THE ENTERPRISE IS READ BY

With two hundred signed up,

P. C. Blount, Jr., reported elev-

fin and Oscar Roberson have

signed up fifteen in Griffins. Over

in little Williams Township, Er-

nest Jones says his district will

seventeen to report to the center.

discussed the project at the P.-T.

A. meeting last night but a re-

and Frank Stokes and Norman

Everett say Hamilton will have

Williamston, its report not yet

Firemen were called to the Old

erman home in West End shortly

after 6:00 o'clock Thursday even-

ing when an oil burner in a water

heater went out of control and al-

A gust of wind blew the fire out

in the heater and oil leaked into

it hot in the house for a while.

West End Thursday

at least six donors on hand.

complete, has 125 ready.

Firemen Called To

ESTABLISHED 1899

Municipal Voting

An Election Every First Monday In May

making plans for holding its an- about a month from now.

missioners H. M. Ainsley, M. C. Liverman, W. W. Tyson and Hackney High, named a registrar and two judges of election for holding the general election on the first Monday in May. The registration books are to be opened on Saturday, April 12, 19 and 26 for new registrations and on May 3 for challenge of any electors.

Observing election trouble encountered in other municipalities. Oak City officials have ferreted out the old laws, tracing down the town history and studying the charter providing for elections within the municipality.

Back in 1891 when the name of the town was changed from Goose Nest to Conoho, a special act of the North Carolina General Assembly provided for an election of a mayor, three commissioners and a constable on the first Monday n May, 1891, "and every year thereafter. . . . " The same act also provided "That until their successors are elected on the first Monday in May, 1891, the following persons shall fill the offices: Mayor, Z. M. Whitehurst; commisioners, W. B. Ross, R. T. Edmundson and Samuel Hinson, and for constable, Lawrence Howard.

The 1891 act established the corporate limits as follows: 880 yards east, west, north and south from the center of the street between Hyman's, Taylor's and Jeffrey's stores, and shall run with

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Local Young Man Minor Accident On Local Street

No one was hurt and damage Williamston, was wounded in acas fairly limited when two cars tion over in Korea on March 9, erashed at the intersection of according to a message received Main and Washington Streets by his parents Sunday from Wm. here during the snow storm E. Bergin, Adjutant General. No at 3:40 o'clock last Saturday after- details, telling the extent of his

Willie Charlie Ellis was making telegraphic message. It was exa left turn with his Ford off Main plained that he was in a hospital into Washington Street when Ro- for treatment, and his address was bert William Small, operating a listed under an American Post Of-1949 DeSoto taxi, pulled out from fice number. the taxi parking stand and the cars crashed, battering the bumpas and a fender on each car.

No estimate on the damage a member of the infantry corps could be had immediately from He left the States late last fall, the police who made the investi- reaching Korea shortly before

Has Eye Removed Following Injury

in the left eye following a farm reident three weeks ago, Farmer Roy Martin had the eye removed in an operation performed in a Washington hospital last Thursday. He was able to return to his home in Bear Grass Saturday.

Mr. Martin, 35, was working on an automobile axle trying to attach a pulley to run a sausage grinder when a chisel bounced and struck him in the eye.

ROUND-UP

Ten persons were arrested and detained, temporarily at least, by local, county and state officers last week-end.

Four of the ten were booked for drunken driving, two for being drunk and disorderly, one each for arson, and larceny, and a tenth one was ordered held on account of mental illness.

Thre of the ten were white and the ages of the group ranged from 22 to 55 years.

Oak City Making Little, Time Left To File Series Of Wrecks 200 Volunteer To Superior Court Has Thirty-Four Cases Plans For Annual For County Political Jobs On County Roads Give Blood Here

There's little time for candi mame the registrars and judges of dates for political offices in this election for the thirteen precincts Old Charter Law Provides county and district to get their Messrs. C. D. Carstarpher of Wil- Five Autos Involved In One ed here on Friday of this week names in the pot, according to liamston, Hassell Worsley of Oak Board of Elections Chairman C. City and Wade Vick of Roberson-D. Carstarphen who explains that ville have been recommended to While some towns in the coun- up until now there have been no succeed themselves on the board ty have difficulty of one type or entries in his 1952 book. The last in this county, and their appointanother in holding elections every filing date is at 6:00 o'clock p. m. ments are expected to come two years, the town of Oak City is on Saturday, April 19, or just through.

