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For County Offices In Superior Court

HALF HOLIDAYS

Beginning next week Wil-

liamston merchants and most

ofices will observe Wednes-

day afternons as holidays

through the summer months.

The stores will close prompt-

The half-holiday schedule

has been in effect in other

towns for some time and in

Address To Club

Sub-Station Here For

110,000- Volt Line

Serving 32,000 square miles of

The company consumes more

The line is recognized as one of

the more important parts in a

strong foundation for the promo-

tion of industrial development in

this section of the State. A \$200 -

000 sub-station for the 110,000-volt

line is being constructed near

Williamston at the present time.

have shortly a capacity of 1,076,-

000 kilowatts, not including the

power potential now being de-

veloped on the Roanoke near Roa-

The official declared that his

company has not opposed Buggs

Island but it has opposed the

government entering the market

what he termed super-duper co-

ops. He explained that his com-

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Pyt. Tommie S. Roberson, of

boys were raised in Everetts, went

to school together and played ball

Pvt. Roberson stated that they

on the same team.

noke Rapids.

The company now has or will

onlina, Mr. Goodmon said.

others for a week or two.

ly at 12:30 o'clock.

Last-Minute Rush To Enter Contest Is Fairly Certain

At Least Six Positions In County Open; Incumbents Expected To File

Ten candidates for various offices in this county have paid their filing fees and officially entered the May 31 primary, leaving at least six positions literally begging for candidates. While most if not all the incumbents are expected to enter the contest, few have even announced their inten-

While at least two contests are shaping up, only one has been officially booked to date, according to a report coming this morning from Elections Board Chairman C. D. Carstarphen who pointed out that the filing deadline is 6:00 o'clock p. m. on Saturday of

Corey and Elmer Modlin have announced their candidacies for president, briefly reviewed the op-State Legislature, but only one, briefly outlined its program for Mr. Corey has officially filed, the the immediate future. board chairman said.

here only two candidates have nation's list of power companies, filed for the state Senate in this the Virginia Electric with its of- stood to be considering another district, and it appears that Hugh fice for the Albemarle district lo- trip to the marriage altar. G. Horton of Williamston and cated here, is serving more than Malcolm Paul of Washington will half million customers in West of separation, divorces were be without opposition in the race Virginia, Virginia and North Car- granted to the following:

C. C. Martin of Jamesville, W. commissioners. Mr. Harrison and company. test. They are seeking the com-Bear Grass District.

to succeed himself as register of this week to succeed himself as county solicitor.

Judge R. T. Johnson and Treasurer R. H. Smith are expected to file, but no one seems to know what Surveyor O. B. Roberson plans to do.

Mr. George C. Griffin, now in his twentieth year as a member of the Martin County Board of Education, formally announced this week that he is not a candidate, that he is retiring at the end of his current term about a year from now. It has been rumored that Mr. LeRoy Harrison, well-known Bear Grass "citizen and bussinessman, was considering entering the primary to succeed Mr. Griffin, but up until as a competitor and is against noon today he had made no formal announcement or officially filed his candidacy. J. D. Woolard of Williamston and Cecil Powell dams on the Roanoke in 1929. of Robersonville, their terms expiring as members of the education board, have made no announcement. It is fairly certain Home-Town Boys Mr. Powell will be a candidate, but there is some doubt about Mr. Woolard's intentions.

Williamston is fairly certain to have a candidate for constable, but nothing has been heard from a very close friend and home town Jamesville and Hamilton, two townships where candidates orthirty minutes after he arrived in dinarily choose to go before the electorate rather than seek appointment by the county officials.

Crash Light And Land In Courts

wife they were so happy to see Crashing the stop lights on the each other. main stret here has landed sever-Pvt. Roberson and Corporal al motorists in the courts. Police Keel would like very much for for \$4,931.05, including \$3,035 in are warning others that the traf- their friends at home to write fic light violations from now on them some time. Their addresses term of the superior court are as follows:

Charged with running through Pvt. Tommie S. Roberson, US clerk's office added \$307.30 in red lights this wek, Dallas G. 53 052 242, Co. A. 74th Combat miscellaneous fees. Smith of Washington, Henry Engr., APO 301, c/o Post master, The register of deeds office re-Travis Briley of Tarboro and San Francisco, Calif. Thurman E. Anderson of La- Cpl. George E. Keei, 25 530 516 from issuing various licenses, cer- Rotary Club at noon Tuesday, and members of the Highway Patrol will be held in the courthouse at 2:00 o'clock, and interment will Washington, Mrs. John A. Ward Grange were each fined \$5 and 57, Co. "A" 74th Combat Engr., tificates and filing deeds and oth- make as many personal contacts in Hamilton last February 6 after next Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock, be in the family cemetery at the of Route 1, Williamston; 43 gran taxed with the costs in Justice APO 301, c/o Postmaster, San er legal instruments. The sheriff's Chas. R. Mobley's court this week. Francisco, Calif

