#### ESTABLISHED 1899

# Take No Action On **Water-Sewer Lines**

Town Commissioners Asked To Aid Recreational Project for Negro Children

Plans for the proposed extension of water and sewer lines here were delayed last night when State En-gineer Abel was unable to appear before the regular meeting of the lo-cal town commissioners and outline the project. Action in connection with expanding the system was postponed until the next regular meet-ing of the authorities. Engineers were present to review the preliminary plans and members of the Martin County Health Department had some interesting data to place before the meeting, but the group thought it advisable to delay a discussion of the project until the representative of the State Board of Health could offer a definite plan for advancing the

An extensive survey of present sanitary conditions has just been recently completed by the board of health and these data are to be re-

health and these data are to be re-leased shortly, it was learned follow-ing the meeting last night.

W. V. Ormond, who is heading up a drive for an extensive recreation-al center for colored children, ap-peared before the board and asked the town to advance credit in the sum of approximately \$800 for the pur-chase of building material. It was chase of building material. It was explained that pledges in the sum of around \$400 had already been re-ceived and that just as rapidly as the money was collected the town treasury would be reimbursed. It was pointed out that the National Youth Administration had already appropriated \$5,000 for the project and that if the town would advance the smaller amount work on the build-ings could be started shortly. The matter was discussed at length, the commissioners finally instructing the mayor to get in touch with the lead-ers of the project and see how much money they could raise in cash by the first Monday in March when the town would take some action toward aiding the program.

Colored youths have already clear-ed a sizable lot next to the Baptist cemetery for the recreational cen

Attended by Commissioners N. C. Green, Luther Peel and G. H. Harrison, the meeting was adjourned shortly after 9 o'clock.

# Early This Morning

James Daniel Ausbon, prominent county citizen and farmer, died at his home near Robersonville at 2:30 o'clock this morning following an illness of long duration. Suffering with rheumatism and a complication of other ailments, Mr. Ausbon had experienced declining beath for

The son of the late Jefferson and Vester Baker Ausbon, he was born in this county 71 years ago. He farmed most of his life, and was a great hunter. Mr. Ausbon was a charter member of the Rainbow Banks Hunting Club. He was a member of the church at Christian Chapel in Cross Roads for a long number of years, and was faithful in his attendance and support of the institution.

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Besides his wife, who was Miss

Addie Taylor before her marriage, D he leaves the following children, Mrs. Lillian Powell, of Robersonville; Mrs. J. M. Danielski, of Arlington. Mass.; James Robert Ausbon, of Fitchburg, Mass.; Charles M. Ausbon, of Fortress Monroe, Va., and several grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. he leaves the following children, Mrs. Funeral services will be conduct-

ed from the late home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry. Interment will follow in the Robersonville Cemetery.

## **Small Child Dies** In Hospital Here

Larry Mitchell Manning, three months old, died in the local hospital last Sunday morning at 3 o'clock of an attack of pneumonia. Taken cri-tically ill last Wednesday, the child son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Alexander Manning, Jr., was removed to the hospital that day. Attending physicians did everything possible to save the child's life, but their efforts ere in vain

It was the first death in the local institution since it was opened in-Sexton's Market

early August of last year.

Funeral services were held at the home of the parents in Griffins Township yesterday afternoon at 2:30 by Elder P. E. Getsinger and Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment was in the family cemetery, near the home.

#### Farmers Will Hold Second Forum Here Thursday Night

The second in the series of farmers agricultural building Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. A number of subjects will be placed before the group for discussion. The first of the series of meetings was well attended last week considering weather conditions.

Underwriting baseball here this sum of the drive is meeting here this sum of the drive is meeting here this sum of the drive is meeting with success. It was estimated today that approximately \$1,000 had allowed by \$1,000 had allowed been raised, that business men and others were signing liberal pledges.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at noon, but it is thought the last rites will be held in Raleigh this afternoon and that interport the movement.

# Ouietness Marks the Political January Marriage Proposal to Extend Front in This County So Far | License Issuance Is Group In Meeting

Their election freedom declared register of deeds, judge and solicito safe from all possible intruders, for of the county recorder's court, house another two years, Sheriff Charlie Roebuck and Coroner Rome Biggs cation are open to all-comers. De have drawn to the side lines as athave drawn to the side lines as attention centers on the candidacies ty, election officials will have a large along other sections of the political task in the handling of a crowded ticket for governor.

