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Question Several Following Thefts In Martin County

Hog Thefts Reported In Pitt County During the Past Week-end

ed last week-end, but no formal excess plantings also.

trying to break it last week-end, planted in peanuts in 1947, he delivered for oil. but no definite lead has been established, as far as it could be learned today.

Two hogs were stolen from the Blount farm in Pitt County last week-end, sending the total to a fairly high figure in the two counties, thefts having been previously reported in and around Bethel, on the Strickland and House farms.

Among those questioned were Irving Bradley, Van R. Page, William Andrews, Jim Jenkins, Roy Brown and W. D. and Jasper Boyd, Jr.

Bradley, Page, Andrews and Jenkins were detained last weekend in connection with the theft of an electric drill from Grady Smith's garage in Robersonville several weeks ago. Officers, establishing a lead in the theft, traced the drill to a Bethel garage. Page, accompanied by the otherthree, drove to Smith's garage for Bradley to get his car. While Bradley was talking to the garageman, Jenkins ailegedly picked up the drill. At a hearing held before Justice H. S. Everett, Robersonville. Jenkins was booked to the higher courts for larceny. Page and Andrews were booked for alding and abetting, and no probable cause was found as to

One report stated that there had been some evidence of chickens taken from Farmer Strickland Candidates Paid being at the Jenkins home, but officers, investigating the report, could find no trace of the chick-

Benefit Supper For Fire Truck

Working to provide better firefighting facilities for the James- for all offices paying \$500 or jail in default of a \$500 bond for ville Communitity, citizens in that area are completing plans for a big fish supper in the school cafeteria and on the grounds at there Friday of this week between the hours of 5:30 and 8:00 o'clock.

The people of the community are furnishing all the food and service, and meals will be served at very reasonable prices, it was announced. Fish, including fried and stewed rock, fried perch and herring, will be served along with the trimmings with a culinary art

Approximately \$1,000 had been raised so far for the fire-fighting equipment, and the promoters of the supper are making plans to Friday. People all over the county are invited to attend.

Recover Stolen Motor Saturday

An outboard motor stolen from the river bank at Jamesville by its services to all parts of the two young white boys was recovered a short time later, the sheriff's office reported. The owner a special course of first aid inof the motor left the motor long struction last Friday. During his erough to eat, but someone saw stay here he made safety talks in the boys get the motor and a chase most of the schools in the county, started. The boys threw it out pleading with the youngsters to along a path.

Johnson Monday morning, Irving them. bound over to the county court persons from every township in likely that a goodly number will for trial. Bond in the sum of \$200 the chapter are being urged to at- plan to hear him, remembering in the cace, the contests will be was required.

Explains Allotment Plan H. H. Cowen, Sr., Thirty - Three Candidates File Fourteen Couples For The 1950 Peanut Crop

A new law, signed by the Presi- | may get the figure from the P.-M dent a short time ago, makes some A. office in the Martin County provision for marketing excess Agricultural building, Williams- Funeral Is Being Held In peanuts this year. However, it ton. should be remembered that the Last year the crop was cut 1950 allotments will continue in about 21 percent, followed by a 7 Several persons were question- effect, and that there is a limit on percent cut this year. The new

charges have been preferred fol- In short, the farmer will have the farmer to plant the same numlowing a series of hog thefts in his allotment peanuts supported ber of acres planted before the rethis and Pitt County, officers ad- at 90 percent of parity as usual, duction, but all plantings over and vancing the opinion that an ex- but the excess plantings will eith- above the 1950 allotment will be pert theft ring is carrying on the er have to be "hogged down" or regarded as excess and will have nefarious business. A \$100 re- sold at prevailing market prices to be sold at prices prevailing for ward was posted following the for oil stock, less certain estimat- oil peanuts. That price is likely theft of a dozen hogs or more ed costs for handling. But in no to range from three cents to five from Farmer Tom House near case may a farmer plant in excess cents. Just how the plan details Robersonville, and it is likely that of his 1947 acreage. If he exceeds are to be handled is not known, the reward will be upped to \$200. his 1947 acreage and digs and but it is likely that the output Officers from the sheriffs' of- picks the goobers, he forfeits will be combined with the underfices in this and Pitt County, aid- claim to support prices on any or standing that whatever the excess ed by police and others worked all his 1950 crop. If a farmer does percentage is, that same percentnight and day on the alleged ring not recall the number of acres he age of the crop produced will be

provision makes it possible for

Man Faces Trial For Starting Woods Fire den, Sr., he pioneered in the peanut cleaning business, erecting the nut cleaning business, erecting the lico, and O. L. Williams, Hyde, had filed, but there is a possibility that others entered the race at the

TO THE RESCUE

Their economic status reduced to a low point by fire, several colored families in this section were given, a helpful lift by white citizens during the past few days.

