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WORK SLOWED UP BY REVENUE BILL IN LECISLATURE For Road Petitioners ON FEBRUARY 19 COURT MONDAY In Boundary Dispute

Diversion of Highway Fund Looms Big In \$75,000,000 State Revenue Problem

The introduction of the revenue bill in the house this week almost brought to a stop the whirlwind dispatch of business in North Caro-lina's General Assembly, placing before the leaders a test of their ability in steering the business rapidly and undisturbed by opposition. The money question attracted attention in the house before the senate could catch up with its work in handling the liquor question.

Indications are that the liquot problem will not sail through the senate as rapidly as it did through the house, but the wet forces are not yet greatly alarmed as to the safety of their measure as passed by the house. The committee handling the liquor issue for the senate is meeting again today, reports indicating no final action will be taken before next week.

The senate found time to pass the social security bill and immediately sent it to the house. The bill will make available to the aged, dependent children and some others ap-proximately \$8,000,000, the Federal government contributing one-half, the state one-fourth and the counties one-fourth of the amount. Efforts to have the state go it alone in matching the Federal fund were abandoned yesterday, and if there are no changes made in the bill by

the house, each county will have to pay approximately \$20,000 annually on an average for the aged people and dependent children. The revenue bill centered on di-

version of highway funds, and for a time it looked as if the administration forces would be routed. The eastern bloc was against diversion, explaining that every cent was needed to relieve the hog wallow roads in the rural sections. They also pointed out that it was necessary to improve the roads are "unconsolidate" the schools. A compromise is expected on the diversion problem today. The revenue bills calls for taxes that will raise \$75,provisions are about 3 1-2 million deliberations of every nature. short of the expected need, but an estimated surplus cuts the deficit down to around \$622,530.

The bill calls for inheritance, license, franchise, income, sales, beer, wine, liquor, gifts, intangibles, gasoline and miscellaneous taxes and non-tax revenue of \$2,800,000 to meet the costs of running the state during the next biennium.

Auto Crashes Into

Hunters in this section, braving cold weather and obstacles ing cold weather and obstacles of many kinds, are putting in all the time they possibly can as the 1936-37 hunting season nears its close. Next Monday is the last day for the chief sport, that of tables

HUNTING SEASON

taking quail. The current season has been disappointing to hunters who complain of the small number of quail in the fields of this section. Unfavorable weather almost placed the sport on a shelf during the past several weeks, few hunters venturing into the frequent rains and muddy hunt-ing grounds in search of the quail.

PROMINENT MAN **OF COUNTY DIES IN BEAR GRASS** Funeral Services at Home ditur of \$200,000 for a short cut from **Tomorrow Afternoon**

At 2 O'clock

Samuel Rogerson, prominent farmer of this county and one of its leading citizens, died at his home in Bear Grass some time during last night, members of the family finding him dead early this morning. He had been in feeble health for

some time. Mary Rogerson, he was born in Bear Grass Township in 1857, and its own burden by passing it on to state and its agencies. farmed all his life. A mere lad the federal government, it is quite when the Civil War was being apparent. fought, he experienced the hardships and wants of the people back ome. But from that beginning, he had the money and was willing to in the march of time. There are cleared the forests and founded a spend some of it in Martin County, some, however, who continue to keep ful wife provided well for his fam- would be paved or surfaced first. March 5, draws near. ily. Nearly 50 years ago he joined The recommendation by the Martin Attorney Hardison said yesterday the Primitive Baptist church at commissioners was referred to by a he had advised J. C. Shackelford, vears beginning July 1. The bill Bear Grass, his quiet disposition in his plained that a 1931 law gave the date, asking him to participate in addressing the plea to the commis-

> with six children: A. B. Rogerson, of Kenly; N. R., and C. G. Rogerson, of Williamston; Mrs. Claudius Roberson, of Jamesville, and Mrs. W. S. Gurganus, of Williamston.

> > the old home place.

