

New Political Race Created In County

Luther Hardison Contesting Corey For State House

Two Have Announced For Two District Seats In The State Senate

Remaining fairly quiet for the most part during recent weeks, politics is beginning to warm up in this county. The business has reached no record on the political thermometer by any means, but a new race within the county family was created this week and repeated rumblings are being heard. On the other hand, several offices are still going begging, possibly not for a want of aspirants but because of delayed political strategy.

The second political race within the county was created when Mr. Luther Hardison, native of a Griffins Township and a resident of Jamesville for many years before locating in Williamston, announced his candidacy for Martin County Representative in the North Carolina General Assembly, subject to the democratic primary on May 27. The new candidate explained that he would release a prepared statement within the next few days.

A Corey, Jamesville man, this week formally announced his candidacy to succeed himself as county representative and offered a brief statement supporting his candidacy.

No official announcement has been made, but Mayor Robt. Cowan of Williamston and Jimmy Wallace, professor in the Robersonville schools and a native of Jamesville, are considering entering the race for a seat in the House.

Three, Messrs. F. W. Holliday, Cecil Powell and Ernest Edmondson, have announced their candidacies to succeed themselves as members of the Martin County Board of Education.

A race is likely to develop for one of the places on the board of education, unofficial reports stating that Howard Gaylord of Jamesville is considering running. Then there is the sheriff's race, reports indicating that it is gradually gaining momentum with the candidates, Henry A. Johnson and M. W. (Buck) Holloman earnestly shaking the bushes down to the last vote.

While it is likely that present officers in the other county positions will be candidates to succeed themselves they have not as yet formally announced their intentions.

On the district political front, Hugh G. Horton, local attorney and former representative from this county and State senator, and O. L. Williams, Hyde County attorney and solicitor of the recorder's court at Swan Quarter, have announced their candidacies for the two seats allotted the seven counties in this area in the State Senate. It could not be learned if Senator Sam Campen of Pamlico County will announce to succeed himself for a second term.

Filing time opens in this county on March 25.

DELAYED

Work on surfacing several local streets, started earlier this week, was interrupted Tuesday afternoon by rain and this morning by freezing temperatures. It isn't likely now that the project, including resurfacing of those portions of Highways 17 and 64 within the town limits and the surfacing of several blocks on Smithwick and Liberty Streets, will be completed before the latter part of next week.

During the meantime, business houses are fighting a hectic battle of the Tar. Sawdust and shavings are being used on floors to pick up the tar tracked from the

DAMAGED

Cold weather and pests are said to have beat the blue mold to many tobacco beds in this county. Many plants were killed by the cold weather the early part of last week, but a worm, hardly larger than a hair, is said to be causing even greater damage.

Farmers Henry Early and the Smith Brothers of the Palmyra section report that entire beds have been wiped out by the worm, that some farmers had just recently reseeded their plant beds. Present prospects point to a plant shortage, they said.

Marlin To Head Hertford Schools

Russell P. Martin, native of Jamesville and a member of the teaching profession for a number of years, was this week elected superintendent of the Hertford County Schools, according to information received here. He is resigning as principal of the Windsor schools to enter upon his new duties on or about April 1.

Mr. Martin taught in the Jamesville and Farm Life Schools in this county about six years before going to Northampton and later into military service. He has been in Windsor almost four years. A brother, C. B. Martijn, is principal of the Robersonville schools.

Mr. Martin was chosen from a list of more than fifteen who were considered for the position, it was learned. He is filling the position made vacant by the recent death of J. R. Brown.

Commenting on Mr. Martin's election, Superintendent of Bertie County Schools John L. Dupree said, in part: "All of Russell Martin's friends, I am sure, will join me in wishing him the very best results in his new work in our neighbor county of Hertford. He has done a very fine job in his nearly four years in Windsor and it seems that everyone who knows him, loves him. We hate to lose a man of his calibre from the Bertie County school system, but we do not feel that we should stand in his way when the opportunity comes for advancement.

"I am glad that his fellow-Rotarians recently made him 'Rotarian of the Year'—it shows how much he is appreciated in Windsor, where he has made his home for some four years.