When the home of Noah and Virginia Spruill, aged couple, was damaged by fire over in Williams Township, Stewart Tetterton got busy. raised \$37.50 in cash and he with several others made up the difference to make neces-

sary repairs. When fire destroyed the Essie Clemmons home here last Saturday and put nineteen out of doors, the Red Cross and Woman's Club rounded up enough clothing lard's Shoe Shop fitting most of the shoes free.

S317 Filing Fees

The thirty-three candidates filing for offices in Martin County ship was sentenced to the roads and several of its townships, paid for thirty days and taxed with the fees in the sum of \$317. A minimum fee of \$5 was charged for costs. all offices paying \$500 or less, and a fee of one percent was charged

Those paying \$5 each were. members of the board of education, board of commissioners, coroner, surveyor, and constable. Based on the one percent of the salary paid, fees were charged as follows, House of Representatives, on the O. P. Roberson, Geo. James \$6; sheriff, \$40; judge of county court, \$21; State Senate, \$6; solicitor of county court, \$18; treasurer, \$12; and clerk of court, \$36.

unsurpassed anywhere in the Red Cross Names Group Chairmen

Meeting in special session last feed between 400 and 500 people Thursday noon, Red Cross officials, headed by Chapter Chairman careless dropping of a cigarette, W. H. Carstarphen and Mrs. Edna Bondurant, secretary, named Miss land on the Edmond Harris farm Ruth Manning to head the chap- in Bear Grass, threatening homes ter's first aid program and Grady and farm buildings. Luffman to direct a water safety

> Ellis Fysal, Red Cross first aid instructor, addressed the group county. Fysal, sent here by the Red Cross area office, completed

Millwood and Bevell Renfrew, Another meeting of Red Cross both of Edgecombe County, was leaders is to be held shortly, and tle following in this area, it is tend.

Goodly Number Of Forest Fires In County Recently

Fires To Spread To Wooded Areas

Experiencing one of their worst seasons since 1942, forest fire wardens climaxed their efforts to prevent costly destruction to timberlands last week when they and arrested a third. Two were booked for allowing grass fires to spread to timberlands, while the third is being charged with the willful firing of at least two tracts of timber, according to information coming from County Forest Warden Marvin Leggett.

William Everett, colored of Hamilton Township, was taxed with \$49.50 fire-fighting costs and \$5.85 court costs in Justice Chas. R. Mobley's court last week for allowing a grass fire to get out of control and spread to a tract of timber. Facing a similar charge, James Carson of Williams Towncosts. The road term was suspended upon the payment of \$5.85

Murray Boyd, 23-year-old white man of Pactolus, is being held in trial in the Martin County Recorder's Court on May 1 for allegedly starting two fires on the Robersonville-Gold Point Road the early part of last week. According to witnesses, Boyd stopped his car and fired the woods and drove away, burning woods and Nelson lands. Before forest fire wardens and assistants could get one fire out another was burning.

One of the most destructive forest fires of the season was report- county's townships. Unusually ed in Robersonville Township quiet in years past, politics toward some time ago when approximate- the end of the ladder is breaking that some parties to the suits have people were reported improving ly 350 acres of woodsland were burned.

Last Wednesday night, fire, believed to have been started by the and Hamliton Townships. burned about 35 acres of timber-

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Bob Reynolds To Speak Wednesday

Robert R. Reynolds, candidate for the United State Senate, is scheduled to speak in the Martin County courthouse Wednesday year with A. C. Bailey. recognize the growing dangers night at 8:00 o'clock. The talk is Carried before Justice R. T. and take some action to prevent one of several scheduled in this section of the State this week.

While the candidate is given lithis antice of years ago.

