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## Discrepancies Cited In Property Listings

### Order Crack-Down On Non-Purchase Of License Tags

#### Town Garbage Dump Remains A Stinking Problem To Officials

The town's garbage dump, a continual headache for the local authorities, is a big problem but it isn't the only thing that's smelling these days, according to a report filed with the town commissioners in their regular session here last evening.

Checking the 1952 tax books, the treasurer is finding quite a few vehicle owners who have not purchased license tags. Checking the 1952 list of tax purchasers, the treasurer is finding quite a few tag owners who have not listed their vehicles. Several have been advised of the "failure", and it is fairly apparent that between 150 and 200 owners have not purchased city license tags for their vehicles. The check is not yet complete, but it is fairly apparent that quite a few property owners have not listed their holdings for taxation.

There was one vehicle owner who when advised that a delayed purchase of a city license tag carried a penalty of \$1, just decided to buy no tag at all.

In accordance with an old order, the tags must be purchased or else. The "else" in such cases is indictment in the criminal courts along with those owners who have not listed their real and personal property holdings. No indictments have followed the check, but a crack-down is now in vogue. Several delinquents have been advised, and the apparent discrepancies were soon wiped away.

The board was advised that no ruling has been handed down by Judge Paul Frizzelle following a hearing in March in the town's case against the ACL and the Highway Commissioners and involving the disgraceful and dangerous underpass on West Main Street.

Treasurer Cobb reported \$47,733.31 cash on hand, including \$11,070.66 in the sewer rental fund which is just before being spent for line extensions, and \$14,723.31 in the street fund. The street fund and more will be used shortly to finance several paving projects, including School Drive, Sycamore Street from Main to

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## Rural Building Burned Sunday

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a building which threatened the large home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rogerson about two miles south of here on Highway 17 late Sunday afternoon.

The loss, exclusive of damage resulting to the main lines of the Carolina Telephone Company, was conservatively estimated at \$3,000 with less than \$1,000 insurance in force.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogerson left shortly before noon to visit in Henderson, and their son, Dick, had been away almost an hour when the fire was discovered by a young man named Bowen who was passing that way. He turned in an alarm and Williamston's fire-fighting equipment, including both trucks, were sent there. Neighbors and other friends joined in the fight to save the home which caught fire twice.

The 50 by 16-foot building, housing a garage, wash shed, tobacco grading and storage room, was well equipped for farm use. A new washing machine costing more than \$300, had been installed about two months ago, and a kerosene water heater was located in it to heat water for a shower in the building and water for the house.

Telephone communications were disrupted for hours, and service was not fully restored until late Monday.

### RE-ELECTED



R. E. Peele, young local businessman, has been re-elected to again head the Williamston Boosters, Inc., as the organization's president for a second year.

## Associate Justice Spoke To Kiwanis Club On Thursday

### Reviews Procedure Followed by Court In Handling Cases On Appeal

Associate Justice Itimous Valentine of the North Carolina State Supreme Court took the local Kiwanis members on a verbal tour of the court in an address at the Woman's Club last Thursday evening. Describing the workings of the court in terms of the layman, Justice Valentine explained in detail the manner in which cases are appealed from the lower court, and he displayed bound volumes of briefs to illustrate the exacting procedure followed to insure fairness in handling each case on appeal.

He concluded his talk which was spiced with dry humor, by declaring he felt it was an obligation of the court to present decisions to the public in as clear a manner as humanly possible.

Justice Valentine, a candidate to succeed himself on the Supreme Court, is well known in Martin County, having married the granddaughter of the late J. A. Hobbs, clerk of the Martin County Superior Court for a number of years. Mr. Valentine, a veteran of both World Wars I and II, has always worked close to and with the people, and has been a credit to the State bench during his tenure there. It is believed he will make an impressive run not only in this country and district, but also throughout the State.

In a brief business session, John Rossel Rogers, outstanding high school senior, was installed into the club as "Kiwanian of the Month," on an induction ceremony conducted by James Manning.

One guest was recognized during the course of the meeting when Morris Stalls was presented by Bob Newell.

Announcement of a club sponsored Skit Night program to be staged at the local high school auditorium on May 17 was made by Bynum Smith at the request of club president Reg Simpson who presided over the meeting. Smith briefly described the nature of the program and asked for cooperation on the part of the membership in making the event a success.

The attendance prize for the evening was won by Walter Martin who qualified on all counts.

## Observing Music Week In Schools

In observance of National Music Week, the public school music department in the local schools are presenting special programs here this week, under the direction of Miss Anne Royster.

