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## Eastern Press Group To Meet Here Friday

### Program Will Be Held In Edenton During Week-end

**Luncheon To Be Served In Woman's Club Here At 1:30 O'Clock**

Prominent Eastern North Carolina newspaper people will stop here for luncheon in the Woman's Club tomorrow before continuing to Edenton where they will hold their spring meeting, it was announced by Mrs. Elizabeth Gold Swindell, president of the association of Wilson. The luncheon will be held at 1:30 o'clock.

Among those planing to attend the luncheon here are:

Frank Daniel, general manager, and Sam Regan, managing editor of The News and Observer, Raleigh; Frank H. Jeter, editor N. C. Extension Service, and Mrs. Jeter, Raleigh; Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, Mrs. Poe, and Mr. and Mrs. William Poe, Raleigh; M. R. Dunnagan, editor N. C. Employment Service, and Mrs. Dunnagan, Raleigh; J. R. Grady, editor Duplin Times, Kenansville; Don Hall, editor Roanoke Rapids Herald; Editor and Mrs. Ashley Futtrell, Washington; Henry Belk, editor Goldsboro News-Argus, and party; John Park, editor Raleigh Times, Mrs. Park and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duckett, Raleigh; Mrs. Elizabeth Swindell, business manager of the Wilson Times and president of the Eastern Carolina Press Association, Wilson; Billy Arthur, editor News and Views, and Mrs. Arthur, Jacksonville; Henry A. Dennis ,editor Henderson Dispatch, and Mrs. Dennis, Henderson; Leslie S. Thompson, editor News Reporter, Whiteville; Lynn Nisbet, Raleigh correspondent for North Carolina afternoon papers, and party; Josh Horne, editor Rocky Mount Telegram; Scott Summers of the Capital Reporter, Raleigh; Frank Horton and party of the Free Press, Kinston; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Boyer of the Caskie Paper Company, Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dodge of Raleigh, and James H. Sivertsen, editor Sampson News and

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### ROTARY CLUB

**H. B. Spruill, Windsor man and former District Governor of Rotary, is working to establish a Rotary club here. Up until this morning he had signed sixteen charter members and will work for four more.**

**It is fairly certain that Rotary will establish a club here, giving the town at least four men's civic organizations, including the Lions, Kiwanians and Jaycees.**

## Bear Grass Goes Over The Top In Recent Campaign

**Mrs. Irving Terry Reports $75.25 For Cancer Fund In Her District**

So far every district in Martin County has gone over the top in the Cancer Fund Drive, and Mrs. Herbert Whitley, commander for the county announced that the $1,500 county-wide goal will be reached with some to spare. Complete reports are expected in this week-end, the latest unofficial check showing that between $1,400 and $1,500 had been raised.

Bear Grass, the latest to report on the drive, raised $75.25 to exceed its goal. Mrs. Irving Terry, one of the first township chairman to accept the unwelcome but important task, handled the drive in Bear Grass with the assistance of Mrs. Pete Mendenhall, both regular stand-bys when it comes to working for a good cause advanced in the name of humanity.

Mrs. Terry reported the following contributions.

H. V. Parker, Jr., $5; Sampson Hodges, $1; Dewey Leggett, $1; Clayton Revels, $1; A. B. Ayers, Jr., $1; J. D. Price, $1; E. C. Harrison, $1; Harry Wynne, $1; Sidney Beacham, $1; William Taylor, $1; N. R. Rogerson, $1; W. A. Brown, $1; Robert Bailey, $1; Mrs. W. A. Bailey, $1; Delmus Rogerson, $1; Mrs. Johnnie Knox, $1; Jesse Rawls, $1; Ike Mizzelle, $1; T. L. Roberson, $1; J. E. Cratt, $1; Mrs. Irving Terry, $1; W. M. Harrison, $1; K. O. Rogerson, $1; Mrs. Lemon Taylor, $1; Mrs Arthur Peaks, $1; A. L. Williams, $1; Will Ward, $1; Ben Whitehurst, $1; Joe Shepherd Holiday, $1; Clyde Revels, $1; Clarence Bailey, $1; Mrs. Maude Peele, $1; Leroy Harrison, $1; Mrs. Lemon Keel, $1; Edgar Rogers, $1; Mrs. Bettie Coltrain, 50c; Mrs. Ophus Bailey, 50c; Marvin Cowin, 75c; Mrs. Jr. Stalls, 50c; Mrs. Joe Phelps, 50c; Warner Bailey, 50c; Mrs. Norman Bailey, 50c; Mrs. W. A. Gurganus, 50c;

