

## Boosters Annual Meeting Tuesday In Woman's Club

Lester Rose Addresses The Group At Third Annual Session Here

Lester Rose, head of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce addressed the third annual meeting of the Williamston Boosters held in the Woman's Club Tuesday evening when the work of the local organization was reviewed and when J. R. Perrow of the Virginia Electric and Power Company presented an industrial site survey of the town and county.

Recently re-elected, President R. Edwin Peele presided and briefly outlined the work the Boosters are doing in trying to promote the best interests of the town and section and the people. Special guests, including R. E. Pierson, industrial geologist of the Atlantic Coast Line, and Walter Dolbear, of the industrial development department of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, and Paul Kelly of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, were recognized.

Centering his talk around the theme, "Is It Worth It?", Mr. Rose said that every town with a population of 5,000 or more had a chamber of commerce or some similar organization, that the Boosters in Williamston he knew were doing a good job.

Complimenting the managing director, Al Sweatt, and the board of directors along with those members who are active in its program, the speaker outlined three basic things by which a successful organization may be measured, including good management, adequate income and an active membership. "There are too many parasites in all organizations," the speaker said, declaring that they do nothing, give nothing and expect much. Rose suggested that those who give of their time, means and support should patronize one another. "Your Boosters has got to be a 'we' organization, declaring that while every member should have a part, the efforts should be combined in one common approach. You must have an optimistic viewpoint and not be a knocker," Rose said, declaring that those who do not join in a cooperative movement are "living off and not in your town." He suggested that if one can't help or doesn't like a town or community, a move is in order.

The said that the 93 Williams- ton Boosters were members because they wanted to do some good for the town and its people, and explained that increased financial support often helps an organization accomplish more.

Rose urged the leaders to study city planning, to make a blue print of the town and see that right things are put in the right places.

He paid particular credit to Paul Kelly who, as a member of the conservation department, has done an able work. More than 100 industries have located in the State recently and the outlook for further industrial development in

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## Petty Thievery Now A Problem

Petty larceny is rapidly becoming a serious problem for various automobile dealers and a few others here, according to reports heard this week.

Various car lots, including the one at the Roanoke Chevrolet Company's place, corner of Washington and Sycamore Streets, are being raided fairly regularly. Wrecked cars are pilfered, Mr. J. H. Edwards stating yesterday that the thieves go strong for batteries. Several tires, tubes and even wheels have been stripped from used cars as well as from wrecked vehicles.

An investigation is now being advanced by the thieves' victims and the police to determine if the stolen property is being used to keep old cars running or if it is being sold for junk. It was rumored that watchmen are to be secretly located on the properties, looking toward a crackdown on the practice.

## Make Industrial Site Survey In the County

### Presented To The Boosters Tuesday By J. R. Perrow

#### Twenty-Five "Ideal" Sites Located In Various Parts Of County

Sponsored by the Williamston Boosters and made by the Industrial Development Department of the Virginia Electric Power Company in cooperation with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and Pauly Kelly of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, an industrial survey of Martin County was presented to the local organization by Mr. J. R. Perrow at the annual meeting of the local organization by Mr. J. R. Perrow Club here Tuesday evening. The maps and accompanying data were received by R. Edwin Peele, president of the Boosters, who expressed on the part of the town, county and Boosters, great appreciation for the accomplishment.

Referring briefly to the visit of Raleigh's colonists to Williams- ton in 1587 in search of gold, Mr. Perrow said they found not, but the speaker went on to explain that there were golden opportunities to be found in this section for industrial development. "You have in your organization a well-rounded group of people who are interested in getting new business and working for a progressive community," the representative of the power company explained.

The industrial site survey is one of the first main steps in getting new industry to locate in a community according to Mr. Perrow. He also mentioned transportation, water, topography and available power as being other important factors in inviting new industry.

