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IN COUNTY FROM **AUTOS TOTALS 13**

73 Others Injured in 65 Auto Accidents Occuring During Year

Modern transportation in Martin County during the year recently ended cost the lives of 13 people, 11 white and 2 colored, resulted in injury to 73 ther people and caused a property loss well in the thousands of dollars. Several of those injured will carry scars the remainder of their lives, and a few others will never recover their financial equilibrium as a result of the wrecks.

In all there were about 65 accidents in the county during the period, 11 resulting in the 13 fatalities, 37 causing injury, more or less serious, to 73 people, and 18 others from which humans escaped unhurt. Four mules were killed, and damage was done to other property in the path of the hurrying cars and their drivers.

While most of the drivers figuring speeding, there were a few who were not responsible for the accidents in which they figured.

our townships, Jamesville, Williams, routes.

lives:

was killed when he fell from a wagon attend. near Robersonville on January 2.

J. F. Jackson, 75 years old, died on January 13 from injuries received when struck by a hit-and-run driver near his Dardens home

hurt in a wreck near Gold Point on May 27.

J. C. Clemmons, colored, was killed as he lay on the highway near the county home on the night of August The last chapter to one of the most

The first double killing during the drews, young white men.

Cicero Purvis, aged white man, was Point section, September 15.

the county home on September 29.

old, was fatally hurt when struck by earth. a speeding truck on the Jamesville road on November 15.

a car-truck wreck.

two cars collided.

when he darted into the path of a car a goods box, with hardly enough rags enjoying the forced holiday.

horror upon war and consider lightly final rest. highways.

PETITION ASKS STRONGER BEER

Does Not Ask Modification of Laws Governing the

Sale of Hard Liquor A petition urging the removal of

all restrictions on alcoholic contents of beer and malt beverages for sale in this State, is being circulated here, the latest count showing 38 signatures ans will benefit to the extent of ap- have been of great benefit to North on the paper here. Very little interest proximately \$257,774.40 if Congress Carolina, and the fact that this State has been taken in the movement, it is adopts the American Legion's pro- leads the country in the percentage of understood.

The petition follows:

move, by appropriate legislation, all Congress and becomes a law. restriction on all alcoholic contents of There were several hundred young necessary to provide this type of loans abiding dealers and distributors, as payment to the individual would be the farm.

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in a return game here, the locals haven in a return game here, the locals haven in a return game that evening, losing to Bear the fall months of 1934. The building approximately \$1,000, it is understood.

In the House, Representative Kerr, ing defeated the Beaufort fiv, 34 to 32, Grass, 27 to 7. Although the latest and loan associations in this State are was destroyed in the Free Union section of the last Thursday night.

While there is some doubt as to the local shaven and loan associations in this State are was destroyed in the Free Union section of the last Thursday night.

1934 DEATH TOLL Farm Census Is Under Way Throughout Martin County ABOUT FINISHED

The United States Farm Census is progressing rapidly in this district, Assistant Director Urbin Rogers announced last evening. Several of the enumerators in this county have completed their surveys, and others will finish the task this week and next, it was learned at a meeting of the county group in the courthouse here early last

A few changes were advised by the assistant in handling the questionnaires, but as a whole the work of the enumerators in this county was described as readily acceptable. Farmers have been very accommodating and were said to be very willing to cooperate in the careful recording of the data asked by the government

Messrs. Hines and Wynn have completed their surveys in Goose Nest and Cross Roads, respectively, it was announced, and Mrs. Eloise Bennett and two or three others will finsih the work within the next few days.

All the enumerators are agreed that the compensation will fall short in offsetting the actual expense, not to mention a profit from

School Here Closed Account of Measles

Kiwanis Meet Tomorrow

At the regular Kiwanis meeting on GRADES MONDAY Fatal accidents were reported in Wednesday night at 6:30 the members Williamston, and Robersonville, with of the local club will be honored with Robersonville leading with eight lives Mount, Messrs, Norman Chambliss the visit of two Kiwanians from Rocky Plan To Reopen for Class ost. All but three were on the paved and Tom Avera. These two gentle men are very active Kiwanians and The names of those losing their they will have charge of the program. which is expected to b spicy and in-Lawrence Bunting, young white man teresting. All members are urged to

