated docket. During the sessions lasting from 9:30 that morning until about 4:30 that afternoon, Judge Chas. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson handled sixty-six cases. Fines amounted to \$1,240 and the court costs boasted the amount to approximately \$2,563.00. Twenty speedsters were fined \$350 and nine defendants, charged with operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses, were fined \$225.

The sessions were the first held since March 14, the court having yielded its place to make way for the superior tribunal. Proceedings: Pleading guilty of bastardy, Woodrow Spruill was directed to pay \$10 a month to Mildred Dempsey until September of this year when the payments are to be increased to \$15 a month. He was taxed with the costs.

Charged with bastardy, Henry Latham Peel was found guilty over his plea of innocence and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the court costs, and on the further condition that he pay \$15 a month to Roberta Askew and a \$89 medical bill and the costs.

Pleading guilty of assaulting a female and violating the liquor laws, Lewis Jones and Mayo Andrews were directed to pay the costs of court. Andrews was given a 30-day road sentence.

Five cases in which the defendants stood charged with operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses were before Judge Chas. H. Manning in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday.

Included in the list of nine cases was an unusual one. One of the patrolmen became suspicious of the operator of a car, but before he could determine who was driving the vehicle the driver stopped and got out with his companion.

Luke Council, whose driver's licenses had been revoked when he was convicted of drunken driving some time ago, said he was driving and then said he wasn't. To make certain that the identity of the driver could be determined, the patrolman cited Council to court along with the companion, William Henry Randolph. In court, Randolph pleaded guilty of operating the car and since he had no driver's license he was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. Council was found not guilty.

Quite a few non-licensed drivers apparently believe it is all right to operate cars on town streets even without driver's licenses, and the court has ruled that it is unlawful for an unlicensed driver to operate a car unless a learner's permit has been issued and the pupil is accompanied by a licensed driver.

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Predict Big Vote In Town Primary Election Monday

Polls Open From 6:30 a. m. Until 6:30 p. m. In The City Hall

Williamston citizens are expected to go to the polls in record numbers next Monday to virtually select their town governing officials for the next two years. While no "hot" issues have been advanced and the short campaign has been without misdealing, most of the fifteen candidates—thirteen for commissioners and two for mayor—have been active in their appeals for votes, addressing direct mail pieces, public solicitations and "button holing" the electorate in behalf of their campaigns. The extensive campaign is certain to bring out more than the approximately 900 votes cast in the town's first primary election two years ago. With between 1,400 and 1,500 names on the books, including 239 placed there is expected that 1,000 or more during the recent registration, it votes will be cast in the primary next Monday.

The polls, located in the City Hall, will be open from 6:30 o'clock that evening. The large ballot and a heavy vote will make the vote tabulation fairly late, in all probability.

The voters are charged with the task of nominating, which is tantamount to electing, five commissioners from the following group: Ben Courtney, K. D. Worrell, John H. Gurganus, Roy L. Ward, Leman Barnhill, C. H. Godwin, Sr., Julian Harrell, David Moore, W. O. Griffin, N. C. Green, David Davis, L. Closs Roberson and M. M. Levin, and one of the following for mayor: Robt. H. Cowen and W. Iverson Skinner.

One candidate for commissioner reportedly announced his intention to withdraw, but the request came after the ballots were prepared. No statement accompanied the request.

Although apparently not generally circulated, some "accusations" have been heard, bringing forth public answers in the campaign. The campaign, however, has been without animosity and kept free of dirty "dirt," the candidates and the people generally having expressed healthy interest in providing the town with a capable governing body.

The election is wide open and has the old politicians scratching their heads for a guess, reports declaring that the candidates are claiming nothing and that the people are saying even less.

Special Jury In The County Court

Twelve county citizens were drawn this week for jury duty in the recorder's court next Monday when Samuel Winfield Landford

of this county are scheduled to face drunken driving charges. Names of the jurors: James Gardner and Hubert Roberson of Williams, K. Hugh Coltraine of Griffins, W. L. Howell and J. D. Price of Williamston, Otis B. Coltraine of Bear Grass, Jesse S. Rogerson of Robersonville, Jesse B. Everett of Hamilton, G. W. Barrett, W. W. Casper, L. R. Beach and Jesse Harrell of Goose Nest.

