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## Towns Settle Their Politics In Election

### Report No Upsets In Eight County Towns Tuesday

#### New Boards Are Tentatively Slated To Take Over Duties In June

Citizens in eight county towns amicably and without any untoward incident settled their municipal politics for another two years in elections held on Tuesday of this week. For the most part the voting was listless, the number of citizens forgetting to vote having been far greater than the number who took time out to participate in the elections.

Elections in most of the towns were nothing more than a formality, the tickets having been chosen either in a primary or convention.

While Robersonville polled the largest vote in the group, Parmele and Hamilton forged into the spotlight with general interest. There was some talk about a special or independent ticket in Hamilton, and independents entered the picture at Parmele. The two towns let the one election Tuesday decide their politics without going to the trouble of holding a primary or nominating convention.

The new political families, made up mostly by old officials, are tentatively slated to enter upon the new term in June.

Sixty-eight citizens found time to participate in the Jamesville election and all but two went down the line for the convention nominees. Leslie W. Hardison polled 66 votes for mayor. For commissioners, L. Hugh Hardison led the ticket with 66 votes, followed closely by James W. Long and J. Sam Godard with 64 votes each. The names of C. T. Gaines and Roy Williams were written in on one ticket for commissioner. Hardison and Godard succeed C. T. Gaines and H. A. Sexton on the board. The latter two were not candidates.

Eighty-seven persons dropped in at the polls in Williamston to participate in a listless election. A major upset was feared when the poll holders started the vote count Tuesday evening, but it soon petered out, the final count giving Robert Cowen 85 votes for mayor; and N. C. Green, David Moore, and W. O. Griffin 85 votes each, and Leman Barnhill 86 and K. D. Worrell 84 votes for commissioners. One vote was written in for Francis Manning, that being about the only threat offered in the commissioners' race. Declaring he was not a candidate and vowing he did not write his own name in, the one-vote guy appealed for space to extend grateful appreciation to the joker for the great honor accorded. Two old board members, N. C. Green and K. D. Worrell, were retained.

With one exception, Everetts gets an entirely new political family. C. B. Biddick, serving as mayor for years and years, was not a candidate, and Paul Bailey and A. P. Barnhill did not run to succeed themselves as commissioners. The board membership was increased from three to five, giving the town the following governmental line-up for the next two years: J. W. Peel, 42 votes for mayor; Jesse Keel, G. W. Taylor, and H. M. Ayers, 44 votes each, and H. S. Hardy and J. E. Mobley, 42 votes each for commissioners. H. M. Ayers succeeds himself on the board. Forty-four votes were cast and there were no independent entries reported.

Robersonville cast the largest vote recorded in any of the eight municipal elections and no independent entries were reported there. With one exception the town government remains unchanged. H. S. Everett polled 110 votes for mayor, and the vote count for commissioners was, C. R. Gray, 118; Irving Smith, 114; Vance Roberson, 109; Dr. W. E. Ward, 97, and George McRorie, 96. Dr. Ward succeeds Mayo Little on the board. A total of 131 votes

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### OVER THE TOP

Although all districts have not submitted complete reports, the cancer fund drive is over the top in this county, according to Mrs. Helen Taylor Harris, county commander. Late reports from Jamesville and Hamilton and the colored citizens headed by Mary Gray, have boosted the total to \$1,607.67. Mrs. Harris stated that reports should be complete by tomorrow or Saturday, that possibly the fund would be increased by a hundred or two more dollars by that time.

## Call Ten Cases In Justice Of Peace Courts Recently

### Suspended Sentences Involed Calling For Ninety Days On The Roads

Justices R. T. Johnson and John L. Hassell handled only ten cases in their courts during the past few days, but the boys who had dined on the crime front were really paying the ole fiddler in the county court during the meantime.

Under 30-day suspended sentences for allegedly being drunk and disorderly on two previous occasions, Clyde Silverthorne was given another thirty days when he appeared in Justice Johnson's court for the third time, placing a 90-day term in order.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Warren Griffin was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road term upon guaranteed good behavior for twelve months and the payment of \$5.85 costs.