DEATH CLOSES PATHETIC CASE

Miss Margie Johnson was fatally Child, Four Years Old, Is Said To Have Weighed Only Eight Pounds

pitiful, pathetic and appealing cases Yesterday more than one-third of ever heard of in this county was peaceear took place near Robersonville on tully closed last Sunday morning at the elementary pupils tailed to attend the Stokes road September 6, when a lot the first little before the last spark of the stating that nearly 50 per cent of the car and truck collided, taking the lives left the frail little body of Cleo Manof John Leavister and Marshall An- ning, the 4-year-old illegitimate daughter of Hilda Manning, of the Gold

Killed on the streets of Williamston A true story of the conditions under which the little tot was born and William Earl Roebuck, 6 years old, lived is beyond description, and its was killed by a hit-and-run driver near little body, diseased even before birth, held life for so long a time is a mys-Little Peggy Hardison, 18 months tery that will hardly be solved on this

Born under the most sordid con-The second double killing occurred glimpsed the world that had been so in Robersonville December 6 when J. cruel to her. Its small eyeballs, swing-H. Whitfield, ir., and J. D. White, ing two inches of more from their Allen, four years old, was killed when self by swinging the eyes with her hands until they dried up, and she set-A colored child lost his life in Rob. tled down to an even more monoto-

driven by a Greenville man.

In 1933 there were only four highway fatalities reported in this county.

Crawl around the room, but without leaving the 1934 dark record even dark- attention and sight she found the goer. The loss of life on the highways ing hard. Several weeks ago the rav in this county during the short 12 ages of disease started taking full months was far greater than the num- charge of the body, and yesterday only ber of Martin County boys who lost 8 or 9 pounds of human flesh and their lives in World War fighting dur- bones, mostly bones, were encased in ing many months. Yet we look with a county-purchased coffin and laid to

the ever-mounting loss of life on the Besides the mother, one sister, about able to borrow from a seed and feed 6 years old, survives, the informant loan fund this year was made certain of the death stating that heaven only in Congress this week when the Sen-

VETS IN COUNTY

Would Release Over Quarter Million

Martin County's World War veterposal for immediate payment of ad-repayment of 1933 loans was proudly justed service certificates, according to attested. "We, the undersigned citizens, do a report circulated just recently. More In the Senate, Senator Josiah W. respectfully petition our representa- than \$34,000,000 would be scattered Bailey declared that the federal govtives in the General Assembly of over North Carolina II the proposed ernment is under a moral obligation North Carolina, session of 1935, to re- measure is passed by the National to enact the bill because crop produc-

beer and malt beverages permitted to men from this county in the conflict, for a peculiar class of the agricultural be sold in this State. We sincerely several having lost their lives while in population. He said over half the peobelieve that such legislation is neces- action, and a number of others dying ple on the relief rolls in North Caro- Holding leding in points scored. sary to protect legitimate and law from influenza and other causes. The lina heretofore made their living on

in the 65 accidents were careless or Special Visitors To Attend THIRD OF PUPILS ABSENT IN LOWER

Work On Thursday of Next Week

Attendance shattered by a sweeping-Principal D. N. Hix announcing today that operations will get under way again Thursday of next week. While this is the second school to close this term on account of measles, two others, Bear Grass and Jamesville, are operating on the border line but with slight improvement yesterday over conditions last week. Farm Life was forced to close for several days when about 100 cases of measles developed in that district a short while back.

the elementary pupils failed to attend pupils enrolled in the first five grades were absent. Attendance in the high school was reported to be about nor mal, but suspension of activities in on department necessitated closing the Section Is Enjoying Balmy for the season with eight victories in entire school.

More than 95 per cent of those children reporting for class instruction in the first five grades have had the measles, Professor Hix stating that once this epidemic is spent, the school will dition, apparently, the child never be just about immune to another epidemic for several years.

Out of the 601 children enrolled in the elementary school, 221 were abyoung white men, were fatally hurt in sockets as a glass marble might swing sent yesterday, or about 50 more than on the end of a string, were about the number missing last Thursday. The third fatal accident near the the only things the tot really ever had Ninety per cent of the 171 pupils in county home during the period was re-ported December 27, when Thelma The child is said to have amused her day, Mr. Hix referring to that percentage as being about normal.