Il But One of the Actions Are Based on Two-Year Separation Grounds

After observing Easter Monday s a holiday, the Martin County Superior Court in the first day of a two-week special term Tuesday granted fifteen divorces, carrying eight others over for one cause or another. No other cases

were handled the first day. Judge Howard Godwin, coming from his home in Dunn to hold his first term of court in this county, was very exacting with hi scharge

o the jury in the divorce cases. All the divorce actions were pased on two-year separation grounds except one, the plaintiff harging and apparently proving dultery in that one.

Here This Week Most of the divorce cases were scheduled for trial at the March VEPCO Building \$200,000 term, but were continued wher Judge Frizzelle, presiding over the term at that time, was taken ill and could not continue his work. During the meantime the Addressing the regular meeting bonds of matrimony, about to of the local Rotary Club in the break, were strengthened when Methodist church annex Tuesday Messrs. F. G. Andersor, A. noon, R. H. Goodmon, Virginia the couple reunited and decided to make another try of marital life Electric and Power Company vice Had the case been tried on schedcounty representative in the erations of the company and ule, a divorce, in all probability, would have been granted.

No rush to the marriage license bureau developed immed-As far as it could be learned territory and ranking 13th in the lately, but several of those getting divorces this week are under-

Based on grounds of two years

George Smith from Eula Mae Smith, Mrs. Nolie Edmonds from M. Harrison of Bear Grass, J. H. than one million tons of coal per John Edmonds, Joyce Johnson Edwards of Williamston, H. L. month, has an annual payroll of from William oJhnson, Charles Roebuck of Cross Roads and Hen- about \$17 million and its taxes Fowler from Effic Jane Fowler. ry S. Johnson of Hamilton, in- add up to \$14,800,000, a rate of Gary Bunting from Maragaret cumbents, and Jimmie C. Gurkin payment of right at 46 cents per Bunting, Addie Williams from of Griffins have filed the five second, the official said in citing Samuel Williams, Oscar Whitley places on the board of county a few pertinent facts about the from Emma Whitley, Rachel Latham from Edward Latham, An-Mr. Gurkin are the only ones up until now, at least, to be in a concompany is now advancing a \$2 Andrews, Delia Stokes from Wilmillion expansion program in liam Henry Stokes, Rellie Bradley missionership for the Griffins- eastern North Carolina, including from Charlie Bradley, Mildred the construction of a 110,000-volt Joyner Chapman from LeRoy Jo-J. Sam Getsinger filed last week line from Roanoke Rapids to Wil- seph Chapman, Jr., Reba Mae liamston and on to Farmville for Wilks Howard from deeds, and Clarence Griffin filed an interconnection with the Car- Thomas Howard, Mildred Wob- Methodist Church Tuesday night olina Power and Light Company. bleton Woolard from Fenner L.

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Last In Concert Series Monday

The third and last concert of the season, sponsored by the Martin County Community Concert As- the joy with which Williamston's sociation, will be presented in the churches have resounded during Williamston High School audi- the Easter season. The hymns intorium by John Sebastian, harmonica artist next Monday eve-

Mr. Sebastian is rated highly in music circles, and has done much terest was the selection which in helping raise the harmonica closed the concert, "Ode to Amerfrom the "lowly mouth-organ" to ica" by Cain, suggesting the spirian honored place in the ranks of pany bought two sites A and B for symphonic instruments. His concert here promises to be a most enjoyable one, with a varied pro- made its second appearance at gram planned to please an aud- eight-thirty Wednesday morning

ience of all types of music lovers. This concert will climax the auditorium. There they delighted second season the Association has sponsored the popular programs of sacred numbers, followed by and admission, as usual, will be by membership card only. The curtain time is 8:00 P. M., and Everetts, was surprised to meet members are urged to be in their seats early, as out-of-town guests boy, Cpl. George Edward Keel, will also be present.

Korea a few days ago. Corporal Fee System Adds in Korea for some time. Both To County Income

The fe system plus fines in the courts added \$6,143.70 to the inhugged each other like man and come in this county last month, according to a report filed with the county commissioners.

Te recorder's court accounted **Gubernatorial Candidate** fines. Income from the March

ported \$652.60 income, mainly terday. He'll speak to the local loffice accounted for \$188.15.

