

## County Democrats To Hold Meeting Saturday Morning

### Convention To Organize And Elect Delegates To State Meeting

Meeting in the courthouse here Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Martin County Democrats will perfect their organization for another two years, elect delegates to the State convention to be held in Raleigh later in the month, and hear from the various candidates.

As far as it could be learned no caucuses were held in any of the several precincts last Saturday, and organizations will be effected at the precinct level during the meeting this Saturday morning. All Democrats in "good standing" are invited to attend the meeting and Chairman J. H. Gray, Sr., is expected a sizable attendance upon the session.

According to unofficial reports reaching here a few days ago, the present chairman, after serving two terms, will not be a candidate to succeed himself. It was mentioned that C. B. Martin, principal of the Robersonville schools, would consider the post and possibly is bidding for the spot.

In perfecting their organizations, the Democrats are to name a chairman of the County Executive Committee, a vice chairman and secretary-treasurer. Mr. C. G. Gurkin of Jamesville now holding the latter post. Members of the several committees are to be named also, including congressional, judicial, and second senatorial, also two members of the State Executive Committee.

C. B. Martin is now vice chairman of the county committee. Clarence Griffin is on the judicial committee. J. H. Gray, Sr., and Elbert S. Peel are on the congressional committee, and Paul Roberson is the second senatorial district committee.

To perfect their organizations on the precinct level, the Democrats are to name a chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer and two committee members.

It isn't likely that fund raising for the party will be mentioned at the meeting, and all Democrats are invited to attend.

The hour has been changed from 12:00 o'clock, noon, to a more convenient one—10:30 o'clock Saturday, May 15, in the courthouse.

## Two Fire Calls Here Last Night

Firemen were called out here twice last night, but no damage was done by the fires, a report from the fire department explained.

The first call came at 9:05 o'clock when an oil heater went out of control in the home of Ernest Owens, 110 Riddick Street.

At 10:25 o'clock, the firemen were called to the Joe Wilson Cleaners on Warren Street where a pile of shavings around the plant caught fire. An overflow of traffic got tied up on the narrow dirt street, but no damage was reported.

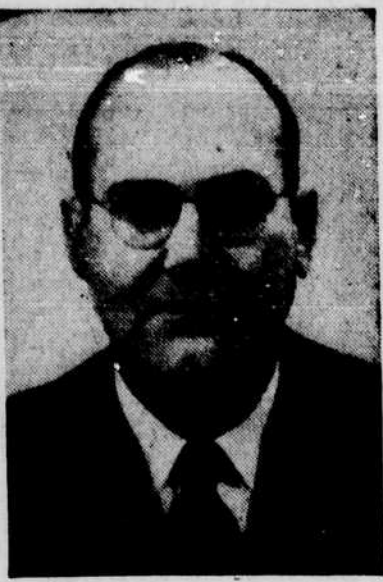
A third call since last night was handled by the volunteers at 11:20 o'clock this morning when an oil heater went out of control and threatened the John Bonds home on Griffin Avenue. A bit ill, Levon Joyner started to light the heater, and oil had leaked up and making the stove dance. Joyner cut the oil supply off and went on to disconnect the line to make certain it was off and be ready for the quick removal of the heater. No damage was done.

Quite a few oil heater fires have been reported where the operators run them on low, a gust of wind blowing out the flame and leaving the oil line open to feed more fuel into the bowl. It has been found advisable to mop out the accumulated oil from the bowl before firing the stoves.

## Music Recital In The High School Auditorium

The pupils of Mrs. W. C. Manning, Jr., will be presented in a piano recital tomorrow evening, Friday, at 8:00 o'clock in the Williamston High School auditorium. The public is invited.

## Candidates For Three Places On Education Board



Four candidates, Messrs. Edward Lee Martin of Jamesville, Howard Gaylor, also of Jamesville, Ernest Edmondson of Hassell and Sherwood L. Roberson of Robersonville, are seeking the three open places on the Martin County Board of Education. Messrs. Gaylor, Edmondson and Roberson are the incumbents. While the office is not an elective one, it has been customary

down through the years for candidates to enter the primary, subject to a county-wide vote with no districts prevailing, meaning that one or more candidates may get the nomination in a single township. The legislature, in making appointments to the board, generally recognizes the will of the people as expressed in the primary.

## Saturday Is Last Day To Register For The Primary

Saturday of this week is the last day to register for the Democratic primary to be held on May 29, and a last appeal is being directed to those who have not registered, urging them to get their names on the books that day.