Died In Hospital

Baptist Church Here This Afternoon

Henry H. Cowen, Sr., retired business man and well known farmer, died in a Washington hospital at 9:10 o'clock yesterday morning following a long period of declining health. He had been confined to his bed for about six weeks, spending much of that time in the hospital. His condied another heart attack

The son of the late Henry and first factory of that type in this last minute. section, and buying farmers' stock | Last-minute activity on the filinterests to farming.

of the first Triple A committee in peace and railroad employe, filed this county and was one of the Saturday, getting into the race Two In Court for Allowing members of the first board of di- with Chas. H. Manning for judge helped organize.

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Monday Morning For County - District Offices

Voters To Decide Six Contests In May 27 Primary

Last-Minute Contest Develops For Judge Of The Recorder's Court

At least thirty-four candidates, tion had been critical since Mon- paying a total of \$317 in filing day of last week when he suffer- fees, got their names in the counclosing time at 6:00 o'clock p. m. farm until his last illness. In ad- ond Senatorial District. It is other phases of work. dition to farming interests, he en- known that four-H. G. Horton, gaged in business over a long Martin; Sam M. Campen, Pamliperiod of years. With the late Dr. co, Dallas Mallison, also of Pam-J. H. Saunders and Leslie T. Fow- lico, and O. L. Williams, Hyde,

for millers over a long period. He ing front developed a sixth county was also interested in the garage contest and brought a big surbusiness for about twenty years. prise, not to mention "hot" pros-In later years he had confined his pective races for township con- Declares He Has No Politistable jobs.

Mr. Cowen served as a member R. T. Johnson, justice of the rectors of the Washington Produc- of the recorder's court. All other tion Credit Association which he announced candidates got their names on the dotted line and the In early manhood he was mar- cash filing fees on the barrel head ried to Miss Jeannette Mobley, in ample time to get in line for who survives with two sons, Rob- office positions. The big surprise ert Henry and Henry Herbert came at noon Saturday when O. Cowen, Jr., all of Williamston; a B. Roberson, Robersonville, filed political axes to grind, and procarried two men into the courts daughter, Mrs. J. L. Parker, Jr., for county surveyor. The office, pose to abide by the wishes of the of Colerain; and a brother, if it can be called an office, has Charles Cowen of near Greenville. been begging for some time. No

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Grant Two Divorces the past several years in everyday life. At the same time I do feel Superior

ROUND-UP

An even dozen law violaters were rounded up and detained temporarily in the county jail last week-end. Four were booked for lareeny, five for public drunkenness, two for assault and one for careless and reckless driving.

Two of the twelve were white and the ages of the group ranged from a low of 16 to 50 years.

Three Contests For Constable

reports point to some hot races for constable in several of the out this year with nine candidates in the field and with races sched-

Worth Mobley filed at ten minutes of six to wind up the slate. Without opposition he is the declared nominee for Bear Grass Township constable.

D. A. Roberson is without opposition for constable of Rbersonville Township. A three-way race for constable

in Jamesville Township is under morning. way with Dallas G. Holliday, Climen Ray O'Neal and Jennie H. Price in it.

Charlie Moore, a regular on the ticket for constable in Williamston Township, is in the race this In Hamilton, H. E. Leggett and

for constable of that township. From top to bottom, all the candidates are Democrats, and where Oak City eighth grade witnessing there are two or more candidates the proceedings.

decided in the May 25 primary.

Sweep Old Cases From the Docket In Big Numbers

ed Back Yesterday; Report for Work Today

Work in the special two-week term of the Martin County Superior Court took an unexpected turn Monday morning when jurors and witnesses were turned back and the lawyers and Judge W. H. S. Burgwn settled down to the task of sweeping old, bearded cases from the docket. A complete check could not be had immediately, for it'll require much time to record all the judgments, but probably 75 or more cases were cleared away. Some of the cases had been on the docket six or eight years. One report said passed on to their reward, that time had mellowed some differuled in Jamesville, Williamston ences, and that others had worked themselves out to a satisfactory solution.