Ten Candidates File Filten Diverses. Requests for Improvements Superior Sourt In File Lengthry Answer Granted Tuesday | Board of Education Hears | Recess Until Next

vesterday morning, the Martin ation of a bell system, 70 new County Board of Education heard desks, new water tank, new doors requests from several school for the gym, science laboratory groups for improvements to va- shelves, adequate lighting, new rious plants, including those in boiler for elementary building, Williamston, Oak City and Eve- more playground and improveretts. Oothers were said to have ments. planned to go before the board, A three-man delegation from but they did not report.

and no promises were made.

cluding Messrs. Mallory, House, the new school site there. Worsley, Edmondson and Early, Messrs. J. D. Woolard, Geo. C

asked for the consolidation of the Griffin, Howard Gaylord and Ce-Hassell school with theirs. The cil Powell were present for the committee went on to ask that meeting. Member Ernest Edmondthe gymnasium, dressing rooms, son continues in an Asheville hostop of vocational building, rooms pital for treatment. building be painted. Other re- no official action was taken.

THE RECORD

Although treated lightly in

too many instances, traffic ac-

cidents on Martin County

highways and streets are a

matter of grave concern. So

far, motorists have been able

to stay out of the death

column, but several flirted

The following tabulations

offer a comparison of the ac-

cident trend: first, by corres-

ponding weeks in this year

and last and for each year to

14th Week

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge

Comparisons To Date

Choir in the first of two appear-

ances in the city. The program,

composed entirely of sacred num-

bers, was a well balanced one, in-

cluding familiar hymns as well as

old and familiar anthems and

some which were new to the Wil-

Two numbers from Bach's "For

tual basis of America's greatness.

After a night as guests of Wil-

liamston homes, the thoral group

The choir of thirty-five voices

was under the direction of Mr.

William W. Collins. Accompanists

were Mr. John Raper at the piano

and Miss Ernestine Fields at the

To Visit Area Tuesday

Organ.

several secular songs.

iamston public.

0 \$ 1,500

\$26.920

with death last week.

the present time.

1951 77 28

SPEAKS . . .

Meeting in special session here quests were made for the install-

the Everetts Colored School asked The requests were politely that the building there be comheard, but no action was taken pleted to provide an auditorium, lunchroom, indoor toilets and an Williamston's committee asked adequate water supply. They askthat housing be provided for the ed that a telephone be provided. school's manual arts department. Considerable difficulty has been The Oak City delegation, in- experienced in getting water at

and halls in elementary building A long-range program for the and toilets in the high school Negro schools was discussed, but

Enforcement Unit Had Busy Time In County In March

Twenty Person Arrested; Nine Distilleries Destroyed

Members of the Martin iCounty Alcoholic Beverages Control entheir activities this month, accord- report until Tuesday. ing to a report released this week by Chief Enforcement Officer uled to preside next week. J. H. Roebuck.

Officer Roebuck said that twenty Hurst was settled by agreement. persons were arrested and formally charged with violating the ity Insurance Company was given special gifts from Williamston ing defendants, the respondents liquor laws. Ten of the twenty a judgment in the sum of \$773.17 have been tried and convicted and in its case against Elmo Sawyer, members of the legal profession. one was found not guilty. Nine plus interest from April 3, 1951. Clerks and other employees in are to be tried at a later date. The defendant claimed a credit the business sections and the res-Most of those arrested were charg- which was not allowed by the ed with retailing either illicit or jury.

Some two hundred music lovers William of Williamston gathered in First victed, were sentenced to serve a total of 102 months on the roads, to hear the High Point College but most of the sentences were suspended for from two to five ed to \$1,500, the figure setting a

Unto Us A Child Is Born" echoed nine illicit liquor distilleries. Officer Roebuck explaining that only two of them were made of copper. "The poreators are working L. Salsbury was settled in favor Leggett's, \$5; McLawhorn Furni-Lord", "All Hail the Power of on a mighty cheap scale, and their of the defendant. Back in 1931, ture Co., \$5; Planters Nut and product is definitely of inferior Jesus' Name" and "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones". Of special in-

The officers, including Assistnat Cecil Bullock, poured out 3,400 gallons of sloppy mash.