Plan Drive For The Cancer Fund

Preliminary plans for advancing a cancer fund drive in this county have been formulated, and the goal and date are to be announced shortly, according to information released yesterday by Mrs. H. L. Swain, president of the Williamston Woman's Club, the sponsoring organization.

Mrs. Neil Ripley and Mrs. Herbert Whitley have been named co-commanders, and Rev. N. J. Ward is the drive chairman, it was announced.

Accident Victim Reported Better

Critically injured when his small truck turned over between here and Windsor last Wednesday evening, M. D. Corey, farmer of near Williamston, was reported to be improving in the local hospital this morning. It could not be learned when he would be able to return to his home.

The farmer, traveling alone at the time of the accident, suffered a neck injury and one or two broken ribs, shock and

Twenty-Three In County Court On Speeding Charges

Aggravated Motorist Declares North Carolina Is Holding 'Em Up

Twenty-three motorists, charged with exceeding the speed limits on highways in this county, were docketed in the Martin Recorder's Court last Monday. Twenty-three convictions were scored and fines imposed amounted to \$175. Most of the speeders got off by paying only the costs, but those who dared travel faster than 65 miles per hour were fined from \$15 to \$25, according to the speed they were traveling when checked by members of the highway patrol.

One irate motorist talked real ugly when detained and declared that North Carolina was holding 'em up. The motorist did not explain whether the State was delaying the rush through its confines or was playing Jesse James with 'em. When told that more than a dozen people lost their lives on North Carolina highways last week-end, the speeders merely shrug their shoulders and good as say, so what!

Several of the defendants in the court this week were charged with exceeding the limit in the 35-mile zones. In other areas most of the speeders were "clocked" at around 65 miles per hour.

Those defendants who pleaded guilty and who were taxed merely with the \$22.05 costs, include the following:

Charlie Parker of Greenville, Curtis David Bullock of Greenville, Silvio Fleischer of Springfield, Ohio, Barney Lester Faulk of Newport News, Hayward LeRoy Moore of Route 2, Williamston, William Allison of Washington, LeRoy Sanders Lancaster of Wilson, John Hopkins Setliff of Danville, Ky., James Henry Styons of Plymouth, Jimmie Carrington Hawkins of Route 1, Stokes, Abe Amdusky of Portsmouth.

William A. Murphy of Stamford, Conn., Virginia White Transon of Booneville, Charles E. Cantell, Jr., navy pilot of New York, Fordon Robert Fisher, navy pilot of New York, Groce John LaMottina of Clifton, N. J., Joseph Wrona of Amityville, N. Y., Samuel Havelock of Brooklyn, Robert W. Ketchum of Boston, William Seth Owens of Williamston, and Albert Winkel of New York were each fined \$15, plus costs.

Pleading not guilty, Stewart E. (Continued on page six)

Fourteen Percent Fail Drivers' Test

Approximately 14 percent of persons applying for licenses to drive in 1949 failed their examinations, the Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

Of 516,378 applicants, 74,474 failed to obtain their licenses while 441,904 were successful.

Persons who previously had held licenses failed to pass the following portions of the tests given applicants: signs, 10,219; eyes, 5,295; rules, 10,725; road test, 9,984; equipment, 828. Persons applying for licenses for the first time failed for the following reasons: signs, 8,569; eyes, 2,678; rules, 9,558; road test, 12,940; equipment, 606. Miscellaneous reasons caused the failure of the remainder of the applicants.

Missing Youth Is Found In Norfolk

Missing from his home here since Monday morning, Alton Taylor, 11 years old, was found in the home of a relative in Norfolk late Tuesday night.

Reporting for school at the grammar building Monday morning, the lad left his books and wandered away. After playing around the river front a short while, the boy is believed to have hitchhiked to Norfolk, but nothing was heard from him until his father went there late Tuesday and found him.

A search was conducted in the river area here most of Monday

Call Forty-six Cases In Recorder's Court

CENTER SITE

Representatives of the State Board of Health are here from Raleigh this morning inspecting possible sites for a county health center.