This evening at 8:00 o'clock the grades one through five are presenting "A Spring Festival" in the high school auditorium with Miss Grace Talton and Mrs. Nell Ward as accompanists.

## District Jaycees Held Meeting In Cafeteria Friday

### Gathering Largest Of Its Kind Held Here; Race For Top Offices

One of the largest business meetings ever to be held in the Grammar School Cafeteria last Friday evening when the Williamston Jaycees acted as hosts for a meeting of the 7th District of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce. There were approximately 200 young men present from the towns of Elizabeth City, Hertford, Edenton, Windsor, Columbia, Plymouth, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Nashville, Spring Hope, Weldon, Roanoke Rapids, Enfield, Wilson, Ahoskie, and Williamston. Roanoke Rapids won the attendance prize with 24 delegates present and Elizabeth City was runner up with 19 delegates.

Bernard Harrison, president of the local Jaycees, opened the meeting by having the group sing America and Ernest Mears returned thanks.

The delegates then enjoyed a dinner of barbecued chicken which was prepared and served by the host club.

After dinner President Harrison introduced a Jaycee Oldtimer, Mayor Robert H. Cowen, who made the welcome address.

The Laryngitis Five, who furnished the entertainment for the evening, were then presented by Exum Ward, Jr. Evan Griffin, acting Emcee, introduced the quintet, whose program met with the hearty approval of the delegation.

At this point President introduced Fred Webb, 7th District Vice-President from Elizabeth City, N. C. who conducted the business meeting. Jaycee Webb said that the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce could well be proud of this largest meeting of its kind ever held by the Jaycees in this State and expressed his thanks to the Williamston Jaycees for making such a meeting possible.

Vice-President Webb then introduced the candidates for the various State Offices and ask each candidate to say a few words in his own behalf. Among the candidates who spoke were Elmo Lamm of Spring Hope and Edgar Gurganus of Williamston, candidates for 7th District Vice-President in one of the "hottest" races ever seen for this office: Mike Harper of Sanford, Burrell Smith who spoke for Gene Ochsenreiter of Asheville, and Ed Hicklin of Burlington, candidates for National Directors from the State of North Carolina and finally two outstanding young men in the State of North Carolina for President of the organization.

Tonight, President Peele will preside at the third annual banquet of the organization, being held in the Woman's Club at 7:30 o'clock. The after-dinner address will be given by Lester Rose, manager of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. Other guests present will include representatives of the Industrial Development Department of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, who will present an Industrial Site Survey of Williamston and Martin County which they recently completed in cooperation with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, the State Department of Conservation and Development and the Williamston Boosters.

A large number of the members of the organization and their guests are expected to attend this popular annual affair, and according to an announcement released today by the Booster's managing director, preparations have been made for a program which all should enjoy.

During the meantime, Judge R. T. Johnson arranged for a private showing of the film in a local theater tomorrow morning when a study of the subject is to be made by the court, prosecuting attorney and counsel.

### ROUND-UP

Six persons were taken into custody and held temporarily, at least, in the county jail during the past week-end.

Two were booked for drunken driving, two for public drunkenness and one for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and reckless driving.

Two of the six were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 28 to 60 years.

## Democrats Arrange County And Precinct Conventions

Scheduled to meet on the precinct level on Saturday of this week and in their biennial convention in the county courthouse on Saturday, May 17, Martin County Democrats are to perfect their district and county organizations for another two years and discuss any particular business that might be placed before them.

It has been customary to jump over the precinct meetings and give comparatively little attention to the county convention, but Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the County Executive Committee, is urging all Democrats to hold their meetings at noon in the respective precincts, perfect their organizations and name delegates to the county convention. It has been pointed out that some "hot issues" could present themselves along the way before the State convention is concluded in Raleigh on May 22.

The county chairman lists the several precincts, the number of delegates each precinct is entitled to send to the county convention and the present precinct chairmen as follows:

Jamesville: 18, A. Corey; Williams, 8, Floyd C. Moore; Griffins, 15, George C. Griffin; Bear Grass, 14, J. D. Wynne; Williamston 1, 24, C. H. Godwin, Sr.; Williamston 2, 30; H. G. Horton; Cross Roads, 13; Buck Ayers; Robersonville, 27, Paul D. Roberson; Gold Point, 7, J. R. Winslow; Poplar Point, 8, W. S. White; Hassell, 5, D. R. Edmondson; Hamilton, 8, LeRoy Everett; and Goose Nest, 14, J. F. Crisp.

The county is entitled to send 34 delegates to the State convention.

Consolidated  
In accordance with a ruling announced by the State Board of Education last week, the Farm Life High School is now completing its last year of operation. While the value of the order is questioned and the closing of the high school department comes with a keen sense of regret, the patrons of the community are not at all resentful, according to reports reaching here.