A nominating convention is to tions are beginning to shape up. missioners, board of election, rep- There were four accidents on the be held there the night of March On Saturday of this week, the resentative and district senator in highways and at least three of 28 when the assembled group will State Board of Elections will the North Carolina General As- them were traceable to road conname a Democratic slate, includ- meet in Raleigh to name the coun- sembly, Register of deeds, judge ditions. ing a mayor, three town commisty boards of election. The election and solicitor of the recorder's sioners and a constable. In a board will meet on Saturday, court, treasurer and surveyor. meeting last evening, the officials, April 12 to perfect its organiza. The democratic primary is to Mayor R. L. Bunting and Com- tion for another two years and be held on Saturday, May 31.

ANNOUNCES

A. Corey. Jamesville man,

yesterday formally announc-

ed his candidacy for Martin

County representative in the

North Carolina General As-

sembly, subject to the May 31

Democratic primary. E. G. Anderson, who represented

the county in the last session,

advised that he would run

again and that he planned to

make his formal announce-

Pfc. David R. Gurganus, son of

injuries were offered in the brief

The young man entered the ser-

vice about a year ago and took his

basic training at Fort Jackson as

The casualty report was the

Has Anniversary

ment shortly.

Two Local Young Men Purchase The Slaughter House

Russell Griffin and George Peel Buy Business And **Equipment Outright**

Purchasing the properties and all equipment, Messrs. Russell Griffin and George Peel, two young local men, this week took over the Williamston Packing Company, formerly known as Roberson's Slaughter House, lock, stock and barrel, including the "Switch" cafe building.

Handling the last details late resterday, Mr. Griffin said that plans are already in the making for modernizing and expanding operations of the plant. "Within a short time, we hope to make the plant one of the most modern and complete in this section," Mr. Griffin explained.

New equipment is to be installed and connections will be made shortly with other firms to insure a reliable market for producers and consumers, it was explained.

The new owners-managers are in position to offer top market prices for all livestock and they are pledging courteous and efficient service to producers and their trade.

Mr. Griffin is to be in charge of the office and Mr. Peel will be Jasper Jones as head butcher.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gurganus of charge of sales and he and Thos. Earl Martin will travel the terri-

started a clean-up movement in and around the premises, "and we sale. hope to have a creditable plant within a short time," Mr. Griffin

The firm is completing plans shortly to slaughter all types of animals and do custom slaughtering, it was explained.

An important industry in any (Continued on Page Eight)

During Week-end

Accident During Snow Storm Saturday

No one was believed badly hurt. but property losses climbed right Mr. Simpson listed the following along in a series of automobile ac- sign-up, by districts: Offices in the county and dis- cidents on the highways in this Plans for holding the 1952 elec- trict now open are: county com- county during the week-end. en in Jamesville. Hugh B. Grif-

> reported two accidents but no in- Jr., says they'll have at least juries during the period. The property loss, reported by the police, Mrs. Irving Terry, taking a part

> The first in the highway series was reported two miles east of Robersonville on U. S. 64 Saturday morning about 7:00 o'clock. George Howard Gerald, Berkley, California, lost control of his 1941 Chevrolet i na curve, the machine skidding and coming to a stop in a nearby field. Patrolman B. W. Parker making the investigation, said no one was injured and there was no property damage. A tractor was brought into use to free retts. William White has lined up

About ten miles south of Williamston on Highway 17, Claude Miller Owens, Jr., a Norfolk youth stationed at Camp Lejeune with he marines, lost control of his 1947 Ford on a slippery road. The machine jumped one ditch and came to a stop in another. Owens said he was running about 55 miles per hour when the car skidded and went out of control. A companion was cut about the face, but not badly. Damage to the car was estimated at \$50 by Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the most fired the house. investigation.

Before a two-car wreck could be cleared near Old Mill Inn on the bowl. When the burner was Highway 17 at 3:00 o'clock Satur- fired again, the surplus oil made (Continued on Page Eight) No general alarm was sounded.

Plans Are Made For Farm Bureau Meeting April 11

County Farm Bureau made ar-John B. Roberson is to be in rangements for holding the or- at the high school, the hour and barbecue in Williamston on Fri- later.

The new owners have already day, April 11. The event coincides The group is extending an invi-

ett, Mayo Hardison, Johnny Gur- reau, to address the meeting. bage for the slaw and other "trim- the fat stock show.

