

County Auditor F. W. McGowen reports 8,973 automobiles registered from Duplin County as of April 1, 1951. The Official Motor Vehicles Bureau, he says, is satisfied there are a thousand or more on the tax books not yet listed.

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EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

By J. R. Grady

For a long time there has been a question in the minds of most people as to whether public official governing bodies have a right to hold closed or executive sessions. It has been my experience at one time since I have edited the Duplin Times to have been ordered from a meeting of the board of county commissioners. Since that time a number of executive sessions have been held at which I did not ask permissions to attend.

Among may people there is a question as to the wisdom and validity of closed sessions. Some maintain that it is the prerogative of a group of officials to discuss public matters in secrecy so long as the final actions are made public. However, the law seems to hold against this thought. Personally I am not expressing an opinion on the matter just passing along the recent looked into by Wm. C. Lassiter, general counsel of the North Carolina Press Association who made an extensive search of the laws on the subject. The following is Mr. Lassiter's statement:

It is explicitly set forth in the statutes of the State of North Carolina that meetings of municipal governing bodies and meetings of boards of County commissioners must be open to the public—open to all persons. With respect to the meeting of the governing body of a city or town the statute is explicit in setting forth that there shall be no executive sessions.

The statutes referred to above are set forth verbatim below:

Section 153-8 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, relating to meetings of the board of county commissioners, is as follows:

"The board of commissioners in each county shall hold a regular meeting at the courthouse, on the first Mondays in December and June. Special meetings may be held on the first Monday in every month, but shall not continue longer in session than two days. Meetings may be held at other times for less convenience of the chairman, at the call of the chairman, on the written request of one member of the board, but prior notice of the time and place of all such meetings shall be posted at the courthouse door for not less than six days, and published one time in a county newspaper, if there is one. The board shall receive no compensation for attending such called meetings. The board may adjourn its regular meetings from day to day until the business before it is disposed of. Every meeting shall be open to all persons. A majority of the board constitute a quorum. At each regular December meeting the board shall choose one of its members as chairman for the ensuing year; in his absence the members present shall choose a temporary chairman."

"Provided, that whenever the day set for the holding of any meeting of a board of county commissioners falls on a holiday, such meeting may be held on the next succeeding secular or business day" (Emphasis added.)

With respect to meetings of the governing body of a city or town, Section 160-268 of the General Statutes of North Carolina provides as follows:

"The city governing body shall from time to time establish rules for its proceedings. Regular and special meetings shall be held at a time and place fixed by ordinance. All legislative sessions shall be open to the public, and every matter shall be put to a vote the result of which shall be duly recorded. The governing body shall not be exec-

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Sam Thomas Is Supply Pastor

Samuel Thomas of Serecta, ministerial student in Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, will serve as supply pastor at the Warrenton, Littleton and Gravett Memorial Presbyterian churches in Warren County during the summer months.

He will return to the Seminary in the fall as a senior and will graduate next spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas, and ministerial student from Halleville Presbyterian

church.

DIGNITARIES at the charter night of Rones Chapel Lions Club are pictured above. From left to right they are: Cecil Wells, director of Rones Chapel club; Willie Best,

first vice president of the club; District Governor Wilbur L. Pike, Pikeville; Louis K. Day, International counselor, Rocky Mount; Aldine Whitfield, president of the club; George T. Rogers, district govern-

or-elect of 31-E, Appex; Wilbur Tyndall, zone chairman, Mount Olive Earl Whitaker, president Warsaw club, sponsor of Rones Chapel. — (News-Argus Photo)

Rones Chapel Lions Club Receives Charter At Meet

The Rones Chapel Lions Club received its Lions charter last night at the charter night program. The meeting was held at LaPlace community building at Rones Chapel.

Billy Farmer, Lion Tamer of the newly organized club, received the gong and gravel from Earl Whitaker, president of the Warsaw club which is sponsoring the Rones Chapel club.

Billy Tyndall, Zone chairman from Mount Olive, gave the welcome and introduced the guests.

Geo. Rogers, district governor-elect of Appex, was in charge of the presentation of extension awards.

The awards were made to W. E. Hines and Billy Tyndall who were instrumental in organizing the club.

The charter was presented by W. E. Hines, District Governor. Aldine Whitfield, president, received the charter for the club.

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