Consolidation plans have not been completed, the announcement explaining that the county board will take final action possibly in a special meeting the latter part of this or early next week.

Officers Elected  
By Boosters Here  
The board of directors of the Williamston Boosters, Inc., at a meeting held last week re-elected R. E. Peele to serve as president of the organization for another year. The office of vice-president will be filled by A. J. Manning and that of treasurer by Loman Barnhill, who was also re-elected to the office.

The election of these men was made following an election by the general membership of new directors to the board. In addition to the men named above, the nine other members of the board, who will serve for varying terms are: W. M. Baker, James Bulluck, Ben D. Courtney, John Henry Edwards, W. H. Everett, K. P. Lindsley, Wheeler M. Manning, Ernest Mears and Urbin Rogers. Continuing as secretary-managing director will be Alford Sweatt.

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## Warehousemen In Fight Annual Session At Tarboro Thursday

### Plunge Support To Quota Referendum To Be Held During July

Members of the Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association, in annual meeting at Tarboro last Thursday; "Heartily endorsed" a favorable vote for the continuation of the tobacco marketing quotas in the July referendum. In a unanimously adopted resolution the warehousemen pledged their best efforts "to the end that a large segment of tobacco growers will participate in this referendum for a favorable vote for a three-year period."

Guy Barnes of Rocky Mount was elevated from the vice presidency, succeeding Slim Johnson of Tarboro who for several years worked on both the Williamston and Robersonville tobacco markets. B. B. Suggs, Jr., of Greenville was the unanimous choice for vice president.

Elected to the Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association were: H. I. Johnson of Tarboro; R. E. Shepard of Kinston; B. B. Suggs of Greenville; H. Leman Barnhill of Williamston; and J. C. Eagles, Jr., of Wilson.

Sixteen members of the board of directors were elected and Jim Gray of Robersonville and Urbin Rogers of Williamston were among the sixteen to be chosen.

In another resolution, accepted unanimously by the approximately 75 persons present, the Association recommended to the Bright Belt Warehouse Association that a committee be appointed to study the tariff and export situation in collaboration with other agencies involved, and to stand ready to recommend courses of action to the Association.

The long, four-hour program began when Ed U. Lewis of Tarboro extended the usual welcome. The response was by Bruce Suggs of Greenville.

M. A. Morgan, field director of Tobacco Associates, discussed the promotion of tobacco exports and told the warehousemen, "your tobacco is going into most every country now." The speaker pointed out that exports to England and China, for years the chief importers of flue-cured tobacco, (Continued on Page Eight)

## Lions Will Hold Annual Banquet

The local Lions Club will celebrate its fifteenth anniversary at its annual ladies' and charter night dinner and dance scheduled for Thursday evening of this week, according to an announcement by Ben Courtney, president.

The dinner will be held at the Woman's Club beginning at 7:30 p. m. and invitations are being extended to the wives of each member, the presidents and wives of the other civic clubs in town, and the officials of Lions Clubs in nearby towns. District Governor Harvey Woodruff of Roanoke Rapids will be present and will speak to the group.

Following the dinner program the Lions will be host at its annual dance at the high school gymnasium beginning at 10:00 o'clock. Music will be provided by Bill Glasgow and his East Carolina College Orchestra, according to Lion James Bulluck, dance chairman. Invitations to the dance are being furnished by local club members.

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## Juniors-Seniors Have Big Event

The annual junior-senior banquet and dance here last Friday evening proved to be a big event, and one that attracted considerable attention. Observers rated it the biggest and best event of its kind ever underwritten by a class in the local school.

Working for weeks and using the theme, "The Shooting Star", members of the junior class made several thousands stars which they suspended from a solid cloth ceiling, installed special lighting and put the finishing touches on the bar-like structure to create an ideal setting for the annual event.

Dick Levin and his orchestra played for the dance following the banquet held in the Woman's Club.

## Accidents In County

### MANAGER



Robert H. Cowen, Williamston mayor and local attorney has been named to manage Judge Hubert Olive's gubernatorial campaign in this county. He declared today that he was impressed by the cooperation of so many, and that he was pleased with the progress of Mr. Olive's campaign in this section.

## Drive For Cancer Fund Tops Quota In Poplar Point

### Appeal Renewed for Volunteers In Several Of The Townships

Even before the entire county could be organized, the little township of Poplar Point responded to the call and went over the top in short order in the current cancer fund drive, it was announced today.

Headed by Mrs. Herman Harrison who was assisted by Mrs. Raymond Harrison and Mrs. Ben James, the drive there raised \$50.06, an amount in excess of the quota.