Basketball Tournament

Started Here Last Night

Martin County's basketball tourn

ment got underway here last eve-

ning, but impassable roads upset the schedule and caused Farm Life,

Flood Relief Fund Made

Jamesville's contribution to the

Heard Wednesday

tion from that district received very man, in Robersonville the latter part ment. little encouragement Wednesday, ac- of last November. Hardison will be ere.

ure was in session, that the com- dresses his plea to Edwin Gill, of mission was to be reorganized, and the pardons board, in behalf of the the courthouse by paying just that that the political situation was un- doomed man.

certain, the commission offered the ame old story about there being no money, no money. And on the same day the Bear Grass citizens were in in December, is not expected to take noney, no money. And on the same Raleigh pleading for help to lift their people out of the mud, efforts much or any part in the drive for were being made to stop the expen-It is believed the judge would sign tomobile driving. Elizabeth City through Camden and Currituck Counties, and nothing was assured beyond all doubt that Wateven said about the millions the commission is breaking its neck over

to get dumped into Albemarle Sound The Bear Grass delegation was as the convicted man's life. Solicitor sured that nothing would be done Gilliam's action will be determined or nothing even attempted before by the wishes of the murdered man's next July to remedy the deplorable family, and reliable reports clearly situation now existing in the rural state that they will take no part for

sections of this and many other coun or against the plea in Watson's be-The son of the late James A. and ties of the state. And no great half. They are of the opinion that things can be expected before July Watson had a fair trial and are willunless the commission can lighten ing to abide by the action of the

Assuming that the commission of Watson taking a secondary place of that time for further judgment.

member of the commission, who ex- Athen, Ga., attorney, of the hearing county authorities the great power addressing the plea to the commis-

of making such recommendations. When a young man he married That such recommendations carry Miss Armanda Peel who survives little if any weight at all is very doubtful unless they happen to coof Dinwiddie, Va.; Jas. S. Roberson, incide with the commission's policies.

Priority rights wil lbe given no project in this county until a personal visit is made by representa-Funeral services will be conducttives or members of the commission of a few days' duration, anyway. ed tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and a study is made, the Bear Grass from the home by Elders B. S. delegation was advised. Cowin and A. B. Ayers. Interment

The commission did point out to 26 LICENSES TO will follow in the family plot on well for them to advocate a road MARRY ISSUED the Martin people that it would be from Highway 17 through Bear

Was First Session in Two Bear Grass Citizens Supported Only By Jury's Weeks: Docket Larger **Recommendation That** Than Usual Mercy Be Shown The solicitor sick in a hospital, and Supported by a trial jury recom-

By Highway Group "No Money, No Money" Is Same Old Excuse Given County Delegation Addressing a direct appeal to the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission for a surfaced Works Commission for a surfaced Court last December for the murder usual. Judge H. O. Peel continued for a out of Bear Grass, a delega-

Thomas Burns, charged with an cording to information received without petitions or any recommen- assault with a deadly weapon, again dations for mercy other than that failed to answer, and Gus Coffield

made by the jury and entered in advanced the bond of \$100, the court After explaining that the legisla- the court judgment when he ad- having reduced it from \$150.

> amount, for the court fined him \$25 The trial judge, M. V. Barnhill, and taxed him with the costs in while in sympathy with young Wat- case charging reckless driving.

> Harvey Whitfield was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for one year in the case charging him with drunken au a recommendation for commutation

Charged with violating the liquor of the death sentence if he could be aws, Whit Clements was given a three-months suspended road senson would never be given his freedom. That cannot be assured, maktence.

ing it appear doubtful if the judge taxed with the cost on a disorderly clerk recently by Dr. N. B. Marriner, when final evidence was offered in will be of any assistance in saving guilty of carrying a concealed weap-

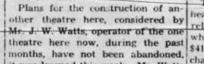
J. B. Rogerson was found not guily of an assault.

Mack Lewis, charged with nonsupport, was directed to pay \$3 a ston and Jamesville Township. Some establishing Beaufort County. week to the court during the next of them are said to have hardly six months. E. D. Harris, facing a known the man. similar charge, was directed to pay

Theatre Unfounded

were going to erect a new theatre parents. There is some doubt as to ently without foundation. It may whether the family will be repre- be that out-of-town interests are services in the Williamston Metho- plantation: thence down Welch's sented directly, their financial plight considering the possibility of open- dist church.

two weeks from the day set for the property owner whose name was execution, it is believed by many withheld is said to have received that Watson will receive a reprieve two letters inquiring if certain lots ere for sale.



