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## Curtailed Postal Service Effective Here On May 3rd

### Deliveries In Residential Areas To Be Limited To One Daily

In keeping with economy orders issued recently by the Postmaster General, curtailed postal service will go into effect here next Wednesday, Postmaster W. E. Dunn said yesterday.

The main curtailment in service will center in the residential sections where mail deliveries will be limited to one daily. Postmaster Dunn said that two instead of three carriers will handle the deliveries, and that while most of the mail will reach the patrons each morning, some of it will not get to its destination until afternoon. Morning daily papers will be a bit old, but possibly they could be shifted to the regular paper carriers, it was pointed out.

Two deliveries are to be maintained in the business sections, and parcel post deliveries will be continued with little or no change in schedule.

Collections from the drop boxes in various parts of the town will be made without much change in the schedule, the postmaster said.

Window service will be maintained as usual, 8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. for general business, and from 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. for money orders and postal savings.

No change is anticipated in the deliveries on the rural routes, the postmaster explaining that the carriers are now handling just about as much mail as it is possible for them to handle.

The economy move is calling for the virtual elimination of day-by-day directory service. The postmaster explained that, on an average, 100 pieces of mail reaches the office here and has to be referred to the directory for complete address. In other words, if John Doe gets a piece of mail addressed simply, "John Doe, Williamston, N. C.," and the mail handlers do not know him, the piece of mail will be returned to the sender instead of being referred to the directory. Mr. Dunn explained that the office will gladly assist business houses in bringing their mailing addresses up to the minute, but that instructions direct the office to return to the sender all mail not completely and accurately addressed.

The economy move, in all probability, will get comparatively little help here, the postmaster explaining that the office has been operating on a close margin all the while.

## Noted Minister To Be Heard Here

By means of a sound film, Dr. Robert G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, will speak at the Memorial Baptist Church of Williamston at 8:00 p. m. Sunday.

Dr. Lee's colorful preaching career began back on a farm near Fort Mill, S. C., where the 63 year old leader of the Southern Baptists was born. Early in life, Dr. Lee felt the call to be a preacher—and in spite of many obstacles, he heeded the call. Lacking funds, he largely worked his way through school. His family was poor, but deeply religious. He earned money trapping rabbits, selling broom straw and magazine subscriptions. He spent one year working on the construction of the Panama Canal.

When he returned to America, he entered Furman Preparatory School at Greenville, S. C., where he won many scholastic honors. He was graduated in 1913 with an A. B. degree from Furman University. He took his post graduate

## Plan Pre-School Clinics In County

Starting next week, representatives of the Martin County Health Department will examine all children planning to enter the public schools in this county next fall, it was announced this week. All children who have reached their sixth birthday since the beginning of the 1949-50 term and who will have attained that age on or before next October 1 are to be examined.

The importance of the clinics lies in the discovery of any physical defects that can be remedied, giving the little tot a better chance in school.

With one exception, the clinics will open at 9:30 o'clock, as follows:

Williamston, May 1 and 2; Robersonville, May 3; Farm Life, May 4; Oak City, May 5; Jamesville, May 8; Bear Grass, May 9; Everettts, May 10; Hamilton, May 11; and Hassell May 11. The clinic will be opened from 9:30 until 11:00 a. m. at Hamilton, and from 11:30 until 12:30 the same day in Hassell.

A schedule for the colored schools will be announced later.

## Little Accident Victim Home From Hospital

Little Miss Dorothy Jean Tice, who received a serious eye injury in a fall about two weeks ago at her home here on West Main Street, returned home last evening from a Durham hospital where she responded remarkably to treatment. She was reported to be getting along nicely this morning.

## RECORD CATCHES

Record rock fish catches have been reported at the Jamesville fishery during the past few days. A report said that 240 rock fish of good size were taken at a dip of the seine yesterday, that the day's catch would run well into the thousands of pounds. Herring were said to have appeared in varying numbers, the rock fish outnumbering the herring at times.

Small-scale fishermen were having great "luck" too. Carroll Modlin and "Slim" Gardner dipped up four rock fish at one time with a small net, the fish weighing from about tree to seven and one-half pounds.

## Registration Books Will Open Saturday

### New Registration Not Required For May 27th Primary

#### Names of 6,881 Democrats And 122 Republicans Now On Books

Registration books for the May 27 democratic primary will be opened for additional names in this county on Saturday, April 29, Elections Board Chairman C. D. Carstarphen announced. No new registration is required, meaning that all those persons who have voted at any time within the past ten years, will not have to register again. However, all those persons who have reached their 21st birthday since the last election or who will have reached that age by the next November 7 general election will have to register if they are to participate in the primary on May 27. Those persons, 21 years old or older, who have moved into the county from other counties or state and have not registered in this county will find it necessary to register in their respective precincts if they are to vote in the May 27 primary.

