

## Start Search For Doctor To Direct Health Division

**Dr. James S. Rhodes, Sr.,  
Named In Advisory  
Capacity By Board**

An extensive search for a doctor to head up the public health department in this county was ordered by the Martin County Board of Health in a special meeting held at the health center, corner of Ray and Harrell Streets, here last night. It was explained that preliminary efforts to obtain a director to fill the position made vacant by the recent death of Dr. John W. Williams, health department head for more than twelve years, had not been successful.

Little encouragement could be had from the State Health Department for making the search, but the county board expressed the belief last night that the position must be filled and can be filled. During the meantime, Dr. James S. Rhodes, Sr., a member of the board, was named to serve in an advisory capacity for the department. Mrs. Ruth Wheeler was empowered to act as registrar of vital statistics with the aid of the advisor. Private doctors are being called upon to handle other duties ordinarily assigned to the department head such as the examination of county prisoners, the care of inmates in the county home and sanatorium.

Chairman John H. Edwards directed a special committee to make the search for Dr. Williams' successor in the health department position. Members of the committee are to contact a prospect today or tomorrow, carry an appeal to health officers for information pointing to available prospects, advertise in several widely circulated papers and journals for a man, and exploit the list of retired military doctors in search of a prospect.

The preliminary budget figures were studied subject to approval of the county commissioners.

All members of the board were present for the meeting, including John H. Edwards, chairman; Dr. J. M. Kilpatrick, LeRoy Everett, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Sr., D. R. Davis, James C. Manning and Mayor R. H. Cowen.

Other members of the department, including the nurses, are carrying on the work. They are starting an anti-typhoid campaign next week.

## Delayed Report On the Red Cross

A delayed report from the colored citizens of Jamesville increased the Martin County Red Cross Chapter's fund quota margin this week.

The fund stood at \$4,549.02, or two cents above the quota, until the Jamesville report came in, boosting the fund to \$4,590.47, an amount \$41.47 above the quota.

The delayed report listed the following workers and the amounts raised by them, according to M. L. Armistead, principal of the colored school there:

Mrs. Mary Jane Everett, \$13.58; Mrs. Virginia Hopkins, \$5.00; Mrs. Emma Gregory, \$5.00; Mrs. Jane A. Norfleet, \$11.00; Jamesville School, \$6.87.

## Work Progresses On Road Project

Dragging along for months, work on the repairing and widening of U. S. 17 from a point near the end of the river fill to Windsor is now moving into high gear.

The Dickerson Company, contractors, are rapidly completing an asphalt plant near the Bertie sand pit, and they plan to start pouring asphalt possibly the early part of next week.

The road is to be widened to twenty-four feet and covered with an asphalt surface.

During the past several days, the company has been moving twelve to fifteen carloads of stone from a local siding to the plant across the river to be mixed with asphalt and used for the road base.

Work continues on a new bridge across Roquist Creek when a sharp curve in the route will be considerably reduced.

## Bloodmobile Makes Return Visit To Chapter June 11

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its second quarterly visit of the current year here on Thursday, June 11, it was announced today by Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Jr., chairman of the blood program in the Martin County Red Cross Chapter. It is planned to set up the equipment and maintain the receiving center at the American Legion Hut on South Watts Street.

The chapter is being asked to again donate 150 pints of blood, and a general appeal is being addressed to the people throughout the chapter to help meet the quota. No recruitment chairman have been appointed so far, and unless donors come forward and volunteer in large numbers some difficulty is likely to be encountered in meeting the quota, it was plainly pointed out.

This chapter, according to reliable information, is receiving more blood than it is giving. Only this week it was learned that a person from his chapter had been given twenty-eight pints of blood since May 1. The chapter resident was hospitalized in the Medical Center at Jersey City, N. J. The New York chapter, running low at the time, could not meet the immediate need, and twenty-eight pints of blood were expressed to the hospital from the Tideswater Blood Bank, serving this chapter from its headquarters in Norfolk and from a substation in the hospital at Windsor. The twenty-eight pints of blood were furnished by the Red Cross without cost of the patient.

### HOLIDAY

Saturday of this week, National Memorial Day, will be observed as a holiday by the banks, post office and other federal offices. There'll be no mail deliveries that day in town or country.

Since the anniversary falls on a Saturday most federal offices will be closed anyway.

