Brief Election Statement

Checking the election returns voted for you." The answer,

last Saturday evening, Henry A. "Doggone if I shouldn't," or

mirably conceded victory to his Mr. Johnson wore the same old

opponent in the race when he smile that prevailed during the

spoke to the large crowd gathered long months of relentless cam-

In a ringing, clear voice, Mr. ever been conducted in this coun-

campaign, and I have enjoyed it. than the one advanced by Johnson

worked so faithfully in my be- have been injected into the cam-

mary. Buck Holloman was not the candidates themselves.

Few political campaigns have

ROUND-UP

Despite heavy traffic in the

various county centers during

the week-end, crime took a

back seat in most places, ac-

cording to information com-

ing from the sheriff's office.

The election front was com-

paratively free of any trouble

of any kind, but there was a

serious flare-up in Williams-

ton when a Negro doctor, Ed-

ward Early, shot and fatally

injured his secretary, Odessa

Five persons were jailed,

two for investigation and one

each for murder, assault and

drunken driving. Four were

colored and ages of the group

were definitely settled, and no

statement has been issued in the

Dallas Holliday led the ticket in

Bailey, 267 in No. 1 and 255 in No.

moved in with an unannounced

polled 10 votes for the job, 6 in

No. 1 and 4 in No. 2 precinct. Mr.

Carstarphen explained that he

H. E. Leggett led H. M. Peel 231

to 88 in Hamilton for the job of

was a third stronger in his hom

ranged from 23 to 32 years.

around the Enterprise office for paigning.

the election results.

THE ENTERPRISE

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Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Tuesday, May 30, 1950

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Second Primary **Charge Doctor With** Secretary's Murder

ELECTION PARTY

The Enterprise election

party last Saturday night,

opening at 7:20 p. m. and clos-

ing at 2:15 a. m. Sunday mor-

ning, was possibly the biggest

one ever held. And to be per-

fectly frank, it was a little

more than the crowd could

A special telephone was

installed, but interest in the

election was so great that the

calls for information on the

results, blocked the poll hold-

ers who tried to get in with

the returns. The office was

open at all times, and the

crowds milling in and out

slowed up the machinery,

but all worked hard to get

the returns posted. The poll

holders did a good job in get-

ting the returns in, and The

Enterprise management ap-

In addition to posting the

returns, The Enterprise hand-

led the county results for the

several press associations,

state newspapers and others

and cooperated with an elec-

Into Boxes; Beat 1948

Count By 217 Votes

The count last Saturday was 1,

until last Saturday.

Reg. Precinct

695 Jamesville

325 Williams

529 Bear Grass

1057 Williamston 1

1304 Williamston 2

460 Cross Roads

1060 Robersonville

250 Poplar Point

275 Gold Point

237 Hassell

370 Hamilton

569 Goose Nest

503 Griffins

ed, by precincts, as follows:

309

102

254

249

486

126

160

3149

Received By The Ton

Williamston's town treasury

222

359

343

tion party in Robersonville.

preciates their cooperation.

handle smoothly.

Edward L. Early **Claims Killing Was** Result Of Accident

Odessa Keyes, Young Colored Woman, Died In Hospital Monday

Edward L. Early, local Negro physician, was jailed by Officers Perry and Jones here about 9:00 o'clock Sunday night for the murder of his secretary, Odessa Keyes, young colored woman, at his office-home on Washington Street about 8:00 o'clock that evening. The victim, struck by a bullet fired from a .38 caliber pistol, died in the local hospital vesterday morning about 5:00 o'clock without regaining consciousness.

Performing an autopsy, Acting Coroner Billy Biggs said that the bullet tore through the skin at the outter edge of the right eybrow, going about half an inch before breaking the skull and shattering the bone and damaging the brain over a course of about two inches. The bullet then plowed between the skull and skin for another half inch before tearing out of the victim's head

marital discord, the fatal attack, Record Vote Cas Climaxing a career marked by according to a statement made to reporter immediately after the In Martin County shooting, followed a friendly tussle. Declaring that he was not mad with the woman, the doctor primary Saturday primary, should one be called by mad with the woman, the doctor said they were playing with the pistol and that somehow it fired Total of 5,013 Votes Put and she fell over backwards. "It was accidental," he maintained. The victim, stretched out on the floor, her glassy eyes reflecting death's stare, appeared to be dead. the primary election in this coun-Dr. Early said she's not dead, "but ty last Saturday pulled the great-

officers. He helped place the vic- previous high figure by a count of tim on an ambulance cot and ask- 217 votes. ed that she be removed to a hos-Anine her after the attack, that he cast in 1948's first primary.