Five schools, Oak City, Hamilton, Hassell, Jamesville, and Farm Life, are scheduled to reopen next Monday after an enforced holiday. The reopening is dependent upon weather de-velopments and road conditions, school authorities explained. The three schools in the upper part of the county have been closed for two weeks or

REOPEN SCHOOLS

more, Jamesville and Farm Life closing down last Friday, when road conditions became too bad for the busses to travel.

\$35,000 To \$40,000 Estate Is Left by

Most of Heirs To Estate 19

Live In Williamston and Jamesville Districts

H. W. Mizelle, native of this county, who died in a Raleigh hospital at that time on account of anake inlast November, left an estate valued tested swamps. The hearing was Edgar Weston was fined \$10 and the Chowan County Superior Court and again resumed on December 21 cording to an inventory filed with of Belhaven, first cousin of the deceased and administrator of the es- of Acts of the General Assembly, tate.

pected to share in the estate divis- ty and in the office of the Secretary

\$5,613.78 in cash, 34 shares of stock ance company, \$8,000 worth of Tideand notes

Mizelle, leaving no brothers or sisters, was buried in Jamesville fol- Beaufort line to the head of Welch's

The Farm Life School forged a-Plans for the construction of an head with a marked support for the integration of the one when contributions amounting to the past standoned when contributions amounting to the standoned standoned into the county in to establish and mark a point in to establish and mark a point in the standoned head with a marked support for the relief of flood victime vactoriate. In 1907, the commission goes on to months, have not been abandoned, it was learned this week. Mr. Watts

Complete Report Is Filed Recently by **Special Commission**

Expect Legislative Act To Recognize Findings of Commission

The boundary line dispute between Beaufort and Martin Counties pending for more than a year was virtually settled a few days ago when the, commissioners of this county received the report filed by a special commission composed of Attorneys W. B. Rodman, jr., of Beaufort; Hugh G. Horton, of Martin, and H. G. Conner, jr., of Wilson. Briefly stated, the commision denies the claim of Beaufort Late H. W. Mizelle County, and directs the marking of the line along the courses main-tained by authorities of this coun-

> Starting its hearings on August 19, last year, the commission heard evidence offered by a large numper of witnesses, but no direct visits

were made to the disputed territory resumed on the 18th day of the folvarious grants, deeds and other in-There are 23 cousins who are ex- struments recorded in Martin Coun-

ion, including a number in William- of State. No statute could be found "Martin County was established

Included among the assets of the the Governor. Council and Assemon the 19th day of March, 1774, by Generally speaking, the case is all 34 a week for three months and to estate are the former home in Eden-but forgotten by the public, the fate appear before the court at the end ton of Mr. Mizelle and his wife, tablished by said Act are. Beginning at the mouth of Kehukee in the Hampton Roads Fire Insur- Creek on Roanoke River and running a direct line to the Edgecombe water Building and Loan and \$2,500 County line, where it crosses Tar worth of Berkley Building and Loan River Road that leads by Nicholas stock; \$750 worth of General Mo- Lloyds; thence down Edgecombe tors Stock, and several bond issues County line to Pitt County line; thence along Pitt County line to Beaufort County line; thence along owing the holding of the funeral Creek, near Stewart Hamilton's

Creek to Roanoke River; thence up the river to the beginning."

The commission points out that the Act establishing Martin County .-To Flood Relief while calling for the Beaufort Coun-ty line, does not identify the said line, except at the two termini, the

one in the Pitt County line and the

ties, which was done, and the mark-

er, established by Commissioners

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Young Girl Dies at Home of

Parents, Near Jamesville

home, and with the aid of his faith- the delegation asked what road up with the case as the death date. Rumors of Added Reports that "outside interests sion as a representative of Watson's building in Williamston are appar

being such that a visit to Raleigh ing a new amusement house here.

but rumors to that effect could not Farm Life Donors

Since the hearing is scheduled just be authenticated today. A local

a. S. Corey, Fitt County man, was
badly bruised and cut at 1:30 this
morning, when his car, a new Ford,
crashed into the concrete guard rail
on the Roanoke River bridge. El-
mer Williams, riding with Corey,
was painfully bruised, but not seri-
ously hurt.
Starting server the builder O

Bridge Here Today

ross the bridge. Corev plant and 600 gallons of beer. The apparently attempted to round the curve too rapidly, sideswiped sevtime, and no arrests were made. eral of the road-side fence posts and crashed into the concrete posts, tearing down four and wrecking the yesterday, county officers wrecked an 80-gallon copper still while the new car beyond repair.

spirits were running, destroyed "Just riding around," Corey said when asked where he was going. much equipment and beer and 13 Charge dwith reckless driving, the gallons of liquor. The operators escaped. man was released under a \$100 cash

bond and he left here for a Green ville hospital after receiving treat-ment by Dr. W. F. Evans.