## Congress Reports Bad Split In Its Agriculture Bloc

**Rigid Parity Group Puts  
Up Hard Fight To  
Hold Gains**

Washington.—While the farmer coaxes nature to yield a bountiful crop, an informal organization known as the "farm bloc" is tilling the legislative soil on Capitol Hill in preparation for a vital harvest of farm measures.

Congressmen—party lines are no bar—administration executives, and farm organization representatives make up the farm bloc. In the past, sometimes after some stiff skirmishing, the bloc usually has been able to marshal strong support for a farm program. But important congressional decisions are coming up, and probably the farm coalition never has been as divided as it is on some of the issues today.

What's going to be done to ease the immediate and long-term troubles of the man on the farm is the central question.

The answer to this question—a top one in view of current surpluses—hinges upon the outcome of a battle now shaping up in the "farm bloc," according to a congressional quarterly survey.

**Varied Interests**

This coalition which speaks for the farmer in the halls and lobbies of Congress includes both "free enterprisers" and "federal control" advocates, as well as Democrats and Republicans.

It is to this informal group that the Eisenhower administration looks for the answers as it approaches tough farm problems. Currently, however, the farm coalition is sharply divided, perhaps more than ever before, over major issues of farm policy.

Some of its members are inclined to go along with Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson in a turn toward "noninterference" in farm economics, allowing prices to seek their "natural level."

Another faction is fighting to preserve the farm program which has developed over the past 20 years, with the federal controls it entails.

**Both Sides Powerful**

Increasing surpluses, together with bumper crops in the fall, threaten to hasten the showdown between these two camps—a showdown which will help decide the political future of Mr. Benson.

Leading the fight for the present program, with its high, rigid price supports, are Senator Richard B. Russell (D) of Georgia in the Senate, and Representative Clifford R. Hope (R) of Kansas in the House. They are supported mainly by the National Farmers' Union and the National Farmers Union Grain Terminal Federation.

(Continued on Page Seven)

## Announce Awards For 1952-53 Term In Local Schools

**Program Held In The High  
School Auditorium  
This Morning**

Awards, representing accomplishments in various fields and departments during the 1952-53 term in the local schools, were announced during a special program in the high school auditorium this morning.

Hundreds of students met special requirements to gain recognition, and the large number participating reflects a successful term in the local schools. The awards came as a surprise to many as the teachers and others presented the certificates during the special program.

Following is a list of those gaining recognition:

**Perfect Attendance**

Grades 1-12—Linda Gurganus, Linda Carol Thomas, Léve Moore, Jr., Eddie Powell, Brenda Harrison, Patricia Ann Barber, Chloe Ann Gurkin, Carolyn Price, Cheryl Wynne, David Roberson, Alice Faye Barber, Verna Jane Crisp, Judy Roberson, Jean Roberson, Jane Cherry, David Modlin, Jr., Janet Speller, Faye Warren, Phyllis McKnight, Bobby Bowen, Yvonne Taylor, Ann Oakley, Florence Modlin, Preston Price, Carolyn Mobley, Carl Heath, Robert Sullivan, Patsy Holloman, Joyce Moore, Judy Pate, Kenneth Manning, Howard McKnight, Rodney Thomas, Janice Bland, Hannah Glenn, Della Godard, Charlie Crisp, Ben Reason, Billy Whitaker, Jean Biggs, Irene Barber, Lillie Roberson, James Copeland, Joseph Griffin, Sidney Harrington, Kenneth Mobley, Nancy Coltrain, Ralph Bowen, Carlton Nicholson, Randy Allen, Dorothy Bowen, Dorothy Leggett, Sylvia Moore, Jean VanNortwick, Thelma Joyce Barber, Lola Jean Harris, Winifred Taylor, Shelby Dean Allen, Johnny Gurganus, Jeanette Leggett, R. J. Hardison, Dorothy Moore, Mary Claudia Cherry, Grady Coltrain, Patricia Lilley, Virginia Holloman, Janice Hardison, Mary Lee White, Priscilla Gurganus, Nancy Britton, Sallie Crisp, Betty Modlin, Grady Godard, Jane Barnhill, Sandra Gardner, Mary Ann Modlin, John Dunn, Annie Louise Bland, Sandra Buffal, Susie Griffin, Patricia Harrison, Joyce Manning, William Moore, Dallas Coltrain, Billy Harris, Bobby Perry, Henry Roberson, Irma Wainwright, Ann Peele, Theresa Modlin and Rodrick Roebuck.

