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## Need For Sewer System Extension Cited At Meeting

### Eight Thousand Feet Of New Territory Has Already Been Surveyed

The crying need for an expanded sewer system here was cited in definite terms at a regular meeting of Williamston's town commissioners last evening, and while no action was or could be taken, the officials are working for a solution to the urgent problem. Final action, of course, rests with the people, and the size of the program rests with those people in the North and West End communities. If one or both areas vote for annexation, the program will be fitted to the expanded areas. If there is no annexation then the town is expected to meet the need within its boundaries by extending the sewer system to old and new developments alike.

During the meantime, individuals are confronted with problems. It was explained at the last night meeting that the new hospital will have to spend approximately \$4,200 for a system of its own. Engineers are suggesting that a system be installed to meet town standards with the possibility that it can be incorporated into the town system later.

It was pointed out that no action could be very well taken by the town until the annexation vote is recorded and the matter placed before a vote of the people.

A detailed sewer system survey, financed by the federal government, has been completed from Roanoke River to Highway 125 at Whitley's Canal, and work on it continues. It is estimated that the cost of the project to that point will approximate \$26,700, Engineer Tom Rivers pointing out at the meeting that the construction costs along that route would run considerably higher than the remainder of the project.

Engineers are to confer further with State health officials in an effort to formulate a plan whereby a temporary system could be installed and reduce the cost of the individual hospital project.

It was explained that the town could possibly finance the first unit of the sewer system, but the officials said it would not be fair to undertake part of the project unless it could be extended to all.

Handling routine business, the board agreed to allot more space to the library when and if additional room is available in the town hall.

The officials agreed to contribute \$150 to help finance the high school band on its trip to Charlotte in June.

Delinquent taxes are to be advertised this month for sale in June.

Treasurer Dan Sharpe said that \$66,721.01 of the \$75,394.22 levy for the current fiscal year had been collected, that the town had \$18,300.21 in the bank. He explained that some of those 1919 water system bonds, bearing that unholly six percent interest, were to be paid off this month.

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## Enters Raleigh Hospital Today For Treatment