Asa Tom Lanier and Cecil G. Hopkins, charged with operating motor vehicles with improper lights, were each fined \$5 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Jos. Henry James, operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment, was fined \$10 and required to pay the costs.

Maceo Slade was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs for alleged public drunkenness.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment, Linwood Rhodes was required to pay \$5.85 costs.

Justice Hassell handled the following cases:

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Wydell Roberts was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of \$6.50 costs.

Charged with assaulting William Davis with a deadly weapon, Oliver Bonds, and Haywood Thorpe, charged with aiding and abetting an assault with a deadly weapon, were each bound over to the county court for trial on May 9. Bonds in the sum of \$200 were required.

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## Speedsters' Day In County Court Here On Monday

### Twenty-four, Including An Aunt of Guy Lombardo, Fined Total of \$500

Speedsters had a convention in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday when twenty-four had their cases called before Judge Chas. H. Manning. All of them pleaded guilty, but one chose to bring his lawyer from another section of the State to enter the plea for him.

Combined fines imposed upon the two dozen charged with flying low on State highways in this county, amounted to \$500, the costs boosting the figure to \$1,029.20.

James H. Rogers, speeding along at a clip of about 85 miles an hour, was fined \$100. He is a Winnetka, Illinois, attorney, but he did not argue his case in open court.

Leonard Coleman, 1422 Pierce Street, Lynchburg, Va., was fined \$60 for flying low between 75 and 80 miles an hour.

Andrew Jackson Wiggins of Williamston, booked on the combination charge of speeding and careless and reckless driving, was fined \$40.

Florence M. Lombardo of New York City and an aunt of Guy Lombardo, was fined \$15 for speeding along at about 65 miles an hour. Mrs. Lombardo was very pleasant when she was temporarily detained here, one report stating that the fine and costs were separated from a fairly sizable roll of bills.

H. D. (Pooster) Rodgers, charged with speeding, reckless and careless driving, was adjudged not guilty.

The following were fined \$15 each: Woodrow Shelton Pittman, Kenneth Warren, RFD 1, Stokes; Vernie E. Spears, truck driver of Enterprise, Alabama; Jeve N. Hel-fair, student of Lawrence, L. I., New York; Wm. Vernon Roebuck, RFD 2, Williamston; Dr. James J. Dauber, Warsaw, N. Y., dentist; L. V. Fagan of Plymouth; William E. Vollva, Belhaven; Eugene Vaughn of Jackson, Ernest B. Alexander of Bethel, Charles Peter Guran of New Port News, Senora Wilson Lindsey of Tarboro, Harold M. Shelley, Sunapee, N. H., executive; Jos. F. Williams, truck driver of Carey; Pearl Wells Miller of Southampton, N. Y., David

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## Make Ready For Fat Stock Show

### By J. W. Sumner Assistant County Agent

The exhibitors for the Fat Stock Show May 12 and 13th are making final preparations. By the time the show comes off, all the steers will have had a neat hair trim about the head. Besides the hair trim, the steers will get a nice bath with the best soap. The bath will be followed by a hair wave setting.

The boys and girls showing steers in the show have been given additional encouragement from members of the Williamston Civic Clubs who have visited the exhibitors. The boys and girls appreciate this.

Not only will the steers get a dressing up before the show, but the porkers will, too. The porkers will get their first bath with soap, and a little oil on their hair to make it shine.

The show this year will have a little different schedule than usual. The two day program starts Thursday, May 12, with the steers being brought in to the Planters Warehouse as early as possible in the morning where they will be weighed. The showing and judging of the steers will begin at 1:00 p. m. Thursday. The hogs will be weighed at the Roberson Slaughter House any time Thursday. All hogs must be in their pens at the Planters Warehouse by 7 p. m. Thursday. The showing and judging of the hogs will be Friday morning starting at 9:00 a. m. All animals will be sold starting at 1:00 p. m. Friday. The Farm Bureau Barbecue will follow at 4:30 o'clock.

