

# THE ENTERPRISE

## Checking Up On Dog Vaccinations In Martin County

### People are Complying With Requests, Inspector Roberson Says

Checking up on the 1950 dog vaccinations in this county, Special Officer Dennis Roberson said yesterday that the work was progressing and that most of the dog owners were cooperating splendidly.

Working for an effective security against rabies, Inspector Roberson explained that thirty unwanted dogs that had been running wild had been eliminated in five townships, that every effort would be made to establish ownership of every canine, and that those unclaimed would be killed. It is likely that the dog population will be materially decreased in the larger towns, especially in Williamston.

So far approximately 100 citations have been issued, advising the owners to have their dogs vaccinated within so many days. The response has been almost 100 percent effective to date, according to Mr. Roberson.

At the present time, five warrants, charging dog owners with violating the immunization law, are pending in the courts.

Up until this week the work has been centered in Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Cross Roads Townships. The inspector is now moving into Robersonville and Williamston Townships where police officers are expected to lend a helping hand in advancing the check-up. Once those two districts are checked, the work will be advanced in Poplar Point, Hamilton and Goose Nest Townships.

Except for a small penalty, no court costs are attached for late vaccinations, but if and when the cases reach court fines and costs are certain to run in the big money.

## Holding Two In Flim-Flam Case

Charged with trying to pull the old pocket book game on Goldie Hyman, Everetts colored woman, Clarence Lay, alias Henry Thomas, and Lewis Grant, both colored, are being held in the county jail in default of \$500 bonds.

The trap was set on Williamston's main street between the police station and the Guaranty Bank, but the intended victim turned the tables on the two and both were arrested a short time later and jailed by Officer Chas. R. Moore.

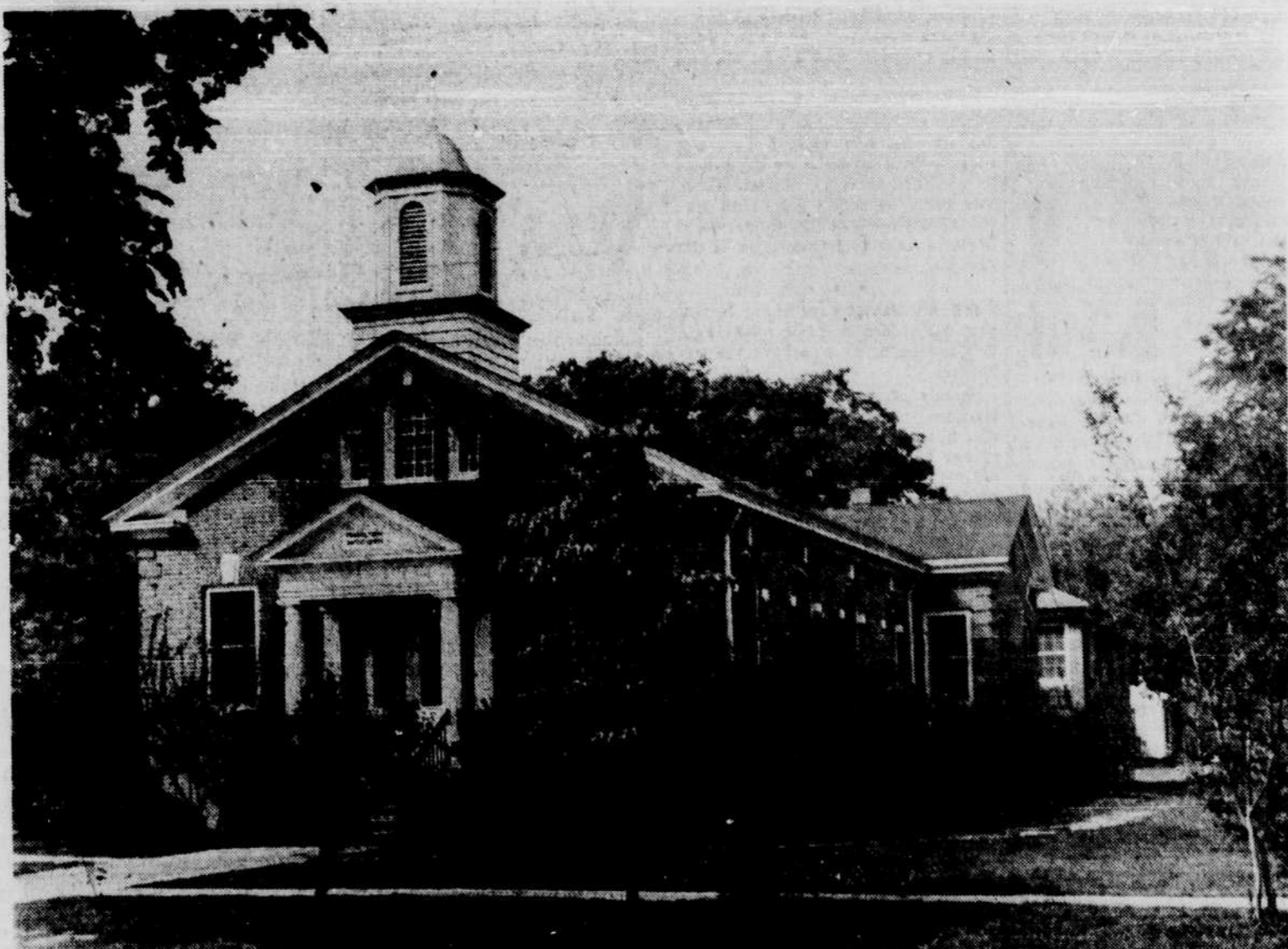
Lay, 35-year-old colored man who says he is from Mobile, planted the pocket-book, and Grant, 51-year-old Richmond colored man, found it. The old flim-flam game was working fairly smoothly until Grant asked her to put up so much money to show good faith until a \$100 bill could be changed. She insisted that she would get it changed, and the game ended. The two men moved away and the intended victim reported to police, giving a description of the men. A short time later Officer Moore spotted them riding in a car with George Biggs, former local man now of Norfolk. He trailed them out Haughton Street and took them into custody. Biggs said he had just picked the two men up, declaring he did not know them. The men said they did not know him, and he was released. It later developed that Biggs is possibly a confederate, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