glid not know where she was hit. After casting between 2.000 and Police recalled that they had 3,000 votes for years and years, received an anonymous call from Martin County citizens started a woman that afternoon, advising stepping out to the polls back in them to look around the doctor's 1932 when depression gripped the office. Officers, thinking possibly country and the name of Roose-Early was drunk and planned to velt was placed before them. That drive his car, maintained a watch year, 3,881 votes were cast in the near the office for a short time, general election. Eight years latand returned after everything ap- er, the vote had climbed to 4,734

before Justice R. T. Johnson in vote class. Two years ago, the are expected momentarily. the courthouse last evening, the vote total climbed up to 4,796 to Williamston's population fell Williamston 2.731 3.996 4.978 director was tormally charged 3000 Set an all-time record for a 300 22 short of the 5,000 mark. The Ribers aville 1,181 1,407 1,409 murder in the first degree. The eral election. defense maintained that the evi-

and asked that bond be fixed at a (Continued from page five)

Native Of County Dies in Charlotte

James A. Jenkins, 36, died at his home in Charlotte last Wednesday. He had been in feeble health for a long time. He was born in this county near Robersonville. the son of the late W. A. and Martha Ross Jenkins and spent his early life, living in Robersonville, Pitt County and Williamston before moving to Charlotte about six

vears ago. Funeral services were conducted in Charlotte Thursday afternoon and interment was in the cemetery there.

Surviving are a brother, Wood- 7636 row Jenkins of Greenville, and three half-brothers, W. O. Jenk- Small Utilities Tax ins of Hamilton, C. E. Jenkins of Williamston, and Fred A. Jenkins

of Charlotte. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Mr. ceived this week \$329.46 as and Mrs. Lee Burt Jenkins and share of the utilities tax important Mr. W. O. Jenkins of Hamilton at- by the State of North Carolin Mayor Robt. Cowen announce tended the funeral.

In Senate Race Is Still Unsettled

Graham Gets Great Victory In Martins Leads With 50,262 Votes in State

Trailing Frank Graham in the primary last Saturday by 50,262 votes on the basis of incomplete returns, Willis Smith, chief contender early today had not made up his mind as to whether he would call for another vote on June 24, but reports indicate he would like to carry the contest into a second round provided fi-

nancial support is continued. Sixty-six precincts this morning were still to be heard from, but the outcome is not likely to be materially changed when the votes in those areas are finally submitted. The 1,924 precincts out of a total in the State of 1990 gave Graham 295,342 votes; Smith, 245,080; Reynolds, 56,018; and Boyd, 5,665.

Leading his nearest opponent in the primary last Saturday by 50,-262 votes, Graham was 5,711 votes short of a majority.

While Smith holds a precarious position in the election picture, Young Man Loses Democracy says he is entitled to a second primary, and one is not to be censured for exercising such a

It is estimated that more than 605,000 votes will have been by the time the State Board of Elections finishes its canvass next Tuesday, that the vote in a second

last Saturday was said to be the afternoon. According to reports largest ever accorded a U. S. Sen- reaching here, he was working on atorial candidate in a primary in a kitchen drain and apparently Supported by red hot contests, North Carolina.

gave Frank Graham about the man was subject to fainting atshe's not going to make the est vote ever recorded within the largest percentage majority recounty. It is possible that one or ceived in the State, excepting treatment during recent months. Following the attack, the doctor two precincts did not keep com- Graham's home county of Orange The death was investigated, but called another doctor, notified his pany with the record-breaking which he carried by about five was ruled accidental and no forattorney and the police, surrend- business, but the county as a to one, and one or two others. mal inquest was considered necesering calmly to the two arresting whole polled 5,013 votes to top the Graham led in this county 3,218 as sary, according against 1,267 for Smith, 196 for reaching here. pital. Early said he did not ex- 864 votes greater than the total Graham led the State ticket with rendered.

