

## County Schools Will Open September 5-6

### All But Four Of Faculty Positions Have Been Filled

#### White Schools To Start The New Term On Wednesday, September 6

In a short meeting held Monday, the Martin County Board of Education fixed the dates for opening the schools and adopted a holiday schedule for the entire term.

All colored schools will open the new term on Tuesday, September 5, and all white schools will start the new session the following day, Wednesday, September 6, it was announced.

Two days are on the Thanksgiving holiday schedule. Christmas holidays are to begin at noon on December 20, the schools to reopen on January 2. Easter Monday is to be observed as a holiday.

White teachers are to report to their respective schools on Monday, September 4. A county-wide teachers' meeting is on the calendar for Tuesday, September 5, the office of the county superintendent announced.

All faculty positions in the colored schools were said to have been filled, one report explaining that there were comparatively few changes in the teacher personnel.

Only four positions were to be filled in the white schools as of last Saturday, the superintendent's office explaining that possibly one or more of them had been filled since that time by the local committees. Last Saturday there was one opening to be filled in one of four schools, Farm Life, Williamston, Robersonville and Oak City. Ten days ago there were two places vacant in Williamston's elementary faculty, leaving either a fourth or fifth grade position to be filled. Farm Life has an opening in its elementary school. Robersonville was short a high school science teacher, and Oak City was looking for a high school English instructor.

Unless good cause is shown, teachers now under contract with the school committees in this county cannot have their resignations accepted.

In several of the white schools there have been changes in the faculty personnel, but despite the numerous resignations officials have found it less difficult to find replacements and fill new positions for the coming term than at any time since before the war, it was learned.

### Breaks Into Gulf Service Station

Linwood (Dummy) Speight was arrested by local officers early yesterday morning for allegedly breaking into the Gulf Station on Washington Street Sunday night. Speight denies the charge, but damaging evidence is being collected in the case, according to one report.

The robber forced his way through a broken window into the wash pit and then prized open a door to the sales room. Manager Ophus Price said that he missed several cartons of cigarettes.

### Reserve Sugar In Cuba Purchased

The Agriculture Department has announced that the United States has arranged to buy Cuba's entire reserve stock of sugar, 600,000 short tons. This will give this country the largest stock of sugar in its history by more than a half million tons. The total available for consumption in 1950 is 8,450,000 tons, as compared with the peak consumption achieved last year of 7,500,000 tons.

### ROUND-UP

Law violators had a big week-end in these parts last week-end, the records showing that sixteen of them were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail. Apparently imbibing too freely of the spirits, twelve of the sixteen were booked for public drunkenness, and one each for issuing a bad check, careless and reckless driving, larceny and investigation.

Two were white and the ages of the group ranged from 18 to 49 years.

### Entrenched Group Working Against Lobby Committee

#### Investigator Only Seeking An Answer To Simple Question

Washington—Get this straight because it is important: Congressman Frank Buchanan (Dem., Pa.), chairman of the House Lobby investigating committee, is trying to do just one simple job, and it is this:

Find ways to make big lobbyists tell Congress and the American people where they get their money. In other words, reveal who pays for lobbying and the vast and vicious propaganda that goes with it.

If Congress and the people know those facts, Buchanan believes, they can judge for themselves whether a lobbyist is a "wolf in sheep's clothing." A lobbyist can't pose as a friend of the people if they know he is paid by their enemies.

Is there anything wrong about that idea? Of course not. It's just common sense. But, because Buchanan sticks to that idea, he is being crucified by false and vicious propaganda from coast to coast.

Several examples of this propaganda came to light this week. One example was a big "ad" in the "Wall Street Journal," and perhaps in other newspapers.

The "ad" bears the name of the "National Economic Council," rich and reactionary lobby-propaganda organization headed by Mervin K. Hart. This "council" kept the names of its financial supporters secret until they were disclosed by the Buchanan committee.

The "ad" is "signed" by some of the rich men whose names were disclosed. One is Lamont du Pont, member of the fabulously wealthy "Chemical Trust" family. The others are mostly business men whose names are less well known to the public—such as Thomas W. Phillips, Jr., of the T. W. Phillips Gas and Oil Company, and Eugene L. Carey, Wall Street lawyer and director of the Butte Copper and Zinc Company.

This "ad" charges the Buchanan committee with "sneaking" the supporters of Hart's "council" and other big lobby and propaganda organizations, and with "hounding" them.