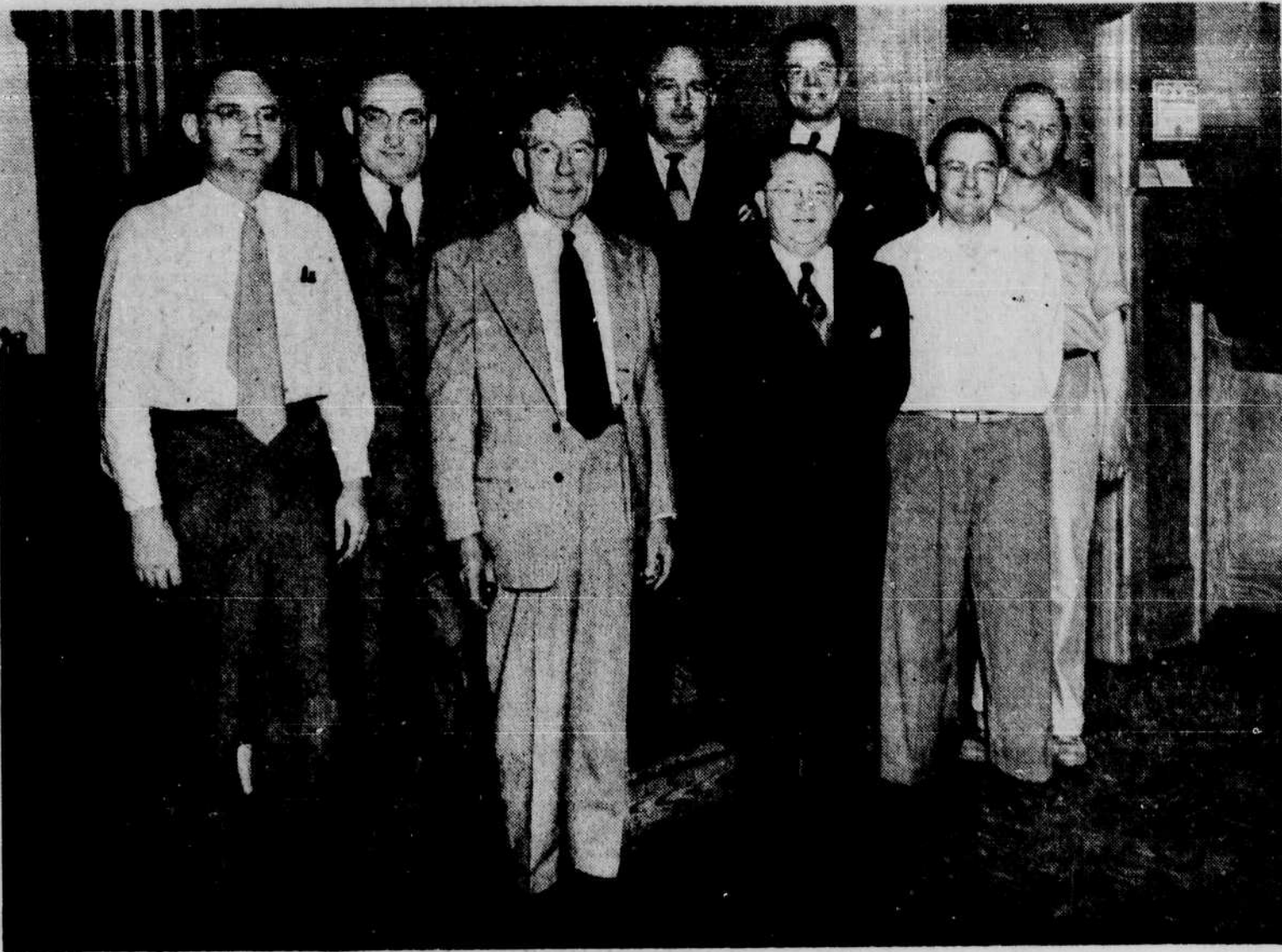
Mr. Jeff Ray, aged local man who has experienced failing health during the past several weeks, entered a Raleigh hospital this morning for treatment. He made the trip in a Biggs ambulance.

## NO MEETINGS

As far as it could be learned, no Democratic Party meetings were held on the precinct level in this county last Saturday. However, E. S. Peel, chairman of the county executive committee for the party, is expecting representative delegations from each of the thirteen precincts for the county convention to be held in the courthouse on Saturday of this week at 12 o'clock, noon.

Any Democrat in good standing is cordially invited to attend the convention and participate in the proceedings.

## Officials Inspect New Insecticide Plant Here



Officials of the Mathieson Chemical Corporation, Baltimore, are pictured above with officials of the Standard Fertilizer Company, a division of the Baltimore firm, just before starting an inspection of the Standard's new insecticide mixing plant and other properties on Roanoke River here. Several of the officials, making their first trip to the plant here, declared they were impressed by this section and its people, and before returning to Baltimore announced a plant expansion and modernization program. Pictured, left

to right, are: Woodrow Tice, secretary of Standard Fertilizer Company; Dr. Carl F. Prutton, vice president and research director of the Mathieson Corp.; C. G. Crockett, Standard Company president; John C. Leppart, executive vice president; S. L. Nevins, vice president, and D. R. Stoneleigh, director of agricultural specialties division, all of the Mathieson Corporation; J. C. Cooke, treasurer, and R. W. Bondurant, vice president and superintendent of the Standard Company.

## Cancer Fund Drive Nears Its Goal In Martin County

The cancer fund drive is nearing its goal in this county, according to a report coming from Chairman C. B. Martin in Robersonville.

With a quota of \$1,500, the county had raised and reported early this week a total of \$1,138.53, and no reports had been received from seven of the ten townships.