The pocket book, described by the intended victim of the game, was found on one of the men. It contained \$24 in U. S. currency and three Japanese bills. Lay and Grant were given a hearing before Justice Chas. R. Mobley.

## Undergoing Treatment In Rocky Mount Hospital

A patient in a Rocky Mount hospital since early last week, Dr. W. C. Mercer was reported yesterday to be improving. He is expected home in about two weeks.

## Modern Religious Plant In Hamilton



A new addition to the Hamilton Baptist Church, making it one of the most modern religious plants in this section, was dedicated at a special service last Sunday, marking another milestone in the history of the denomination.

There. The new education plant, costing approximately \$13,000, houses thirteen rooms on two floors. In the story below, the pastor, Rev. E. R. Stewart, reviews the history of the church.

## Seek Judgeship In County



Pictured above, left to right, are Charles H. Manning and Raymond T. Johnson, Williamston men, who are seeking the judgeship of the Martin County Court. Manning, the incumbent, is a lawyer, and Johnson is a railroad man and justice of the peace.

### THIRD

North Carolina ranks third among the States in road building. New York is spending \$166 million, Pennsylvania, \$137 million, and North Carolina comes next, spending \$97,000,000. However, Ohio is in a tie for third place, spending \$97 million also.

## Mayor Proclaims "Poppy Day"

Saturday, May 27, was set aside as Poppy Day in the city of Williamston in a proclamation issued today by Mayor Robert Cowen. The proclamation urged all citizens to observe the day by wearing memorial poppies in honor of those who gave their lives in the two world wars. It stated:

"Whereas, the Town of Williamston, in 1917 and 1918, and again in 1941 to 1945, sent many of its finest young men and women to serve in the defense of our country; and

"Whereas, several of these made the supreme sacrifice in that service; and



## Will Select Queen To Represent the Town at Premier

### "Bright Leaf" Will Be At Local Theater Week After Next

Much interest is being shown in this section in the Warner Bros. production, "Bright Leaf", which will have its premier showing on May 31 in the Ambassador Theatre in Raleigh. The novel from which the motion picture was taken was written by Foster Fitz-Simmons, talented professor and author of the University of North Carolina, and the cast of the movie is composed of stars Gary Cooper, Lauren Bacall, Jack Carson, Patricia Neal and Donald Crisp.