To date not a single office holder appropriate to the control of the political task in the handling of a crowded ticket for governor. surface, leading some to believe that the pay checks will have to be increased if there's any competition to be expected at election intervals. has announced for re-election to any office, and no one has even offered

The North Carolina State Su-preme Court ruled last week that sheriffs and coroners duly elected in November, 1938, were eligible to serve four years without going before the people. The ruling narrows
the political field down to fourteen
openings for office seekings, the
openings for office seekings, the clerk of court escaping along with of education expire in April of next the sheriff and coroner this year. by year, the other having been named Just now the offices of treasurer, to serve until 1943.

#### **Twenty-Nine Suits** EVERETTS MEET Filed In Superior

Holding a mass meeting in the Everetts school auditorium this evening at 7:30 o'clock, citizens there will consider a proposal to install a \$30,000 water and sewer system. State Board of Health engineers, members of the Mar-tin County Health department and private engineers are slat-ed to attend the meeting and ex-plain the proposed project and methods of financing it.

Reports from the county town state that citizens there are much interested in the proposed project and that it will receive serious consideration

# Downward Trend In Some Cafe Ratings Is Companies. There were seven claim and delivery papers filed, the plaintiffs ordering the seizure of John Doe's old mule or a few barrels of Reported In County

No Low-Rating Meat Markets Reported in County Last Month

While the general average of san- to the courts to recover money lost tary ratings for cafes in this county dropped several points, the several meat markets combined to boost County Farmer Dies
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County Farmer their ratings, but the average was one or two points lower for most of the others, he said. Two cafes, with ratings below 70, were closed and three others were closed voluntarily.

Conducting a periodic inspection of meat markets, the sanitarian exexperienced declining health for seven years, the last four of which had been spent in bed.

of meat markets, the sanitarian expressed himself well pleased with himself well

	farms.		
	Cafe ratings, by towns:		
	Williamston		
	Dunning Place		96.
			94.
	Clark's Drug Store		ITT LESS
	Central Cafe		94.
l	Welcome Inn		92.
	Pickwick Billiard Parlor		91.
	Williamston Cafe .		90,
	Mickey's Inn		90.
	Jones Service Station		88.
	Rumba Dream (col.)		87.
		1	86
	Geo. Reynolds Hotel		
	Sunnyside Inn		76.
	Robersonville		
	Wilson Hotel		92.
	Gray's Cafe		87.
	Big Apple Cafe (col.)		87.
	Plymouth		
	The state of the s		77.
	Pulp Mill Cafe		
	Bear Grass	23.0	-
	Harrison's Service Station		76
	Meat market ratings, by	towns	
	Williamston		
	Ward's Market		94.

Sunnyside Market Robersonville 91.5 ers are finding themselves in the 87.0 same position as the farmer in this Robersonville Mercantile Co Sanitary Market Everett's Grocery 87.0 section is finding himself. Yellow Front Market Parmele Tom's Market (col) 80.0 Johnson and Matthews Asa Johnson Market

Hardy's Market Drive For Baseball Fund Very Successful To Date

Everetts

Unofficial reports from a special committee named to raise \$2,000 for underwriting baseball here this summade his headquarters in Raleigh coming here often to visit his bro ther, Christopher Columbus Hodges

White Couples in County Last Month

Court Last Month

Cases of Any Great Im-

portance Are Filed

During Period

Somebody was suing somebody on

29 of the 31 days in January in this

county according to Clerk of Court

L. B. Wynne who explained that of

the 29 suits filed during the period

none was of any great importance as far as the size of the amounts and

lamages claimed by the plaintiffs.

corn and like items from other de-fendants. There were two land suits

filed. Two creditors resorted to the

courts to collect bad accounts. One

plaintiff went to the court to collect

some insurance allegedly due him and another started action to have a

deed set aside and still another went

Three divorces, each based on

two years' separation, were filed, as follows: Gladys Bond against Syl-

vester Bond; Cape Charles Brown against Ethel Slade Brown, and Eliz-abeth McDaniel Wynn against Ber-

In the suit to have a deed to cer-tain lands set aside, Mrs. L. D. Wil-

liams charges that the defendant, J

H. Harrell, told her that she would have to dispose of the land before

she could get an old age pension, that

he would help her get one if she would deed him her land for a cer-

tain price. Mrs. Williams, 67 years old, granted the defendant a deed.

she claims and although quite a few months have past she has no old-age

Unofficial reports state that some

old-timers have deeded their proper-

ties to others and did get on the pen-

**Processing Tax To** 

Help Agriculture

large farm organizations as yet, but

ing in Chicago last December inti-mated that it would favor such a plan

if other avenues of aid were closed. It is not at all certain that the

Congress will be as economical as the committees when it comes to

slashing appropriations, and it is pos-sible that the farm program will be

financed from an increased incom

No new developments have follow-ed since Great Britain ordered an

embargo on eastern North Carolina tobacco, but Canadian tobacco grow-

Eli Hodges, a native of this county, died in a Raleigh hospital yes-

terday from an attack of pneumonia

He was born near Palmyra about 70

years ago. He moved with his mo-ther to Williamston about 1895 to

accept employment in the Martin and Biggs Furniture Factory here, which burned around 1902. During

the past fifteen or twenty years h

In Raleigh Yesterday

Native Of County Dies

on a bond.