Mrs. Roy Martin, 45c; Kenneth Lee, 40c; Mrs. Claude Rawls, 40c; Mrs. Leonard Bennett, 30c; Clifton Gurganus, 65c; Robert Cowin, 25c; Noah Gardner, 25c; Dalton Rogerson, 25c; Mrs. Rome Rogerson, 25c; Buster Whitaker, 25c; Murlin Bulluck, 10c; Mrs. Alice Salisbury, 25c; E. D. Harris, 50c; Johnnie Wynne, 50c; Mrs Effie Rogers, 75c; Mrs. Bert Wynne, 50c; Mrs. Kneezer Harrison, 50c;

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## Young Airman Offers Advice

Pvt. Garland Hardison, Oak City youth now stationed with the Army Air Force at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, has written back home to offer advice to fellow Martin County youths who may plan to enter the same branch of service.

Admitting that he has been in the service just a few weeks, he says his advice is based on what information has been given to him during his basic training. "I would like to warn all boys to forget everything they did in civilian life and learn to take orders and do as they are told," he says. "You are only told once how to do something and then if you do not know how to do it you have to get some of your buddies to show you how."

"There are plenty of times when you have to do something which you don't like to do, such as getting up in the morning at 4:15 and the things you have to do in the chow hall. . . . Do the best you can on everything and you will come out okay."

Hardison says he has not gotten homesick as yet but admits there are plenty of times "when a fellow wishes he was back home."

Hardison says he regards it as a great privilege and honor to wear the Air Force uniform, declaring this to be best brarch of the service, and plans to do his best to make a good airman—"The Air Force needs good men, and only good ones."

Pvt. Garland Hardison, A. F. 14490275, and Pvt. Jack W. Wynne, A. F. 14409279, have the same address — 3744 Training Sqdn, Flight 1133, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas—and would like to hear from their friends.

## Few Take Part In General Election

Williamston's biennial election last Tuesday attracted very little attention, most of the citizens looking upon it as a mere formality.

Only 55 persons took time to go to the polls and vote for mayor and five commissioners. The vote was reported to be the smallest cast in a town general election here in years.

The official vote as announced by Pollholders J. E. Pope, C. R. Mobley and J. T. Price, follows:

R. H. Cowen, 51 votes for mayor; K. D. Worrell, 51; N. C. Green, 49; David Moore, 47; H. L. Barnhill, 46, and W. O. Griffin, 44 votes for commissioners.

John Philpott received one vote for town commissioner.

## Thirty-Two Cases Heard In County Court On Monday

**Fines Were Comparatively Light, But Several Got Road Sentences**

The Martin County Recorder's Court, holding its second session since the superior court completed a special term, last Monday just about caught up with its work. Thirty-two cases were handled by Judge R. T. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin. Fines imposed at the session were comparatively small, but several defendants drew terms on the roads. Two or three asked for jury trials and their cases were transferred to the superior court docket.

Proceedings:

The case charging John William Trueblood of Fort Bragg with speeding was nol prossed.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging William Andrew Mobley of RFD 2, Robersonville, with speeding.

Charged with drunken driving, James Elmore Baker asked for a trial, and bond was required in the sum of $150.