During an inspection of the county a few months ago, the surveyors found twenty-five potential sites for new industry. Located in various part of the county, including the Oak City, Hamilton, Poplar Point, Parme, Robersonville, Everetts, Jamesville and Williamston areas, the sites vary in size from 1,000 acres down to twenty acres. Data is offered on each site, including size, location, topography, transportation, utilities such as power and water facilities. Each site is carefully plotted on special maps with pertinent economic data included near the end of the survey folder.

A large county may spots the sites for easy reference to site seekers, and it is tied in with a map of North Carolina. The survey is to be supplemented by other facts which the Boosters will prepare available within the next few weeks, Managing Director Al Sweatt said.

The maps and data are being filed by the power company, railroad, the State Conservation Department, and the Boosters and are to be made available to interested parties in various parts of the county.

It was pointed out that the availability of the potential sites was not determined, that none of the owners were contacted.

More than 100 members and special guests witnessed the presentation.

## Fourteen Stills Wrecked In April

Fourteen illicit liquor stills were wrecked in this county by ABC Officers J. H. Roebuck and Cecil Powell. At least eight of the plants were equipped with crude apparatus, and most of the copper kettles found at the other four manufacturing sites were of limited capacity.

No one was arrested during the month, but eight persons, arrested in March, were tried in April. The defendants were fined \$650 and received road terms adding up to 36 months.

The officers confiscated more than eight gallons of liquor, mostly the illicit brand, and poured out 2,500 gallons of mash, just about all of which was of the nasty, sloppy kind.

## Centeen Booked In County Court On Speed Counts

### Finced \$200, One Man Lost His Operator's License For Two Years

Thirteen persons were in the county court last Monday for allegedly violating the traffic laws on the highways in this county during recent days.

Lionie Parker, going into court a second time for violating the motor vehicle traffic laws, was fined \$200, plus costs, and the court recommended that his license to operate a motor vehicle be revoked for two years. The early part of last week Parker, a colored man of RFD 1, Paymyra, went on a wild ride, beginning on Highway 125 near Hamilton and maintained through Poplar Point and toward Williamston before darting across Highway 125 into the McCaskey Road where he was finally run down by Patrolman R. P. Narron and Cpl. M. C. Byrum. He drove his car 90 miles an hour, and was said to have crossed Highway 125 not far from Abbit's Mill at close to an eighty-mile clip.

Pleading guilty of speeding, Eliza Braxton of Greenville was fined \$15, plus costs.

Pleading guilty, the following defendants, all charged with speeding but not driving in excess of 65 miles an hour, were each taxed with \$22.05 court costs:

Williams Mathias Owens of Goldsboro, J. Dalton Moore, Jr., of Robersonville, Ben W. Evans of Williamston, Marion B. Glover of Suffolk, Martin Stumberg of Robersonville, James Alexander Everett of Portsmouth, Va., Guilford Brown of Williamston, Cur-

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## Slight Increase In Past-Due Tax

A slight increase in the number of delinquent taxpayers and in the amount of past-due taxes is reflected in the 1951 delinquent list appearing in public print today for the first time.

There are 373 delinquent accounts, amounting to \$8,169.05. One hundred of the accounts are those of white property owners, and add up to \$4,346.30. Last year there were 75 white delinquent tax accounts, amounting to \$2,544.59. The 272 delinquent tax accounts owned by colored citizens amount to \$3,922.75. A year ago all but 252 colored property owners paid their taxes, leaving a balance due of \$3,522.03.

The \$8,169.05 represents unpaid taxes on real estate and does not include taxes past due on personal property which is not subject to confiscation.

A review of the delinquent list and amount of taxes due, by townships, follows for both white and colored:

	White			Colored	
	No.	Amount		No.	Amount
Jamesville	10	\$ 311.50	51	799.50	
Williams	3	63.97	12	102.27	
Griffin	4	102.27	4	53.80	
Bear Grass	3	55.73	0	.00	
Williamston	30	1888.30	110	1550.25	
Cross Roads	6	123.30	6	123.30	
Robersonville	26	845.56	59	786.58	
Poplar Point	2	91.45	0	.00	
Hamilton	9	487.02	19	289.47	
Goose Nest	7	277.20	14	308.08	
	100	\$4246.30	272	\$3922.75	

## Native Reported Ill In Richmond Hospital

LeRoy Anderson, a native of Williamston and a prominent Petersburg business man, is undergoing treatment for a heart condition in St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond. He was taken ill the early part of this week, according to information reaching here.