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### Minor Wrecks At Street Corner

Two minor vehicle wrecks were reported at the intersection of Main and Haughton Streets during the week-end. Bruce Whitfield, local young man, suffered a bad cut on one arm, but other injuries were minor, according to unofficial reports. No damage estimates could be had immediately.

A motorcycle, driven by John Hadley and with a sidecar in which Whitfield was riding, and a car driven by Mrs. Walter Wynne crashed at the spotlight intersection late Saturday night. Two cars, one driven by Miss Frances Raynor and the other by Mrs. Garland Wynne, crashed at the intersection at 8:30 o'clock Sunday night.

## Report Big Rush Is Now Underway For Canned Goods

### War In Korea Has Blown Lid Off Canned Fruit And Vegetable Prices

San Francisco — War in Korea has blown the lid off canned fruit and vegetable prices. They're advancing all along the line — from heavyweights like corn and peaches to the aristocrats of the pack like asparagus and fruit cocktail. And canners and distributors insist they see more boosts coming.

Chain store buyers and big distributors are buying up all the tinned goods they can find. Some of this year's packs — asparagus and apricots, for instance — are already sold out. That's quite a different story from the past two years when distributors have been buying hand-to-mouth and packers' warehouses have been clogged. "A few weeks ago we were begging for customers," says one big packer here.

Most canners, especially the larger ones, have already begun allocating supplies to their regular distributors.

"It's hysteria buying," comments one canner. "It's like everything else from soap to cigarettes. Everybody is getting all he can because he thinks he can't get it later. Some of the distributors are afraid the Army will come along and take a big chunk of goods if they are left in canner's warehouses."

(In New York City a spokesman for one big grocery chain blames the canners themselves for some of the "hysteria." He says they've been confiding to distributors and chain store buyers that Government men have told them off the record Uncle Sam may take anywhere from twice as much to eight times as much of certain canned goods items as before.)

Procurement agents for the armed forces won't predict how deeply they'll dip into canners' stocks. But thus far in 1950 they've already asked West Coast packers to bid on almost as much tinned goods as they ordered during all 1949. In April, the Quartermaster Procurement Division sought bids on some 915,000 dozen cans of various fruits and vegetables. A few days ago it raised that total to about 2,600,000 dozen.

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## New Registration Is Not Necessary

Contrary to previous special elections held here, no special registration will be required for the \$200,000 water and sewer bond election scheduled here for Wednesday, September 20, according to a ruling released this week.

The provisions for the registration reads as follows: The Registrar will be furnished with the registration book used at the last regular election held in the Town of Williamston (being the regular municipal election held on April 11, 1949) and he will revise the registration book so that it will show an accurate list of the electors previously registered in the Town and still residing therein, without requiring such electors to register anew.

The registrar will keep the registration book open for the registration of new electors on each day (Sundays excepted) for the period beginning Friday, the 1 day of September, 1950, and ending on Friday, the 8 day of September, 1950. The book will be kept open on each Saturday during such period from 9 o'clock A. M. until 9 o'clock P. M., and on other days during such period from 9 o'clock A. M. until 5 o'clock P. M.

### Lightning Fires Corn Barn In County Thursday

Fire, started by lightning, destroyed the corn barn of Farmer Garland Tice in Griffins Township last Thursday afternoon. A small amount of feed was stored in the barn along with a few potatoes and other farm commodities.

## First Martin County Man Wounded In Korean Battle

Cpl. Bonnie E. Bland, Martin County young man, was wounded a short time ago in the Korean War, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Bland of Hassell, were advised by the War Department last Friday morning. It was the first casualty report to be received in this county since the Korean War broke out on June 24.

The telegraphic message stated that the young man was slightly wounded but no date and few other details were revealed. His address will continue unchanged for the present, but it is possible that the victim was removed to a base hospital either on Okinawa or in Japan. Cpl. Bland enlisted in the armed forces prior to the outbreak of World War II, and saw considerable action in the European theater, part time as a paratrooper.

Comparatively few members of the American armed forces had been killed during the early part of the war in Korea, but quite a few were wounded or reported missing, according to official information released by the War Department.

According to latest official reports, there have been 2,668 American casualties in the Korean war, including 168 killed. Other reports, coming from unofficial sources, say that 660 have been killed, 2,975 wounded and 3,000 missing.