**Well-Known Resident Died  
In Local Hospital  
Yesterday**

Funeral services will be conducted in the Biggs Funeral Home here on West Main Street Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Mrs. Etta Gurganus Humble who died in a local hospital yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. Her pastor, the Rev. R. E. Walston of the local Methodist church, assisted by the Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, Methodist minister of Washington, will conduct the rites. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Humble was born near Williamston 65 years ago on December 20, 1887, the daughter of the late Noah and Martha Frances Whitley Gurganus. She spent her early life in this community and was married to the Rev. William Byrum Humble, a Methodist minister, in 1909. Following her marriage she made her home in various parts of eastern North Carolina where Mr. Humble held pastorates. After his death in 1934 she returned to Williamston, building and making her home on North Houghton Street.

She was a faithful member of the Methodist church, and was a devoted wife and mother. Possessed of a gentle spirit, she valued highly the noble ideals of life and lived the life of a humble, but true Christian, giving of her time and energies in the service of others.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. George Bunch of the home and Mrs. Roland Rudge of Philadelphia. (Continued on Page Six)

## Houseboat Sinks In Roanoke Here

For the second time in about three years the Conine Hunting Club's houseboat has gone down into the muddy waters of the Roanoke at this point.

Tied up near the bridge for the season, the boat sank when one side grounded on the bank and the other side fell with the falling water. The deck was flooded and the boat sank rapidly.

Previously the boat was salvaged when a cable was placed around it and it was pulled from the river by a bulldozer. It was launched after repairs were made.

Using an irrigation system pump, members of the hunting club refloated the boat early last evening.

## Tobacconists On Leaf Committees

Several Martin County tobacconists were named to positions on various boards of the Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association at a meeting of the organization held in Rocky Mount this week.

C. Urban Rogers of Williamston and E. G. Anderson of Robertsonville were elected directors of the association, and H. Leman Barnhill of Williamston was elected as one of five representatives of the organization on the board of governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association.

## Twenty Cases In Recorder's Court Monday Morning

**Fines Imposed By Judge H.  
O. Peele During Day  
Amount To \$475**

Holding the Martin County Recorder's Court in session for about three years, Judge H. O. Peele handled twenty cases during the last Monday morning session. Fines were imposed in the total sum of \$475.

Proceedings: Adjudged guilty of issuing a worthless check, Grady Jefferson was sentenced to the roads to serve thirty days. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the court costs and the amount of the check.

Charged with bastardy, Leon Williams pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was directed to pay \$12 a month for the support of his child and reappear at the end of one year for further judgment. Notice of appeal was given and bond was required in the sum of \$200.

Charged with speeding 75 miles per hour, Colie Lee Burke pleaded guilty of speeding along at 60 miles an hour. The plea was accepted and the defendant was fined \$10 and taxed with the court costs.

Charged with assaults with deadly weapons, O. K. Harrison and Jasper Perry both pleaded guilty and each was sentenced to the roads for three months, the court suspending the road terms upon the payment of \$25 fines each and costs.

The case in which Robt. Purvis was charged with non-support, was not pressed, with the possibility that the case will be reopened at some future date.

Pleading not guilty, Willie Williams, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was adjudged guilty and was fined \$10, plus costs.

Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Ella Mae Williams was sentenced to Womans' prison for thirty days, the court suspending the prison term upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs.

Charged with simple trespass, John Clay pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty and judgment was suspended upon the payment of court costs.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Henry Hoover Bond was fined \$100 and taxed with the court costs. He loses his driver's license for one year.

Charged with speeding 75 miles an hour, Ira Flimon Lilley was fined \$25, plus costs.

Inez Jackson, (colored), pleaded guilty of indecent exposure, and was fined \$25, plus costs.

Charged with speeding 70 miles an hour, James Sheppard pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, the defendant was taxed with the court costs.

William Warren Long, charged with operating a motor vehicle after his license was revoked, pleaded guilty and was fined \$200 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, Raleigh Jones was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The road term was suspended for two years upon the payment of a \$10 fine and the court costs.