Any number of sites are being inspected, including one on East Main Street just across the way from the G. P. Halls, another on North Houghton Street, still another on Ray Street, and others.

It has been proposed to construct a \$50,000 center, the State and federal government furnishing a greater part of the money for the project.

Green Wave Band Presents Concert Tomorrow Night

Varied and Entertaining Program Being Arranged To Start at 8:15

With rehearsals being held each night this week, plans were announced this morning as complete for the third annual concert of the Williamston High School Green Wave band in the high school auditorium tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8:15.

Although illness and other complications have hindered preparations for the event, the director, Professor Jack Butler, stated today that a varied and entertaining program has been developed for the band's spring appearance.

Because of the illness of many of its members, the Junior Band will not appear as had been planned but the beginners' group will play several short numbers while the Senior Band is getting ready for the main program.

The program of the Senior Band opens with a march, "Men of Ohio" by Fillmore and a light overture, "Bagdad" by Forrest Buchtel follows.

"There's Something About A Soldier" is the third number on the program. This number by Gay-Yoder is a description musically of a day in the life of a soldier. Minuet from "Berenice" by Handel and arranged by Roberts follows. Then will come the "Lieutenant Commander" march by King; "Pavanne"; Gould-Yoder; "Russian Choral and Overture" based on Tchaikovsky's Opus 39, No. 24 and Russian Folk Tunes as arranged by Merle J. Isaac; "Memories of Stephen Foster" as arranged by Holmes, a brass sextet with Rachel Chesson, trombone, Asa Manning, French horn, Joe Robertson, bass, Warren Goff, baritone, Raymond Robertson, cornet and either Don Reynolds or Bobby Clayton, trumpet.

Following the brass sextet will be an intermezzo-scene by Albert W. Ketebeby, "In a Persian Market" then "Stouthearted Men," a (Continued on page six)

Jaycees Donate To Tennis Courts

The Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce held its regular dinner meeting at the Firemen's House Beat Friday night at 7 o'clock.

A delicious barbecued chicken dinner was served by Bernard Harrison and was enjoyed by a very large attendance.

Immediately following the meal a short informal business meeting was held. The club heard a report by Wheeler Manning, ticket chairman of the Jaycee Jollies. The minstrel was a big success, the club netting approximately \$175.00 for the underprivileged children's fund... a big increase over the minstrel presented last year.

The club also voted to give \$175 toward the erection of three tennis courts which are badly needed here. These courts will be erected on the high school grounds sometime this month and will be open to the general public. The fellowship award was won

Fines Amount To Nearly \$1,000 At Monday's Session

Twenty-three Defendants Are Charged With Exceeding Speed Limit

Idle last week when the judge was sick, the Martin County Recorder's Court worked all day last Monday clearing its docket. Judge Chas. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson handled forty-six cases, including twenty-three in which the defendants were charged with speeding. Fines imposed at the session amounted to \$935.

Regular cases handled by the court:

Willie M. Harden of Greenville was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Charged with drunken driving, Norman Hollis and G. T. Bailey called for jury trials and their cases are to be heard on May 1.

The case charging James Arthur Perkins with operating a gambling house was dismissed. In a second case, Perkins was sentenced to the roads for six months for violating the liquor laws. Execution of the sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. Perkins was ordered to close his place of business on Highway 64 near Parmele and violate no liquor law during the next two years.

A nol pros was taken by the State in the case charging Eugene Rawls with operating a motor vehicle after his license had been revoked.

Pleading not guilty of resisting arrest Tim Towns was found guilty and drew six months on the roads. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$35 fine and costs. The defendant is to violate no criminal law during the next two years.

James Edward Speller, pleading guilty of an assault and non-support, was sentenced to the roads for six months. He is not to serve the sentence if he pays the court costs and \$4 a week for the support of his child.

Reuben Spruill pleaded guilty and was fined \$25, plus costs, for careless and reckless driving.

Pleading not guilty, Edgar Hopewell was found guilty of passing a school bus and was fined \$50 and required to pay the court costs.

Henry Brown was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle.