Very little interest was shown in the registration when the books were first opened, but increased activity was shown last Saturday when at least 143 new names were added to the books, as compared with 59 the previous Saturday. No report could be had immediately from Williams and Hamilton precincts. Williamston No. 2 handled sixty new registrations last Saturday to lead the movement. Robersonville was second with 16 and Goose Nest had 15 new ones. Jamesville reported 14 and Williamston No. 1

added thirteen new names to the list. In Williamston Township, Registrar Wendell Peel is holding the books open in the courthouse for No. 1 precinct, and S. H. Grimes is keeping the books open for No. 2 precinct at his office just to the rear of Davis' Pharmacy. Martin County should add at least 1,000 new names to the books before the books close on Saturday, May 15, but present indications point to an increase of hardly more than 500 new names.

It has been pointed out that those women who have married and are still registered in their old names, should register again, listing their given first name and their new sir name. Don't forget to register Saturday, May 15.

## Registration Places Listed

For the convenience of those who have not registered and want to get their names on the books before the deadline at sunset Saturday, May 15, the names of the registrars and registration places are listed below:

- F. C. Stallings at Town House in Jamesville.
- Grady Godard at No. 90 Station in Williams.
- S. Oscar Peele at Jim Manning's store in Griffins.
- A. B. Ayers at his home in Bear Grass.
- Wendell Peel at courthouse for Williamston No. 1 precinct which includes that portion of Williamston Township on the south side of Main Street and the Everetts Highway.
- S. H. Grimes at office back of Central Cafe for Williamston No. 2 precinct which includes the remainder of the township, or all territory on the north side of the main street and Everett Highways.
- H. M. Ayers at office in Everetts.
- Clinton House at his office in Robersonville.
- Harry Roberson at his home in Gold Point.
- W. Mayo Hardison at his home in Poplar Point.
- George Haislip at his home in Hamilton.
- E. K. Edmondson at Edmondson's store in Hassell.
- H. M. Ainsley at Ayers and Hyman's store in Oak City for Goose Nest precinct.

The registrars will be at their respective places from 9:00 a. m. until sunset Saturday, May 15. Registrations may be handled by appointment on other days.

## Political Rally Held In County

A big political rally, attended by more than 150 politicians, leaders and "cam followers" was held at the Legion Hut near Hamilton last Tuesday evening, and a sumptuous chicken-pot dinner was enjoyed.

The affair was arranged by friends of R. Frank Everett, candidate for county representative in the next General Assembly. Several candidates briefly addressed the group.

## Sixteen Speeders In The Recorders Court On Monday

### Judge H. O. Peele Imposes Fines Ranging From \$10 To \$50.00

Motorists found it easy sailing on the highways in this county last week, but it was rough going for the speeders in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. In two cases, Judge H. O. Peele imposed fines in the amount of \$50 and recommended that the defendants' licenses be suspended for a year. The judgment in one case carried a provisional road term.

Sixteen cases, charging speeding, were handled during a long session of the court last Monday, as follows:

Jesse Moore of Hamilton, pleading guilty of speeding 85 miles an hour, was sentenced to the roads for three months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The court recommended that the defendant's license be revoked for a year.

Charged with speeding not less than 65 and not more than 70 miles an hour, the following were taxed with the court costs:

- William Jos. Woolard and Woodrow Collins, both of Plymouth, John Ricello of Rego Park, New York, Phillip Muller of Amsterdam, New York, Frances D. Cozart of Greenville, Alexander A. Miklinevick of Derby, Connecticut, Charles H. Frankenberg of Westfield, New Jersey, Bernard Shell of Norfolk and Lawyer Bell of Elizabeth City.

Charged with speeding not less than 67 and not more than 72 miles an hour, the following were fined \$10, plus costs:

- Charles A. Babikean, Jr., of Leonia, New Jersey, Calvin Jack Cook of Bell Glade, Florida, Hyman Rubin of Brooklyn, Lennart Muhlsteoph of Chicago, and Raymond P. Stankowski of Center Line, Michigan.

Pleading guilty of speeding 80 miles an hour, Eli V. Johnson of

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## Native Of County Dies In Ahoskie

Mrs. Floyd Bellamy Inscoc, a native of Hamilton, died in an Ahoskie hospital Tuesday night following a short illness. She suffered a stroke at her home there the day before.

Mrs. Inscoc was born in Hamilton 71 years ago, the daughter of the late Claro N. and Pattie Matthews Bellamy. She married Edward Burrell Inscoc, and following his death she located in Ahoskie about a quarter century ago, making her home with a daughter.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Lonnie Davis; a brother, Z. V. Bellamy, also of Ahoskie; two half-sisters, Mrs. Luther Hughes of Raleigh and Mrs. Newton Bridges of Mooresboro; a stepson, D. Staton Inscoc, Raleigh postmaster, and a grandson. She was a member of the Ahoskie Baptist Church and the funeral service is being conducted there by the pastor this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Interment will be in the family plot in the Hamilton Cemetery.