Ten suits were filed by fertilizer

The number of marriage licenses sued in this county dipped to a ven-year low point for the month of January when only fifteen couples applied to Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger last month for the legal knot-tying papers. Only two There's political talk under the surface all right, but it hasn't gained sufficient footing to break the surface and all's quiet on the political white couples applied for licenses during the recent period, the number being the smallest issued to mem-bers of that race since July, 1933. January is not a month for white marriages in this county, the records showing only four marriages among the white population in January of last year. The records show that colored couples would rather mar-ry in January than June, the licenses ssued in the particular month numbering 13 this year, 15 a year ago and 19 in 1938. It is possible, to mention one reason, that young colored tenants find a location, marry and settle down during the early part of the calendar year.

Licenses were issued last month o the following:

Rogers, both of this county.

Alonzo Otha Rouse and Elender Dorris Wynne, both of Martin Coun-

Eddie Sheppard and Elizabeth liggins, both of Martin County. Joe Davis Smithwick and Chris time Woolard, both of Williamston.
Robert Earl Gainor and Elizabeth Dempsey, both of this county.

Perlie Lee Speller and Maggie B

Cherry, both of Bertie County.

King Woolard and Mary Moore oth of Jamesville.

William Ewell and Verna Gos, both of Williamston. Lester Little and Mary Gainer both of Parmele.

Luther Ampey and Mary Lee Andrews, both of Robersonville, Arthur L. Brown and Lula Lee Shields, both of Hamilton. Richard Manning and

Price, both of Williamston. William Blount Baker and Hattie

Goss, both of this county. Orlander Page and Katherine Highsmith, both of this county.

### Josiah W. Bailey Talks About Leaf **Tobacco Situation**

nator Cites III Effect of Great Britain's Weak Credit Status

Recognizing the problem created when Great Britain withdrew from eastern North Carolina tobacco mar kets, Senator J. W. Bailey last week end, issued the following state

In view of the extraordinary situa-tion concerning our tobacco, it seems

In the event Congress saddles the co. Mr. Secretary Hull immediately American farmer with an economy burden. President Roosevelt this gan negotiations with a view to preweek turned to Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace's processing tax plan to finance the soil conknown to me. I am not at liberty to servation program. The processing divulge them for the reason that tax has not received the approval of transactions of this sort between our nation and any other may not advis the Farm Bureau in its annual meet- edly be disclosed while negotiations are going on. Just let me say for the benefit of our people that our state department is doing all that it can do in the premises and it may trusted to continue its efforts to the full extent. I may add that the North Carolina Delegation, and the delega-tions from other states affected, are deeply concerned and ready to do

anything that they can do.
2. North Carolina farmers more adversely affected than any others. This is realized by the dele gation and every member of it is an-

xious to do whatever he can. 3. Great Britain has been buying about 250,000,000 pounds of Ameri-

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### RECORD TRAFFIC

Freight traffic over the A. C. I. tracks in this section is estab-lishing new records almost day after day. With two trains op-erating daily and recently on Sunday, the company is moving as many as 65 cars to the train as many as 65 cars to the train and yesterday thirty-five cars were left at its terminals in Rocky Mount after one of the trains had doubled back for ad-ditional cars. Last Sunday the company operated a freight through here, the first to have been operated on Sunday in years.

Most of the freight is consigned to the North Carolina Pulp Company in Plymouth.

# Chamber Commerce Commissioners Take Smallest In Years On Friday Evening

Only Two Licenses Issued To Eighty-One Members Pledge Organization More Than \$1,500

> Williamston's recently organized chamber of commerce is rapidly fitting itself into the commercial life of the town and community, the se retary, Billie Clark, stating at meeting of the group in the county agricultural building last Friday been materially boosted and that more than \$1,500 had been pledged for the operation of the organization There are 81 members in the organi zation, the secretary explaining that a goodly number had already met their pledges in full.

> Offices of the organization are be ing opened on the second floor of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Com-pany, and files and records will be established as rapidly as possible.

