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## Several Hurt In Series Of Road Wrecks In County

### Property Damage Estimated At \$1,200 By Officers Making Investigations

Several persons were injured and a property damage, estimated at about \$1,200, resulted in a series of motor vehicle accidents on county highways during the past week-end, according to reports coming from the highway patrol office and police officers.

The first in the series was reported last Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock when J. E. Hedrick's 1951 Ford and Joseph L. Godard's 1940 Ford were in collision on Highway 64 between Williamston and Jamesville. Damage, estimated at \$150, was accepted by Mr. Hedrick who received a six-stitch cut over his right eye. No one else was hurt, according to Patrolman M. F. Powers who made the investigation.

Friday evening about 7:30 o'clock, Donald Thomas Ward of Robersonville lost control of his 1948 Chevrolet on a dirt road not far from Huskenaw Swamp and turned it over, doing about \$40 damage to his car. Ward was not hurt, Patrolman B. W. Parker, the investigating officer, said.

About 11:30 o'clock that same night, Louis Columbus Short apparently was flying too low in his 1949 Ford near Jim Bell's place not far from Gold Point and lost control of the car which plowed

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## Green Wave Band Concert a Success

The annual concert of the Green Wave Band of Williamston High School presented last Thursday night in the high school auditorium was a decided success on all counts as the band gave one of its best performances and a capacity house was on hand to enjoy it. In addition to attracting music lovers from all over the county it also brought to Williamston quite a number from nearby counties.

Over 200 band members, parents and out-of-town guests also attended the birthday party given by the band by the Band Parents Club in the cafeteria following the concert and there was ample food and refreshments for all.

The concert was not only a success from the standpoint of the program and attendance but also supplied the band with funds to pay for a new bass trombone which arrived just in time for the concert. However, it was emphasized that the concert is not a money-raising project. Only a moderate charge was made for the tickets.

Three marches were on the program, Indiana State Band, National Emblem, and Red Wagons. The second number on the program was an overture, Mantilla, and was one of the finest the band has ever played. Another highlight was a number, Capricious Aloysius, featuring Miss Sarah Manning, clarinet soloist.

As an encore, the band presented Red Rhythm Valley, an ever-popular number which gives each section of the band a work-out.

It was the last concert appearance of their high school careers for a score or so of the band members. Professor Jack Butler, director, had these stand up to show the replacements which would be necessary for next season. Then he had the prospective members of the band to stand and that, too, proved to be a sizable number giving promise of replacements in quantity if not in experience.

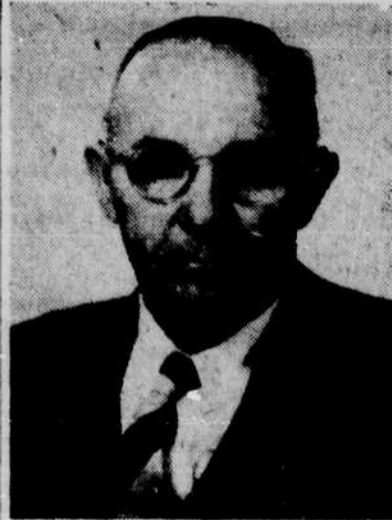
## DRAFT CALL

Five Martin County young men are being called to report to Fort Bragg for final induction in May, according to information received this week.

The call is one of the smallest to reach this county since the draft was resumed last October, and is less than half the size of the current month call.

## Eighth Annual Stock Show Opens April 12

PRESIDENT



Chas. L. Daniel was re-elected president of the Martin County Farm Bureau at a meeting held in the county courthouse last Friday evening. He is now serving his eleventh year as head of the organization.

## Mrs. Chesson Died Early Friday At Home of Daughter

### Funeral Service Held Sunday at Son's Home Near Robersonville

Mrs. Annie Walters Chesson, a resident of Williamston and Martin County for about thirty years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Lilley, in Roper, early last Friday morning. She had been in declining health for about five years, but was thought to be getting along as well as usual when she retired last Thursday evening. When members of the family went to her room about 9:00 o'clock Friday morning they found her dead, the apparent victim of a heart attack.