## LAST MEETING

The Williamston Parent-Teacher association will hold its last meeting of the current term next Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Scheduled for the 24th, the meeting was moved to the 17th to avoid a conflict with the commencement program, President Asa Crawford explained.

The Melody Masters will appear on the entertainment program, and newly elected officers are to be installed.

## Re-Elect Faculty At Meeting Here

All members of the Williamston school faculties were re-elected at a meeting of the local committee early this week, according to official information gained today. Accompanying the re-elections were six teacher resignations, all supported acceptable explanations, such as matrimony, sickness and so forth.

Miss Maude Thomas, after several years of faithful service as teacher of social studies in the high school, is returning to her home in Birmingham to be with her mother. Others resigning are: Mrs. Nancy Winslow, sixth grade; Miss Evelyn Jernigan, third grade; Miss Carolyn Hines, high school English; Lynn Parker, assistant coach, and Mrs. Robert Everett, eighth grade.

Most of the local committees throughout the county have held their elections, but reports could not be had immediately.

## Start Measuring County Cropland

The task of measuring all allotment crops in this county is getting under way fairly rapidly, according to information gained from the ASC office today. Twenty men have been assigned to the task, and others are to be added as soon as possible.

The allotment crops, including tobacco, peanuts, cotton and wheat, are to be exactly measured, and all other crops are to be checked, it was explained.

Farmers are being asked to cooperate in handling the measurements as their help will help hold the cost down. The survey or check is to be completed by July 1.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

The Grim Reaper stalked the highways in this county last week and boosted his count to two. The report on the fatal accident points out the need for a greater care on the part of pedestrians.

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

18th Week			
Year	Wrecks	Inj'd	Killed
1954	3	1	1
1953	5	1	0
Comparisons To Date			
1954	82	33	2
1953	87	21	1

## Reviews History Hamilton Church At Anniversary

### Several Hundred Attended Homecoming There Last Sunday

Observing the fiftieth anniversary of the construction of their present sanctuary, Hamilton Methodists last Sunday held a big homecoming event and reviewed Methodism there since 1847. More than 350 were present for the special event, and an interesting program was rendered under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. J. Bascom Hurley. A goodly number of visitors attended from various parts of this and other counties, a few returning to their old home from other states.

The Rev. Daniel Boone, a former pastor, delivered the morning sermon, and Ben H. James read a brief history of the church. Mr. Lane, one of the builders of the present church, was present and spoke briefly during the Sunday school hour.

Following the organization of a church there, the Methodists constructed their first house of worship in 1847 on a lot on the opposite corner from the Slade-Rhodes and Company store. The first church was destroyed by fire and a second one was built in 1861 on a lot beside the Methodist Cemetery. The building was of the Mount Vernon type, with a porch and columns. There was a gallery for the slaves. The foundation gave way, and the building was abandoned, the Methodists using the sills and much of the timber in building the present structure on the lot donated by the late Mrs. Henry Sherrod.

Plans for the present building were advanced when the ladies of the church met January 31, 1901. The leaders of the movement included the Misses Purvis and Cherry, Lizzie Slade, Fannie Waldo and Belle Carstarphen and Mesdames Arch Sherrod, D. C. Jones, C. H. Baker, Bill Sherrod, Mary E. Richards, Lenora Collins, Fannie Melson and Sally Ewell. The building was occupied in May, 1904, free of debt except for the furnishings which were paid for about nineteen years later, according to the old records.

The new building, purchased during that nineteen-year period, serving on the board of stewards when the present church was built were, T. B. Slade, C. H. Baker, D. C. Jones and W. K. Gardner. The old church building, constructed in 1861, was torn away in its entirety in October, 1903. Mr. Sherrod Dalsbury and Miss Mary Baker were the last couple to be married in it, the wrecking crew starting the dismantling task on the structure the next day.

Besides Mr. Lane, now of Scotland Neck, the other contractor, J. M. Baker of Rocky Mount, was present for the anniversary observance Sunday. When the first church, constructed in 1847, was burned, the old records were lost, and the history of the church is not complete from 1861 to 1874.

The Rev. W. S. Chaphen was the pastor in 1861, but there is no record of the pastors or reference to the church during the period.

## Migrants Moving To Tater Fields

Elizabeth City is heralding the 1954 Irish potato season with a colorful festival this week-end. The event is to attract notables from North Carolina and a foreign country. Thirty-four bands are to be in the big parade Saturday along with fifty floats, drill teams and clowns. Williamston's high school band is to be in the line-up.