Meeting in the agriculture mings." It is planned to have the building last-Friday night, officers ladies of the Jamesville Methodist in charge of the plant with Mr. and representatives of the Martin Church to bake the bread and

ganization's annual meeting and detailed program to be announced

with the annual stock show and tation to have Commissioner of Agriculture Balientine and R A committee composed of Flake Shaw, executive secretary Messrs. Reuben and Sam T. Ever- of the North Carolina Farm Bu-

kin, Carl Griffin and T. B. Bran- The organization reported don, was named to execute the ar- cash balance of \$3,213.92 on hand rangements. The barbecue calls as of March 14, the expenses of for thirty pigs and thirty-two the barbecue and meeting to cut pecks of corn meal along with deeply into the cash. It was votseveral hundred pounds of cab- ed to contribute \$150 for prizes at

Lone Case First Day In Superior Court

the bloodmobile project schedulis now only twenty-five short of Split Verdict Is its goal, Chief Recruiter J. Paul **Returned In Case** Simpson announced late yester-Reviewing the recruiting work, After Long Trial

Attorney Insists On Jujitsu **Demonstration In Court** Monday Noon

After getting off to an early be represented by ten volunteers. start yesterday morning, the Mar-Williamston's police department Out in Bear Grass, A. B. Ayers, tin County Superior Court, in the first session of a two-week term, ran into an all-day snag and at in the recruiting in Bear Grass, been cleared from the docket by 5:30 o'clock only one case had the jury and sentence in that acport could not be had immediate- tion was not pronounced immed-

The regular term, called for the Volunteers are coming in from trial of cases of both a criminal outside the chapter which is and civil nature and presided over agreeable since blood has been by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of made available in fairly large; Snow Hill, attracted a record atquantity outside the area. Dartendance the first day. The courtrell and George Taylor, Jr., reroom was packed from wall to ported twelve volunteers in Evewall right up until a recess was ordered. four volunteers in Poplar Point,

After studying the docket for the first three days, the court called the speeding and resisting arrest case against James Elmer Godard. Evidence was completed shortly before 4:00 o'clock and Judge Frizzelle charged the jury for three-quarters of an hour. After deliberating the issues for more than half an hour, the jury came out with a split verdict, the action apparently puzzling the court but no comment was heard from the bench. Godard was found guilty of speeding 65 miles an hour between Oak City and Hamilton last September 9 and not guilty of resisting arrest in Rober-

sonville on October 22. Judge Frizzelle ruled that the \$300 bond had run its course and ordered the defendant into the custody of the sheriff. Bond in McLawhorn and Archie B. Grif- Daniel is suing Harvey Saul Cothe sum of \$500 was later grant- fin. The old members whose terms hen for \$15,000 damages. Her hused, and the defendant missed going to jail by a narrow margin. Sentence had not been pronounced shortly before noon today. 1 The trial was dragged out to the

defense exploiting every detail. When the attorney asked the prosecuting witness, Patrolman B. W. Parker, how he took away a knife asked to be excused. Her plea was from the defendant, Solicitor recognized by Judge Paul Friz-George Fountain explained to the zelle. The jurist, after polling the court that the action had been jury and learning that most of demonstrated at 2 previous trial, the members had served previousadding that "it is evident that ly on the body, announced he damage, estimated at about \$200, three-ring circus out of the court." Judge Frizzelle ruled that the demonstration had been invited and Patrolman Parker proceeded with Youths Charged the demonstration. The attorney, holding a pencil in his hand and his hand back of him to portray the defendant with a knife drawn

(Continued on page eight) County Sweet Potatoes Gaining Prestige

SATISFIED!

Martin County property owners are apparently satisfied with their assessed property values. Sitting as a board of equalization and review, the county commissioners Monday had only two property owners to present prob-

One explained that he had sold his farm and wanted it transferred on the books. The other explained that he had sold one-half acre of his land since listing and wanted an adjustment. The land was valued only at \$7.50 an acre. and the \$3.75 reduction in value would influence the actual tax only three or four

No Charge Made To Grand Jurors

grand jury Monday. Immediate- him. ly upon subscribing to the juryof the new ready-to-wear store. a long period, the case involves term of the Martin County Su- a deed to two tracts of land in Floperior Court.