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## Club Members Wage Hot Garbage Battle

### Old Town Board In Last Regular Meeting Tuesday

#### Inadequate Sewer System Recognized As Major Health Problem

Marshalling their forces a month ago for a fight to the finish, appointed representatives of the local Woman's Club renewed their attack in the battle of the garbage at a meeting of the town board of commissioners here Tuesday evening. At the April meeting, the club representatives asked for an improved garbage collection plan and a sanitary system for garbage disposal. Town authorities immediately contacted equipment manufacturers and literature was received without price quotations from several companies. During the meantime the North Carolina Equipment Company sent down a garbage truck and gave a demonstration last Monday, the body costing \$3,750 which with the truck will represent an investment of about \$6,000 or \$7,000.

Discussing the demonstration truck briefly, the club representatives, including Mesdames Wheeler Martin, Jr., Henry Griffin, Urbin Rogers, Chas. Manning, P. B. Cone, A. R. Dunning and R. H. Goodman, said they were not impressed with equipment that would require garbage to be placed in containers along the street curbs. It was pointed out that the truck was too large and too heavy to enter back yards. It was also pointed out that five men are needed to handle and serve the one truck and that a second and possibly a third company would bring equipment here for demonstrations.

As for garbage disposal the club representatives said they favored the trench methods; that is, a trench is dug by a special machine, garbage dumped in and then covered each day. Equipment costs run as high as \$18,000 under certain conditions in handling the trench system, one report stated.

The representatives were assured that price quotations should be available by the next meeting of the board, that during the meantime possible sites will be inspected and systems in other towns investigated, and that the costs and town financial condition will be placed before the group at the next board meeting.

Asked by the delegation about the income from parking meters, Treasurer Dan Sharpe said that \$5,241.79 had been collected from the meters during the first eight months of operation or up until the first of this month.

The board ordered all 1949 delinquent tax accounts advertised next week.

Applications for street lights at the corners of Liberty and Smithwick, Liberty and Lee, Vance and Smithwick, Vance and Lee and Smithwick and Liberty Streets were received. Approval was given subject to committee survey findings.

One of the Town's major problems—an inadequate sewer line system—was placed before the board by a group of citizens living on West Main Street. After pointing out the near health menace, the group, including Dr. V. E. Brown, Woodrow Tice, Fred Cheson, Edwin and Ernest Cox, asked that the problem be given every possible consideration.

West Main residents also appealed for relief from water pouring down on them, and the board is taking it up with highway authorities. The street superintendent explained that numerous calls for relief had been received following the heavy rain the day before, and orders were handed down, calling for improvements on Park Street and near the Gulf filling station on Washington Street.

Resigning effective on Saturday of this week, H. B. Wheeler is to

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### THIRTY PERCENT

Tobacco transplanting is estimated to be about thirty percent complete in the county. In some districts possibly 85 or 90 percent of the crop has been transplanted while in other areas the work is just getting under way.

Possibly 45 or 50 percent of the crop will have been transplanted by late Saturday and with continued favorable weather a majority of the crop will be put out by the latter part of next week. Plants are growing out of the blue mold and while some individual farmers have none, the over-all supply will meet the demand, reports indicate.

## State College Band Announces Details Concert Program

### Numbers To Please Almost Every Taste Will Be Played Wednesday

The complete program for the concert to be given next Wednesday evening in the Williamston High School auditorium by the N. C. State College Concert Band was announced today by Director Christian Kutschinski in a letter to Professor Jack Butler.

The program will open with "Lieutenant Santelmann's" March by Rosenkranz. Prelude and Fugue in B flat minor by Bach will follow. Others scheduled before intermission are: "Jubel" Overture by Weber, "In Storm and Sunshine" March by Heel, Concertino for Clarinet (Paul Hine, soloist) by Weber, and "Hit the Deck" by Youmans.

The second portion of the program will also open with a march, "Brooke's Chicago Marine Band" by Seitz. After this will come a popular group, Second Suite in F major by Holst: 1. March ("Morris Dance," "Swansea Town," and "Cloudy Banks"); 2. Song Without Words; 3. Song of the Blacksmith; 4. Fantasia on the "Dargason" (introducing "Greensleeves.")

Following this will be two songs by Beethoven: 1. Love Song; 2. Creation's Hymn.

The 10 unit program will close with a Medley of Friml Favorites.