Colored Children **Give To Red Cross**

mud-bound, to forfeit the first game "Many are too poor to think in to the Bear Grass girls. terms of helping others, but their Williamston's sextet defeated the ympathies caused them to respond to the urge of the hour," Principal the right to meet Robersonville in E. J. Hayes said in turning over a the semi-finals tonight. The win-\$5.71 contribution from the colored school to Harry Biggs, chairman of Grass tomorrow night. the Martin County Red Cross chap-Robersonville registered a 23-10 ler yesterday. vin over the Bear Grass boys and The Martin chapter has raised in will meet the winners of the Wilexcess of \$600 for the flood victims, liamston-Jamesville semi-finals

and the total for the county, includ ing the \$200 raised by the Roberson Addition To Jamesville ville chapter and donations made by individuals to other chapters, will

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approach the \$1,000 mark, it is be-lieved.

ns totaling \$5.71 in the lo relief of flood victims has been in-

Destroy Liquor Grass to the Stokes Road, with the possibility that some aid could be **Plant Tuesday** obtained from the federal government.

In the meantime, valid claims are Raiding in the Reedy Swamp secbeing advanced by numbers of leadtion of Williamston Township, couning citizens for roads in other sec ty and federal officers Tuesday afttions of the county. ernoon found and destroyed a liquor

Mrs. Abernathy on plant was not in operation at the Going into Hamilton Township

sentence.

kin's wife.

Katherine Phelps Abernathy, 18year-old girl who was married by

Released under bond during the papers, Christmas holidays, the young woman had been living, following her marriage to C. P. Abernathy, in the

upper end of this county with her mother, Mrs. Johnson. She returned to Virginia last Sunday to face trial. Abernathy, released from the Hopewell jail last Christmas on con-

dition that he leave and not return, Jamesville girls 25 to 13 and earned was arrested in this county last

month for allegedly forging checks in Blackstone, Va. He was returned ners of the match will meet Bear to Virginia, where he stood trial and is now serving a two-year prison

> The girl, courted and won by Abernathy while the two occupied near

by cells in the Hopewell jail during the latter part of last year, said she "had no idea" Abernathy forged a check to obtain funds to take her on

a wedding trip. "If I had known that I never would have married him," she said.

'Ain't it all a mess?"

County.

IN PAST MONTH purchased a lot on Haughton Street

Of Marriage Licenses In This County

will be next to impossible.

Twenty-six marriage licenses were filling station builder, Mrs. Jim Sta- No attempt is made here to give the to white and 15 to colored couples. the country very well." Whether the The number was larger by 3 than Statons plan to sell their home to Trial for Slaying the issuance for January a year ago, a theater builder and move to the and 7 larger than in January, 1931, country could not be learned.

the depression period.

One of the licenses attracted at- Migrating Sparrow Killed tention in state papers of Virginia Justice J. L. Hassell here last month, and North Carolina. The wedding went on trial in Hopewell, Va., this week for killing her brother-in-law, Abernathy, the outgrowth of a jail Howard Watkins, there last August Iromance, was featured in several, Licenses were issued to the following: White Ernest M. Jones, of Columbia, and

Edna Mae Beddard, of Ayden. Grover Staton Harrison and Kath een Woolard, both of Washington. T. E. Goodrich, of Hassell, and

Myrtle Bryant, of Robersonville. Clifton P. Abernathy, of Richmond, and Katy Catherine Phelps, of Palmyra RFD.

John Calvin Barrett and Ruby Elizabeth Hughes, both of Jackson.

ty, and Kathleen Martin, of Beaufort County.

John Oakley, of Martin County, and Vera White Bryant, of Edge- prove the river for navigation poscombe County.

Raymond J. Williams and Laura Florence Price, of Martin County. Tommy Jones and Margaret Ann

Jones, both of Oak City. Rufus H. Taylor and Rosa Lillian Ross, both of Martin County.

