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ROBBERY OF OAK Campaign for Peanut Control RETIRED FARMER Fatal Accident Brings County To Get Under Way Next Week NEAR DARDENS FOUR MEN IN JAIL 1934 Auto Death Total To 13

County and Town Officers Work Night and Day in Solving Crime

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Working night and day for nearly one week. Chiqf William Gray. Robersonville, and Sheriff t' B. Roebuck last Friday solved the robbery of L. T. Chesson's state in Oak City on the morning of December 18 Four self-admitted tobbers, John Rogers, Jesse and Grover Bland and Willie Jones, all colored, are now in the county jail awaiting trial in the superior court. Joe Bland, charged with receiving goods known to have been stolen, is awaiting a hearing before Justice of the Peace John W. Hines in Oak City

Boring their way through the back door of the Chesson store, the four men, each carrying sacks, began niling them up and when they left the four had cleaned the store of merchandise valued at about \$700 It was agreed that each was to keep what he got. When discovered later Tuesday morning by the store owner, the rahbery proved a mystery, but a few day later the appearance of Santa Claus or a large scle begn to create suspicion Grover Bland's right new wife played ON DISPLAY HERE DAY YESTERDAY Santa Claus in a big way to her pe ple. Joe Bland and his wife were all dressed up in fine clothes when Officers Roebuck and Gray picked them up along the road. The facts began to come forth rapidly, as Rogers, Jesse, and Grover Bland were arrested

The new Ford V 8 for 1935 went on They maintained the goods had been display in the showroom of the Wil, heads, automobile owners in this sec purchased from Willie Jones, negro hamston Motor Company here last tion rushed here yesterday to make from South Carolina, but, until his week, the most striking feature of the possible a record business day for the involuntary residence here, a subject new creation being its body. Intes, Carolina Motor Club license bureau in of Greenville.

negroes were advised that they would ious Ford design-

Jones was arrested. Emger prints fort which has been called the "cen- were crowded with cars. At one time the car were seriously hurt. taken in the robbed store were checked ter poise role". Numerous improves there were 60 locuse applicants stand with those of Jones, the other three ments in chassis design to provide in-ing in line waiting for their tags. Three City section of this county, was a past of next week, when the state legisla-pocketbook in the street, it was said still insisting that Jones was the role creased case of control also are in officers and others armed with death senger in the car driven by a young ture begins what has the promise of her. The prints of Bland's fingers cluded.

part in the stealing, and now officers the road are busy rounding up those alleged to have received the stolen goods. Some of those are innocent, however Two others receiving some of the goods ing a fitted rear truth compartment are said to have burned then put-chases when the officers got on their integral with the body trails.

Most of the \$700 worth of goods was recovered, the officers poing into all do types several sections of this and surround-

28 ARRESTS WERE ward on that passengers rule between

Arrangements for handling the peanut control campaign in this county will be completed tomorrow afternoon when county and local committeemen meet with Assistant County Agent M. L. Barnes for final instructions, it was announced today. The meeting will be held in the courthouse

at 2 o'clock. Several of the twelve committee. men to serve in this county have already accepted the appointments and others will be chosen today, it was learned. With the exception of the county committee and one or two others, the campaign personnel will be different from

Body Lines; Numerous

Improvements

New Record Is Set

BIG CROWDS SEE 752 SETS PLATES

NEW FORD CARS SOLD IN SINGLE

Radical Changes Made in Very Few Old Tags Now

that serving the tobacco and cot ton control movements. The campaign in Williams, Poplar Point, and Williamston will be handled at the courthouse here, the sign-up to be conducted by local committeemen in the various other districts at places to be an-

nounced shortly. Agent Barnes said yesterday that the movement would get under way next Monday. January 19 has been fixed as the closing time for the drive, the authorities making urgent appeals to the farmers to sign up as early as possible after the movement gets under way