Mrs. Chesson, daughter of the late James Horton and Eliza Sennett Walters, was born in Washington County 84 years ago on February 25, 1867. She spent most of her early life there and in early womanhood was married to Mark Chesson who died four years ago. In 1913 the family moved to this county and located near Williamston, later moving into town after Mr. Chesson retired from the farm. Two years ago she returned to her native county to make her home with a daughter. She was a member of the Methodist Church for many years, and is well remembered here by a host of friends and acquaintances.

Surviving are four sons, Will, Bruce and Fred Chesson, all of Williamston, and Jack Chesson of near Robersonville; and three daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Lilley and

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## Education And Liquor Crash

Education and the illicit liquor business crashed at Gold Point last Friday when two 15-year-old pupils wandered about 250 yards from the school ground and helped themselves to beer at a crude liquor still. The two pupils were said to have "passed out," and an urgent call was made to the sheriff's office.

Early Saturday morning, the sheriff and several deputies found and wrecked the plant including an old oil drum and five barrels of beer at each site.

A short time before the report was received, ABC Officers J. H. Roebuck and Cecil Bullock were raiding in the area, wrecking two plants hardly more than 500 yards from the site of the plant destroyed Saturday morning. Both of the plants were equipped with oil drums and there was one barrel of beer at each site.

Last Friday morning the officers wrecked two submarine type stills and poured out 800 gallons of mash in Bear Grass Township.

## Fourteen Steers And Two Hundred Hogs Are Booked

### Several Hundred Dollars In Prizes Being Offered Show Winners

The eighth annual Martin County Fat Stock Show will be opened in Williamston's Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse on Thursday of this week with the sale scheduled to get under way on Friday at 1:00 o'clock p. m. it was announced this week by Assistant County Agent Sam A. Tuten.

The fourteen steers, booked for showing, are to be in their stalls by 10:00 o'clock a. m. Thursday and made ready for the judging that afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Steers are being exhibited this year by Corrone Bryant, Henry Rogers, Alice Ruth Price and Mary Jane Rogers of the Williamston club; Johnnie Griffin, John Andrews and Haywood Brown of the Everetts club, Marion Griffin and Gene Powell of Robersonville, Wallace Smith, Paul Stevenson and Calvin Oglesby of the Oak City club.

Exhibitors of prime beef stock will receive \$10 cash awards, with the prizes ranging down to \$5. Keener competition at the sale Friday is expected, and more buyers are planning to attend and participate in the sale, according to reports heard today.

The number of beef cattle entries is not as large as it was in the past, but Agent Tuten said the quality is believed to be better. The club boys and girls found the purchase prices too high when they planned to prepare for the show.

A total of 223 hogs have been booked for showing in the departments for club members and adult farmers, and some real competition is certain, according to Agents Tuten and Brady. Prizes in the swine department are in excess of \$300, the cash awards ranging from \$25 down to \$1.

The Martin County Farm Bureau and the various civic clubs in the county are contributing most of the prize money, while Roberson's Slaughter House is lending a strong hand in helping make the show a success.

The hogs are to be on display not later than 6:00 o'clock Thursday. The judges will start picking the winners at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning.

The thirty-eight club boys and girls named below are planning to exhibit 81 hogs:

Bob Lee Perry, Miss Peggy M. Godard, and Johnny Bowen, of R2 Williamston; John Beach, R1 Oak City; Johnnie Griffin, R1 Robersonville; Charles Mills, R3 Williamston; Billy Bailey, Everetts; Jerry House, Frank House, and Donald Whitfield, all of R1 Robersonville; Sammie Holliday and Irvin Bowen, R3 Williamston; Jean Woolard and Paul Williams of R1 Williamston; Joseph Jones, R1 Jamesville; Josh Hardison and Mary Louise Holliday, R1 Williamston; Lelia Modlin, Arthur Lee Modlin, Jr., John Hardison, Freddie Martin, C. A. Martin, Miss Ann Napier, and Junior Lilley, all of R1 Jamesville; James R. Ward, Jimmie Rawls, Marion Griffin, all of R1 Robersonville; Vera Warren and Betty Warren of Parmele; James H. Revels, R1 Williamston.