Name Leaders for Cancer Fund Drive In The County

Headed by Mrs. Helen Taylor Harris as county commander, and Thad F. Harrison as county chairman, the annual cancer fund is well under way in several sections of the county this week, according to a report released early today.

Chairmen have been named for the several districts and quotas assigned, as follows: Mrs. Leslie Hardison, Jamesville, \$100; Mrs. C. L. Daniel, Williams, \$35; B. R. Manning, Griffins, \$75; A. B. Ayers, Jr., Bear Grass, \$75; Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., Williamston, \$600; Mrs. Buck Ayers, Cross Roads, \$75; Mrs. W. B. Rogerson, Robersonville, \$300; Mrs. Herman Harrison, Poglar

Hospital Promoters Before Town Board

LIGHTS ON BIKES

Explaining that several motorists had narrowly avoided accidents during recent days, members of the North Carolina Highway Patrol this week appealed to all night bicycle riders to equip their bikes with proper lights. The law requires a reflector on the rear and a light on the front, the patrol pointing out that a flash light will suffice when attached to the front. The reflector on the rear of the bike should be at least two inches in diameter.

Plan To Locate New Hospital On Rhodes Property

Town Limits Extension Back Yonder Would Have Solved The Problem

Going ahead with their plans to construct a modern 30-bed hospital here, Drs. J. S. Rhodes, Jr., Chas. I. Harris and J. T. Llewellyn appeared before the regular meeting of town commissioners Tuesday evening and discussed the possibility of running a sewer line to the proposed site on Liberty Street just off North Haughton on the Rhodes property.

The petitioners explained that the State Board of Health had ruled out septic tanks, that a connection with the present system or a costly disposal plant would be required. Other plans were briefly discussed, including a pumping system to force sewage into the present system, but the board decided to call in town engineers to make a study of the problem and discuss the plan further with the hospital promoters. A special meeting of the board will be called just as soon as the engineers can make a survey and file their report.

One of the doctors expressed the opinion that the problem would have been solved had plans advanced almost two years ago gone through for extending the town limits to include that area just north of the present town limits. It was proposed at that time to run a main sewer line from the river up the Whitley Canal ravine to serve the North Haughton area, including property on Liberty, Franklin, Lee, Jackson and other streets, and on around to the West Main Street section and possibly West End. That plan was shouted down, and the commissioners at the meeting Tuesday evening did not discuss its revival. It is understood that the survey planned immediately will be limited in scope, that there is a possibility that a connection with the present system can be effected with a line starting on Liberty Street and running back of the ball park around the edge of the old Dinah Hill farm down Henderson Street to East Main Street. If that line is possible, then a large portion of the property just inside the town limits in the North Haughton area eventually could be served, but the plan would not fit into the original proposal.

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Estimate Cost Of Coltraine Trial

According to estimates coming from the courthouse here this week, the John R. Coltraine trial last week and the week before cost the county approximately \$3,635.15. It was pointed out that all the jurors' tickets had not been submitted for payment, that possibly a few of the special venire summoned in this county had not filed claims and that some few others would not ask for payment.

The cost, falling considerably below some estimates, will hardly run over \$4,000 when all claims are presented, it was estimated.

Most of the expense centered around the special venires, the one in this county costing nearly \$1,500.

The cost was figured as follows: Jurors, including the venires, \$2,370.95; court stenographer, \$192.55; board and lodging for jury and jury officer, \$506.35; jury summons, Hertford County, \$79; Martin County; Wiley Craft, \$9.50; Alton Harris, \$12.24; Dallas Holliday, \$11.00; W. E. Early, \$9.56; cost of subpoenaing witnesses, \$48.50; witnesses' fees, \$164.40 (fifty cents a day plus travel for each of the state witnesses); jury officer, \$70; Doug Stalls and Caroline Martin, \$7 together for drawing jury; officers' travel in calling veniremen and witnesses, \$354.10.