Williamston, Robersonville and Griffins Townships and the little town of Hassell have reached or passed their quotas. Raising \$701.28, Williamston exceeded its quota by more than \$200, and a few more canvassers are yet to report according to Mrs. Neil Ripley and Mrs. Herbert Whitley, commanders of the fund drive.

Robersonville met its \$300, and Hassell, raising \$36.50, exceeded

its quota by \$1.50. Griffins, with a \$100 quota, raised \$100.75. Township Chairman Rev. W. B. Harrington, expressing his appreciating to his canvassers, Messrs. B. R. Manning, Leslie Griffin, Bettie Coltrain and Raleigh and Kenneth Harrington, said that the people there gave liberally and willingly.

Several other townships are making progress in the drive, but have submitted no reports. The chairman is fairly certain that the \$1,500 quota will be reached and passed.

Chairman Martin and the commanders of the drive are anxious to complete the drive, and are asking the various township chairmen and canvassers to submit their reports by the latter part of this week, if possible.

## ROUND-UP

Little heard of for several years, larceny is fast breaking into the lead among law violations in this county. Ten persons were arrested and jailed here over the weekend. Seven of the ten stand charged with larceny, two with public drunkenness and one with non-support.

Two of the ten are white, the ages of the group running from 16 to 62 years.

## Make Transfer In Camp Personnel

Captain John Delbridge, popular and efficient head of the State Highway and Public Works Commission prison camp near here for more than four years, has been transferred to the camp in Nash County, just a short distance from his home. He is being succeeded here by Captain Pace who managed the camp near Nashville for a number of years.

Captain Delbridge made many friends during his stay in this county, and considered the transfer for some time before reaching a decision.

Captain Pace, an able administrator, and Mrs. Pace are moving here today and are to make their home in West End.

## County Board In All-Day Meeting Studying Budgets

### Welfare Department Budget Return To Office For Some Adjustments

After coasting along for several months with little business on their monthly calendar, the Martin County Commissioners struck a row of hard stumps in their regular first Monday meeting and plowed all day long, the group quitting shortly before 6:00 o'clock with the understanding that a special meeting is to be called later in the month. More budget figures will be studied at that time.

Discussing the welfare budget figures for the new calendar year, the board ordered it returned to the department for adjustments, one report stating that every effort will be made to hold requests to the 1949 figures.

The school budget was submitted by the Board of Education members in a body, but no final action was taken. The budget calls for approximately \$100,000 for capital outlay. It was explained that delegations had been before the education authorities that day, that improvements requested by the groups were needed. The budget

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## Superior Court In Final Meeting Of Term Thursday

### Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn Sets Another Verdict Aside During Term

After clearing a record number of cases from the calendar, the Martin County Superior Court last Thursday noon folded its tent and quietly stole away, ending a two-week special term called for the trial of civil cases only.

Adjournment was rushed along when the case of William M. Jones against Bill M. Jones was settled by agreement. "The plaintiff alleged that he entered into a contract to rent a farm from the defendant for a period of three years, that at the end of the first year he was forced to move. He asked for \$500 damages, but in the settlement he received approximately \$166, the defendant also paying the court costs.

A rather involved case was that of Mamie C. Campbell of Rocky Mount against W. A. Campbell of South Carolina. The two were married in 1933 and separated in 1936. A separation agreement was entered into at that time, the husband agreeing to pay \$40 a month for the support of the wife. They went back together in 1936, the court explaining in the charge to the jury that the separation agreement was nullified by that act. They separated a second time in 1940, and the defendant paid \$40 a month until 1945 when the payments dropped to \$2 a month.

During the meantime, the defendant, a nephew of the late Henry D. Peel of this county, shared in the estate along with twenty-five other defendants. Court action followed by the plaintiff who claimed she was entitled to \$20 a month for 58 months for the support of the 14-year-old daughter.