Twenty-one gallons of illicit liquor were poured out, and sixtv-six pints of legal or tax-paid the debt, but the findings favored ner and King Tobacco Companies liquors were confiscated and turned over to the ABC stores for sale

in the Williamston High School to legitimate customers. This week, the officers raided two plants, destroying an old oil the students a program made up drum still in the Hassell area of Hamilton Township and pouring Amvets In Second out four barrels of mash. Working Not only did the group endear themselves to those fortunate before day Tuesday morning, the ABC officers, assisted by Deputy enough to hear them by the excellence of their performances as a Roy Peel, wrecked a 100-gallon choir, but they were also eloquent copper kettle and poured out 200 in their praise of the reception gallons of mash in the lower part dressing a meeting of the newly which they received here. The of Cross Roads Township. The things they said would make good copper boiler was one of few tak- Amvets in the courthouse Tuescopy for any Chamber of Com- en lately in raids in this county.

Car Thieves Get Terms In Prison

Charlie King, George Small, Joe white men who escaped from a bonus. Gates County road camp last The bonus plan, advanced at an next week, it was announced yes- en years.

as possible in various parts of the they wrecked the stolen car near it was announced by the comman- old home near Belhaven.

Very Few Cases Are Cleared From The Calendar This Week

Starting late after observing Easter Monday as a holiday, the Martin County Superior Court, pening a two-week session Tuesday morning, hurried along to take a recess yesterday afternoon, accomplishing very little during the short time it was in session. Sixteen of the 23 divorce cases on the calendar, were tried, and five other cases were cleared from the docket, the jury handling only two of them.

The first week of the term ame to a close unexpectedly when three large damage suits against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company were continued for trial at the next Novembe term. Counsel agreed that th trials, scheduled for today, would probably take more than two lays, and since Judge Howard Godwin was to be here only this week he could hardly complete

After accomplishing little this week, the court is all set for another left-handed vacation next week. Members of the bar explained to the court yesterday that several of them would be busy with previous engagements in the Federal Court at Washington and quota, and when three school dis- ed by which they can relinquish asked that no cases be called here next Monday. The calendar for lieved the drive will have gone forcement unit had a busy time that day, was continued until in the county during the month of Tuesday, and judge, jury and wit- from the Williamston, Smithwick March. And they are continuing nesses are being advised not to and Jamesville colored school

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle is sched-

The case of Ohmlac Paint and terday. Reviewing the March activities Refining Company against W. T.

Club Sings Here legal liquor and were located for the most part in Williamston and Robersonville.

In the case of William Brooks, schools have reported so far a total of \$253.35. The townships, other than Williamston, reportable of the Acts of 1951 was not called to their attention until aftiff was awarded a judgment in ed the following amounts: James- called to their attention until afthe sum of \$245.00, plus interest.

> lying in the town of Roberson- Jamesville and Williams exceeded ville and belonging to the estate their quotas along with Williamsyears upon the payment of court of Will Modica, as follows: Lot ton. costs. The fines imposed amount- No. 1 to Margaret Modica Jones. Special gifts not previously re-Lot No. 2 to Jimmie Modica, Lot ported, include the following: new high record for activity dur- No. 3 to Lula Modica Jones, Lot General Electric Co., \$25; Marvil ing any one month since the ABC No. 4 to Essie Mae Modica, Lot Package Co., \$25; Brown's Comsystem was established in July, No. 5 to Harvey L. Modica, Lot munity Hospital, \$30; A. C. L. No 6 to Lenora Modica Leathers, Railroad Co., 59; Guy Thomas The enforcement unit wrecked Lot No. 7 to Will Modica, and Lot Barbershop, \$5; Williamston Hard-No. 8 to Bettie Modica Grimes.

The aged case of Dr. John Allen Davis and others against P. Firestone Store, \$5; Zemon's, \$5; W. R. and Elizabeth Salsbury signed a deed of trust note in favor of A. R. Dunning to secure Virginia Electric, \$35; Carolina Monday in May, which was May legal fees owed the attorney, late Telephone, \$75; Martin County of this county. The plaintiff main- Building an dLoan, \$20; Radio tained that the estate of Mrs. Station WIAM, \$10; Colonial Salsbury was not responsible for Stores, \$15; Roses', \$13.69; Skinthe gerengant who was declared the owner of the certain note and Texas Co., \$50. deed of trust. Given in the amount

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Meeting Tuesday

Senator Hugh G. Horton, ad organized Martin County post of day evening, explained that he would support a bill, providing for a state-wide referendum on a State veterans bonus. "I'll be glad to support a measure, giving the people a right to vote on the bonus question," the senator was quoted as saying, but there was Swink and Frank Moore, youthful no pledge to support the actual

February and stole two automo- organizational meeting Wednes-Judge Hubert Olive, candidate biles, were sentenced to long day evening of last week, would amounted to only \$64.60. The for governor, will center his cam- terms in prison in Hertford Coun- pay a maximum of \$500 for dopaign activities for this immed- ty Superior Court this week. Each mestic service and \$750 foreign iate area here the early part of man was given from five to sev- service to veterans of World Wars I and II and the Korean conflict.

der, Bernard Harrison.