Since the "permanent" jury Pittman, one of the nine complet- Salsbury. ing their first six months as mem-

jury are: Clyde Manning, Jack her and child. Hardison, LeRoy Savage, J. D. Critically injured in an auto-Price, C. C. Bailey, W. H. Car- mobile accident on Williamston's starphen, William Beacham, D. C. main street last May 21, Eva Floy expire next September include: band, T. J. Daniel, owner of rac-Nathanial Coltrain, Winford Mob- ing dogs, is asking \$1,500 car ley, Rome Rogerson, Jr., C. D. damages and \$7,500 for damage Pittman, S. C. Cowin, W. E. Eve- alleged to have resulted to his rett, Milton James, J. D. Mason dogs.

With Tire Theft

D. Price, William Lilley, alias "Huck" Lilley and Clarence Bullock, all young white men, and S. corder's Court March 31 in connection with the theft of two automobile tires from the Central Serbond in the sum of \$150.

a 4-10-6 for 100 square feet of the tires to the home of S. L. Rogding the last of March or early Lilley, Rogers and Bullock are dale Cemetery.

be given ample space in the bed. station by the owner, but the de- Washington Sunday morning at For the field, 1,200 pounds of fendants claimed no knowledge of a 3-9-9 fertilizer was recommend- any except the two carried to the period of declining health. She ed, half ahead of the planting and Rogers home in Griffins Town- had made her home in Washing-

Returning From Korea

After seeing much action in Korea during the course of the returning home. He landed in the States Sunday and is now on his way home to visit his parents, Mr.

Quite a few Martin County

Plaintiffs Asking Right At \$40,000 Result Of Car Accidents

Thirty-four cases, in addition o twenty-two divorce actions, have been placed on the civil calendar for trial during the current term of the Martin County Superior Court. Most of the cases involve amounts of minor size, but six go into the thousands of dollars and \$15,000 is involved in each of two suits.

The first of the civil cases are scheduled for trial on Thursday of this week, subject to the clearance of the criminal docket.

Cases on the civil calendar include the following:

A boundary line controversy is involved in the case of Willie Bullock against J. D. Wynne and Package Company. It dates back

Dating back to December, 1948, the case of R. A. Haislip against Gaines and Kirkman involves boundary line controversy.

F. A. Whitfield is suing Harper M. Peel for \$409.66 alleged due Nine new members were added him on account, and Peel is suing to Martin County's "permanent" Whitfield for \$154.27 alleged due

men's oath they repaired to their against P. L. Salsbury is back on room with the nine old members the docket. All but worn to a and started their work. They are frazzle by repeated handling over rida. The defendant is foreclosing on a deed of trust, and the plainsystem was inaugurated several tiff maintains that the debt securyears ago, nine members retire ed by the deed of trust is not that each March and September, C. D. of the estate of the late Bettie

In the case of Mary E. Holliday bers of the jury, was made fore- against Paul Holliday, the plainman, succeeding Russell Williams. tiff is asking the court to deter-The new nine members of the mine a reasonable subsistence for

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Minor Accident **On Local Street**

No one was painfully hurt, but someone is trying to make a would make no formal charge to resulted when two cars crashed on Washington Street in front of the Thrower Hardware and Appliance Company here early last Friday evening.

Mrs. Edward Corey, driving a Buick, was proceeding out Washington Street when Frank Harris pulled from a parking place at the curve. The bumper, right fender and headlight on the Corey car were battered and broken, and L. Rogers, colored, have been the left door on Harris' Chevrolet booked for trial in the Martin Re- was badly dented, police said following their investigation.

For Mrs. Williams

Funeral services were conducted in Washington yesterday afterliams, step-mother of Dr. John W. Williams of Williamston. Inpounds on top. He suggested bed- were "hot" and to say nothing, terment was in Washington's Oak-

Mrs. Williams, a native of Elizabeth City, died at her home in 10:45 o'clock following a long ton since she was seven years old and was the widow of S. H. Wil-

MEET TONIGHT

An important meeting of Little League officials is to be held tonight at 7:30 in the courthouse here.