A huge parade and the crowning of a "Queen of the Bright Leaf Leaf" will be held in conjunction with the premier of the movie. State-wide inter-city competition to find "Miss Bright Leaf of North Carolina" is now under way in more than twenty cities and towns of the bright leaf tobacco area.

A popularity poll was conducted locally yesterday by the Victor Theater. Lib Cherry, Thelma Carrow, Betsy Horton, Polly Manning, Sarah Manning, Jessie Mae Melson, Lilybet Muse, Norma Fagan, Triliah Ward Bailey, Jean

## Reviews History Of Church In Hamilton

### Gus Whitley And R. D. Salsbury Founded Church

#### New Educational Plant Was Dedicated At Service Sunday Morning

By Rev. E. R. Stewart, Pastor

The Hamilton Baptist Church was organized in 1878 under the leadership of R. D. Salsbury and Augustus Whitley, two men who had fought through the Civil War. In the years after the war, they saw the need of the church and began their plans for its formation.

Mr. Salsbury donated a lot and gave most of the funds necessary to construct a building for a church and a parsonage. A wooden building was constructed in 1878, and the first services were held in the new building with Dr. Pritchard of Williamston preaching the dedication sermon.

There were five charter members: Mr. R. D. Salsbury, Mr. Gus Whitley and three women, Mrs. Charles Dowdy, Mrs. Betty Gardner and Mrs. Mary Gladstone, all of who are deceased.

During the first eleven years of the church's organization, it did not have a regular pastor, being financially unable to support a pastor. Dr. R. T. Vann and a Rev. Mr. Huffman gave their services without pay, and the church was not only able to survive but also able to grow.

In 1928 a fire destroyed the wooden building that had been erected by Mr. Salsbury fifty years before.

The present brick building was begun on the site of the old structure and was completed in 1929 at a cost of approximately \$10,000. On May 16, 1943, dedication services were held under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. E. C. Wilkie, who became pastor in 1943.

During the years since its organization in 1878, the church has had twenty-one pastors, as follows: G. J. Dowell, 1889-1898; J. W. Ross, 1900-1902; B. K. Mason, 1903-1904; R. D. Carroll, 1904-1905; J. W. Nobles, 1905-1908; D. E. Vipperman, 1908; E. C. Andrews, 1908-1910; N. H. Shepherd, 1911-1912; J. F. Davis, 1913-1914; J. L. Rogers, 1914-1919; W. O. Biggs, 1919-1920; J. K. Henderson,

### ROUND-UP

Nine persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail last week-end. The list included a mentally ill case. Others were booked for drunkenness, larceny and liquor law violations.

One in the group was white and the ages ranged from 22 to 57 years.

## Funeral Sunday In Local Church For Mrs. Burras

### Well-Known Local Citizen Died Early Friday At Home On West Main

Mrs. Ora Jenkins Burras, prominent local citizen, died at her home here on West Main Street last Friday morning at 5:50 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Undergoing an operation a few years ago, she was getting along very well until last July when she was taken ill again. She received hospital treatment for some time, but her condition gradually worsened and she had to be confined to her bed for the past seven weeks.

Mrs. Burras was born in Edgecombe County 76 years ago on March 5, 1874, the daughter of the late John McGillbra Jenkins and wife, Sarah Elizabeth Moore Jenkins. When quite young she moved with her family to this county, locating in the Spring Green section. Since her marriage to Hugh M. Burras on November 12, 1902, she had made her home in Williamston.

Mrs. Burras was a member of the Methodist church nearly all her life. Devoted to her home and family, she was a splendid neighbor and thoughtful friend, one whose kind acts cheered others along the way.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Miss Elizabeth Burras; and a brother, Herbert M. Jenkins, of Washington.

Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church here Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by her pastor Rev. E. R. Shuller, assisted by Rev. Thomas L. Hast-

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## Seriously Injured In Truck Wreck Sunday Morning

### Two Other Highway And Street Accidents Are Reported

Two persons were hurt, one critically, in a series of motor vehicle accidents on Martin County highways and streets during the week-end. Property damage was negligible, according to reports coming from members of the Highway Patrol and police officers.

Little Miss Marty Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffin, was painfully bruised when she was struck in front of her home in Williamston's Grace Street last Saturday morning by Billy Biggs' car. One shoe and her coat were knocked off and she was unconscious for a short while. She was treated at the Rhodes-Harris Clinic and was able to return home a short time later. Reports stated that she was playing with other children in the neighborhood and stepped into the street from behind a parked car.

Nazareth Lee, colored man, was seriously hurt when he wrecked his truck and fell out on the Gold Point-Hassell Road, about one and one-half miles from Gold Point, last Sunday morning at 11:15 o'clock. Patrolman B. E. Burton, making the investigation, said it was a freak accident. Lee, believed to have been drinking, lost control of his one and one-half-ton truck and ran it into a small roadside embankment. The door came open and the man tumbled out. Removed to the Ward Clinic, Lee was found to have suffered a broken collar bone, and hip, and a burst bladder. No late reports on his condition could be had here.

There was a minor automobile crash at an intersection on North Haughton Street shortly before 1:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Marshall Joyner, RFD 2, Winterville, stopped her 1950 Ford on the highway to wait for a car driven by a young man named Edmondson to move out of the street. Marvin Holliday, driving on the highway, could not stop his 1947 Oldsmobile and struck the Joyner car, doing about \$25 damage to his car and about \$15 to the Ford, Patrolman M. F. Powers, the investigating officer, said.

## Outlines Reasons For Supporting Frank P. Graham

### Mrs. W. R. Everett Speaks To Women's Group For Graham

Addressing a women's meeting in the Williamston Woman's Club a few days ago, Mrs. W. R. Everett, well-known Nash County woman and leader among farm women outlined seven good reasons for supporting Frank P. Graham for the United States Senate. She told the group:

I am glad to have this opportunity to say why I will vote for Senator Graham on May 27th.

1. Because he will not compromise on principles for the sake of politics, but remains true to his ideals regardless of cost.

2. Because I am confident he will do all in his power to maintain freedom and peace in the world, and we have every assurance that his efforts mean more because he is widely accepted as a man of wisdom, and broad understanding of national and world problems.

3. Because it is one way to show gratitude for Frank Graham's life of service and leadership in our own state—always pushing every movement for improved conditions for all the people.

4. Because it is a rare privilege to be able to vote for a man for high office, who is dominated by only unselfish and Christian motives.

5. Because Frank Graham has a constructive positive program, a personality and recognized ability which give force to his program, rather than merely oppos-

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## Twenty Illicit Plants Wrecked In County

### SWIMMING POOL

The Williamston Municipal Swimming Pool will open on June 5, a week from next Monday, Coach Stuart Maynard, recreation director for this summer's program, announced this week. Details are being worked out now and will be announced this week.

A safety school is planned for the pool this summer, to be held possibly the first two weeks in June. It will consist of 30 hours of instruction by a Red Cross expert in water safety and Coach Maynard hopes to get a number of local young people signed up for the course.

## Secretary Talks To Booster Group At Banquet Here

### Work of Organization For The Past Year Reviewed Friday Evening

The Williamston Woman's Club was the scene of the First Annual Banquet of the Williamston Boosters, Inc., on Friday, May 19. Approximately sixty members and guests were present for the affair with a good percentage of the membership of the organization being represented.

The meeting was called to order by President C. B. Clark, Jr., who presided. After the invocation by Wheeler M. Manning, dinner was served by Mrs. Effie Sparrow of Roberson's Cafe. During dinner, Mrs. Katherine Sluter played a number of piano selections.