Pleading not guilty of assaulting a female, Irvin Bonds was found guilty and drew sixty days on the roads. The term was suspeneded upon the payment of the costs and on the further condition that he doesn't visit the home of Annie L. Moore anymore.

Orange Harris was sentenced to the roads for sixty days on a larceny charge.

Adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Percy Peel was fined $10, plus costs. He appealed and $50 bond was required.

Pleading guilty of being drunk and disorderly, Clyde Silverthorne was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of the costs. He is to remain of good behavior for one year.

Sentenced to the roads for four months on a larceny charge, Robert Savage appealed and $200 bond was required.

David Barnes, pleading guilty, was taxed with the costs of court for reckless driving.

Leon Taylor, young Tarboro white man charged with public drunkenness, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days.

Cecil James Belch of Mackeys was taxed with the costs for speeding.

Entering no plea, Everett Buxton Baugham of Plymouth was fined $15, plus costs, for speeding.

Pleading not guilty, Jas. E. Whitaker was adjudged guilty of violating the liquor laws and was fined $15, plus costs. He appealed and bond was fixed at $100.

Thurston Spruill of Oak City and John Wesley Anderson of Wison were each taxed with the costs for speeding.

Charged with issuing a worthless check, Alphonso Roberson pleaded not guilty, but the court found him guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued until next September 10.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, William Brown was found not guilty.

Adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Ella Mae Northen was sentenced to the roads for six months ,the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs. She is to violate no criminal law during the next two years, and if she does, sentence will be invoked.

Pleading guilty of larceny, Jes-

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## May Day Event Here Wednesday

On May 16, at two o'clock, on the lawn in front of the Williamston High School, May Day exercises will be presented by the first five grades of the Williamston Grammar School.

A King and Queen of May Day with their attendants will reign over the festivities. There will be the crowning of the king and the queen and the traditional May Pole Dance along with singing and other dances.

In the event it is raining Wednesday afternoon the program will be presented on the next clear day.

## *Tobacco Transplanting Is About Complete In County*

Getting under way about two weeks ago ,tobacco transplanting is nearing completion in this county, late reports indicating that possibly ninety percent of the crop will have been set by the last of this week. With even fair weather conditions, the task will be completed in its entirety early next week.

After experiencing one of the worst plant shortages in history last year, Martin farmers are finding the supply more than adequate this season. It is estimated that there were sufficient plants to care for three times the acreage being planted this year.

Quite a few farmers said they transplanted earlier than they had planned, but they would not gamble with the blue mold and went ahead with the task.

As a rule, the crop is getting off to a good growing start, but cool weather earlier in the week was not very favorable on the young plants. Wire worms are causing much damage in some areas, and in others it has been too dry for the plants to flourish. It is quite likely that much resetting will be in order before the crop is finally under way.

Corn stands are good in the county. Cotton is up and the peanut crop is about planted. Farmers, as a whole, are well advanced with their work and present prospects are encouraging for good crops.

## Draw Thirty-Five Citizens Of County For Jury In June

**Judge W. C. Harris Slated To Return For The One-Week Term**

Thirty-five Martin County citizens, including two women and several colored men, were drawn for jury duty in June by the Martin County Commissioners in their regular session this month. Master Eubanks drew the names.

The term will last only one week, beginning June 18, and will hear both criminal and civil cases.

Judge W. C. Harris, holding his first term of court in ten years in this county last March, is scheduled to preside over the sessions next month. Already a fairly sizable docket is in the making, the case list including a first degree murder charge.

Names of the jurors drawn for jury duty during the term:

Jamesville Township: F. W. Holliday, P. M. Holliday and P. J. Modlin.

Williams Township: W. L. Manning, Jr.

Griffins Township: Ira Frederick Griffin and Harmon Rogers.

Bear Grass Township: Wm. A. Roberson.

Williamston Township: J. C. Cooke, Justice Jones, Minga E. Rogers. R. T. Whitaker, Connie B. Clark, M. E. Letchworth, A. C. Bailey.