Managers, directors and officers, and any other persons concerned with the launching Three of the ten were white ball program have this spring

are urged to attend.

first to have been received in this county in several months. Mickey was a star player on the local high school football team. Losing just about all the sight Radio Station

The Martin County Broadcast ing Company is observing the tion, WIAM, this week. Plans for had to be cancelled at the last nearest competitor on some marminute, but the owners-operators, kets. including the entire staff, are exspecial advertisement in this pap-

Christmas.

supported and given the station good will during the past year. Congressman Herbert Bonner who participated in the formal iana potato. opening on March 19 of last year

er today to all those who have

event was called out. Since it was opened a year ago, on tobacco, acre for acre. the station has made many friends | Addressing the meeting. Henry hardly be 25 percent.

Martin County sweet potatoes, toes, was optimistic over the fu-said he could not understand why mended breeding for seed those vice Station. Given a hearing bedignified by and marketed under ture for sweet potatoes. "I don't more farmers in this county did potatoes of about I and I-2 inches the courthouse Saturday evening the brand name "Drippin' Honey" see how a farmer can go wrong in not plant more of them. "It re- in diameter, exercising due care following their arrests the day are rapidly gaining prestige on the planting sweet 'potatoes this big markets, a group of farmers year," he said, reviewing the prowere told in a meeting held in duction and marketing operathe courthouse Monday night. The tions over the past ten years.

Martin County potato is more than holding its own with the held up from 1942 when they acre of tobacco," he said. best produced anywhere in the reached a record price of \$7.50 per You have market facilities first anniversary of its radio sta- nation, one report declaring that bushel through 1949. It was ex- here and the price is right," he Dripping Honey brands are bring- plained that the tight control on said, declaring that possibly poor a formal observance of the event ing a 25-cent premium over its cotton plantings in 1950 upset the management was the main factor April, and went on to stress prop- booked for aiding and abetting. Kicked around and belittled for they did not glut the market they them out," he warned, explaining

is branching out and is now showing up in markets as far away as drop to a low. Pittsburgh, Boston and even in ing in the back yard of the Louis-

During the meeting it was estiin the local high school audi- mated that Martin County pro- years. Martin County had about iorium, was invited to return and duced a potato crop last year with participate in the first annivers- a value in excess of three-quar- from the 1950 plantings. ary program, but due to illness he ters of a million dollars, that many is unable to attend and the special farmers made more clear money on sweet potatoes than they did acreage this year. The increase, for \$7 a bushel wholesale on the a killing frost chilled the earth and Mrs. E. C. Harrison, in Bear

throughout this section of the Covington, representing the State State and its patronage is steadily Extension Service and a man are the easiest of the big money of seed is mighty high and that the frost-bitten vine, the specialist quite a few others are moving to recognized as knowing his pota-crops to produce, the specialist the supply is short. He recom- said.

He told how sweet potato prices quired to produce and market an

Last year, the specialist exto cotton and the sweet potato potatoes. acreage dropped to the lowest

according to the specialist, will big markets today.

schedule, that many farmers went in holding the acreage down. "You into production and that while can't take the sprouts and just set tending their cordial thanks in a years, the Martin County product flooded it with inferior quality that seed selection is necessary. potatoes, causing the price to that disease treatment is important, that proper cultivation and handling as eggs are all necessary Miami where it is literally intrud- plained, cotton farmers went back to the successful production of planted before May 15 should be County Young Man Is

> The specialist figured that baspoint-40,000-in about eighty ed on 180 bushels production per last of May should be about ten acre, it costs \$1.20 to market a inches apart, with the distance in-1,500 acres, a forty percent drop bushel of sweet potatoes. When creased to twelve inches for plant- past year, Sgt. E. D. Harrison is the price is \$3 a bushel, that gives ings in June. Mr. Covington doesn't believe a profit of \$1.80. He went on to

quires only 170 man hours to pro- in selection and treatment. Ferti- before, each of the four posted duce an acre of sweet potatoes as lization was stressed, the specialcompared with 640 man hours reist recommending three pounds of the theft. Lilley said he carried noon for Mrs. Lucy Morgan Wil-

bed ahead of the seed and three ers, advising Rogers that the tires er spacing. Small potatoes should

the other half to be applied at the ship. first cultivation. Potatoes transspaced in the row about eight inches apart. Those transplanted

He warned against the late harthere'll be a large increase in the explain that the sweets are selling vest of potatoes, explaining that and damaged the potato. The cold Grass, Turning to the production fea- temperature damages the potato Declaring that sweet potatoes tures, he explained that the price and not a chemical reaction from boys are returning home while