It was not explained why several divorce cases were scheduled along with a few others for trial the first day of the special term, and then continued after jurors and witnesses appeared. The jurors and witnesses were advised to go back home and come again this

Mrs. Coltrain, suffering a grave After the regular jurors departhead injury, showed much imed, a member of the bar explainprovement late Sunday when she ed that two of his clients could not return, and asked permission to call a volunteer jury and hear two divorce cases. The court agreed, lawyers, courthouse emown today. ployes and one or two stragglers Harper M. Peel are in the race were assigned seats in the jury box, and the divorce mill started grinding with members of the

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Cancer Fund Drive Going Forward In Martin County

ty-district political pot before Chairman C. B. Martin renewed leaders are anxious to complete it an appeal to all citizens, urging as soon as possible. Roxanna Boyette Cowen, he was last Saturday. The exact num- them to support the 1950 Cancer born near Williamston 72 years ber of names to go on the county- Crusade. Martin County is being fifteen million dollars in the cruago on August 25, 1877. In early district ballot cannot be determinasked to raise \$1,500 as its share sade. Indications are that much life he moved with his family to ed until reports are received from in the promotion of research, for progress is being made in the up-Williamston, but continued to the six other counties in the sec- the maintenance of clinics and hill fight against the disease, and

many lives for us not to give agement.

House Candidate,

Makes Statement

cal Axes To Grind; Ad-

mits Strong Opposition

Officially filing his candidacy

for Martin County Representative

in the North Carolina General As-

sembly last week, E. G. Anderson,

Robersonville business man and

tobacconist, released the following

"First, let me say that I have no

people at all times. I enter the

that the opposition will be strong.

race with a thorough knowledge

However, that is nothing more

than I have been faced with for

that I am entering the race with a

fair knowledge of good moral and

"I think we are all agreed that

it is now time for more serious

thoughts and actions with refer-

ence to the moral, educational and

lic offices from our local com-

promote their every interest.

be greatly appreciated."

late yesterday.

Victims Of Auto

Injured in a serious automobile

accident at a highway intersec-

tion between Wake Forest and

Durham last Tuesday, four local

multiple bruises and shock, was

able to return to her home here

on Ray Street last Friday, and is

Mrs. Marvin Coltrain, and Mrs.

been placed around one knee.

Ben Roberson for treatment.

getting along very well.

business administration.

tion's capital.

The annual cancer fund drive is every support and do everything

to a preliminady report released this week by Mesdames Herbert Whitley and Neil Ripley, co-com- met with a ready response on the manders of the drive.

going forward very well in sever- in our power to work for its preal parts of the county, according vention and cure," the drive leaders said.

Only a few canvassers have reported so far, but most of them part of the public. The drive is to Following their report, County last through next week, but the

The nation is raising nearly the public is earnestly urged not "The disease is claiming too to relax in its support and encour-

SAFETY COUNCIL

"Preaching" safety in addresses to thousands of pupils in the county schools during the past two weeks, Ellis Fysal, Red Cross first aid instructor, declared that there was an urgent need for a safety program to be advanced among the young people.

"There is a striking need for accident prevention on the highways, on the farms, in the homes, at the swimming ponds and pools," the Red Cross man said, adding that the organization is prepared to provide the services of instructors both for accides prevention and first aid.

John Cowan Died This Morning At

Funeral at Home of Daughter In West End Tomorrow at 3:00 P. M.

John W. Cowan, retired farmer, died at his home in West End this business administration of all pubmorning at 4:30 o'clock after a long period of declining health. munities right on through the na-His condition had been serious al-"If I am elected to represent most since the death of his wife on Martin County in the coming leg- February 6. He had been confinislature, I assure all the people ed to his bed for about six weeks Jurors and Witnesses Turn- that I shall perform to the best of and experienced ill health for my ability the duties of the posi- years.

tion of trust and to safeguard and The son of the late John A. and Cashie Mizelle Cowan, he was "I was encouraged to make the born in Bear Grass 78 years ago race by a number of people, all of on October 3, 1871, and spent whom are residents of Martin nearly all his life on the farm County, and their support along there. Retiring on account of feewith that of all others prior to and ble health, he moved to Williamsduring the May 27 primary will ton eight years ago. In addition to his farming interests he engaged in watch repairing to occupy his time.

He was married to Bettie Bullock 51 years ago. She died on Wreck Improving last February 6.