## Displaced Family Meeting New Challenge

Landing in this county just a little more than a month ago, Andrew Mueller and his family, refugees from Germany who knew not the first word of English, are successfully meeting the challenge of a new country and its more or less baffling ways.

Little knowledge of the English language is proving the main barrier in their effort to adapt themselves to our ways and customs. Naturally, there's a lot of misunderstanding because interpreters are not always available, but Helmeut, the younger of two attending the Jamesville schools, is rapidly learning new words.

Many of the obstacles encountered during the first few days spent on the lands of Farmer Chas. Hough in Jamesville Township, have been surmounted. Mr.

## Start Work On Large Storage Warehouse Facility This Week

### Transplanting Of Tobacco Nearly Complete In County

Unless unforeseen obstacles present themselves, at least ninety-five percent and possibly more of the current tobacco crop will have been transplanted by late Saturday in this county, according to reports received from various districts during the past day or two.

With a fairly plentiful supply of plants available in their communities if not in their own beds, farmers are going forward rapidly with the task. Martin farmers are preparing a 13,000-acre crop this year, or about the same acreage that was planted to tobacco in 1951.

Dry weather is causing some concern, but despite that bad feature the crop is said to be doing unusually well. There is a promise of showers for tomorrow or Saturday.

Those farmers who started transplanting ten days and two weeks ago say their crops are growing fairly rapidly and are in a state of cultivation. The cool nights are causing the young plants to harden a bit, but for once in many years, Martin farmers have expressed no great concern over the plant supply and prospects for the crop.

Other farm work is progressing according to schedule, many farmers declaring that they can't recall when the schedule was farther advanced than it is now.

## Sixty Cases Called In Recorders Court

### More Than \$1,000 Levied In Fines At Long Session

In an all-day session last Monday, Judge R. T. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin caught up with their work in the Martin County Recorder's Court and keenly anticipated a fairly dry season during the next several weeks. Many of the sixty cases called in the court last Monday had been carried over from previous sessions or postponed because the superior tribunal was in session during two weeks in April.

More than \$1,000 was levied in fines during the long session which was featured by the trial of seven members allegedly associated with a hog-theft ring in the upper part of the county.

Booked on seven counts, six for stealing hogs and one for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Willie James was sentenced to the roads for 36 months in the hog cases and 30 days on the other charge. The sentences are to run consecutively, and farmers in that part of the county believe their hogs are fairly safe now.

## Insurance Man Speaks To Club

Speaking at the regular meeting of the local Rotary Club in the Methodist church annex last Tuesday noon, Max Fuller, Raleigh insurance man, briefly reviewed insurance classifications and pointed out the complications common to the business such as frequent rate changes and the possibility of a major disaster.

More than a million claims were handled following a devastating storm along the north Atlantic coast in 1950, Mr. Fuller said, explaining how the companies combined their personnel to adjust the claims, and added that many are overlooked. Mr. Fuller maintained that the companies were "pretty fair in settling legitimate claims."

## Commissioner Harrison Reported Much Improved

Taken ill at his home in Bear Grass about ten days ago, Wm. M. Harrison, was reported much improved in a local hospital this morning. He is being treated for a heart condition which is believed not to be critical.

## Thirty-Six Drawn For Jury Duty At June Court Term

### Commissioners Question Need For Drawing So Many Jurors

Thirty-six citizens, all men, were drawn for jury duty during the one-week term of the Martin County Superior Court by the county commissioners in their recent regular session.