William Joseph Wright, 63 Died Friday Before Christmas

Christmas Happier Than at CHILD KILLED IN ACCIDENT NEAR William Joseph Wright, retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Jamesville Township, died at his hom near Dardens Friday before Christma from a complication of diseases. He had been in declining health for almost eight years, but his condition was not onsidered critical until a few days be fore he died. He had been treated in hospital just prior to his death and Lad been at liome only a short while before the end came. A member of one of the older fam-

lies in this county, Mr Wright waborn in the community where he lived all his life. He was 05 years of age engaged in farming a greater part hte. In early manhood he mad. and his widow, Mrs. Nora tight, and two children, Mrs. D. D. nru, of Dardens, and Mr. Surry

By License Bureau right, of Washington, survive. Functal services were conducted from the late home Saturday after on at 3 o'clock by Rev. R. R. Grant, pastor of the Williamston Methodist urch. Interment was near the hom

3 KILLED WHEN

The world enjoyed a happy Christmas. Everywhere gayety ran higher than at any time since the big slump back in 1929. Everywhere the keynote was optimism. and everywhere there seemed to be less misery on the day of days. reports state. In our little corner of the

world down here in Martin County, happiness pervaded home after home, skipping one now and then, where hunger or want were not satisfied and in a few others where untimely passings or accidents tended to mar the spirit of the day. Even in the hovels where want seems to persist every other day in the year, regardless of all recovery efforts, Christmas cheer found its way in the form of lit. tle tokens prepared and sent by

NEW CONGRESS

TO GET UNDER

State Legislature Convenes

WAY THURSDAY

some Christian soul. The depression apparently offered a splendid and humane lesson, for, after realizing the longings unsatisfied in their hearts at Christmas time during the past few years, those who have experienced good fortune of late opened their hearts and individually remembered the less fortunate this Christmas.

Any Time in Recent Years HERE THURSDAY

Business over the section made the merchants and shopkeepers thankful, and the bright prospects for this year added joy and gladness to the spirit of the holiday season As they enter the New Year, Williamston merchants are paus-

ing to express their appreciation for the patronage afforded them and to wish them the best of everything throughout 1935. Their messages appear in this issue.

\$61 GRABBED BY

PURSE SNATCHER

Stolen from Colored

Then tion was employed there.

ounty road debts, and other problems est in streamlining and other mod

you please.

Minister Wears Ventilated

4-Year-Old Girl Is Instantly Killed: Several Others Are Badly Hurt

Little Thelma Allen, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, of Rocky Mount, was instantly killed, her sister, Mary, and mother and father were badly hurt in an automobile accident at the intersection of Highway No. 64 and the old Greenville road, near the county home, late last Thursday afternoon. Five other occupants, including Mr. Allen's mother, were slightly burt, in the Allen car. and W. J. Thomas, also of Rocky Mount, driver of the other car figuring in the crash, was not hurt badly. Last reports from Rocky Mt. where the injured were carried after receiving first-aid treatment here, stated that all were getting along very well except Mr. Allen, who continues

in a critical condition Going out of town, the Allen car was meeting Thomas near the intersection, when a third car, driven by W. H. Wynn, was entering the high-Pocketbook and Money Are way. Thomas stated that he thought the car from the old Greenville road was going to enter his path on the hard-surfaced road, and he applied the

brakes on his car, causing the car to Gladys Moore, local colored wont- swerve and throwing the rear end dian, was said to have lost \$61 when rectly into the path of the approach-

Mr. Wynne, driver of the third car, matters for local people Wednesday thieves had disappeared and left the said that he saw the Allen car going toward Everetts and the Thomas car traveling rapidly toward Williamston, According to the woman's state-According to the woman's state-ment, her attention was attracted by tinued on the shoulder of the highway heard the two cars crash. Mr. Wynne Moore woman did not know the party backed to the scene, removed the dead child and brought the injured to Dr. J. H. Saunders' office for treatment.

Thomas was released under a \$250 bond pending further investigation of the accident by Patrolman Archie Rod-

Trousers During Holiday The death of the little girl was the thirteenth and last on the highways of this county during the year just diversion of gas tax funds, shifting of ing preparations to announce the latended.

will command attention during the ern features, a minister in this county scooped the field during the holidays FEW BUSINESS when he broke out with a new method CHANGES HERE of ventilation in pants, or trousers, if t

With a rent every bit of 6 inches long in the seat of his trousers, the Owner Making Changes To Williamston, Hamilton and pily along his way, marrying couples Main Street Property Near Apartments

CAR HITS TRAIN Seen on Automobiles In This Section With a threat banging over their

which are distinctively modern and the Williamston Motor Company The three Robersonville Township are a definite departure from any prevabiliding. The record of 735 sales in 1929 was eclipsed yesterday, when the

ditional help was employed to handle it.