Cross Roads Township: Jimmy Keel.

Robersonville Township: A. G. House, Elmer R. Edmondson, R. R. Carson, Vernon Powell, C. L. Green.

Poplar Point Township: Pate Alen Vanderford.

Hamilton Township: L. R. Beach, E. R. Edmondson, H. R. Purvis, Clinton W. Johnson, Robert Short,

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## Tax Delinquent List Advertised

Martin County's 1950 tax delinquent list is being advertised today for the first time, the number of delinquents falling slightly under the figure advertised last year.

There are 327 delinquents this year, including 75 white and 252 colored. last year there were 336 delinquents—87 white and 249 colored. The delinquent list is comparatively small considering there are nearly 8,000 taxpayers in the county .

Out of a levy of $335,891.40, only $6,066.62 is due on real property. White property owners owe $2,544.59 of that amount, and the colored property owners owe $3,522.03. Last year the 336 delinquent accounts amounted to $6,099.13, but the tax for 1949 was about $22,000 less than the total for 1950.

Tax Collector M. L. Peel is fairly certain that the delinquent list will be further reduced before the property is offered for sale at Noon on Monday, June 4.

### IMPROVED

Taken suddenly ill while on one of his farms near Hamilton last Tuesday morning, Mr. Dan Roebuck, well-known county farmer was reported much improved in a hospital here this morning.

### THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

**The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.**

Highway-street accident figures continue to expand in this county, the latest reports from the patrol and several police departments showing there have been 91 accidents so far this year.

**18th Week**

| | Accidents | Inj'd | Killed | Dam'ge |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1951 | 5 | 1 | 0 | $ 500 |
| 1950 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 300 |

**Comparisons To Date**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1951 | 91 | 33 | 1 | $21,535 |
| 1950 | 50 | 30 | 0 | 11,940 |

## Program Listed For Recital Here Tomorrow Night

**Popular Numbers, Spirituals and Folk Songs To Be Sung By Groups**

The program to be presented by the public school music department of Williamston High School tomorrow night in the high school auditorium was announced yesterday by Miss Anne Royster, instructor. The combined choruses will open the program with "Shortnin' Bread" and close it with "America The Beautiful."

The program includes folk songs, spirituals and popular numbers and groups from the 6th grade through the high school department will be included along with quartets, trios, choruses and the glee club which won an excellent rating at Greenville this spring.

Following the opening number will be two American folk songs, "Erie Canal" and "Sourwood Mountain," presented by the chorus from the 6th and 7th grades. A girls' quartet from the high school wlil then sing, "May Day Carol" as arranged by Taylor, and a girls' double quartet, also from the high school will render Hollis' arrangement of "When Love is Kind."

The Eighth Grade Chorus will sing two spirituals—"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" and "Old Man Noah." The 6th and 7th grades will follow with "De Glendy Burke" by Stephen Foster and a girls' trio from the high school will render "Brown Bird Singing," by Stickles.

"Stouthearted Men", a number by Romberg, will be given by a boys' chorus from the 8th grade and the high school and a girl's chorus from the 8th grade will sing Vincent Youman's "Tea For Two."

Two popular numbers by the high school glee club wlil bring the program to its final number. These are "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" by Jerome Kern and "In the Still of the Night" by Cole Porter.

Accompanists will be Misses

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### *Able To Be Out After Three-Month Illness*

Critically ill since early March, Mr. J. Lawrence Peel was able with the aid of crutches to visit up town for a short while this morning.

## Local Teachers Are Re-Elected By Committeemen

**Seven Resignations Received; Five Positions Filled At Meeting**

Holding one of their infrequent meetings last Tuesday evening, Williamston's local school committeemen re-elected all members of the faculty for the 1951-52 term. However, the committee was greeted with eight resignations which were reluctantly accepted. It was announced that five of the positions made vacant had been filled and that appointments to the three remaining positions are pending.