The registration books will be held open three Saturdays, beginning on Saturday of this week. Registrations may be handled on other days by special appointment.

The elections board chairman pointed out that there are a few persons registered as Republicans and a few as independents. If they are to participate in the May 27 primary, they will have to see the registrar in their respective precincts and declare their affiliation with the Democratic Party. In other words, a person listed as an independent or Republican on the day of the primary will not be allowed to make the change and then vote.

Reviewing the registration books this week, Board Chairman Carstarphen said that the names of approximately 7,003 electors are on the books. There are about 6,881 Democrats, about 122 Republicans and less than half dozen independents.

The registration as it now stands follows with two independents listed in Robersonville and three or four in other precincts:

## Special Term Of Superior Court Nears End Today

### Long Trials Featured The Proceedings During Past Few Days

After clearing several long, drawn-out cases from the calendar during the past few days, the special two-week term of the Martin County Superior Court is believed to be rapidly drawing to a close, reports from the old hall of justice shortly before noon indicated.

While comparatively few cases have reached the jury, approximately eighty-five cases have been cleared from the docket, many by default.

Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn is presiding over the term.

After clearing the Early alimony without divorce case from the docket Tuesday, the court started working on the \$4,500 damage suit brought by Frank Carstarphen against Frank Weaver. The plaintiff alleged that a herd of cows was sold him with a guarantee that they were free of Bang's disease. He further alleged that the disease made its appearance and that he was forced to sell a number of his herd. Evidence was finished in the case late Tuesday afternoon. Judge Burgwyn finished his charge to the jury Wednesday morning at 10:20, and the jury returned its verdict at 11:00 o'clock, awarding the plaintiff a judgment in the sum of \$350.

Starting the trial of the case brought by William M. Jones against Bill Jones and wife, the court yesterday heard the evidence and argument before recessing for the day. The case came to an unexpected close this morning when the litigants reached an agreement.

Before calling the Jones case yesterday morning, the court heard a habeas corpus proceeding instituted by Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Holliday, and she was awarded the sole custody of her son, the father to be allowed to see his son at certain times.

About the only case left on the calendar is that of Mamie C. Campbell against W. A. Campbell.

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## States Stand On Roanoke Project

Senator Frank Graham yesterday stated his stand on the proposed Roanoke River power project at Roanoke Rapids, expressing the hope that the matter will be promptly expedited.

His statement, released in Washington, D. C., late yesterday, reads:

"I favor full development of the resources of the Roanoke River for the benefit of all the people of the region and in the national interest. This whole question, as it affects the proposed project at Roanoke Rapids, is before the Federal Power Commission, whose examiner has recommended a decision favorable to the private development of this project. It seems vital to me that the development of this project be started with minimum delay in the interest and welfare of the rural people, homes, municipalities, and for the potential economic development of a strategic region. In order to have the full facts, we await the answer of the REA and the Interior Department and trust that these answers and the whole matter will be promptly expedited."

## Plumbing Firm To Move Its Offices

The Martin County Plumbing and Heating Company, owned and managed by George Hatton Gurganus with offices in the Critcher building between Leggett's and The Enterprise, is moving to new quarters on Washington Street. The move will give the company more room, and its operations will be closely connected with the management and housing at the plant of the Blue Star Cleaners, owned and managed by John Hatton Gurganus.

No official announcement has been released, but one report stated that the Eastern Office Equipment Company of Asheville would open an office in the building being vacated by the plumbing and heating firm.

## Mr. Handy Expected Home Sunday From the Hospital

If no complications develop, Mr. Henry Handy is expected to return to his home here possibly Sunday, Mrs. Handy said during a telephone conversation this morning.

Mr. Handy underwent a second major operation in Duke Hospital Monday, remaining in the operating room more than three hours. One report said the incision at the throat was nearly eight inches long. He was reported this morning to be resting fairly well, but it was also said that he had been very sick.

## Several Hundred Hogs On Exhibit At Show May 4-5

### Forty-five Boys and Girls Will Exhibit Ninety Hogs At Show

Aided by adult farmers who are to exhibit 198 animals of their own, Martin County 4-H Club members and Future Farmers of America will stage one of the greatest swine shows seen in this section in many years when they place ninety prize animals in the annual Martin County Fat Stock Show in the New Carolina Warehouse at Williamston May 4 and 5, Assistant Farm Agent Sam Tuten said today.