Safety glass is standard equipment not only in windshields, but also in far for the 1935 black and white tags Vivian and Fannie Bland, and two established branches of government. all doors and windows in all body sold at the bureau here.

MADE LAST WEEK the axles, and the development of rear porting 2,000 of that type sold at a quarter panel treatment along flowing cash value of \$27,500.

Busiest Season in Years for Town and County inches longer from bumper to bumper The modern design note is carried without break through the new slanthorizontal vanced, over those of the past year an ender

be held until Jones was produced in . The new car also embodies a com-person. One of the Bland boys went bination of major engineering sevel-to Greenville and a few hours later opment aimed at increased riding com-trom miles around, and the streets

ing counties tracing the mytchandise of all descriptions. Key to the changes made in out-ward design is found in the relocation of the front spring and engine. This

the axles, and the development of rear in the No. 1 class, the bureau here re. Farm Life Tries Reopening

A sell-out in certain classes of the Key to the changes made in out- plates was reported, but replacements

has permitted moving the body for- cars bearing old tags. The largest sale of tag- was found

While the sale of tags is reported

County Youth Among Dead In Crossing Accident at Enfield on 26th John Bland, 17-yea-old Martin Coun

ty boy, and two of his companions were instantly killed when the car in

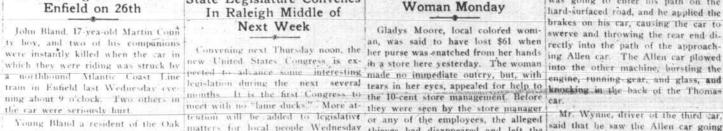
Young Bland a resident of the Oak dealing guns stood guard as the money man named Waddell Lowe, of Wel- being another interesting session. were checked, and he was then for Two important improvements have folled in, sometimes at the rate of don. Driving on the tracks at a blind Both legislative lodies are likely to another colored woman by conversamally charged with the robbery. The been made in the Ford V-85 engine, of \$50 a minute. The bureau continued crossing, the young men were in the mally charged with the robbery. The been made in the Ford V.8 sengine, of \$50 a minute. The bureau continued crossing, the young men were in the pass record-breaking laws, many of tion, and while talking the purse was other two men soon admitted their which more than 1,300,000 are now on open late to serve its patrons, and adchanges in government."

cold 2,884 auto, truck, and trailer tags, and Mrs. Noah B. Bland, near Oak President opposing the measure, but cook in a local hotel, but it was later City, Thursday afternoon by Rev likely to see his veto overridden by a learned that no one by that descriptire season last year. Approximately Thad Cox. Besides his parents, the Legion-conscious Congress. \$48,360 has been paid for licenses so young man is survived by two sisters, there is unemployment and changes in brothers, William and Abner Bland.

So far, attention in the forthcoming ession of the state assembly has been centered around the selection of the SCHOOL CLOSED speaker of the house. The sales tax, While car manufacturers were mak-

DUE TO MEASLES Monday, But Forced To Close Again

Forced to close several days ahead of measles the Farm Lif



Authorities

and other officers in the county ex-the b-autivity mobiled body and the bars in this section today. There are white schools, but when the average perienced their busiest season in years flowing rear onarter panel. Fenders however, a goodly number yet to be attendance continued far below the last week when they made 28 arrests, are deeper and more highly crowned, purchased

Most of the arrests centered around tors are roomier, with wider seats, two robberies, one at Everetts and one front and rear. Span of the front at Oak City, the others originating seats has been increased up to 5-1-2 om one cause or another. inches, providing room without crowd Despite the large number of ar-ing for three persons in bodies with from one cause or another.

rests, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck referred full-width scats. Driver's scat in all to the Christmas season as one of the closed cats is adjustable. Upholstery quiete-t in years, explaining that the and appointments harmonize with the ner.

meantime

Man Is Charged With Driving Mule Recklessly

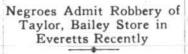
Alleged law violations in this county Christmas week reached a climax last Saturday, when John Dawson Wynn was charged with reckless mule driving in Cross Roads Township. cart driven by Wynn struck and damaged his automobile. The case i scheduled for trial in the county court next Tuesday. No one was hurt in deliveries on the new model are be- Local Firemen Get Holiday the collision, as far as it could he ing made this week learned.