Joseph S. Griffin, of Martin Coun ty, and Ethel Rouse, of Onslow

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year or more ago and asked for ter is now in excess of \$600. bids which were turned down on Trend Upward In Issuance two different occasions because they were considered too high.

Asked this motining if she was

By Maurice Roberson Williams

Carrying a U. S. Biological Survey tag on its leg, an English Sparrow Gurkin, Archie Revels, Trulah Harwas killed near here a few days ago by Maurice Roberson. It is though the bird, now not so numerous in this section as it was back in the "good old horse and buggy days," was tagged in Washington and that

it had migrated south for the win-B. Martin. Army Engineers Making

Survey of Roanoke River

Started last week, a survey of the Roanoke is progressing rapidly, reports received today stated. A pro-Garland Bailey, of Martin Coun- posal, supported by Representative Lindsay Warren, would deepen the

channel at the mouth of the stream to 12 feet instead of 10, and im

sibly as far up as Weldon A group of ten Army engineers are making the survey.

Christian Missionary Group Charle Bembridge, Miss Pauline Askew.

To Meet Monday Afternoon The Woman's Missionary Society

of the local Christian church will meet with Mrs. F. W. Hoyt, jr., on Monday, February 15, at 3:30 p. m. at her home on Main Street.

ters in Washington City. The fund credited to the Martin County chap-Contributions in the Farm Life

school ranged from 1 cent to \$5, the grandchildren of Mr. Simon D. Grif-

selling her Main Stret home prop- fin, one of the oldest citizens in the erty to a prospective theater and county, donating the latter amount

ssued in this county last month, 11 ton said, "You never can tell; I like individual donations, but the names of taking part in the humane undertaking are:

> First and second grades: Mary Olo Manning, Rachel Gurkin, Della family cemetery. Frances Revels, Mary Dean Hardi-

son, Frances Roberson, Miss Evelyn

Third grade: Bobby Manning James Harrell Ellis, Mary Louise

iison, Elgarie Manning, Willie Liliey, Margaret Roberson, A. T. Whitley, Grace Peele, Nadine Lilley, Simon Hardison, Henry Roberson, Hannah F. Daniels, Mack Donald

Lilley, Dorothy Ree Corcy, Mrs. C.

Fourth and fifth grades: Hazel Hardison, Grace Lilley, Elsie Ben-F. Lilley, McDonald Hardison, Doris

Peel, Simon Lilley, jr., Thelma Hardison, Paisley Corey, Dorothy Rob-

erson, Charles Gurkin, Willie Rev-

grandchildren.

Ward, Martha Aatha Roberson, Della Lee Lilley, B. F. Lilley, E. H.

Manning, Dalma Gray Manning,

Seventh grade: Vera Ruth Griffin. Cecil Brown, Harry Peel, Eloise

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Hodges, Bruce Peel, Chloe Hardison, Robert Whitley, Kathleen Hodges,

Marie Gardner, 16 years old, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gardner, near Jamesville,

Wednesday night. Funeral services Lilley, Henry Leggett, Thelma Clyde at the home, and burial was in the were conducted yesterday afternoon

4-H Club Youth Receives Corn-Growing Prize Today

Lacy Ward, young member of the Robersonville 4-H club, was awarded a gold wrist watch during chapel there this morning by Assistant County Agent L. T. Weeks. Young Ward earned the award for growing Griffin, Eason Lilley, Marguerite 61 bushels of corn on an acre in a contest conducted on a county-wide basis.

Rev. C. H. Dickey Seriously nett Lilley, Reba F. Williams, Nellie III at His Home In Raleigh

Rev. Chas. H. Dickey, recognized as one of Williamston's men for his long pastorate here with the els, Noah Roberson, Miss Marguerite Baptist church, is seriously ill at Cook, Mr. Simon Daniel Griffin and his home in Raleigh, according to reports reaching here this week. Mr.

Sixth grade: Hazel Corey, Allie Dickey, in declining health for some Hardison, Evelyn Hardison, Elbert time, has been unable to work during the past several weeks

> of the Belk-Tyler Company here last Tuesday, the reader overlooked transposed prices in two items. A 15-cent price should have been der the item describing towels, instead of 69 cents; and the 69 cent price should have been under the item describing frocks.

CORRECTION

Proof-reading the advertiser