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# THE ENTERPRISE

#### **VOLUME XLII—NUMBER 49** Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Tuesday, June 20, 1939. ESTABLISHED 1899 Stealing Wave Reported Last Fire Chief Hall Superior Court Term Murder Trial Gets **Grand Jury Duties** Files Answer In **Outlined In Charge** Week by Farmers of County **Underway Today** Suit For \$10,000.00 Dragging To A Close In Superior Court **By Superior Judge** A stealing wave maneuvered by county for trial have not been per outside parties was reported on Mar-tin County farms last week, the of-Whitfield and hi Whitfield and his companions con Signals Out No Specific Type Maintains Main Street Acci-**Adjournment Due** State Asks Verdict in Second fice of the sheriff reporting numbers stitute one group operating in this of chickens and quantities of hams and other counties. Last Friday dent Was Due to Negli-WELL PROTECTED **Of Crime in Short** Degree Against Booker stolen. Conducting an investigation night members of a second group raided the poultry house of Farmer gence of Plaintiff This Afternoon Or Address T. Williams While a few more than 6,000 Addressing briefly the Martin County grand jury, Judge C. Everett several northeastern North Carolina John Powell, near Robersonville, and Denying negligence on his part and Clearing all other cases from the docket, the Martin County Superior counties and in the State of Virginia, stole a number of chickens. The fol-Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, stated this lowing night the same group robbed morning that the theft of 57 frying-the smokehouse of Cader Perry on size chickens from the coop of Prince **Early Tomorrow** people in Martin County have al-ready insured themselves pro-tection against typhoid fever for alleging the plaintiff was wholly re-sponsible. Fire Chief G. P. Hall Thompson, opening the one-week term of Martin County Superior Court opened the trial of Booker T Williams, colored man charged with through his attorneys, B. A. Critcher the next three years, it was pointed out by the office of the Court here yesterday, outlined the duties of the body and called the atand Coburn and Coburn, filed a long Trial of Murder Case Likely the murder of Alfred "Preacher" Pettiford, colored man, on William-ston's East Main Street on last April Ayers, near Everetts last Tuesday, had been virtually solved. stole fifteen hams. The smokehouse of Farmer Rogers on the same farm answer in the \$10,000 damage sui Martin County health depart-ment that at least four or five **To Continue Remainder** brought against him by Joe Mitchell tention of the jurymen to no partic-**Of Today** Guy Whitfield, a native of the was also raided that same night, but as next friend of Jimmie Mitchell, as ular crime. He urged the jurymen to be diligent and careful in their 30. Solicitor Don Gilliam is asking a verdict of guilty in the second de-Bethel section and now a resident of no large quantity of meat was stol-Norfolk, with two companions, was en from him. a result of an automobile-bicycle crash on Williamston's main street made certain that the fever would not overtake them by takdeliberations as they relate to up-With all cases cleared from the ing four injections of the vaccine gree. The defense entered a plea of reported to have sold about 60 chick-ens in Richmond soon after the Ay-bile through corn shoulder high for The thieves drove their automo holding all laws. the early part of last March. docket but one, the June term, Martin County Superior Court not guilty. The victims of the hypodermic needle misunderstood the sched-After denying the charges in the omplaint as they relate to negli-After outlining the duties of the ers robbery. He was arrested in a distance of 100 yards on the Lilley Northampton County for the al-Very little trouble was experiencdragging to a close here this after-noon. While making itself felt in no ed in getting a jury, but the case was as they relate to the examinaule and visited each of the four clinics. They are not expected to gence, the defendant says further in tion of witnesses and bills of indict-ment charging violation of the crimoff to a slow start when the defense leged theft of meat there and bound ployed while raiding the Powell uncertain way, the hot weather has not delayed the activities of the court his answer over to the courts of that county for trial. Plans for bringing Whitfield and his companions back to this the Griffin farm here last week. repeated question after question to the first state's witness. Ethel Hill, experience any ill effect. That the Town of Williamston is but inal laws, Judge Thompson specifi-cally instructed the members to health authorities advise that only three 'shots' are necessary a municipal corporation and has a and it is possible Judge C. Everett She was on the stand more than an population of around 4.000 inhabi- Thompson will complete the hour, and Judge Thompson, the premake a careful survey of public in guarding against the fever tants and for one of its departments and adjourn the term late this af buildings and offices and to examsiding jurist, cautioned against the in carrying out the governmental ternoon or possibly early tomorr duplication of questions. The Hill woman was dancing with Pettiford when Williams is alleged to have ine closely reports from guardians **Growers Favor An** COMPLIANCE functions, it has established a Proceedings in the court: and report names of any orphans without guardians. **Complete Half Of** department and has the latest fire Jeff Whitehurst, charged with tem when Williams is alleged to have slipped up and drove his pocket knife into the man's head inflicting a wound that paralyzed him and caused his death in a Washington hospital on May 17. James Henry Hill, the second wit-ness called to the stand, added strength to the prosecution when he described the attack. According to his story. Petitford was dancing with **Earlier Opening In** engine and apparatus and in connecporary larceny, was not returned from the roads for trial, the court nolprossing the case with leave. Whitehurst, sentenced to the roads Limiting his remarks possibly on account of the warm weather, Judge tion therewith, has duly organized and trained men to operate said fire **Campaign** Against With the law on their tracks and about to overtake them, sev-eral hundred owners took ad-North Carolina Thompson said, in conclusion engine and apparatus during a call by the blowing of a siren to put out **Typhoid In County** "In all of your inquiries be dili-gent, and in all of your conclusions be careful and deliberate. In a coun-try like ours blessed with free inantage of the last opportunity for five years last March for the al fires reported and as the head of this organization, the defendant Hall leged theft of