The jury, after hearing the lone witness, Mrs. Campbell, took the case at 11:40 o'clock Thursday morning and after deliberating the single issue thirty-five minutes returned a verdict, allowing the plaintiff \$225.

Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, presiding, made little comment other than to say that the decision was contrary to the greater weight of all the evidence and ordered the verdict set aside.

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## Expect Thousands Here For Annual Farm Bureau Meeting

### Prolonged Dry Season Is Broken by Week-End Rains

The long dry season, setting a new record for April, was literally washed out over the week-end when welcomed showers fell in the county. All parts of the county had a good "season", some having a bit too much while others were to be in need of more rain.

Up until Sunday night, less than an inch of rain—93 of an inch, to be exact—had been recorded by Hugh Spruill at the Roanoke River Bridge here. About one-quarter of an inch fell last Friday night at this point, but other sections, especially in the Oak City area, had rain Thursday evening, followed by

more on Friday and then Sunday. Just about one inch of rain, or more than the total for the remainder of the month, fell here Sunday night.

A few sections found the ground to wet yesterday to carry on farm work, but in other areas where plants were available, tobacco transplanting got under way here and there throughout the county.

Crops especially Irish potatoes and corn, are looking fine, and farmers are more encouraged than they were a week or ten days ago when winds were sweeping their top soil away in large quantities.

### Annual Fat Stock Show Thursday, Barbecue Friday

#### Approximately \$750 Being Offered In Prizes At the Fat Stock Show

Ranking as the biggest farm event of the year, the Martin County Fat Stock Show will open in the New Carolina Warehouse in Williamston on Thursday afternoon of this week for a two-day run, followed by the big annual Farm Bureau picnic Friday afternoon.

Plans for the big show and meeting are just about complete, and more than 2,000 farmers and other members of the farm organization are expected to attend the show.

Congressman Jamie Whitten of Mississippi will address the annual farm meeting Friday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium. A member of the House subcommittee on agricultural appropriations, the speaker is in a position to give a good picture of the farm situation. He is a forceful speaker, and will be accompanied to the county by Congressman Herbert Bonner.

An ample supply of barbecue is to be supplied, and tickets and invitations to the meeting have been placed in the mails.

Sponsored by the Farm Bureau and civic clubs in the county, the seventh annual fat stock show is expected to break all records. Approximately \$750 is being offered in prizes, and for the first time in several years the show will be open to adult farmers as well as club boys and girls. However, the adult entries will not be in competition with those of the club members, Assistant Farm Agent Sam A. Tuten declaring that there'll be plenty competition within the groups.

Twenty-nine steers are to be exhibited by nineteen club members. The animals are to be in place at noon on Thursday of this week and the judging by representatives of the Extension Service and the packers at 1:30 o'clock that afternoon. Exhibitors of animals grading choice or prime will receive \$10 prizes and ribbons. Those whose animals grade good are to receive \$8, and those whose animals grade below good will receive \$5 prizes.

Forty-five club members and Future Farmers of America are to display ninety hogs in the show. The swine are to be in place by 6:00 p. m. Thursday. Judging will get under way Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock, and the big sale of everything is scheduled for 1:00 o'clock Friday afternoon.

In the junior division, \$10 first prizes will be offered for individual hogs weighing not less than 180 and not more than 240 pounds each, and hogs weighing not less than 241 nor more than 270 pounds. Other prizes in that class run from \$8 for second place down to \$2 for tenth place. In the

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### Continues Quite Ill At Home Near Jamesville

Quite ill for some time, Mr. Jesse Martin, well-known farmer and citizen of Jamesville Township, was reported slightly improved last evening. He underwent treatment in a Rocky Mount hospital a short time ago.

## TOBACCO PLANTS

Following a survey, Mr. Johnny Gurkin, local farmer-warehouseman, said today that a plentiful supply of tobacco plants is available in Georgia. Farmers, interested in procuring plants, may get the details by contacting Mr. Gurkin.