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## Baby Still Taken Monday Morning

Raiding in Williams Township before breakfast Monday morning, ABC Officers J. H. Roebuck and Cecil Bullock took a cute little copper liquor still and poured out about fifty gallons of sugar mash.

The kettle, rating among the smallest taken in this county in recent years, was of about six gallon capacity. Officer Roebuck said.

## OPS MEETING

A representative of the Office of Price Stabilization will discuss the new price regulations and other details of the national program with merchants from Martin and adjoining territory in a special meeting to be held in the Martin County courthouse Wednesday night, April 11, at 8:00 o'clock, it was announced today.

It is an important meeting and all merchants and other business men are invited to attend.

## Officers Elected For Farm Bureau In Martin County

### Chas. L. Daniel Begins His Eleventh Year As Head Of Organization

Meeting in the county courthouse last Friday evening, members of the Martin County Farm Bureau re-elected all officers for another year. There was no opposition and the elections were by acclamation.

Completing ten years of faithful service as president of the Farm Bureau in the county, Mr. Chas. L. Daniel tried to withdraw, but the members would not listen to his plea. Literally drafted for the post, Mr. Daniel said that while he was certain a younger person could accomplish more, he would continue to do all he could for the Farm Bureau. "Many people may not realize it, but the Farm Bureau has meant much to the farmers and others in this section," Mr. Daniel said, declaring the organization was worthy of a continued strong support. "I know that had it not been for the Farm Bureau the recent bill would not have been passed by Congress," Mr. Daniel said.

The list of officers for the new year are: C. L. Daniel, president; Sam T. Everett, vice president; Mayo Hardison, secretary-treasurer; directors: George Oglesby, Hamilton; Henry Early, Goose Nest; S. T. Everett, Robersonville; Mayo Hardison, Poplar Point; G. H. Forbes, Cross Roads; H. U. Peel, Bear Grass; D. V. Clayton, Williamston; J. Carl Griffin.

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## Roland C. Cherry Enters Ministry

Roland C. Cherry, local young man, was ordained for the ministry, together with several other ministers from outside the county, at ordination services held in Cherry's home church, Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church, on March 30.

Rev. Cherry is the third young Martin County man to be ordained in a county church and the service was well attended.

A veteran of World War II, he served two years in Japan and after leaving the service he was employed here with the Virginia Electric and Power Company. Recalled to duty last August he has been serving as chaplain at Camp Lejeune. Cherry is expecting a discharge in the near future at which time he plans to devote his full time to the ministry.

## Fourteen Leaving For Army Center

Fourteen Martin County young men, including two volunteers, are scheduled to leave here tomorrow morning by regular bus for final induction into the army. They are to report here at 6:30 o'clock and continue to Fort Bragg.

There are nine colored men, including the two volunteers, and five white men in the list. It is possible that a fifteenth man will report. He was reported delinquent when he was to have left for his pre-induction tests. By not reporting then he placed himself in line for immediate induction without pre-induction tests.

## Congressman Harold Cooley to Address Farm Bureau Meeting

### Expect More Than Two Thousand for Barbecue Friday

### Congressman Herbert Bonner and Other Dignitaries To Attend

Congressman Harold Cooley, chairman of the all-important National House Agriculture Committee and possibly one of the best posted men on agriculture and agricultural problems in the nation and a large part of the world, will address the annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the Williamston High School auditorium Friday afternoon of this week at 5:00 o'clock. Accompanied by Congressman Herbert Bonner of this district, Mr. Cooley will fly down early that afternoon.