Following dinner, President Clark welcomed the members and guests and then introduced Managing Director Al Sweatt. Mr. Sweatt expressed his pleasure to be able to be in Williamston and told of some of the problems he faced before coming to the town a year ago. Presentation of prizes donated by members of the Williamston Boosters was then made.

Following the awarding of prizes, Mr. Sweatt summarized briefly the activities of the Boosters during the year just ended. In this report, he told of the organizational work, membership building, newspaper and radio advertising, solicitation control, trade promotion, general promotions, publicity, efforts to bring new industry and business to Williamston and some of the general services offered by the organization. He closed his remarks with the request that members should feel free to "cuss" their Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, but First, support it!

President Clark then introduced Mr. Thompson Greenwood, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, the guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Greenwood chose as his subject, "Problems of the Businessman." He told of the many requirements the business people have to comply with due to government influence, the necessity of balancing inventories, securing the right personnel and a number of other problems. After citing these facts, it was pointed out that the only way the business people could help themselves in matters of this type was to join forces through organizations such as the Williamston Boosters, Inc., and the North Carolina Merchants Association. He pointed out that through cooperative efforts, many good works could be accomplished. He urged that members call on their secretary for help in their business problems and at the same time to lend their wholehearted support to his efforts to help push the city forward.

President Clark then expressed his pleasure in having been the president of the preceding year and hoped that in the future, many accomplishments could be realized by the city through the

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## Poured Out 6,550 Gallons Of Mash In Month of April

### Automobile Confiscated And Violator Draws Term On The Roads

Just about every time ole John Barleycorn dares stick his illicit head up in this county, he gets it knocked back down, according to a recent report coming from the office of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Board enforcement section. The illicit business experienced a reversal in January, again in February and March, with what could be the finishing touch following in April.

Reviewing the activities on the illicit liquor front during the past month, ABC Officer Joe H. Roebuck said that twenty illicit manufacturing plants were wrecked, that most of the plants were equipped with copper kettles.

One person was arrested by the enforcement officers and convicted in the courts, drawing eighteen months on the roads, suspended upon the payment of a \$250 fine.

The report shows that the officers poured out 6,550 gallons of beer or mash, Officer Roebuck stating that it was all made with sugar. The officers also poured out twenty and one-half gallons of white liquor. An automobile was confiscated when it was stopped with contraband aboard.

That there is a fairly definite trend downward in the illegal business is borne out in a review of activities during the past fifteen days.

So far this month only five plants have been wrecked, and most of them were poorly equipped. There was a 100-gallon capacity still and an old oil drum still found and wrecked in Bear Grass Township about ten days ago. Last week the officers wrecked three oil drum stills in Goose Nest, Cross Roads and Robersonville Townships. They poured out 1,400 gallons of sugar mash and confiscated three gallons of bush liquor in the five raids.

ABC Officer Roebuck and his main assistant Deputy Roy Peel, were aided by Deputy Raymond Rawls at times during the recent raids.

## Thousands Missed In Bond Robbery

First reported to approximate \$800, the loss in the Everetts robbery early last Wednesday morning was placed at nearly \$6,000, following a detailed inventory.

Sheriff Holloman and representatives of the State Bureau of Investigation who are still working on the case explained that Mr. H. M. Ayers inventoried a list of war bonds held in the safe in his store and found that bonds valued at more than \$5,000 were missing. Serial numbers are being checked, and payment has been ordered stopped. The bonds were in \$500, \$1,000 and smaller denominations, mostly in the smaller group. They were purchased by members of the Ayers family and the late Mr. Ayers during the war years. A number of bonds were found scattered on the floor following the robbery that was centered in four places of business in the county town.

An adding machine has been missed, Mr. Ayers stating that he did not realize it was gone until he reached for it to add up some figures.

## To Make Radio Address At Noon On Thursday

W. Clarence Griffin, attorney any county solicitor nominee, will make a radio address over station WRRF, Washington, Thursday from 12:15 to 12:30 o'clock p. m.

The address is being sponsored by Frank P. Graham supporters in all parts of Martin County, and the public is invited to hear him in a timely message.

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