William Burnett Jenkins, pleading guilty of careless and reckless driving, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

The case charging Clarence Coffield and Rita May Perkins with fornication and adultery, was dismissed.

Adjudged guilty over his plea of innocence, James Edwards was fined \$100, taxed with the costs and lost his driver's license for a year in the case charging him with drunken driving.

The drunken driving charge against Johnnie Harris was dismissed.

Charlie Heath, charged with drunken driving, was found not guilty.

Robert Andrews, Jr., charged with careless and reckless driving, pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs.

Pleading guilty of careless and reckless driving, W. L. Godard was fined \$50, plus costs.

William David Brown was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle (Continued on page six)

To Assist Taxpayers In Filing State Income Taxes

Deputy Collector E. Ross Fronberger will be in his office in the Martin County courthouse next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. to assist State income tax-

Handle Ten Cases In J. P. Courts In Past Few Days

Defendant Indicted for Not Dimming Lights On His Motor Vehicle

Williamston's three justices of the peace handled ten cases in their courts during the past few days. One defendant was in the court for not dimming the lights on his vehicle when approaching another machine.

Justice R. T. Johnson handled the following cases:

Charged with violating the traffic laws, James Ramsey, Jr., of Washington, appealed to the county court. He was said to have backed his vehicle into another on the highway at the G and H plant last Saturday evening.

Aaron Biggs was sentenced to the roads for thirty days for disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine and \$5.85 costs.

James Edward Lee was taxed with \$5.85 costs for not dimming the lights on his car.

Charged with failing to give right of way and making a left turn in front of traffic, Robert Earl Sheppard was fined \$10 and required to pay \$5.85 costs.

Henry Biggs and William Arthur Smallwood, charged with improper parking on the highways, were each fined \$5 and taxed with the \$5.85 costs.

In the case charging Jasper Chance and Eunice Odum with an affray, Chance was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. The road term was suspended for twelve months upon the condition that he provide for his family and pay the court costs. The Odom defendant was sentenced to jail for 30 days, the court suspending the term on condition that she leave and remain out of this county for twelve months.

Leo Towns, drunk and disorderly, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$6.50 costs in Justice John L. Hassell's court.

In Justice C. R. Mobley's court, Oliver Raymond Rogers, charged (Continued on page six)

Seniors Sponsor Special Contest

The Senior Class of Williamston High School is sponsoring a baby contest to raise money for payment of their annual, The Skeawarke. Each member of the class will sponsor a baby and obtain votes will be crowned the King and jars will be put in the downtown stores for collecting money.

The boys and girl with the most votes will be crowned the King and Queen of Easter. This contest ends Friday, April 6, between the first and second acts of the Senior Class Play and they will be crowned and receive prizes at that time.

Youth Meeting At Methodist Church

Rev. C. F. Hirschi, of Windsor, will again be with the Methodist Youth Fellowship Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock to lead a discussion of "Boy and Girl Friendships." The young people were very enthusiastic over the session which Mr. Hirschi led two weeks ago and it is expected that the next session will be even better.

All youth of the town who are not in a youth meeting at 6:00 o'clock Sunday evening are invited to attend.

Minor Accident At Intersection

No one was hurt and little damage resulted when cars driven by Raymond D. Davis and James C. Wiggins crashed at the Main-Watts intersection here early last Tuesday night, according to Officers Arthur Perry and Verble Jones who made the investigation. Damage was estimated at between \$40 and \$50.

Davis was driving across the main street and his car was hit by Wiggins who was driving up

Prominent Minister Dies In The County

DIES AT HOME



Elder B. S. Cowin, leading county citizen and a prominent figure in the Primitive Baptist Church in this section of North Carolina, died at his home in Bear Grass yesterday after a lingering illness.

Funeral Today In Bear Grass Church For Ben S. Cowin

Prominent Figure In Primitive Baptist Church For Almost Forty Year

Elder Ben S. Cowin, prominent leader in the Primitive Baptist Church in this and adjoining states and a leader of men, died at his home in Bear Grass Township Wednesday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock after a lingering illness. Retiring from the ministry in June, 1946, on account of declining health, he suffered much, but he kept the faith until the end, bearing his affliction with great fortitude and remarkable patience. Despite his affliction, he found comfort in the thoughtfulness of faithful children and kind friends who visited his home in numbers and in a spirit of helpfulness.