The congressman, just back from a European trip, was called to Texas last week for a study of farm problems. He is a busy man and officers of the Martin County Farm Bureau are fortunate indeed to have him visit the county with Congressman Bonner. Mr. Cooley has not yet announced his address topic, but he is an able speaker and one who is in position to give a good picture of what's happening in the world today, especially in the field of agriculture. It is fairly certain the school auditorium will be filled to overflowing, and Farm Bureau members are advised to be present early.

Expecting more than 2,000 members for the annual meeting and barbecue, Farm Bureau leaders have completed extensive arrangements for caring for the large crowd. Thirty-three pigs have been donated to the organization and they are being prepared for the cookers today. The ladies of the Macedonia Church have volunteered to prepare the corn bread and slaw and serve the meal. A special committee is handling other arrangements. The meal will be served on the Williamston High School grounds immediately after the meeting in the auditorium.

In addition to Congressman Cooley and Bonner other dignitaries have been invited to attend the Friday afternoon meeting, including prominent farm leaders and others.

The annual Farm Bureau meeting coincides with the annual Martin County Fat Stock Show, opening on Thursday of this week.

## Returning Home From Korean War

Return of a warrior with the knowledge of having helped establish records unequalled by any other carrier based flying organization in the Korean hostilities is Jennis L. Cherry, aviation machinist's mate, second class, USN, of 113 Plum Street, Williamston, a member of Carrier Air Group II.

In combat for nine months, which is longer than any other group, the following records were made:

1. The first Navy pilot to shoot down an enemy MIG jet fighter.
2. Sorties flown, 9,673. (More than twice as many as any other group).
3. Hours in the air, 23,107. (Unsurpassed).
4. An average of 36 strike missions per man. (One-third more than the next ranking group).
5. A record of 9,000,000 pounds of ammunition dropped on the enemy.
6. Carrier landings, 10,000. (Unparalleled to date).

In addition, the air group was highly instrumental in the successful completions of the Inchon landing and the famous Hungnam withdrawal.

## CONTINUES ILL

Mr. S. Rome Biggs, in declining health for some time, is still unable to get on his feet at his home here on North Watts Street.

## Six In Race For Places On Town Board Commissioners

No last-minute filing developments were reported, but local citizens are being called upon to choose five members of the town board of commissioners from a field of six candidates in the primary election next Monday, April 16. Mayor Robt. H. Cowen, completing his second term, was declared the nominee when no opposition was officially offered before time for filing ended at 6:00 o'clock last Thursday evening.

The primary race for places on the town board of commissioners developed when a sixth candidate, Mrs. Martha M. Ward, announced her candidacy last Thursday, the old members having filed their candidacies earlier in the week. It is now up to the voters to choose five persons for their party nominees from the following field of six candidates: David Moore,

N. C. Green, W. O. Griffin, K. D. Worrell and Leman Barnhill, all members of the present board, and Mrs. Ward.

The polls will be opened at 6:30 o'clock next Monday morning in the town hall and remain open until 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

Following the selection of the nominees in the primary election next Monday, the voters will be called upon to elect their town officials in the general election on Tuesday, May 8.

Comparatively few persons have registered and interest in the biennial political event here is at a low ebb.

It was reported yesterday that Mrs. Ward planned to withdraw, but in a telephone message early this morning from Florence, South Carolina, she said she was still in the race.

## War On Bootleggers Underway In County

### Made Nine Raids In County Early Saturday Night

### Sheriff Says Only Unconditional Surrender Will End War On Bootleggers

All-out war has been declared on Martin County bootleggers and only unconditional surrender will end it, Sheriff M. W. Holloman said following a series of nine raids made in the county last Saturday night. The officer was very emphatic in his declaration, explaining that a team of ten officers from the ABC Enforcement Division, the sheriff's office and local police department, plus a member of the highway patrol and Constable Wiley Craft of Oak City launched the all-out attack last Saturday night.