Exceeding the fondest expecta- Alonza L. Raynor, he came to

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Reynolds and 100 for Boyd. Car- He was carried to the hospital

almost one thousand votes to An adopted son of Mrs. Fannie

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Population

ly smoked his pipe and made no engaged in a great war. But even offers figures only for the towns ville and Williamston as well as protest when officers jailed him. then the 4,541 general election of Robersonville and Williamston the county, as a whole, follows:

> count jumped from 3,996 in 1940 These figures are believed to be Without fear from the Republi- to 4,498, an increase of 882. Rob- substantially correct but are sub-

in big numbers to settle their own The county population jumped proper locality and other routine party squabbles, or at least not from 76 111 to 27.972, a gain of checks have been made. Although 1,861 in the ten-year period. Al- matrial revision of the prelimin-For the sake of the record, the most half the county gain is re- ary count is unlikely, it may posvoting strength or registration, reflected in the increase for Wil- sibly occur after careful examinathe 1948 first primary vote and liamston. Just now, it is impos- tion of the returns. The official the vote last Saturday are record- sible to trace the other half of the announcement of population will

Williamston's Representative Anderson Reserving Decision



Life In Accident In County Town

counted in the hot senatorial race Richard Raynor Drowns In Hamilton While Working On Water Drain

Richard Raynor, well-known Mr. Smith, would fall off consid- Hamilton young man, was accidentally drowned in a few inches The vote received by Graham of water at his home there Sunday fainted and fell face down into a In Martin County, the voters small puddle of water. The young

rying every box in the county, in a car, but no help could be

A preliminary report released that there'll possibly be a reducto break all records for a general this week by F. Webb Williams, tion in the rural population fig-Advised that no bond could be election. There was a slight drop census supervisor for this district, ure. allowed until a report was receiv- in 1944, possibly because so many shows an upward trend in this The population trend for the ed from the hospital, Early calm- young men were across the seas county's population. The report past twenty years in Roberson-

At a preliminary hearing held vote was listed in the big-time and for the county. Other reports

simply have not been turning out from 1,407 to 1,409.

1930 1940 1950 County

dence did not support the charge cans in their primaries, Democrats ersonville's population moved up ject to revision after returns for nonresidents are credited to their

Picture Premiere Miss Norma Fagan, recently

relected to represent Williamston In Robersonville n the "Bright Leaf Queen" competition, will leave tomorrow world premiere of "Bright Leaf," the movie version of the best-seller by the same name by Foster Fitz-Simmons of Chapel Hill. She will be accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Victor Brown and sons.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs Julian Fagan of Dardens she will at his home in Robersonville last compete with contest winners from twenty-three North Carolina tack. Although he had suffered cities for the title.

the Virginia Dare room of the Sir Thursday. He was up that morn-Walter Hotel. Bright leaf contest ing, but explained that he did not winners, movie stars and radio feel well and did not get out to personalities and civic and state make his usual visits to his son's

The giant parade will get under after the attack. testant a record player and an al- business for a number of years. bum of records. The finalist will

Kerr Scott will give a tea and re- and holding a prominent position ception for the contestants. Movie in the leadership of the Masonic and radio stars will be guests as Lodge. He was awarded a 50-23,400 26,111 27,972 stars Patricia Neal, Donald Crisp, sonville Christian Church for a James Brown will be on hand at

aroused more interest than the State as a true southern "Bright Leaf" while in production gentleman with a sincere and at Warner Bros.' studios. Combin- friendly smile. ing the talents of Gary Cooper. Lauren Bacall, Patricia Neal and ed at the home Saturday after attention in the whole film col- graveside in the Robersonville ony from the day it started pre-

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Official Vote — Democratic Primary In Martin County, May 27, 1950

give a barbecue for those who himself. Miss Norma Fagan Goes To Balaigh Tomorrow For Prominent Citizen Died On Thursday

morning for Raleigh and the Funeral Saturday Afternoon At Late Home For Eli Rodgers