Many of the out-of-town teachers have left for their homes, and those ersonville during the holiday season nous life in her little crib made from children immune to the measles are

Be Worked Out By Committee

That Martin County farmers will be knows" the father and whether he is ate and House each passed a bill creating funds for such a lending agency Details of the bill have not been an-\$257,774.40 DUE TO nounced, and some differences in the two bills are to be ironed out before conditions under which the loans will be advanced can be learned.

Immediate Bonus Payment for a fund of \$40,000,000, while that The bill passed by the House calls of the Senate provides a \$100,000,000. fund.

In the debate in both branches of Congress, the measure was declared to

tion control has made it absolutely

ly increasing the revenue to the State. passage of the bill, it is believed by bill. He said it had been of untold "This petition is not to be construed many that a compromise will be effect- benefit to small farmers and urged team: Holding, J. Frank, Sammie Tay- the future offers more encouragement. ating the employment of labor by Roy Peel. Nearly 2,000 gallons of as a petition for the modification of ed whereby the veteran will receive that the loans be continued. He also lor, M. L. Barnes, Jimmie Brown, Uzour present laws governing the sale of cash consideration in one form or an-cited North Carolina's record in re-zle, Onward Gaylord, Howard Brown, payment of loans.

PEANUT DRIVE IN COUNTY IS JUST

Griffins Township Reports Sign-up Little Short of 100 Percent

The peanut acreage control cam paign was announced virtually com plete in several districts today, with the sign-up near its goal in nearly all the others, according to information received from the office of the county agent. A sign-up estimated to include ore than 98 per cent of the growers in the county is expected by the latter part of this week, with a good possidertaking is brought to a close.

ered in the office of the county agent. pose of the business that is bobbe few of the district committeemen are completing their work and are extracts to the office of the agent at

racts are being held up by technicaliproximately 107 contracts had been entered into by farmers there up to yes-

Jamesville was nearing the 100 per cent mark, last reports stated.

Robersonville, with 85 per cent of epidemic of measles, the local white yesterday a sign-up of 98 or more per up until that time, Committeeman H. S. Everett said.

Williamston continues to receive ap plications steadily, and a support esti- SCHOOL NEWS mated at little short of 100 per cent s predicted by those in charge of the sign-up here.

The campaign is scheduled to close Saturday of this week. Farmers de siring to participate who have not already sighed are urged to visit the county agent's office and prepare their contracts, bringing their bills of sale and acreage measurements.

COLD WEATHER

Weather and Very High Temperatures Today

While the weather prophets are predicting a wintry blast and news reports are telling of death and property destruction by blizzards in other parts of the country, this section today is basking in the sunshine and mercury reached 107 in the sun at school term. noon here today, with a general temperature reading of about 80 prevailing indicate a marked changed within the 30 degrees here in a little over one hour substantiating the predictions.

Starting probably late today, the mercury is expected to fall consider-Out west the mercury readings yes-Details of Proposed Law To terday were as low as 32 below zero, Have Records of Seven Vic and a new blizzard was reported to be sweeping across parts of that region. In parts of Pennsylvania a 50-degree drop in temperature readings was predicted late last night.

a marked one at that, can be expected girls from Aulander. The boys' teams shortly, according to the weather fore- of the two schools will also play here

H. G. Horton Is Member

In announcing legislative committee committee on roads. This was due to an error in a Raleigh newspaper, as Locals Drop Hard-Fought Mr. Horton is a member of the committe, which is recognized as one of the major units, and membership there on is considered valuable.

All-Star Team Wins Over

Star basketball team defeated Tarboro the season, and reflected a marked im- states. Based upon this information, there last Friday night, 37 to 29, with provement in the play of the local it is estimated that \$65,000,000.00 has Two Officers Capture Big

Tonight the team meets Belhaven

Cotton Control Association Will Be Formed in County

LEGISLATURE IS Leaders' School Will Be **GETTING READY** FOR HARD WORK

Number of New Bills Were ty Thursday of this week to conduct Elect County Committee To Placed in Hopper of the Assembly Yesterday

Starting its 14th legislative day, the State General Assumply has completsility that the control movement will ed the handling of a very small numreceive a support of more than 99 per ber of bills, but it is getting lined up cent of Martin farmers before the un- for a busy time later on, some observers advancing the opinion that While the sign-up is now being cen- lengthy session will be required to disup daily.