The court opens the short term on Monday, June 16, with Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill scheduled to preside. Most of the time will be devoted to the trial of criminal cases, including quite a few drunken driving charges, but a few civil actions may be heard the latter part of the week.

Registering no complaint when jurors are drawn and used, the commissioners were said to have questioned the need for so many for the petty jury. Frequently, a large group is called, but serve very little, it was pointed out.

The jury list includes Jamesville Township: Arthur Modlin, James R. Williams, Nat Napier, L. D. Clark, Clarence Barber, H. A. Sexton, James H. Barber, Simon Barber and A. R. Harrison.

Williams Township: W. L. Manning, Jr.

Griffin Township: J. Arthur Revels.

Bear Grass Township: Lester Bailey, Frank Holliday, T. J. Roberson, Jr. and Dewey Leggett.

Williamston Township: C. J. Brady, D. W. Manning, William H. Everett, Mark Chesson, Leslie Coltran and G. G. Woolard.

Robersonville Township: Walter L. Baker, B. L. Stokes, R. R. Carson, Leo J. Everett, B. E. Anderson, James H. Highsmith, Johnnie B. Andrews.

Poplar Point Township: W. L. Edwards.

Hamilton Township: Geo. W. Coltran and L. H. Rouse.

Goose Nest Township: J. A. Everett, L. D. Lanier, Haywood Harrell, P. E. Manning and Jimmie Baker.

## Contributions To The Cancer Fund

The following in Poplar Point Township made contributions to the current Cancer Fund:

L. M. Edmondson, 25c; John Edmondson, 25c; L. White and Bro., \$1; Ernest L. White, 50c; Miss Mary L. Harrell, 50c; Mrs. Oscar Edwards, 50c; G. R. Silverthorne, 50c; G. W. Waters, 90c; Mrs. Russell Edmondson, 75c; Mrs. F. S. Revels, 50c; Jim Pierce, 10c; Mrs. C. B. Allen, 25c; Mrs. Leon Edwards, 25c; Mrs. Zena Edmondson, 50c.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harrison, 25c; Miss Allie and Carrie Griffin, \$1; Matthew Crowell, 10c; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark, \$1; Mrs. Mamie Raynold, 25c; Mr. and Mrs. Judicious Roberson, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. George Bland, \$1; Pauline Worsley, 6c; Mrs. W. W. Conner, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Roebuck, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Brasco Knox, \$1; Mrs. James G. Rogerson, 25c; Mrs. Chester Hollis, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hollis, 60c; Chester Hollis, 25c; Mrs. Harold Edmondson, 25c; Harold Harrison, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor, \$1; Mrs. Sam Taylor, 25c; Mrs. John E. Edmonds, 40c; William Daniel, 25c; William Henry Daniel, 10c; Milton Harrison, 50c; Miss Ruby Harrison, 50c.

## Clinics Held In County Schools

By J. W. Williams, County Health Officer

Two hundred and fifteen preschool children have been examined and immunized for school attendance beginning next year. A study of the following table will show several things, the principle one being the amount of interest taken in the work by the parent.

We do not hold these clinics to vaccinate the child. We have them so that we can talk over with the parent the conditions we find. The following is the table: Farm Life 16 were expected and 11 came, 10 with parents; Hassels, 12 expected, nine came, all had parents. Oak City, 16 expected, 13 came, 11 had parents with them; Hamilton, 25 expected, 12 came, 3 had parents with them; Jamesville, 46 expected, 35 came, 27 had parents with them; Everetts, 33 expected, 23 came, 18 had parents; Robersonville, 40 expected, 35 came, 31 had parents with them; Williamston, 115 expected, 85 came, 84 had parents with them.

## Sheriff Holding Obscene Picture

Viewed at a special showing in a local theater yesterday morning, a moving picture, allegedly obscene, was ordered held pending the trial of several defendants charged with showing or causing to be shown the film of doubtful intent. The picture, "Battle of Burlesque," was impounded following a showing in a drive-in theater some weeks ago.