### Man Being Held In \$2,500 Bond

Walter Wilkins, charged with attempting to break into the D. M. Roberson home here on West Main Street the night of July 29, is being held in the county jail. District Solicitor George Fountain completed a preliminary investigation here last Thursday, but his findings were not disclosed. Unable to arrange bond, Wilkins is likely to face a burglary charge when his case is called in the Martin County Superior Court on September 18.

Attorney Clarence W. Griffin has been employed by the private prosecution and he assisted Solicitor Fountain in making the preliminary investigation here last week.

## Father Of County Man Dies At 95

Alfred Glass, father of Mr. Clyde Glass of Jamesville, died late last Wednesday evening in a Greensboro hospital where he had been a patient for three weeks.

Mr. Glass was born in Alamance County 95 years ago and located in Guilford County in 1901. He was a member of the Hickory Grove Methodist Church. Funeral services were conducted Thursday in the Hanes Chapel and interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Greensboro.

Surviving are five sons, M. E. Glass of Route 1, Jamestown, with whom he made his home, Clyde Glass of Jamesville, Eugene Glass of Farmington, N. H., Ross Glass of New Fields, N. H., and Parker Glass, of Avenal; two daughters, Mrs. George M. Holden and Mrs. O. E. Hassell, both of Greensboro; one sister, Miss Nancy Glass of Greensboro; 16 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

## Home After Three Years In Germany

After a long stay in Germany, Sgt. Jimmy Williams, accompanied by his wife and child, is spending a 30-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Williams. They left one of their children with relatives in Vienna, Mrs. Williams' home.

The sergeant has two brothers in service in Germany now, Sgt. Lyman (Boog) Williams, and Pfc. Reginald (Tom) Williams.

## Record Tobacco Barn Fire Loss In County This Year

Martin County farmers have reported what is believed to be a record tobacco barn fire loss this season, and quite a few growers have not yet completed the harvest. Through last Saturday, fifteen barns had been destroyed by fire in this county as compared with about a dozen last season.

Among the late losses were those reported by Mrs. Mamie Griffin on Thursday in Griffins Township. Elwood Brown in Jamesville and C. P. Cullipher on the Ballard farm in Popular Point, both last Saturday. All three of the barns were equipped with oil burners.

## County Board In A Short Meeting Monday Morning

### Complaints Received About Neglected Roads In Certain Areas

Holding a short regular session Monday, the Martin County Commissioners had very little new business on their calendar, and after handling routine matters they closed up shop and went home.

Appearing before the meeting, L. D. Lanier declared that a road near Williams Lower School had not been worked but about twice in the past year. The board directed the clerk to contact Highway Commissioner H. G. Shelton and explain that complaints about road neglect had been received and plead for better attention. Much has been said about road projects in this county, but comparatively little has been accomplished so far, one report declared.

The board directed the treasurer to invest \$8,000 in accumulated sinking funds and \$2,000 in accumulated capital reserve fund in Martin County Building and Loan Association stock.

Tax relief orders, based on double listings, death and errors, were issued as follows: Jamesville Township, Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company, \$81.79; A. E. Sawyer, \$4.04; T. J. Blount, \$8.62; Williams Township, Ulysses Cherry, \$2; Williamston Township, F. A. Whitfield, \$3.85; George Rice, \$9.24; Louise Bryant, \$1.54; W. H. Harrell, \$7; John Simmons, \$2; Cross Roads Township, John B. Leggett, \$2; Robersonville Township, Mary Whitfield Heirs, \$1.54; Amanda Jenkins, \$4.62; Burly G. Nelson, \$4.00; Hamilton Township, Era and H. J. Haislip, \$15.05; Zeke Roberson, \$2.38; Mills Ayers, \$7.60; Goose Nest Township; E. E. Pittman, \$2.99; J. B. Harrington, \$4.35. It was also disclosed that \$7 dog tax had been listed in error, making a total of \$171.60.

Tax Collector M. L. Peel reported all but \$13,763.21 of the \$313,166.16 levy for 1949 collected. There is a balance unpaid of \$8,056.19 from the levy of \$284,204.02 for 1948. All but \$4,176.21 of the 1947 levy of \$235,036.08 has been collected. The new tax books for 1950 are being prepared and should be in the hands of the collector within the next few days, possibly the early part of next week if not before.