pected to deliver the completed contracts to the office of the agent at the lawmakers introduced bills and AHEAD THIS YEAR Slade, assistant in cotton adjustment. resolutions through which they hop to tax bachelors, prohibit nudism, stop Sheriff Predicts Payments cepting the costs of committee sal-Griffins reported a sign-up barely walkathons, run Gypsies out of towns hort of 100 per cent, Committeeman reduce the cost of automobile license Harrington explaining that a few con- tags and ask Congress to raise the price of irish potatoes. In addition to ties that can be handled shortly. Ap- those proposed measures, a \$4,000,000 making and it will likely find its way into the hopper this week

chools suspended activities yesterday, cent. About 155 farmers had signed last week, recuperated at his home here part of next month. Sundy and yesterday, and returned to his post in Raleigh today.

AT JAMESVILLE

Crowded Conditions Make Need for New Building There Very Urgent

The Jamesville High School basketball teams defeated Plymouth in a day evening, the boys winning by a IS FORECASTED ing their game 28 to 18 The James ille teams are undefeated in Martin County. The boys have a clear record as many games. The girls have lost but one game in two years.

First Term Successful

The Jamesville school has complet ed the first half of the 1934-35 term in a very satisfactory manner. First semester reports went out this week the standardization of its elementary enjoying typical Florida weather. The school before the end of the present

The greatest need at the present time of the Jamesville school is a AID IN RECOVERY at that time. Late reports, however, new building. Over-crowded conditions have been and still are a great next 24 to 36 hours, a drop of about handicap to efficient education. The community hopes by the beginning of the 1935-36 term to have made ar rangements to meet these conditions

this section by tomorrow night. Just GIRLS TEAM FROM

tories and Two Losses This Season

and only two losses against them so the North Carolina Building and the State Board of Review. With such warm weather prevailing far this season, the Bear Grass girls' Loan League. nere, local people are prone to con-basketball team will meet some sider lightly the forecasts of cold strong competition here Friday eveweather just now, but a change, and ning of this week when they play the

The Bear Grass girls' record to date: Of Committee on Roads 17, Farm Life 6; Bear Grass 12, Stokes 11; Bear Grass 30, Williamston 7; Bear Grass 18, Jamesville 33; Bear appointments last week, the name of Grass 32, Aulander 8; Bear Grass 20, H. G. Horton, Martin's representa- Robersonville 9; Bear Grass 26, Jamestive, was not mentioned on the house ville 28; Bear Grass 27, Williamston 7

of 18 to 16. Cook, with 13 points, cordin gto Mr. Kiker. Tarboro 37 to 29 Friday and Bowen, with 3 points, did all the The United States Building and scoring for Williamston. The game Loan League has gathered this in-Williamston's Sanitary Grocery All- was described as one of the best of formation from its members in all the will be held there also.

Oscar Anderson, jr., and James Long. day attending to business nfatters.

Held in County Thursday

Miss Mary E. Thomas, Extension

Nutritionist from the Extension Department, Raleigh, will be in the counthe first leaders' school for the new year. All leaders in the eleven home demonstration clubs should plan to attend and make this the best meeting ever held.

The meeting is called for 10 o'clock Thursday morning in the home agent's

TAX COLLECTION IN COUNTY IS FAR

Will Pass \$100,000 Mark By First of February

Reporting \$70,335.33 collected up to liquor bill is understood to be in the date, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck is on the he acreage or production alloated the way to establish a new record in the county. In other words, the authori-Representative H. G. Horton re- heved. The receipts to date are great- tain contracts, but at the same time turned to the house yesterday. Sen- er by \$20,000 than they were last year t must recommend decreases in other ator R. L. Coburn, suffering a severe at this time, and present indications ontracts, accurate figures to determine its farmers already signed, anticipated attack of indigestion and spending a point to a collection of nearly two- the action in either case, it is underouple of days in a Raleigh hospital thirds of the entire levy by the early stood.

> to \$22,678.75, were the greatest of any filed with them by producers, or purperiod so far. November was close suant to rulings or regulations, and behind with collections amounting to shall make recommendations to the \$21,816.68. Collections were \$14,539.90 Secretary of Agriculture or his auof I per cent goes into effect after to such contracts or accepting such of-February 1, it is believed collections fers or the disposition of such other this month will amount to more than matters. The committee shall deter-

sented in the collections so far, the recommendations which, in accordance Jouble header at Plymouth last Fri- paid their taxes so far than in any year sary for the acceptance or disposition up to the present time than during of such contract, offer, or application. core of 24 to 19, and the girls tak- any other period since he has been in This committee shall also perform

of \$178,609.76 last year.