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## County Youth Training At Ft. Warren, Wyoming

Ft. Warren, Wyoming. — Pfc. William R. Hopkins, son of Mrs. W. L. Hopkins of Box 66 in Everetts, is presently training as an air force technician at the USAF Technical School at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, it has been announced by Col. John C. B. Elliott, commanding officer.

The air force is training young airmen in the many specialties needed for air power. Besides aviation engineer skills such as plumbing, carpentry, electricity and many others, the schools at Ft. Warren train clerk typists, etc., and many other skills needed in peacetime as well as in war.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Figures in Martin County's highway accident record were materially boosted last week, placing the 1949 record right up in company with the figures for the corresponding period in 1948.

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

17th Week			
Accidents Inj'd Killed	Dam'ge	1949	1948
3	2	0	\$ 2,875
1	0	0	650
Comparisons To Date			
1949	37	19	1 \$ 9,565
1948	40	20	1 9,360

## Registration For Bond Election To Start On May 7th

### Books To Be Opened In All Thirteen Precincts; Two New Registrars

Books for the registration of new electors who would vote in the special \$200,000,000 road and \$25,000,000 school bond election on Saturday, June 4, will be opened in all of the county's thirteen precincts on Saturday of this week. County Elections Board Chairman Sylvester Feil has announced. The books will be held open this Saturday and the two following Saturdays for registrations, and for challenge on the fourth Saturday, May 28.

Chairman Peel pointed out that those persons whose names already are on the registration books in their respective precincts will not find it necessary to register to qualify themselves for participation in the bond election. Those persons who will have reached the age of 21 years on or before June 4 and who have not registered should get their names on the books if they would qualify themselves for the ballot. Registration on municipal books does not qualify one for participation in the June 4 election, it was explained. Those persons who have moved into the county or from one precinct to another and whose names do not appear on the registration books in their adopted communities will find it necessary to register to vote in the June 4 election.

The following persons are handling the registration in the thirteen precincts in this county: F. C. Stallings, Jamesville; Joe Lawrence Coltrain, Williams; S. Oscar Peel, Griffins; LeRoy Harrison, Bear Grass; Mrs. Jos. W. Griffin, No. 1, Williamston; S. Harcum Grimes, No. 2, Williamston; H. M. (Buck) Ayers, Cross Roads; A. R.

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## Honor Local Boy At Wilson College

Ronald White of Williamston was honored recently in Howard Chapel of Atlantic Christian College, when the Golden Knot Honor Society held its annual tapping service.

At this time White and sixteen other students were invited to join the society.

Requirements for membership in the Golden Knot, the only honor society on the campus, are high. A prospective member must be approved by every active member. Each new member is judged according to character, scholarship, leadership, and service. The scholastic average must be at least B for the three preceding semesters.

White is president of "A" Club, member of Sigma Alpha fraternity; outstanding worker in field of sports and campus activities.

## Wrecks Auto On The River Bridge

Mills E. Vann, Murfreesboro, escaped uninjured but he did considerable property damage when he lost control of his 1948 Chevrolet sedan at the western end of the river bridge here about 10:00 o'clock Tuesday night.

Traveling east, he failed to negotiate the curve just this side of the bridgekeeper's home and ripped down about 75 feet of the iron guard rail. The car then swerved to the left and came to a stop on the bridge after partly climbing the concrete guard rail.

No estimate on the property damage could be had immediately.

Officer C. R. Moore and T. Fearing and John Rowe of the highway patrol made the investigation.

Vann said he had been fishing and that he had fallen into the river. It was reported that he had removed his pants to dry and was riding along in his underwear and shirt when trouble overtook him. He was seen in the middle of the highway putting on his pants. "I did not know what was the matter with the man," Bridgekeeper Hugh Spruill said.

## Call Record Number Cases In Court Here

### FESTIVAL

Climaxing the series of programs scheduled for National Music Week, the local school music department will present a spring festival in the high school auditorium here this evening at 8:00 o'clock under the direction of Mrs. Beecher Fatterson. Nearly three hundred children will take part in the program this evening.

The department has already presented a program at assembly this week and this evening a number of singers will be at the Kiwanis meeting.