Eli Rodgers, well-known Martin County citizen and a leader in the affairs of his community, died Thursday afternoon of a heart atfor many years with arthritis, Mr. The day will start off with a Rodgers was thought to be getting "celebrities' luncheon at 12:00 at along as well as usual until last home. Death came a short time Constable Races

way at 2:45 p. m. and will be Mr. Rodgers was born in Pitt followed by the selection and cor- County 72 years ago, the son of onation of the "Bright Leaf the late Slade and Susan Keel Queen" at 3:30 p. m. on the State Rodgers. He spent most of his life Capitol grounds. Each contestant in the adjoining county, moving county-wide attention, some hot second primary. will receive gifts from Warner to this county in 1918 and locating constable races were held in three Raynor and her late husband, Bros. including luggage, handbag in Robersonville. He was a sucand Delta pearls, and a North Car-cessful farmer and was also assoolina firm will award each con- ciated with the tobacco warehouse

> During his residence in Roberreceive a 1950 Mercury converti- sonville Mr. Rodgers was active in ble and athree week vacation at the promotion of his adopted community's interests, serving as a At 5 p. m. Governor and Mrs. member of the school committee will Author Fitz-Simmons. The year certificate by the Masons a premiere will be staged at the short time ago for his untiring ser-Ambassador Theatre that night vice in the organization. He was with two performances. Movie an active member of the Robernumber of years, and is remem-No picture in recent years has tances throughout this section of

> Funeral services were conduct Jack Carson and with famed are noon at 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, rector Michael Curtiz in charg. Rev. J. M. Perry, and the Masons "Bright Leaf' was the center of were in charge of the rites at the Cemetery.

> > Surviving are: his widow, Mrs. (Continued from Page Six)

On Second Primary In County Candidate Johnson Makes All Contests But

Johnson, candidate for sheriff, ad- words to that effect. And in it all R. T. Johnson Wins Over Chas. H. Manning For Couny Judgeship

Settled Saturday

One In County

With one exception, Martin County voters virtually settled their politics for another two Johnson said, "This was my first ty more earnestly and vigorously years when they went to the polls in record breaking numbers last I want to thank all those who forces. While some issues may Saturday and nominated W. M. (Buck) Holloman for sheriff, R half and voted for me in the pri- paign, they did not come from T. Johnson for judge of the county recorder's court, Hugh G. Hormy candidate, but he is my sher- | Candidate Luther Hardison, iff," Mr. Johnson was quoted as trailing the ticket for the State ton for the State Senate, and Howard Gaylord for the county House of Representatives, declarboard of education, and re-nomi Later, a friend was quoted as ed that he had set an example nated W. M. Harrison for county saying, "Henry, you gave a bar- for a clean campaign. Incidentcommissioner from the Griffinsbecue for all those who voted ally, it was an economical one Bear Grass District, and Geo. C. against you. Now, you'll have to that Mr. Hardison conducted for Griffin and Ernest Edmondson for places on the board of education. Sam M. Campen was renominated for the State Senate, but A. Corey, incumbent, did not come through with a majority in the race for representative in the North Caro-

> lina General Assembly The race for representative de veloped into a fairly close race for three of the contestants, the fourth, Mr. Luther G. Hardison, continuing on his way nonchalantly and at an easy-going pace.

Polling 1,760 votes, Mr. Corey fell short of a majority by 2,321 votes, leaving the race open for a second round on June 24. Mr. E. G. Anderson, runner-up with 1,552 votes, said last evening that he was considering the matter but had reached no decision. In an informal statement, Anderson said he wanted to express his appreciation to all those who supported his candidacy, that he was undecided about a second primary, and that he would make an announcement within a few days. Jimmy Wallace, third in the race with 1,-186 votes, and Luther Hardison with 145 votes, threw the contest wide open for the two top candi-While they attracted little dates to settle the majority in a

Johnson polled 2,479 votes to get townships last Saturday. Two Chas. H. Manning for county judge, the victory coming somewhat as a surprise. The campaign attracted comparatively little at-

Jamesville with 213 votes, but fell eight votes short of a majority The sheriff's contest was packed over Jennis Price with 149 votes with pulling power and admittedand Ray O'Neal with 71 votes. It ly accounted for the record vote could not be learned if Mr. Price total throughout the county. Holwould ask for a second primary. loman, incumbent, polled 3,165 But, under the law, he is entitled votes to 1,785 for Johnson.