Canada's Minister of Agriculture, is to address the crowd following the parade. The event is to be a big one, to be sure, and the E. City folks are making extensive preparations for it.

While extensive plans are being made for the merry event, migrant workers, traveling in old-model trucks equipped with crude bodies, are moving through here for the potato fields. About the first of the 1954 migrant wave rolled through here yesterday, but their coming is not to be heralded.

## Forty-Five Cases In The Recorders Court

### DEMONSTRATION

Conducting the first official test on the use of anhydrous ammonia in this county, the Mathieson Chemical Corporation Friday afternoon of this week at 2:00 o'clock will handle the second in the series of tests on the Sherrid farm near Hamilton.

Before the corn was planted, anhydrous ammonia was applied to the soil. The next application will be in a new plot where the corn is already up. A third application, it is understood, is to be made later in another plot. The tests are expected to determine the most effective time to apply the liquid fertilizer which is the latest thing in plant food.

The public is invited.

## Delinquent Tax Accounts Gaining

For the third straight year the number of delinquent tax accounts has shown an increase, jumping from an even 400 for 1952 to 475 for the 1953 tax year. There were only 373 delinquent tax accounts in 1951.

While the number of delinquent accounts was increasing, the actual amount of unpaid taxes was less for 1953 than in 1952. The 1953 unpaid tax total on real estate is \$10,369.79, an amount \$110.68 less than the figure for the 1952 tax year.

The 114 white property owners for 1953 owe \$4,500.32 as compared with \$5,469.86 owed by 101 owners at advertising time last year. The 361 colored delinquent tax accounts for 1953 amount to \$5,869.47 as compared with \$5,010.61 owed by 299 owners a year ago.

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

Township	White	No.	Amount
Jamesville	15	\$	520.61
Williams	4		60.82
Griffins	4		96.17
Bear Grass	4		154.65
Williamston	34		1,175.59
Cross Roads	5		134.80
Robersonville	30		864.68
Poplar Point	3		86.93
Hamilton	11		710.50
Goose Nest	24		365.81
	114		\$4,500.32

## Damage Mounts In Two Auto Wrecks

No one was injured but property damage amounted to more than \$1,000 in two automobile accidents on Williamston streets during recent days.

The autos driven by Woodrow Tice and Floyd Gorham were damaged about \$250 each when they crashed at the Church-Sycamore intersection yesterday morning about 8:30 o'clock. Gorham, driving a 1950 Dodge taxi, was traveling south on Sycamore, and Tice was driving east on Church Street in a 1954 Ford.

Last Saturday morning at 11:00 o'clock, Cecil Edward Perry of Windsor and Norfolk was driving west on East Main Street and stopped his 1951 Ford to allow an approaching car to make a left turn near Henderson Street. Richard Nicholson Vick, driving a Chevrolet behind Perry, also stopped. Charlie Wesley Leggett of RFD 2, Windsor, came along behind Vick and plowed into Vick's car with a 1953 Chevrolet. Damage to the No. 1 car was estimated by police at \$100, that to Vick's car at \$250, and that to the Leggett car at \$400.

No one was hurt in either of the two accidents.

## Local Boy Gets ROTC Position

Duke University student Robert H. Clayton, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Clayton of Williams, was appointed next year's midshipman vice commander of the Duke Naval ROTC Battalion, it was announced this week.

Selected for the position on the basis of military aptitude, scholastic standing and leadership ability, he will enter upon his new duties at special ceremonies to be held at the university next Wednesday. He is currently leader of the Precision Drill Team.

## Fines Levied In Amount Of \$1,425 By Judge Peele

### Court Was In Session Until Late In The Afternoon Last Monday

With an unusually large docket, Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor Clarence Griffin worked until late Monday afternoon handling forty-five cases, including sixteen in which motorists were charged with speeding. Fines were imposed in the amount of \$1,025, and bonds were forfeited in the sum of \$400.

A mother was sentenced to prison for six months when she was adjudged guilty of neglecting and abandoning her children. Proceedings:

In the case in which Harry McCreight was charged with drunken driving, the court ordered the \$200 bond forfeited. The case had been pending trial since March 19, and the defendant had failed to appear for trial.

Adjudged guilty over his plea of innocent, Earl V. Tetterton was fined \$100, plus costs, for drunken driving. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$150.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Kelly Ayers pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty he was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

After he was adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, James Lee Bradley had his case continued under prayer for judgment.

The case in which Jemie Boston was charged with assaulting a female, was not pressed, subject to be recalled at a later date.

Pleading guilty of careless and reckless driving, Willie Wynn was sentenced to the roads for three months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The court recommended that the defendant's operator's license be suspended for one year. Roy Jackson, charged with non-

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