Pleading not guilty, John Levi Chance was adjudged guilty of passing a school bus while it was discharging passengers. He was fined \$10 and taxed with the court costs.

Charged with assaulting a female, Hezekiah Bell, Jr., pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the court costs.

Pleading guilty of speeding 75 miles an hour, John Curtis Roberson was fined \$25 and taxed with the court costs.

Called into court for a further hearing on a non-support charge, John David Barnes was ordered to make regular payments of \$6 a week for the support of his children and reappear for further judgment at the end of one year.

Charged with issuing a worthless check, George Bryant failed to answer when called and papers were ordered issued for his arrest.

Operating at a time when farming activity is nearing a peak, the court is attracting comparatively few spectators to its weekly sessions.

## Hail Storm Damage Placed At \$100,000.00 In County

Damage left in the wake of the May 19 hail and wind storm in this county has been unofficially placed at \$100,000. Up until yesterday, approximately eighty claims had been serviced by hail insurance companies, one report stating that approximately \$30,000 had been paid to farmers for damage done to the tobacco crop alone.

The claims, a few of which could not be sustained, ranged from a few dollars to slightly more than \$2,000, it was learned. It is estimated that 96 percent of the tobacco in the path of the visit of the current year here on were insured, and it was reported that several buildings damaged in the storm were not covered by insurance.

Six adjusters, representing sev-

eral insurance companies, serviced the claims. Confusion surrounded the adjustments, the agents pointing out that the tobacco was so small in most cases that it was difficult to advance a plan for settling the claims. In those cases where the farmers had transplanted the crop in its entirety a second time, settlements were based mostly on the cost of the second operation. While the adjustment makes it possible for the farmer to break even on his operations, a late crop could encounter adverse weather conditions and result in a near failure if not an out-right failure. Most of the farmers whose crops were damaged are depending on the tobacco to develop a sucker and produce a crop.

## Company Official Gives Blue Print To Gain Industry

**Walter J. Dolbear Talks  
To Engineers' Club  
Last Evening**

A verbal blue print on how to attract new industry to eastern North Carolina was presented last night to approximately sixty members of the East Carolina Engineers Club and guests at a meeting of the organization held at the "Switch". Mr. Walter J. Dolbear, vice president, area development, of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, impressed upon the group that although industry locates for one or more of the basic reasons of markets, materials and manpower, that all else being equal it seeks communities that will otherwise be attractive as places in which to live.

Mr. Dolbear stated that it is up to the individual communities to make themselves so attractive that industries will want to go into them. One of the first steps in such a direction, he pointed out, is to plan and zone the community in such a manner that will permit development over the years to come.

Continuing, the speaker said that industries are seeking to locate in communities that have good churches, good schools, good recreational facilities and in which the people are alert and aggressive in their community activities and spirit. Industries are not seeking special favors; they only ask for a fair deal. If any industries do seek special favors, he said, they should be discouraged because such industries are obviously not willing to share the responsibilities of community life.

Mr. Dolbear said that sometimes it might be questioned as to whether or not new industries are worthwhile in a community. The answer to that is yes, if for no other reasons than to give the young people of the community an opportunity to remain at home, and to enable the community to absorb and use manpower being replaced in the rural areas by mechanized farming.

Seek diversity in industries, the speaker continued, and do not overlook the tourist trade, for the dollar brought in by the tourist is just as large as any. He concluded.

(Continued on Page Six)

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists kept the accident figures moving upward, but they injured no one and caused comparatively little damage in their travels on the highways and streets in this county last week, according to reports coming from the highway patrol office.

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.

**20th Week**

**Wrecks In'd Killed Damage**

1953	2	0	0	\$ 250
1952	2	0	0	415
<b>Comparisons To Date</b>				
1953	93	23	1	\$22,795
1952	114	60	1	36,135

## Firm Considered Locating Woolen Mill at This Point

**Business Leaders Express  
Opinion Concessions  
Cost Was To Great**

The National Spinning Company of New York before deciding to move its plant from upstate New York to Washington, N. C., made extensive site investigations in this State and South Carolina and possibly other areas.