After two years as teacher of the second grade, Mrs. Frances LaBarr Saunders resigned to devote all her time to her home. Mrs. Christine B. Mangum, third grade teacher during the current term, is also resigning to devote all her time to her home.

Miss Blanche Parrott, completing her first year as teacher of the seventh grade, is returning to her home in Kinston.

Four years a teacher of commercial subjects, Mrs. Peggy Hopkins Gray is resigning to be with her husband, Dr. Wm. Gray, who is in the service.

Resigning as librarian, Miss Harriet Tucker, after one year here, plans to go to Raleigh.

Miss Mary Dixon Cox, competing her first year here as teacher of French and English, plans to go to Chapel Hill for an MA degree.

A. J. Abdalla, two years in the local science department, plans to enter school in New York City.

Mrs. Burras Crutcher, fifth grade teacher, is succeeding Miss Parrot in the seventh grade position.

Miss Alice Berry of Fairfield has been elected to teach the fifth grade. She is graduating with honors at A. C. College, Wilson, this month.

Miss Nell Beaman of Farmville was elected third grade teacher. She is a senior at A. C. College.

Mayhue Edwards of Chocowinity and graduate of East Carolina College and a Raleigh business school, will head the commercial department. He has had six years in business, and is a World War II veteran.

Ernest E. Chesson of Columbia and holder of AB and MS degrees from East Carolina College, was elected to head the science department. He comes here from Angier where he taught four years. He also taught at Penderlea one year.

Principal B. G. Stewart announced that there are three openings yet to be filled, including second grade, English-French and librarian.

## Local Artists On TV Second Time

Making a big hit with the judges and the TV audience, Williamston's "Laryngitis Four", namely, Blue Manning, Billy Peel, Theron Gurganus and Evan Griffin, played a return engagement on the amateur hour of the Chrysler Corporation over a Norfolk station last night between 10 and 11:00 o'clock.

When they appeared on the program for the first time last week, the local artists walked away with first place, and the competition was keen.

Just how they came out last night and what the rules and regulations governing the programs, the boys don't know, but they are hopeful of getting on up where the prize money is. But Blue Manning insists they have already gone farther than he had expected.

The boys received a $50 bond last night and are to return at the end of twelve weeks for further competition.

### *Mr. Perry Recovering In Richmond Hospital*

A patient in a Richmond hospital for seven weeks and quite ill during much of that time, Mr. W. Amos Perry, well-known farmer of this county, is responding to treatment and plans to return home next week.

## Will Expand Power Potential In Section

### BIBLE SCHOOL

**The town's Daily Vacation Bible School will be held this year from June 4 through June 15, it was announced today, and all those who served on the staff last year are asked to keep these dates open and lend a helping hand again.**

**Directors of the school this year are the Rev. Messrs. Don Skinner and T. L. Hastings. Volunteers are needed and they are asked to contact either of the directors.**

## Friendly Rivalry Develops In Club Near Jamesville

**Farmers, 82 and 73 Years Old, Have Hot Corn-Growing Contest**

Jamesville.—(Special to The Enterprise).—Leonard Holliday, age 82, and Walter Holliday (a nephew of Leonard Holliday) age 73, are not members of the 4-H club, but have organized a new corn club called the 2-H club. (Holliday and Holliday).

In March 1950 the two Mr. Hollidays, who live on adjoining farms, met and proposed the new club. They have a piece of land each that contains 3 acres, and they agreed to have the 3 acre corn contest. It was a mutual agreement that each could select the variety he wanted, fertilize it as he pleased, as the final result would be the number of bushels harvested in the fall.

Mr. Walter said he used about 600 pounds of mixed fertilizer to the acre, but this report was contradicted and said he must have used 1400 pounds to the acre as he used the same distributor he fixed his tobacco land with. Any way ,it is a known fact that both had excellent pieces of corn. Leonard had NC 27 Hybrid, and Walter had 1-2 NC 27 and 1-2 Dixie 17.