Twenty-two baby beeves will be displayed and judged next Thursday. The hogs are to be in their pens not later than 6:00 p. m. next Thursday for judging and sale the next day. Club members are to place ninety hogs in the show and some keen competition is assured, Mr. Tuten said, adding that the club entries will not be in competition with those placed by adult farmers.

The hogs will be judged Friday morning, beginning at 9:00 o'clock, by representatives from the Extension Service, assisted by S. F. Koehler of the Kingan and Company livestock department, Richmond.

Howard Gardner of Jamesville took the top honors last year when he showed the grand champion single and grand champion pen of three hogs.

Hogs will be entered in the adult division as individuals, pens of three, five and ten. In the junior division, the entries will be as individuals and pens of three.

The following boys and girls will exhibit the ninety hogs:

Dallas Matthews, Charles Russell, Freddie Martin, Mitchell Gurganus, Billy Biggs, Hilton Leggett, T. R. Ward, Alice Ruth Price, Everette Purvis, Marion C. Griffin, Shirley Barber, Mary Louise Holliday, Buck Manning, A. P. Griffin, Rodney Lilley, Gusie Bunting, C. A. Martin, Johnny Bowen, Jimmie Hopkins, Harold Gurganus, Albert S. Leggett, Jr., John Beach, Peggy M. Godard, Russell Cowan, Johnnie J. Griffin, Thelma Barber, Darrell Manning, Billy Henry Wynn, Larry Lilley.

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## Company Planning To Expand And Modernize Its Plant Here

### Schedule Budget Problems For Board Meeting Monday

Coasting along with nothing especially important to handle but possibly troubled by trivial things, Martin County's Board of Commissioners will get a first taste of the annual budget, 1950 style, at the regular meeting next Monday.

Very little other business is scheduled for consideration, but a jury is to be drawn for service during the one-week term of the Superior court in June.

The budget makers, it is fairly certain, are in for a tough assignment. Cost increases in the various departments have been just about offset by increases in property valuations. Preliminary reports point to a 1950 property valuation gain of hardly more than a quarter million dollars, and that base gain will not support much in the way of increased revenue.

Briefly speaking, the budget questions are likely to encounter a stone wall, and in all probability spending will have to be altered to fit the income pattern. Of course, there is another way out—the tax rate increase, but that is never a popular one.

No preliminary estimates have been released, but the tentative budgets of the school and welfare department are scheduled for preliminary study next Monday. Other departments will submit their estimates at a later meeting.

## Democrats Planning Meeting In County

### Precinct Groups To Hold Meetings At Noon Saturday

Martin County Democrats are slated during the next two weeks to reform their lines, perfect a reorganization and make plans for three meetings. Albert S. Peel, chairman of the party's executive committee, announced this week.

The first in the series of events are scheduled for noon on Saturday of this week, April 29, when active members of the party are to meet in their respective precincts and perfect their local organizations. It has been customary for the precinct groups to name a chairman, vice chairman, secretary-treasurer and two regular committee members. Heretofore, most of the organizing for the precincts has been handled at the county-wide meeting, but the chairman is asking the party members to take a little time off about the noon hour Saturday, discuss some of the issues of the day and perfect their organizations for the next two years. They are also scheduled to name official delegates to the county convention to be held on May 6.

During the meantime, the chairman would like to have reports from the several precinct treasurers.

The precinct meetings are subject to the call of the following chairmen who are being asked to set the hour and place:

A. Corey, Jamesville; Floyd Moore, Williams; J. D. Wynne, Bear Grass; C. H. Godwin, Sr., Williamston No. 1; H. G. Horton, Williamston No. 2; H. N. (Buck) Ayers, Cross Roads; Paul D. Roberson, Robersonville; J. R. Windsor, Gold Point; W. S. White, Poplar Point; D. R. Edmondson, Hassell; LeRoy Everette, Hamilton; and J. F. Crisp, Goose Nest.

Following the precinct meeting

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## Truck And Mule Collide On Road

Breaking out of the pen, a mule belonging to Farmer Roy Taylor ran into the left front fender of Linwood K. Boyd's 1949 Ford truck in front of the Taylor home between here and Hamilton on Highway 125 at 11:30 last Monday night. No one was hurt, reports adding that the mule was badly cut and battered but that no bones were broken.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$100 by Patrolman R. P. Narron who made the investigation.

## CONGRESSMAN SPEAKER

Congressman Jamie L. Whitten of Mississippi will address the annual Martin County Farm Bureau meeting in the high school auditorium here Friday afternoon, May 5, President Chas. L. Daniel announced today.