Eight of the nine raids were made in Williamston, four of them pounding like lightning at homes on what has been referred to as "bootleggers' Avenue" or Williamston's Griffin Street. The four raids were conducted simultaneously by ten officers and the fur really flew. Liquor was found at all four places, but in two instances the intoxicants bore the legal label and the quantity on hand was within the law.

Annie Woolard and John and Novella Bonds were booked with having a quart of illicit liquor in their homes and were placed under bond. In addition to the liquor, officers found glasses and containers, indicating that sales were maintained there. Bonds is laboring under a suspended sentence handed down in the superior court a short time ago. He is at liberty under \$500 bond.

Mary Jane Pavton, having seven and one half pints of legal liquor on hand, was just within the law, and no case was made against her. Boston Gainer had three pints of legal liquor on hand and officers made no case against

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## Debaters Going To Greenville

Scoring a win over Washington in the first round of the State-wide triangular debates, Ernest Taylor and Corrone Bryant, representing the local high school, will enter the second eliminations in Greenville on Thursday of this week.

The query is: "Resolved: The United States Should Reject the 'Loyalty State'." The local team is debating the affirmative side of the question.

## Plans Completed For Cancer Fund Drive In County

### Chairmen Named For All Townships; Drive Now Getting Under Way

Plans have been completed for advancing the cancer fund drive in this county, Mrs. Herbert Whitley, commander, announced yesterday, and the campaign is already under way in several districts.

Martin County is being asked to raise \$15,000, and preliminary reports from the township chairmen are very encouraging. "It is so important that everything possible should be done to conquer cancer that I am willing to give all the necessary time and support to the drive," one chairman declared in accepting the unwanted but important task.

Mrs. Whitley announced the following chairman and appealed to the public, urging that a willing and liberal support be given each of them:

Mrs. Irene Blount, Jamesville; Floyd Moore, Williams; B. R. Manning, Griffins; Mrs. Mary Terry, Bear Grass; Jos. W. Bailey, Cross Roads; Herbert Highsmith, Robersonville; Mrs. Herman Harrison, Poplar Point; Miss Mildred Everett, Hamilton, and Mrs. Blonzie Harrill, Goose Nest. In Williamston, the Woman's Club members are supporting the canvass; and W. C. Bunch is heading the drive among the local colored citizens.

The above chairmen do not want to trouble any one. They are giving their time freely without no other reward than the knowledge that something needs to be done to carry on an unrelenting fight against cancer, and that every effort should be made to advance research and maintain detection clinics.

Last year, approximately fifty Martin County persons, white and colored, were examined in free

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## Issues Cancer Proclamation

Last year some 210,000 families lost a father, a mother, or a child to cancer. Of these more than 100,000 were in the prime of life, between the ages of 30 and 65. They were stricken when their families, their work and their communities needed them most.

Those who lost a dear one, know cancer as a terrible threat. They know that the disease reaches beyond the patient to the family and loved ones all of whom must share a serious burden.

Happily, there is a brighter side. Physicians can now cure half of those who develop cancer if the disease is diagnosed early and treated promptly. Today, however, only about one in four, who have the disease, are being saved.

We as individuals have a great responsibility: we can strike back at cancer through spreading life-saving facts and through contributing to the Cancer Crusade. Lives will be saved—in our country, our state, our community, and perhaps in our own families.

Therefore, I, Robert Cowan, Mayor of Williamston, take great pleasure in proclaiming April as Cancer Control Month. I call on all citizens to join in the Cancer Crusade of the American Cancer Society. I heartily subscribe to the Crusade's theme: Guard Your Family, Strike Back, Give to Conquer Cancer.

## ROUND-UP

Nine persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the Martin County jail during the week-end, including a couple of alleged liquor law violators.

Four of the nine were booked for being drunk and disorderly, two for violating the liquor laws, one each for public drunkenness, non-support and drunken driving.

Two of the nine were white and the ages ranged from 23 to 45 years of age.

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