An advertising slogan for the or-anization was not formally adopted but the vice president appointed a committee to select a slogan and cen ter it around a map showing Wil-liamston as an important hub in this area. Messrs. W. O. Griffin, C. B. Clark, J. C. Anderson and L. T. Fow-White
LeRoy Harrison and Vera Green den were named on the committee to approve the slogan and map.

The new organization is establish ing additional contacts almost days ind a wide range program is rapi ly taking shape

Plans were tentatively advanced for holding a three-day booster event within the next four or five weeks.

A fair representation of the mem bership was reported at the meeting and much interest in the organization's program was shown. It is quite evident, the secretary explained, that the organization can and will ren-der a valuable service to the business enterprises and promote the general welfare of the community and its people.

### Filling Station At Jamesville Robbed

Tearing the front door almost out robbers entered the Anderson fill-ing station in Jamesville some time during the early hours of last Sat-urday morning and made a costly raid on the stock and cafe. Investi-gating the robbery, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said that no clue had been established that would support an arrest: Efforts are being made to cal.

No inquest was deemed necessary following a preliminary investigation of Carson's death, Coroner S. R. by some that the job was handled Biggs announced.

by other than local people.

According to information gained

Included in the list of stolen goods were 21 cartons of cigarettes valued at \$28.35, and an RCA table was seen walking along the littlemodel radio. Approximately \$50 in cash was taken from the small iron safe, reports stating that part of the money belonged to one of the local churches. A number of checks were also removed along with a diamond the man started to get up but the man started to get up t ring and a wrist watch belonging to claims the man started to get up, but sat back down on the ground and

The station owner-operator. Mr. Garland M. Anderson, stated that it was possible he did not lock the safe.

Shortly before 8 o'clock John Coun-

# For Spring Action

While the destruction of ships continues at a fairly rapid pace, war froze to death, but the lords in Europe do not anticipate any discredited by officers. war froze to death, but the reports were great action in the German and The investigation revealed the French-English scrap before spring purchase of sedatives in more than Preparations are going forward rapidly for war on a big scale as soon as

ing to go into effect about March 11. making their home with his people for many years prominent in the and the economic plans are being in Pitt County they located near civic, religious and business life of

shipping last week when 24 or more ships were sent to the bottom in the

between Russia and Finland, but the talk was virtually discredited when Germany loomed as the conciliator. at the late home yesterd

# Office of Treasurer General Public Is Advancing No Stand

No Action To Alter

Northerners Are

Going South In

**Greater Numbers** 

North-to-south travel reached

a climax here over the past week-end when it was estimated

week-end when it was estimated more than 1,500 automobiles passed through, the occupants searching for a spot of sunshine down in Florida. Filling station operators stated that they saw more cars has through Saturday

more cars pass through Saturday and Sunday than in any other two-day period. Open highways over the Coastal route attracted a large percentage of traffic or-dinarily handled over other north-south routes.

Important personages are in-cluded in the list of travelers, no doubt, but they go by virtually unnoticed, movie fans failing to

recognize some of their favorite

stars as the actors and actresses speed southward.

A climax in the southward trek was reached last Sunday morning when twelve foreign cars passed through here with-in a minute. Most of the travel-ers are from Massachusetts, New Japan and New York

Jersey and New York

Hamilton Man Is

Found Dead There

ed up by officers, the man was pro-nounced dead upon arrival at the of-

fice of Dr. Edgar Long in Hamilton.

condition was not considered criti-

there was no evidence of foul play

at the late home yesterday afternoon

at 1:30 o'clock by Elder W. E. Grimes

Interment was in the Carson ceme

Harry Waldo Improving

tery in Pitt County, not far from

In A Richmond Hospital

Critically ill for several days fol-

lowing a major operation in a Rich-mond hospital on Monday of last

his heart in recent weeks, but

north-south routes.

At Regular Meeting of **Board Monday** 

On Proposed Change

The status of the treasurer's of-fice in Martin County will apparent-ly remain unchanged, reports from the regular monthly meeting of the board of commissioners here yester-day stating that the subject was mentioned without discussion. No public opinion has been advanced in con-nection with the possibility of abol-ashing the office of county treasurer and turning the task over to one of the three banks in the county or dividing the task among two or more of the banks. There is some doubt if the proposed change can be made as late as the next regular meeting, the opinion having been advanced that action to abolish the office must be aken before a certain time

No definite order was issued, but t was unofficially learned that oththe was unormally learned that other counties would be contacted with the view of learning if banks in other counties pay interest on long-time deposits carried by those counties. The accounts in this county do not bear any rate of interest.