The speaker, a comparatively young man and a forceful speaker, is chairman of the subcommittee on agricultural appropriations and has been in Congress since 1941.

## Officials Inspect Local Properties Tuesday Morning

### New Insecticide Mixing Plant Opened By The Standard Fertilizer Co.

Tentative plans have been prepared for expanding the properties and modernizing the present plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company here on Roanoke River officials announced yesterday following an inspection by officials of the parent company, The Mathieson Chemical Corporation of Baltimore. Few details were released, but according to Mr. D. R. Stoneleigh, one of the officials making an inspection of the properties here Tuesday, plans for the expansion and modernization program are to be placed in the hands of the engineers immediately. "Until they complete their surveys and prepare blue prints, it will be impossible to offer any cost estimates," Mr. Stoneleigh said yesterday afternoon before flying back to Baltimore. "We will make every effort to start construction on the addition and handle the modernization work without delay, however," the official added.

The modernization program, it is understood, calls for a complete conveyor system throughout the plant, and the addition will enable the company to better serve the needs of farmers throughout this section of the county.

Coming here by special plane, a DC-3, Messrs. John C. Lappard, executive vice president; Dr. Carl F. Prutton, vice president and director of research and operations; S. L. Nevins, vice president and director of agricultural chemical sales, and Mr. Stoneleigh, inspected the new insecticide mixing plant built especially for the company by Sprout, Waldron Company of Pennsylvania, when the machinery was placed in operation at 11:00 o'clock Tuesday morning.

One of the most modern in the entire nation, the plant started shipping its first products this week, including poisons for boll weevil, and the other types of poison.

The visitors O. Kened the plant and its operations and moved to the M. Luther Peel farm near Williamston on Highway 125 and witnessed a sprinkler system demonstration. It was their first

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## Marker Placed At Local Grave

### Major Reading Blount Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Washington, N. C., Placed a Bronze Lay Marker at the Grave of Mrs. Mary Gladys Watts Creswell in Woodlawn Cemetery here Last Friday Afternoon.

The Major Reading Blount Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Washington, N. C., placed a bronze lay marker at the grave of Mrs. Mary Gladys Watts Creswell in Woodlawn Cemetery here last Friday afternoon. The marker was given by the John Alexander Chapter of Alexandria, Va., of which Mrs. Creswell was a member and where she made her home for several years. A short memorial service was held with Mrs. S. E. Marsh, Regent, and Mrs. Frank C. Kugler, Sr., chaplain of the Washington chapter, conducting the ritual. Rev. E. R. Shuller of the local Methodist church, gave the closing prayer.

Only close relatives and the following chapter members were present: Mesdames Sam Marsh, Frank E. Kugler, Sr., E. T. Knott, W. H. Williams, Richard Cherry, R. B. Kugler, Hallet Ward, Hoyt Moore, Harry Gurganus, John Campbell, Sam Fowle, Robert Fowle and R. P. MacKenzie.

Following the precinct meeting

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## Two Cases Heard In Justice Court

Business was a bit slack in the justice of the peace courts here during the past few days. One judge reported no cases called in his court. Another could not be reached for a report, and a third, R. T. Johnson, reported only two cases.

Linton Roebuck and B. F. Whitfield, charged with the use of improper nets in taking fish, were each fined \$15, plus costs.

## Club Members on Radio Programs

Martin County 4-H Clubs will present a radio program Saturday, April 29th at 12:45 p. m. over WPTF in Raleigh.

The subject of the program is the sweet potato project for 4-H boys which was sponsored by the Martin County Yam Growers Association, the Martin County Farm Bureau, Williamston Boosters, Marvil Package Co. and the Standard Fertilizer Co.

Those who will participate on the program are: Jack Woolard of the Williamston Inter Club, Lewis Gurkin and David Gurkin of the Farm Life 4-H Club. All of these boys were winners in the 1949 contest and received a trip to New York.

Listen in at 12:45 p. m. and hear what the 4-H boys of Martin County are doing.

## ARRESTS

Three persons were arrested in this county Tuesday night and are being questioned in connection with a series of chicken and hog thefts in this and Pitt County, the sheriff's office announced yesterday.

Van B. Page and William Andrews were taken into custody by Officers Raymond Rawls and Joe Roebuck at the Veterans School in Farmville and Irving Brady was arrested at his home.

No hearing has been scheduled the officers explaining that they were still piecing together evidence relating to the theft of a number of hogs from Farmer Tom House near Robersonville.