Cowan and Cole Cowan, both cident. of West End, and C. C. Cowan of Bear Grass; a daughter, Mrs. H. O. Gurganus of West End; one brother, D. C. Cowan of Bear Grass; ten grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren. Mrs. Jos. G. Corey, suffering

Funeral services will be conducted at the home of his daughter Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Elder A. B. Ayers, Primitive Baptist minister of Bear Mrs. Jesse Lilley, who lives Grass. Interment will be in the near Williamston and who suffer- Cowan family cemetery in Bear ed a compound leg fracture, was Grass Township.

able to be up in a rolling chair Accident Victim in a Raleigh hospital where she was carried with her daughter, Still In Hospital

Suffering a broken back and internal injuries, Oliver Harrison, was able to talk with relatives. Jr., young Bear Grass farmer, She was also able to take a little continues quite ill in a Washing- Oscar Daniel, Stuart Magnard, nourishment at that time, and ton hospital, late reports stating Mollie Ray Oakley, Elizabeth was reported to be holding her that he was getting along as well Parker and Vernon J. Spivey. as could be expected. The young Vida Mae Cordon, Doretha Slade Mrs. Roberson, suffering frac- man was injured in a freak acci- Chance, Annie M. Hassell, Alonza tures of seven ribs and other in- dent near the home of Mr. and R. Jones, Nora Cherry Slade, John juries, was reported to be getting Mrs. Gomer Harrison late in the M. Slade, and Herbert W. Whitalong as well as could be expect- afternoon of April 7.

Are Married Last Month In County

Issuance Smallest for Any Month Since August Of Last Year

Fourteen marriage licenses were issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger in this county last month, the issuance being the smallest for any month since last August. The issuance was also the smallest for any February since 1940.

The number of white marriages increased from two in February ber of licenses issued to colored couples decreased from 16 to 9. Licenses were issued last month

White

William Wood Biggs to Julia Harrison, both of Williamston. W. Vascoe Greene, Ahoskie, to Sylvia Angela McLawhorn, Wil-

Cecil C. Ange, Jamesville, to Ellen Louise Griffin, Williamston. James Alton Whitehurst, Jr., Hobgood, to Margaret Dolores

Barrett, Oak City. James Dawson Rogerson to Gladys Elvin Thomas, both of Williamston.

Colored

Clarence Coffield to Retta Mae Perkins, both of Williamston. Lester Griffin to Adelle Beach, both of Robersonville.

Sylvester Woolard to Frances Everett, both of Williamston. Marvin Lloyd to Sarah Bellamy, both of Robersonville.

Joe Wilkins, Jr., to Fannie Manning, both of Williamston. Lonnie Gilliam to Fannie Gibbs

both of Williamston. Jim Outerbridge, Jr., to Pearline Brown, both of Williamston. Willie C. Hassell RFD 2, Williamston, to Martha Ricks, Wil-

Willie Spencer to Dorothy Mae Spruill, both of Williamston.

West End Home Badly Injured In Truck Accident

Zeno Beddard, Poplar Point farmer, was badly injured in a truck accident last Saturday morning when the vehicle turned over on the hill near W. G. Peel's fish pond between Whitley's Bridge and Highway 125. Following first aid treatment, he was removed to Washington hospital where it was found he had suffered a shoulder fracture, seven broken

ribs and chest injuries. Walter Rogers, driving a log truck owned by Roland Bunting and carrying a load of lumber, was not hurt. Driving hardly more than 10 or 15 miles an hour, Rogers met a car on the narrow hill. When he tried to avoid a crash with the car, Rogers turned too near a ditch and the truck turned over. Beddard was caught in the cab which was smashed al-

most level with the hood. No estimate of the property damage could be had. Patrolman Surviving are three sons, Oniley R. P. Narron investigated the ac-

Red Cross First Aid Instructors

Fourteen persons completed training for first aid instructors in the Red Cross First Aid school conducted here during the twoweek period ending last Friday night. They are qualified to offer first aid instruction to others, and the Red Cross, under the chairmanship of Miss Ruth Manning, will be glad to make the services available to any group at any time. Classes may be arranged through the secretary or Miss Manning, it was announced.

Those completing the first aid instructor's course include, James field. Those receiving advanced ed, reports stating that there was | Doctors are planning to place first aid certificates were James some pleurisy, and that a cast had him in a cast today, one report Staton Leggett and Fred C.