While the drive has been pushed to completion in Poplar Point, the canvassers are busy in several other districts, including Hamilton, Hassell, Goose Nest, Williamston, Bear Grass, Williams, Robersonville and Cross Roads. An appeal is being directed to volunteers in Griffins and Jamesville to lend a helping hand.

Mr. J. W. Edgans is handling the canvass in Hassell. Mrs. Henry Johnson, Jr., assisted by Miss Mildred Everett, is handling the drive in Hamilton, and Mr. Lawrence Hyman and Mrs. Bonzie Harrell are working for the cause in Goose Nest. Messrs. E. G. Anderson and Charlie Gray are handling the drive in Robersonville, and Judge J. Walter Bailey is handling the drive in Cross Roads. Mrs. LeRoy Harrison is heading up the drive in Bear Grass, and Mr. Floyd Moore is busy with the drive over in Williams Township.

In Williamston, the following are handling the canvass: Mesdames W. H. Seasons, Chas. H. Godwin, Jr., K. W. Copeland, S. H. Grimes, James Bailey Peel, Woodrow Ray, Connie B. Clark, Bruce Holloman, John Roebuck, William Griffin, D. V. Clayton, David Keel, Geo. Corry, Daniel

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## Concert In Weldon A Successful One

A concert by the Green Wave Band of Williamston High School, in the auditorium of Weldon High school last evening was enthusiastically received by a large audience, it was reported this morning.

The concert was presented in connection with the efforts of the Weldon school to form a band of its own. Traveling in two buses, the Williamston group left about 4:30 yesterday afternoon and returned shortly after 11 last evening.

Most of the numbers in this concert were those used in the annual spring concert here last month.

## Four Leg and Arm Fractures Follow In Latest Wrecks

### Nearly \$3,000 Damage Is Caused To Property During Past Week-end

The motor vehicle accident trend maintained in a serious fashion on the highways in this county during the last week-end. While there were no fatal wrecks, several victims flirited with death and the property loss was aggravated to the tune of \$2,875, estimated.

A week previously, there were eleven limb fractures and one death in a series of highway accidents in this county. Last week-end there were five fractures, two of the legs two of the arms and one of the head.

The first in the eight-count series was reported last Thursday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock when Wilbur Jones, 40, of RFD 2, Robersonville, apparently got tangled up in Hamilton and ran his 1950 Dodge pick-up truck into Professor George Haislip's home there. Jones, explaining that he was en route to Greenville to carry Irene Lamb to see her son there, turned into the street leading to the Hamilton Cemetery. Ellen Edmondson, riding in the pick-up, was slightly injured about the knee. The others were not injured. Patrolman R. P. Narvon, investigating the accident, estimated damage to the truck at \$75. No estimate on the house damage could be had immediately.

Thursday night at 10:15 o'clock, William Andrews, driving east on Highway 64, started to make a left turn into George Bryant's station near Williamston, and Moses Todd crashed into the 46 model Chevrolet with his 1930 Model A. No one was hurt and Patrolman B. W. Parker estimated the damage to the Chevrolet at \$200 and that to the Ford at \$50.

A wild ride on Highway 64 about five miles out from Williamston near Mendenhall's station about 2:30 Saturday morning resulted in injuries to several persons and a property damage estimated at \$500 by Patrolman Carl Gilchrist, who made the investigation. Cecil Olin Yarrell, driving David Litley's 1941 Ford toward Williamston accompanied by Litley, 23-year-old white man, decided to reverse his course and start

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## Oak City Holds Annual Election

Oak City citizens settled their municipal politics for another year by a general election Monday when a new mayor and two new members of the board of town commissioners were voted in by overwhelming majorities.

James Hoy Ayers polled 59 votes to lead the mayoralty ticket. Ernest Bunting, incumbent, received four write-in votes and H. J. McCracken polled one special vote.

H. M. Ainsley, incumbent, led the entire ticket with 63 votes. Other votes for commissioner were, Minton Beach, 56 votes, and Edmond Early, Jr., 55 votes. M. C. Liverman, incumbent, received ten and F. B. Worsley was given five write-in votes.

Doyle Bunting was second high man on the ticket, receiving 62 votes for constable. Edmond Early, Sr., received one write-in vote for constable.

Ayers, Beach and Early, the new mayor and commissioners-elect, along with Ainsley will enter upon their duties at the beginning of a new one-year term the first Monday in June, succeeding Ernest Bunting, Hackney High, W. W. Tyson and M. C. Liverman.

Plans are being made to abolish the annual election system, and adopt the two-year plan. A bill is to be introduced to that effect in the next session of the State Legislature.