During the meantime, the plant situation is gradually improving in this county and quite a few farmers are busy transplanting their crops.

## Five Road Wrecks In Martin County In Past Few Days

### No One Badly Hurt; Three Of Accidents Happen On Street Here

No one was badly hurt and property damage was not very large in a series of five highway and street accidents in this county during the past week-end.

The first in the series was reported on the Prison Camp Road last Thursday morning about 9:00 o'clock. Furney Keith James, driving Herbert L. Roebuck's 1946 Ford in the direction of Cross Roads started to pass Jesse Archie Council just as Council made a left turn into A. C. Bailey's garage with a 1936 wrecker truck. No one was hurt and damage to the Ford approximated \$325, according to Patrolman B. E. Burton who made the investigation.

A freakish but near serious accident was reported about a mile east of Jamesville on Highway 64 last Friday about 6:20 o'clock. Zeb Vance Price was driving a truck loaded with logs when he heard a noise and applied the brakes on the 1948 Ford vehicle suddenly. The quick stop started the logs moving forward, and Price, realizing what was about to happen, shot the gas to the engine and literally ran the truck from under the load of logs, causing damage estimated at \$130, according to Patrolman M. F. Powers who made the investigation.

Friday evening while the lights were out, William Robert Respass and his family were on their way to their home in South Norfolk. A Williamston Oil Company truck was parked on the main street here with its body extending into the street just across from the police station. A light rain was falling and a car was moving up the main street. Mrs. Respass, driving the car, got a little too far to the right and struck the truck body, ripping away most of one side of the Respass car. Mr. Respass, riding in the front seat, was slightly cut about the forehead. Witnesses to the accident estimated that damage at \$350 or \$400.

Saturday night, a hit-and-run driver struck a car on the main street here, knocking it across the curb. Damage was slight and no one was hurt, and the driver continued unmolested. Witnesses got the wrong license number and police were thrown off the track.

A minor accident was reported Sunday on East Main Street. Just a fender was ripped off a car and no one was hurt.

No one was hurt and property

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### Responding To Treatment In Rocky Mount Hospital

Entering a Rocky Mount hospital last Thursday, Mr. J. Eason Lilley, prominent county citizen-farmer, was reported this morning to be responding to treatment, but that he would likely be in the hospital for about two more weeks.

## MISSED?

Any citizen in this census district who was not counted by the enumerators in the recent census round-up is asked to write the District Supervisor, U. S. Bureau of the Census, Room 210, Post Office Bldg., Washington, N. C., giving name of each person whose usual place of residence was in the household on April 1, 1950, relationship of the person to the household, such as head, wife, son, roomer, etc., whether male or female, color or race, and age at last birthday.

## County Will Have Rabies Inspector

Strict enforcement of the law requiring the vaccination of all dogs against rabies is expected to follow a conference held by county officials, representatives of the sheriff's office and Dr. W. F. Coppage in the commissioners' room Monday.

Explaining to the board that only 3,200 dogs had been vaccinated, the veterinarian said in order to give the people of this county maximum protection against attacks by rabid dogs, he would be willing to have the county hold back a sufficient amount of his fees to pay a rabies inspector.

In fairness to those who had their dogs vaccinated and to provide maximum protection to the people, the county board accepted the proposition, and instructed Sheriff M. W. Holloman to appoint a special inspector. It is estimated that between 800 and 1,000 dogs have not been vaccinated in the county so far this year.

In accordance with State law, the special inspector or deputy will make a county-wide check of vaccinations. Owners of those dogs not yet vaccinated will be advised to have it done within five days or face indictment. Where the owners of dogs cannot be found, the dogs are to be placed

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### Continues Quite Ill In Washington Hospital

Suffering with a heart condition, Mr. Herbert D. Peel continues quite ill in a Washington hospital where he has been a patient for several days.