Photographer Opens Studio in Local Hotel

C. E. D'Amours, experienced pho tographer, is locating a studio in the be held Thursday afternoon, January Hotel George Reynolds here during 3, at 3.30 o'clock in the club rooms. the next few weeks, he announced to- As this is the first meeting of the new day. Mr. D'Amours was here doing year, a good attendance is carnestly around and especially at Christmas one-third of the money paid the de- and attend the Baptist Sunday School Dawson's sister, Mrs, Chas. H. Dickey special work about four years ago. requested.

heading, the sweeping line of the low and the year before. Sheriff C. B. Rochurk, his deputies, head and sharply sharing windshield, Very few old tags were seen on ahead of the schedule set for the other sheriff C. B. Rochurk, his deputies, head and sharply sharing windshield, the sars in this section today. There are white schools, but when the average

captured three liquor stills and han with sweeping skirt-died a large number of other matters | Bodies are materially wider Inter-STORE ROBBERY



people, as a whole, observed the holi- remainder of the design. Wheels are W. J. Spruill and George Spruill, day spirit in a gleeful but orderly man- smaller, tires larger. The result is an colored, were arrested last Thursday impression of mass and stability most and formally charged with the robbery

The jail population jumped from 3 pleasing to the eye. just before Christmas to 23 yesterday, Engine improvements include addi- Everetts on the night of December several other alleged violators having tion of a new system of directed-flow 11. Sheriff Roebuck had been workgone in and out of the jail in the crankcase ventilation, which exhausts, ing on the case several days when h water valor and gases from the crank found the two men walking the high-

ase and valve chamber. This mini- way and picked them up. A double mizes the collection of excess water barreled shotgun, wrist watch, and two in the oil and dilution of the oil by pairs of shoes were recovered.

inburned gasoline is reduced. The The two Spruills were returning ontinuous flow of air also exerts a from Bethel when the sheriff, a comooling effect which tends to lengthen panied by Officer Oscar Duiel, found [] il life and minimize engine wear. them. When questions, the Spruills newly designed, internal expanding overalls to Bethel and traded it for

For the first time in five years, the

with less pedal pressure.

time.

The new car was viewed by hun- court. dreds during the past few days and During the Recent Holiday

Woman's Club To Hold Regular Meet Thursday

the Williamston Woman's Club will

nd the year before. Very few old tags were "seen on school reopened yesterday two days ahead of the schedule set for the other

average, classes were again suspended

Only 150 of the 210 pupils enrolled Bear Grass Townships. reported for classwork vesterday.

The measles epidemic is now continnes a large number of cases. White schools over the county, with vats of beer ready for conversion. The

he exception of the one at Farm Life, will start the new year tomorrow. The proached and made his escape. colored schools resumed their class activities vesterday.

Lenoir Negro Surrenders To County Officers Here

Fleeing from the law in Lenoi ounty. Charles Stanley, colored man,

prrendered to Martin Counts officer ast Sunday after he had almost frozen i facture. to death and experienced the pangs of A major chassis improvement is the said they had carried the gun in their hunger for several days. In begging idmission to the jail here, Stanley en mechanical type brakes, intended to a single-barreled gun. They admitted plained that he was wanted in Kin-Jesse Williams procured the warrant give more effective braking control the robbery, and are now being held ston for the shooting of Leman Cox

terday.

for preliminary trial in the county there several days before. He did not know how badly Cox was shot.

> Lenoir officers were notified, and they called for the prisoner today.

Final Dividend Is Paid To Everetts Bank Depositors clock

members of the local volunteer fire epartment got a holiday during the A final dividend, totaling \$6,166.83. The regular monthly meeting of holiday season. Not a single call was has been paid the 135 depositors hav received during the entire time, and ing money in the Planters and Merwhile the firemen are always ready to chants Bank when it finally suspendrespond when necessary they fully ap- ed business in Everetts several years

preciate fire prevention all the year ago. The payment represented about positors.