Tuesday Morning In Jamesville Action

STILL MISSING

Nothing has been heard from Arthur Glasgow, Nash County farmer, following his disappearance at Ray's Camp on Gardner's Creek between here and Jamesville nearly two weeks ago. Believed to have been drowned about a mile from the creek bridge on Highway 64, Glasgow was last seen about midnight,

A watch has been maintained continually, but no trace of hm or his body has been found, Sheriff M. W. Holloman said today.

Annual Red Cross Drive Just Short Of \$4,200.00 Quota

All Reports Submitted Except Three School Communities

tricts get in their reports, it is be- and vacate the same . . . over the top. The late reports, due districts, are expected momentarily, Chairmen Iverson Skinner and Pete Austin announced yes- referred to and made a part of

Reviewing the drive to date Chairman Austin said \$2,072.69 The Employers Mutual Liabil- had been received in the form of busines firms, including \$50 from idential areas of the town contributed \$814.24. The colored In the case of William Brooks, schools have reported so far a ville, a\$301; Williams, \$100; Grif-The court partitioned the lands fins, \$225; and Bear Grass, \$192.37.

ware Co. \$10: Blue Star Cleaners \$5; Bus Station, \$5; Bulluck's, \$10; macy, \$10; Woolard Hardware, \$5;

Contributions in the colored schools, running well above spectations, and not previously reported, follow:

Biggs School H. D. Rogers, canvasser: Cortez Hassell, \$1; Wright (Continued on Page Five)

Harold W. Clark Dies In Florida this county. Interment was in the family cemetery near the home.

Harold W. Clark, husband of the Ford and spent her entire lifeformer Miss Hilda Crawford of time in the community. She was Williamston, died suddenly of a married to Joseph John Hodges, heart attack at his home in Jack | who preceded her in death in 1932. sonville, Florida, Tuesday morn-

in Belhaven, moving to Florida She is survived by almost 100 deabout thirty-four years ago. He was a son of James B. Clark of Marion Hodges of Washington, Pantego and the late Mrs. Kathe- Route 1, Harry Hodges of Washrine Wade Clark.

Surviving besides his widow is a daughter, Frances Katherine ghters, Mrs. Elizabeth Woolard of Clark, of Jacksonville

Hot Election Case Up For Additional Airing In Courts

Old Officials Say They Are Ready To Divest Themselves Of Offices-If The hot Jamesville election case

is scheduled for another airing in the courts on Saturday of this week at 10:00 o'clock a. m., when defendants, L. W. Hardison, L. H. Hardison and James Long are to offer a lengthy answer to a citation for contempt, an brought by A. Corey and others. The hearing is to be held in

Snow Hill before Judge J. Paul Frizzelle. It had been planned to hold the hearing here this or next week, but Albion Dunn, defense attorney, could not be present, and the action goes before Judge Frizzelle in chambers over

Far down in the answer, the defendants or respondents maintain all that they have done was done in good faith, that they "are willing and anxious to divest them-The annual Red Cross fund selves of their respective offices drive is just \$341.61 short of its if any legal method can be devis-

The answer reads as follows: It is admitted that the General Assembly of North Carolina, on the 8th day of March, 1951, enacted Chapter 232 of the Laws of 1951, and said chapter is hereby this answer and to the same effect

herein, were elected Mayor and

And further answering said secmary therein provided for had elapsed; that, as will appear from the aforesaid Chapter 232, it is provided that primaries for the nomination of Mayor and five commissioners shall be held on the 4th Monday preceding the general election and, in any event, if said Act had been called to the attention of these respondents there would not have been sufficient time to advertise said primary in the manner provided by law and hold the same on the 4th Monday preceding the general election of 1951, which election, under and by virtue of Section 30 of Chapter 160 G. S., would have been on Tuesday after the 1st 8, 1951.

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Hold Funeral For Mrs. Mary Hodges

Funeral services were held at the home in the Old Ford Community of Beaufort County yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Mrs. Mary Matilda Hodges, 90, who died there Monday night following a fong illness. The Rev. Wilbur Hennest conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister of this county. Interment was in the

Mrs. Hodges was born at Old She was a member of the Old Ford Christian Church and was Mr. Clark was born and reared active as long as health permitted. scendants. They include four sons. ington, Route 3, and Jimmy Hodges of Chocowinity; four days Route 1, Williamston, Mrs. Burrus Funeral services are being con- Ward of Route 2. Williamsto children; and 47 great-grandchild

will be aired in the courts.