The North Carolina State Department of Agriculture submitted a check in the amount of \$20.00 as incentive pay for the 1950 farm census in the county. The amount, the commissioners ruled will be distributed to the several list-takers, as follows: Jamesville, \$33.90; Williams, \$14.50; Griffins, \$21.30; Williamston, \$20.50; Cross Roads, \$15; Robersonville, \$31.90; Popular Point, \$6.90; Hamilton, \$16.30; and Goose Nest, \$27.50. The record shows that 2,068 farm reports submitted and accepted.

Making a final report to the board, Dr. W. F. Coppage stated that 4,262 dogs were vaccinated in the county during the recent anti-rabies drive, that 400 stray dogs, mostly inferior breeds, were disposed of during the drive. The service cost \$3,196.50, the amount including \$395.95 paid an inspector who made a county-wide check on the drive.

The small house, built on East Main Street in Williamston thirty years ago for the captain of prisoners on the Roanoke River bridge and causeway project, was sold Monday to Johnny Rawls for \$5,025.

Treasurer R. H. Smith reported that the county had approximately \$63,490 in cash and some more than \$250,000 in reserves and bonds.

### Three Marriage Licenses Issued In This County

Three marriage licenses were issued in this county last week-end to the following: Archie Hertford Padgett and Inez Ange, both of Jamesville; David E. Sawyer of Shiloh, N. C., and Jean Holliday of Jamesville; and to David A. Kirkland of Scotland Neck and Georgia L. Harrison of Williamston.

## Ask Registrants To Check Draft Status

### ROOM LIST

Advance inquiries about room and apartments for tobaccoists and their families are being received, and urgent appeals are being directed to the townspeople to cooperate in providing housing for those who will be on the market during the next several months.

Al Sweatt of the Williams-ton Boosters has been named to prepare a list of rooms and other living quarters, and anyone having a room or apartment is asked to contact Mr. Sweatt immediately, phone 3123 or at the office in Guaranty Bank Building.

## U. S. Army And The People Must Learn War Lesson

This Nation Has Not Paid Terrible Toll As Have Other Countries

Washington, D. C. — Both the public and our armed forces have reflected an immaturity in recent weeks which was only the natural result of a quick conversion from war-time to peace-time activity in the United States. The truth is that the United States has never suffered the all-out human efforts and costs, of a great war—since independence was won, and excepting the internal war of 1860. Thus it is easy for us to be immature about wars.

We have not paid the terrible toll, as have Germany or France, and we are as not as deadly serious about preparing for war, in peacetime, as some of these European countries are, including Russia. Another factor is that we have usually had someone to hold the line for us, until we were ready to fight. So, after the last war ended, we turned all our efforts toward converting our country and industry to a peace-time footing.

Our mental attitude toward wars is almost on a parallel with our physical preparedness. The first reaction of the average American, when our troops were suddenly committed in Korea, was that the Americans would show them. Pentagon spokesmen talked of two and three divisions being ample to handle the Reds. Others spoke glibly about our drive back to the 38th parallel, some saying at various times it was only a matter of days off.

Our troops too were cocky and in many instances they have proved poor soldiers, especially for the type warfare they are waging. It is not the fault of the green troops. They are doing better than green troops from any other country, in similar circumstances, would do. But an army must be trained. They — meaning the foot soldiers — must know what discipline in battle means. Ours have not had training and are now getting it the hard way.

It is easy to sit behind a desk and criticize, even for those who were in the last war, and if all

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## Charge Man With Snatching Purse

David Black, colored man, was bound over to the superior court by Justice R. T. Johnson last Saturday for allegedly snatching a purse from Nellie Gray Rogers in a local theatre. Unable to arrange bond in the sum of \$500, Black was placed in jail.

Black walked into the theatre, accosted the girl and ran into the men's restroom with the pocketbook. The manager was called but Black refused to surrender the pocketbook and the \$4.14 in cash. He was arrested a short time later by local officers and the pocketbook and money was recovered.

Charge Man With Deadly Assault

Tom Taylor, colored man, was charged at a formal hearing before Justice R. T. Johnson here last night with assaulting Ted Scott, also colored, with a deadly weapon. Scott was shot in the side, but was able to out immediately after receiving treatment. At the hearing, Taylor pleaded self defense. Bond fixed in the sum of \$200 and the case was sent to the higher courts.