A representative of the plant came to Williamston last winter and virtually agreed on a site just outside the town limits and overlooking Roanoke River. The representative, while offering no definite figures in connection with plant costs and payroll, asked the town for a package offer. It was specified in the preliminary plans that 100 acres of land would be needed in addition to an outlet to the river for refuse. It was also specified that the town would have to provide fire protection, meaning the town would have to run a larger water main several thousand feet to connect the site with the larger water lines across town. Other concessions, relating to tax matters and good will were mentioned. It was not quite clear if the company expected the town to sink several costly wells to supply a tremendous volume of water.

The representative returned to his New York office, and the local Boosters organization got busy. Town and other public officials were called into a meeting with business men and the matter was discussed. Every effort was made to interest the company in locating its fire protection. A route was to be paved at town expense, and other concessions were made.

The price of the site was placed at \$40,000, a very reasonable figure for property that is soon to be on a main highway. The company was advised that the town had agreed to cooperate in everyway possible, but when the cost of the site was mentioned, the company was said to have expressed disappointment.

The company was asked if the size of the site could not be reduced, but the company was said to have held out for the full 100-acre site. A personal interview was sought and denied.

A second meeting of local business men, officials and others was called by officers of the Boosters. It was explained that the company apparently was for the site free, that the site and other concessions would probably cost in excess of \$100,000. It was agreed that the town was hardly in position to meet the demands, there was no assurance at the time that more than 100 workers, nearly all of them unskilled, would be employed. The meeting expressed appreciation to the company for its interest in locating a plant here, and apparently the firm moved in on Washington.

(Continued on Page Seven)

## Laymen To Hold Meeting Friday

The first meeting of the Laymen's League of the Church of the Advent will be held Friday evening beginning with a dinner at 7:00 p. m. at Wier's Coffee Shop.

Following the dinner there will be a meeting held in the Parish House of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. James McRae Lamb of Kingston, president of the laymen of the East Carolina Diocese, will be guest speaker. For reservations, contact Dr. L. S. Christian or Mr. Verner D. Godwin, Jr.

## Wins A Hat In Ice Guessing Contest

Freezing a straw hat in a block of ice and placing it in front of his store last Saturday morning, James Bulluck of Bulluck's Men's and Boys' Wear, had the people guessing all day.

T. F. Davenport guessed the residue of the block would weigh 72 pounds at 6:00 o'clock that evening. The residue weighed 71 pounds and he was given a new straw hat. Another guessed 70 pounds, but since the time element favored Mr. Davenport, he got the prize.

### MEETINGS

Little business other than that of a routine nature has been scheduled for consideration by the county and local town commissioners in their regular meetings next Monday morning and evening.

After clearing routine matters, the officials are expected to take a preliminary look at proposed budget figures for the new fiscal year, but the county commissioners are expected to take no final action until they study in the figures in detail at a special meeting about the middle of June.

## Open Swimming Pool Tomorrow

Leasing the municipal pool for another season, Messrs. Edgar and John Hatton Gurganus will open it tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Giving over to the Little Baseball League season opener tomorrow night, the pool will not be open during the evening hours, it was explained. The pool on other days will be open from 2 to 6 o'clock in the afternoons and from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock in the evenings.

The operators, employing Bobby Carter as life guard, have painted the pool and made the plant ready for operation.

Mr. Gurganus said yesterday that every effort will be made to make the use of the pool available to every child in the community. Those who are not able to finance their way are directed to Mr. Gurganus who will do all possible to help them enjoy the pool this summer.

## Principal Named For Jamesville

Bill Gay, a native of Northampton County, has accepted the principal's position in the Jamesville schools, according to unofficial information heard here yesterday. Mr. Gay, presently employed in the Swansboro schools, is succeeding Professor Geo. H. Baker who recently resigned after serving as principal there for several years. Baker plans to devote his entire time to farming operations at Hertford, it was said.

It is understood that there are several other changes in the Jamesville faculty, but C. A. Askew, member of the committee, said his group was not ready to announce those changes.

## Complete Work On Sycamore Street

Town forces, tackling a big job on their own rather than submitting a contract, are completing curbing and guttering on Sycamore Street. The thoroughfare, one of the widest in town other than the main street, will be ready for the pavers within the next few days, it was learned.

While the street problem will be solved when the paving is completed, the widening of the thoroughfare has created a problem for pedestrians. Possibly time will help solve the problem, but just now pedestrians will have to dart in and out of the street.

The town forces are moving over to Elm Street which is to have curb and gutter.