At laying by time both pieces of corn were given the same treatment, that is they put 600 pounds of Nitrate of Soda per acre and layed it by real shallow. All the 2-H'ers had to worry about then was who had the better piece of corn. It would take about 3 months to tell the story.

At harvest time one of the members, it is not definite which one, said we are not going to do this estimating stuff like the 4-H boys do, we are going to weigh the harvest then we will know how much corn we've got. Well, the other said, Clifton Williams knows his corn. He raised a good acre last year and won a prize in the 4-H club for it. We'll just get Clifton to help us. Clifton agreed, so that was settled.

On the day of the harvest all hands and the cook were called out. They did the gathering and Clifton did the weighing. Results: Leonard made 305 bushels and 9 pounds on his 3 acres. Walter made 275 bushels and 8 pounds on his 3 acres. Extra: Walter said he put a 500 yard tobacco bed in his 3 acres last year or he would have beat Leonard. The contest is runing again in 1951 and Walter

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## Escapes Injury In Car Accident

Ruth Gilliam, Roper school teacher, escaped injury in an automobile on Highway 64 about two and one-half miles below Jamesville last Sunday evening.

According to a report filed by Patrolman M. F. Powers following an investigation by Patrolman Carl Gilchrist of Plymouth, the car ran off the right side of the pavement and went out of control when the driver tried to steer it back onto the highway. The machine turned over, causing about $250 damage to the side and top.

## New High Voltage Line To Be Built Through the Town

**Town Of Washington Signs Contract For Power With the VEP**

The power potential in this area will be increased from 33,000 to 110,000 volts within the next twelve or eighteen months if plans proposed by the Virginia Electric and Power Company are carried to their final conclusion, according to information released this week by Vice President R. H. Goodmon from his offices here.

While present indications point to the successful conclusion of the proposed project, there are a few technicalities to be handled, it was learned.

It is proposed to extend the 110,000-volt line from Suffolk to a point near Greenville where the Virginia Electric and Power Company will connect with the Carolina Power and Light Company. The line, as a part of a current project, has been completed by the VEP Company to a point near Aulander. The latest proposed project would extend the high-powered line to Windsor, and on through Williamston, thence to Washington and finally to the point near Greenville for the connection.

In addition to increasing the power potential for this section, the plan will enhance the service. Should a break occur on the VEP lines, power could be fed from the Carolina Power and Light Company's system and vice versa.

Washington this week signed a twenty-year contract with the Virginia Electric and Power Company for power, and Greenville is considering a similar agreement. Final action is expected to follow the latter part of next week.

In its agreement, Washington, it was reported, reserves the right to cancel its contract if power is made available later from the Buggs Island dam. It was also reported that Washington will continue to use its present plant as long is it lasts.

No engineering report has been released, but it is possible that the line will pass just to the Northwest of Williamston.

## Blanket Order For Reservists

Orders are being received by local army reservists, directing them to report to various centers for physical examinations. Most of the orders are believed to be, more or less, routine, meaning that while the reservists are to take the examinations they will not necessarily be called immediately.

Assistant County agent, D. W. Brady, included in the blanket call to report for examinations, has made arrangements to have his physical locally.

Herbert Whitley is to report to Fort Bragg next Monday for his physical, and Drs. Himmelwright and Llewelyn are to go to Greenville Sunday for theirs. Billy Biggs is having his physical in Rocky Mount today. There are quite a few other reservists in this immediate area, but as far as it could be learned none of them has been instructed to report for the examinations.

### *Firemen Called Out Here Last Evening*

Firemen were called to the Brown's Community Hospital parking lot on West Main Street last evening at 7:45 o'clock when fire threatened Farmer Leggett's automobile.

Someone had accidentally flipped a cigarette into the rear seat and started the fire. It was soon discovered and the fire was out by the time firemen reached there. Damage was slight.

It was the second call received by local firemen this week.