Tax collections in the county were leading the sale of automobile licenses at the local bureau by only a few hundred dollars, the license bureau re ceipts totaling \$70,000, or approxi-

LENDING GROUPS duction of cotton for the community

Building and Loan Associa- which may be necessary or may be tions in State Lending \$350,000 Monthly

The Building and Loan Associa-

In commenting upon statistics re-

Building and Loan League covering lieved the program has been planned the country as a whole, Mr. Kiker to eliminate as far as possible any inpointed out that practically half of the contracts for new residential llotments. To this end the signers of buildings awarded in November were cotton contracts and parties thereto Bear Grass 19, Stokes 6; Bear Grass financed by construction loans from are recognized as members of the asbuilding and loan associations. He pointed out further that while contracts awarded for residential construction in November revealed a to- be held in the courthouse Friday afttal of \$19,924,700.00, it is estimated ernoon of this week at 2 o'clock. that the building and loan associations advanced \$9,246,000.00 of construction loans during that period Contest To Washington Figures for the three-fall months reveal that construction loans by Williamston's basketball boys lost local thrift and home-financing instia hard-fought contest to Washington tutions were 40 percent of the total here last Friday evening by a score new residential contracts awarded, ac-

been placed into the construction in The local girls dropped another dustry by these institutions during making loans both for remodeling beer were turned out. Mr. G. H. Harrison is in Raleigh to- present homes and for the construc- The plant was cold and no arrests tion of new ones where needed.

MEETING TO BE HELD IN COURT HOUSE FRIDAY

ESTABLISHED 1899

Review All Contracts Of Signers

An association for cotton-production control will be organized in this county at a meeting of all cotton contract signers and parties thereto, to be held n the courthouse at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon of this week. The organization will be perfected with the lection of three community members n town districts and three county com There are no dues, the government acaries and other expenses, it is under-

Apparently planned in an effort to effect adjustments in contracts, the association authorities cannot change collection of county taxes, it is be- ties can recommend increases in cer-

The county committee shall review Collections in October, amounting all contracts, offers, or other matters December, and \$11,300 up to Mon-thorized agent or representative conay of this week. Since the penalty cerning the advisability of entering inmine and insert in each such contracts Very few large accounts are repre- offer, or application the data and/or heriff stating that more people have with rulings or regulations, is neces-

such further duties as may be prescrib-The county-wide levy, including all ed for it by rulings or regulations poll and road taxes amounts to \$175, which may be made from time to time 103.26, as compared with a total levy by the Secretary of Agriculture. The committee shall hold such hearings and conduct such investigations as may be necessary to the performance of its duties

The duties of the community committeemen will be the obtaining, premately that amount, last reports stat- paring, checking and approving contracts, offers, or applications; ascertain and report, when requested by the county committee, the total pro-(including the production of those in the community who do not apply for contracts), and obtain any other data deemed desirable for the proper functioning of cotton production adjustment plans.

It shall also be the duty of every tions in North Carolina occupy a violation of any contract by any proprominent place in the recovery of the building industry as it realies to ments contained in a contract, offer, ments contained in a contract, offer, how cold the weather will get, the BEAR GRASS WINS residential construction and repair or application, to inform the county work. Recent surveys reveal that the committee. The county committee associations are lending from \$300, shall take cognizance of every such modernization of present homes and facts concerning the case, and report for the construction of new homes, ac-With seven victories to their credit week by Paul J. Kiker, president of who in turn shall submit the report to

While the personnel of the commitcently gathered by the United States success of the association, it is beequalities in acreage and production sociation, and they will find it to their tion work at the county meeting to

County Doctors To Hold Meet Here This Evening

The Martin County Medical Society meeting here tonight with several doctors from neighboring counties planning to attend. A turkey dinner will be served in the Sunny Side Inn. and the business session and program

Still In Free Union Section

A copper still of 100-gallon capacity tion of this county last Sunday morn-The names of those on the all-star local girls are improving rapidly and tremely anxious to do their bit in cre- ing by Officers J. H. Roebuek and