While a varied business calendar was discussed by the commission-ers in their regular meeting, action was centered around roads and the handling of routine matters, includ-Saturday Evening ing the inspection of monthly reports submitted by the various department eads and the approval of accounts. Farmer Calvin Ayers went before

Last Rites Are Held Monday Afternoon for Charlie the group and pointed out that the road forces had turned the course of ditch and flooded what is comme Thought to have suffered a heart attack. Charlie Claney Carson. 35
years old, was found dead on a littleused side street in Hamilton last Saturday evening about 8 o'clock. Pickly known as the 5-cent road near his home in Bear Grass Township, While he asked for relief, it was not set out in the minutes that he requested the highway forces to build him a new road, although it is agreed that one Carson, farmer living near Hamilton, was said to have complained with

A petition, carrying 22 names, was placed before the board urging the members to appeal to the State High-way and Public Works Commission in an effort to have a certain road in Griffins Township included in the system. The road runs from Oscar B. Roberson's home to C. Arthur

The board was also asked to urge in its system a mile of road running om the McGaskey Road, near the M. Oakley farm, via Archie Leggett's, John Clemmons' and a color-ed church and school house to the old Williamston-Everetts road at a point near Vernon church.

Attorney Z. Vance Norman, rep Company, appeared before the board with a bill for \$2,200 which amount In view of the extraordinary state of the extrao

An examination of the body re-vealed no scars, and officers stated County Superior Court.

#### First reports maintained that Carson Former Resident Of This County Passes average quantity during the past few

weeks.

The economic belt-in Germany, said to be tighter already than it was during the latter part of the last war, is being drawn still tighter. Great Britain today ordered meat rationing to go into effect about March 11, making their home with his people.

Wrs. John Benjamin Cloman, for many years a resident of Hamilton, in the Parmele section of this coundary to the son of Mr. C. D. Carson and Uring the latter part of the last war, is being drawn still tighter. Great Britain today ordered meat ration—

Thomas of near Hamilton. After Mrs. Cloman, a member of a family years ago he married Miss Myrtle

Thomas of near Hamilton. After Mrs. Cloman, a member of a family years are sident of Hamilton, and the part of the weeks.

Mrs. John Benjamin Cloman, for many years a resident of Hamilton, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. John Benjamin Cloman, for many years a resident of Hamilton, and the part of the civic, religious and business life of eastern Carolina, made many friends formulated for a tough struggle.

England yesterday recorded the fourteen years farming Besides his loss of its 28th naval craft, the Germans having exacted a heavy loss to

Mrs. Cloman, who was born in Edgecombe County in January. 1854, was formerly Miss Fanny Staten, daughter of John W. and Gatsy Dan-iel Staten. She lived in Hamilton until the death of her husband several cars ago.

Surviving are three children: Mrs. John Arrington Kitchen, of Scotland Neck; Mrs. Gatsy C. Gladstone, of Chicago, Ill., and J. B. Cloman, of Richmond; six grandchildren, William Arrington Kitchin, Miss Kate Parks Kitchin and John Cloman Kitchin, all of Scotland Neck; Misses Sarah and Louise Cloman, of Richmond, Va.; and Mrs. Prances Gladstone Williamson, of Chicago; and one great-grandchild, William Arrington Kitchin, Jr.

Funeral services are being held Surviving are three children: Mrs.

week, Mr. Harry Waldo, prominent county citizen, was reported slight? about this time in the county.

It is only in warm spots that farmers are able to handle the work today on account of frozen ground. Hundreds of beds will have been prepared and sowed by the middle of next week, weather conditions permitting.

Week, Mr. Harry Waldo, prominent county citizen, was reported slight tounty citizen, was reported slight. Funeral services are being held today at three o'clock at the J. A. Kitchin home in Scotland Neck. The Rev. Benjamin T. Brodie, Episcopal minister of Scotland Neck, and the Rev. Edward Moseley, of Kinston, her former minister, were in charge. Interment was in Hamilton.

#### children, Charles, 13 years old, and "Sister" Carson, about three years old, and six brothers, Coy, Merlin, Bert, Francis, John and James Car-son, and one sister, Miss Mabel Car-North Sea. There is some talk of conciliation Funeral services weer conducted

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#### Farmers Busy Preparing Their Tobacco Plant Beds

Delayed by weather conditions Martin farmers are now rapidly turning to the task of preparing their tobacco plant beds. The delay, while causing some farmers to worry and fret, is not expected to affect Last year plants were coming up