## Methodists Hold District Meeting In Local Church

### Minister's Wife Issued License To Preach; Temperance Report Adopted

The Elizabeth City District Conference of the Methodist Church met in the local Methodist church Wednesday morning at 9:30 under the direction and leadership of Rev. J. Herbert Miller of Elizabeth City, district superintendent.

The opening devotional was conducted by Rev. C. F. Hirschi of Windsor after which the conference was officially organized. Words of Welcome were given by Wheeler M. Manning and the response by Rev. W. L. Freeman of Edenton.

During the morning business session reports were made by the various committee chairmen as follows: Christian Education, Rev. D. L. Fouts of Hertford; Missions, Rev. M. W. Lawrence of Elizabeth City and Evangelism, Rev. C. Freeman Heath of Washington.

The statistical committee reported 231 additions on profession of faith in the 32 charges in the district and that several charges had met all financial obligations in full for the first half of the church year.

The highlight of the morning session came in the closing worship service in which the local glee club rendered two sacred numbers and Rev. M. W. Lawrence of Elizabeth City brought the message. Reverend Lawrence challenged the congregation to believe, to live and to proclaim the gospel that Jesus is the Christ, the Saviour of the world, picturing the great need every where and at the same time the hope that is rising in the hearts of men.

The afternoon session was begun with a devotional conducted

## Booster Group Holds Meeting

Last Tuesday evening, the Board of Directors of the Williamston Boosters held a special meeting with President C. B. Clark, Jr., presiding.

Many plans were formulated and it appears that the Boosters' group has developed into an organization that this area has needed for quite some time and can soon be proud of.

Tentative plans call for the group to follow a combined Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association course, with agricultural activities being emphasized at the same time.

## Fines And Costs Exceed \$2,500.00 In Long Session

### Fines Range From \$25 to \$250; Several Get Terms On The Roads

All records toppled in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday when Judge Chas. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson waded through seventy cases on the docket. The "take" in fines was \$1,485, the costs boosting the total to more than \$2,500 for the day. Seventeen cases were continued and defendants in several other actions failed to appear when called for trial.

Placed for easy accessibility, the case jackets almost covered an entire table.

While the number of cases set what is believed to be a new record the attendance upon the session was not as large as was to have been expected. The court quit work late that afternoon. The large docket was partly explained by the idleness of the court for two weeks while the superior tribunal was in session.

In addition to the regular run of cases, there were twenty-four charging the defendants with speeding, the fines in those cases amounting to \$500.

Proceedings: The big fine, \$250, of the day was imposed on H. D. (Pooster) Rodgers who was charged with possessing six and one-half gallons of illicit liquor. A twelve-month road sentence was suspended upon good behavior for five years.

Pleading guilty of bastardy, James Ridley was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term on condition that he pay the costs and \$5 a week to Ruby Melton for the support of his child.

The case charging Fannie Shelton with public drunkenness was not pressed with leave. Adjudged guilty of assaults, Annie Purvis and Mary Glen Taylor were each fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. The Taylor woman was directed to pay \$37 to a doctor for sewing up knife wounds in Annie Purvis, the cost having been based at the rate of \$1 per stitch.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, LeRoy Tyner was sentenced to the roads for three months. The term was suspended upon the payment of a \$35 fine and costs.

Theodore Watson was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for assaulting a female. Pleading guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, Marcellus Brown was fined \$50, plus costs.

R. H. Moore, charged with assaulting a female, pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 with costs added.

Hopie Brooks was found not guilty of drunken driving. Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Henry Thomas Strickland was fined \$100, taxed with the costs and lost his license to operate a car for one year.

Adjudged guilty of larceny, O. K. Harrison was sentenced to the roads for three months. James Roosevelt Bell, charged with larceny, was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. He is to work in and around the county home. Facing similar charges in two other cases, the youth was sentenced to the roads for ninety days in each case, the sentences to run concurrently with the sentence imposed in the first.

Frank Williams, charged with larceny and Julian H. Command, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, did not answer when called and papers were ordered issued by the court for their arrests. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Dora Jenkins with the larceny of dishes from Robersonville's Wilson Hotel. Herbert Lacy was sentenced to the roads for six months on a non-

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