The son of the late Simon and Timey Mizelle Cowin, he was born in Bear Grass Township 79 years ago on September 25, 1870. In his writing, the minister said, "I was born of poor but honorable parents who taught their children to be upright and speak the truth." After attending the local school, he studied in Bethel for a while. He returned to his home community to make his first and lasting imprint on the youth of that day by teaching in the Biggs, Cross Roads, Mizelle and Gurganus Schools. In 1889 he was married to Miss Dicey Rogers who died in April of last year. With \$92 saved from meager wages received for his daily labors and with the aid of his young wife, he carved a nice little farm out of a wooded wilderness, settling down to a long and useful life.

He joined the church at Bear Grass in 1903, and was licensed in 1908. He preached his first sermon 41 year ago, the 21st of this month, the event marking the beginning of a service that has hardly been equalled in this section. During the almost forty years he served in the ministry, he met right at 3,000 pupil appointments, preached nearly 600 funerals, received hundreds into the church and married many couples. His home visitations, extending to all homes, were welcomed at all times, and his humble but sound advice was cherished by many outside his own church as well as within. His home, always open to friend and stranger alike, was a bulwark in the Faith he professed and admirably exemplified in his daily walk through life. Thus and, in the course of the years, found refuge and friendship there, and all were better for having went there.

He possessed few of the worldly goods, but he leaves a rich intellectual heritage that will have its influence on men for years to come.

His labors, while centered mainly in the churches in this immediate section, were extended to areas all over eastern Carolina and other states where he was highly regarded as a churchman (Continued on page six)

Tractor Schools Slated In County

Farming is becoming more mechanized each year. The farmer is confronted with the problem of making his tractor and equipment last longer. The life of a tractor and equipment depends upon the proper care and maintenance the operator gives it. In order to help the farmer better acquaint himself with the problems of proper care and maintenance a tractor maintenance school is planned for the Farm Life at Bear Grass and Oak City Communities.

Mr. J. C. Ferguson, in charge of agricultural engineering at N. C. State College, will conduct a tractor maintenance school in the Farm Life School gymnasium next Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock. The second school will be held in the Bear Grass gymnasium that afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, and the third school will be held in the Oak City school at 7:30 o'clock that night.

All farmers owning or interested in tractors are invited to attend—Jesse W. Sumner, county assistant agent.

Junior Order Is Reorganized Here

The local council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, was reorganized at a meeting of the membership held in the Masonic hall Tuesday evening. In the absence of the councilor, R. T. Johnson presided.

The following officers were named:

R. T. Johnson, councilor; Ben B. Daniels, vice councilor; Jesse W. Curtis, recording secretary; Edwin Powell, assistant recording secretary; M. W. Holloman, financial secretary; Wm. Cecil Brown, assistant financial secretary; Roy McClees, treasurer; J. H. Harrell, chaplain; Jack Sullivan, conductor; L. V. Chesson, Jr., warden; LeRoy Savage, inside sentinel; William W. Jones, Sr., outside sentinel; Gorme. G. Taylor, trustee for eighteen months; J. B. Bell, trustee for twelve months; Edgar M. Delamar, Sr., trustee for six months.

The council will hold its next meeting on March 21, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Proposing Club For Cross Roads

A special meeting of all men in the Everetts-Cross Roads school district has been called for Friday night, March 10, at 8 o'clock in the school building.

All men are urged to attend and hear Mr. Elgin White of Elizabeth City, executive of Ruitan, discuss plans for an organization.

Similar clubs are active in all

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Assaults on limb and property by motorists on the highways in this county continue with the dangerous business gaining momentum. So far no one has been killed on the highways in this county even though there have been 26 vehicle accidents.

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.

9th Week			
Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge	1950	4	\$ 1,700
1949	0	0	00
Comparisons To Date			
1950	26	15	5,840
1949	9	9	2,400