W. M. Harrison held his seat on In Williamston, Chas. R. Moore the board of county commission led A. C. Bailey 983 to 522. The ers with 2,507 votes, his opponent, vote was: Moore 432 in No. 1 pre- J. Shep Holliday, polling 1,612 cinct and 551 in No. 2 precinct; votes.

... The bearing & about the server 2 precinct. But the jokesters one of those nip-and-tuck affairs in which Howard Gaylord, Jamesand most certainly an unwilling ville man, moved in with a high candidate. Frank Carstarphen vote of 2,797 votes to ease out the incumbent, F. W. Holliday, who

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Horton-Campen In to 88 in Hamilton for the job of constable in that township. The Lead For Senate

Hugh G. Horton, Williamston man, and Sam M. Campen of Alhance, Pamlico County, led in the race for this district's two seats in the North Carolina State Senate, according to unofficial returns from the primary election last Saturday.

The vote was, Horton, 8,996; Campen, 7,194; O. L. Williams, Hyde County man, 5,903; Dallas Mallison, of Oriental, Pamlico County, 2,300.

The vote, by counties: Cmpn Wms. Mal. Hor. Beaufort ___ 2251 1850 706 1752 841 741 215 717 Dare 367 869 185 345 Hyde Pamlico 956 1499 Martin 452 Tyrrell 828 657 138 1076 Washington

368 451 515 956 330 4205 468 275 386

7194 5903 2300 8996

county population increase, but it be made at a later date by the paration. vote was: Leggett, 91 in Hassell Alma Jenkins Rodgers; one son, 1950 is thought that the several towns Director, Bureau of the Census, For picture purposes "Bright and 140 in Hamilton; Peel, 10 in 440 will come through with increases, Washington, 25, D. C. Hassell and 78 in Hamilton.

PRECINCTS		U. S. Senate				Jus Crt.		Com. of Ins.		State Senate			Hse of Represent'vs			Sheriff				County Commsnr		Board Educa			
	Graham	Smith	Reynolds	Boyd	Denny	Effird	Cheek	Bostian	Mallison	Williams	Campen	Horton	Anderson	Hardison	Wallace	Corey	Johnson	Holloman	Johnson	Manning	Holliday	Harrison	Edmondse	Griffin	Holliday
Jamesville		102	31	16	158	171	158	64	31	75	99	382	49	19	108	256	117	316	133	273	213	152	191	217	19
Williams	168 318 227	30 23	3	7	73 155	30	110	53	15	75	108	189	25	9	41	276	36	317	110	123	95	92	173	331	110
Bear Grass	227	71	10	13	88	•51	122	38	12	74	62	280	133	8	55	118	140	198	211	88	105	211	124	182	1:
Williamston No. 1	524	142	24	6	332	161	393	122	44	141	291	640	183	29	133	312	102	605	362	330	205	442	364	473	35
Williamston No. 2			22	8	439	164	473	145	76	155	328	782	217	37	199	366	153	721	100	451	209	561	460	550	31
Cross Roads	170		1 15	6	103	140	95	58	16	149	40.00	211	122	10	330	71	521	194	175	907	92	205	563	256	11
Robersonville Gold Poir	00		10	11	394	47	76	33	11	45	254	659 133	363 106	10	54	7	139	40	122	41	56	70	131	85	50
Poplar Point		43	6	3	85	22	63	46	6	56	37	134	55	3	11	74	107	47	69	72	23	99	110	200	
Hassell	91 70	43 23	8	2	42	15	63	18	11	15	29	85	40	2	41	19	36	71	78	25	36	46	96	31	2
Hamilton	110	86	7	2	91	37	88	43	14	60	67	169	130	2	40	25	124	96	121	81	57	110	129	87	
Goose Nest	165	Annual Species Species	18	9	125	44	132	44	16	43	67	264	109	13	78	58	170	144	212	78	79	1	210	120	10
TOTALS	3218	1267	196	100	2142	962	2258	812	330	956	1499	1205	1552	145	1186	1760	1785	3165	2479	2177	1612	2507	2745	2761	208