Goose Nest Townships and carrying on his other duties after Scenes of Raids

THREE STILLS

oming session in Raleigh

OFFICERS SEIZE

Deputy J. H. Roebuck and Assistof the county board of education yes- captured three plants, one in William- ter "blew over," ton, one in Hamilton, and a third in

and now it's safe for the leader of A kettle of 100-gallon capacity was his flock to return.

found running hot in Bear Grass on fluid ready for delivery and two large

operator saw the officers as they ap-

gallons of liquor and three barrels of were not considered serious. She was understood he plans, but it is beer. The operators escaped by crossing Washington Street when a jumping into a caual filled with was young man named Cherry turned into ter almost to their necks. the street and both failed to see the

The still found near here was of other in time to avoid the accident. 50-gallon capacity but was cold when

Bethel Loses to Jamesville; the officers reached the scene of manu-Locals Open Season Friday

Rev. Chas. H. Dickey To In a first game played in the new Broadcast This Week symnasium here, the Jamesville All-Stars defeated those from Bethel at

Rev. Chas. H. Dickey, pastor of the basketball by a 37 to 24 score. The local Baptist church, is broadcasting game was a rough and tumble affair, the Baptist Sunday school conference but very interesting to the fair size

proceedings over WPTF in Raleigh crowd of spectators. this afternoon at 4 o'clock Tomor-Jimmie Brown and Walter Lathan row, Thursday and Friday, Mr. Dickey appeared on opposing teams Next Friday evening, the local high will broadcast the conference activities over the same station at 6:15 of school basketball teams open their

season in the new gymnasium here Mr. Dickey is in full charge of the with a double header with the Bear onference publicity, his reports ap- Grass teams.

earing in papers throughout th

Raleigh tomorrow to join Mr. Dickey Convention. and Mr. Dickey.

the holiday spirit. All went well un-The New Year finds very few til he, perchance, hit a northern ex- changes in the business line-up here,

posure and the discovery distracted the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company average, classes were again suspended and the plant will likely remain idle the remainder of this week, if not longer, it was learned from the office average, classes were again suspended ant Roy Peel interrupted the manu-facture of liquor in this county to a parson left town soon thereafter for certain extent last week when they a few days and until the whole mat-the first company might consider a the first company might consider a the parson almost beyond repair. The and J. S. Holliday groceries having new location, it was unofficially Christmas is over; New Year is here learned.

Sid Mobley is making a noticeable alteration in the appearance of his The measure epidemie is now con-indered less acute there, but there con Christmas Eve with 10 gallons of the Colored Girl Slightly Hurt Heel Apartments. Mr. Mobley is movproperty on Main Street to the Tar When Struck by Car Here ing the Ballard home or the old Newats of beer ready for conversion. The operator saw the officers as they ap-proached and made his escape. Last Saturday the officers visited was struck by an old Model T Ford Himilton Township and jound a 59- near the Atlantic Hotel Sunday even Hmilton Township and found a 50- near the Atlantic Hotel Sunday eve-gation plant running full blast and 8 ning about 9 o'clock. Her injuries nitely announced his plans, but it is

Juniors To Install New Officers Thursday Night

Recently elected officers will be installed by the local council of the Junior Order organization, here on Thursday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock, and a large aftendance is urged. Senior Pass Councillor J. Sam Getsinger will be in charge of the installation.

Measles Now Reported Spreading in County

While it c measies epidemio is a siding in Griffins Township to a min extent, the contagions disen-being reported in other sections Mrs. Chas H. Dickey will leave for taleigh tomorrow to join Mr. Dickey and attend the Baptist Sunday School onvention. Mrs. Chas H. Dickey will leave for taleigh tomorrow to join Mr. Dickey and Mr. Dickey. Mrs. E. David Dawsop and Mr. A. M. Bryant, of Morristowu, Tenn. Ston and one in Poplar Point Town the county, Four cases in William town attend the Baptist Sunday School onvention.