peanuts, was one of three defendants convicted at that to have their dogs vaccinated at special dispensary here last **Questionnaires Are Mailed To** Drive Will Be Continued in was at the time of the aforesaid ac-Saturday. time for operating a peanut theft **Tobacco Growers Over** stitutions the safety of its people decident the Chief of the Fire Depart-ment and under the rules of the or-**Upper Part of County** Last week, according to an un ring pends upon the vigilant and firm ex-This State official check of the canine pop his story. Pettiford was dancing with the Hill woman when Willams walk-The case charging, Leander Grif Week After Next cution of the law. ganization, it was the duty of G. P. Hall, upon blowing of the siren, ulation, 388 dogs in the county had not been vaccinated in the fin for bigamy was continued until "Everyone must be made to un-North Carolina tobacco farmers ed into the place, and drove the knife so far into his head that he could not the September term. which was notice of a fire, to go im-Approximately 6,000 people in the derstand and constantly to feel that nd warehousemen are opposed to a county in accordance with law. Nearly 300 were vaccinated by ower part of Martin County have ocen made secure from typhoid fev-er. Dr F E Wilson, head of the In the case charging Mrs. Effic the law's supremacy will be speed-ily enforced by the constituted triproposal by buyers that the tobacco selling day be shortened to five and mediately to the City Hall where Virginia Cooke with bigamy, the de the fire engine was located and di-Dr. A. J. Osteen Saturday, leav-ing about 88 for the officers to been made secure from typhoid fevbunals and that liberty cannot exist under a fceble, relaxed or indolent one-half hours, E. Y. Floyd, execurect the other men in putting out fendant was sentenced to jail for er, Dr. F. E. Wilson, head of the tive AAA officer at State College, twelve months, the court suspending round up and kill. The firing squad will go into action on or about July 1. Owners who fail fires the scene of the attack and was ar-rested in Wilson a few days later. He county health department, said last judgment upon payment of the court That the plaintiff, Jimmie Mitch administration of the power of the said last week-end. Friday following the completion of the first half of the campaign to comcosts and remaining of good behavior ell, is a young man, twelve (12) years of age and has passed through law where crime goes unpunished and the law is condemned. Floyd said he based this opinion admitted the attack, but maintained he acted in self defense, and on that for three years. Mrs. Cooke was to have their dogs vaccinated prior to that time will be made on his contracts with farmers and an-swers to a query mailed to them by granted a divorce in her case against bat the fever. During the four weeks the seventh grade in high school and is an extraordinarily bright boy for his age and the said Jimmie Mitchell, "There can be no just cause for grounds he is working for a verdict the drive was in progress at No. 90 filling station, Jamesville, Dardens, Grover Cooke earlier in the day. The sympathy with any party who volunsubject to indictment. the state tobacco advisory commit of not guilty. action was based on two years' septarily incurs the penalties of the law Just before dinner Solicitor Gil Farm Life, Lilley's Store, Bear Grass, who lives in the Town of Williams-ton, and who is familiar with the aration and negligence or carelessness Farmers and warehousemen, he liam said, "At the rate we are going Corey's Store and Williamston, 18,-**Pests Parading In** When the court reached that poryour inquiries would tend to multi-ply the number of offenses and it will take us all day to complete said, are likely to vote against the 260 "shots" were administered, neartion of the docket carrying cases rules and regulations of the Town proposal at the meeting of the Unit-ed States Tobacco association at the case ly 2,000 having been given in a sin-**County Leaf Crop** Ordinances and the laws governing charging breaking and entering and stealing, it found no solid foundation would deprive society and the indi-vidual citizen of the protection and security to which they are entitled. The State has eight or ten withesses and their testimony will be gle clinic crossing and driving upon said White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., оп Commenting on the first half of streets, and who especially is familto work on, and careful scrutiny of completed early this afternoon. With a dozen or more witnesses, the de-June 29-30, when the dates will be While prospects are bright for ex the drive, the health department iar with the rules and laws governthe docket proved that there had not "But in our desire to bring the guilty to punishment we must still set for the opening of markets and cellent harvests late this summer ing all drivers of vehicles or pedes-trians at the time the siren or signal been as much stealing going on as head said it was very successful and fense is likely to take a greater part sales hours will be established. and early fall, everything is not per-fect on Martin County farms these take care to guard the innocent from injury, and you will, therefore, in that he was pleased with the results. the number of cases first indicated. of the remaining time this afternoon Growers favor retention of the sevis given for a fire. That on the 7th day of March, 1939, about 4 o'clock, P. M., the siren And then it faced certain obstacles He cited the splendid cooperation en-hour day presenting their testimony. that interrupted the record establish-ed by Judge Thompson when he prehave formed an unbroken parade and are damaging the tobacco crop to a considerable extent. After doing quite a bit of dirty work the bud work the bit of dirty days. Late reports state that the pests that had been advanced by organievery case that may come before you carefully weigh the testimony offer-Large numbers of the colored pop-ulation are present for the proceedzations, store and property owners and individuals. "While a few quit sided over the March term of the sued and present no one unless in your at the City Hall was blown and the ings, but the trial is attracting no defendant who operates a barber shop at the West end of the business the dispensaries after receiving the first 'shot', most of the people were faithful to the end, and at least three faithful to the end, and at least three deliberate judgment the evidence before you is sufficient, in the abperior court in this county. George Perkins and Willie Green work, the bud worm has just about "The farmers probably will ask, he withdrawn in favor of the horn worm and grass hopper. Farmers say sence of any other proof, to justify section of Main Street, immediately charged with breaking into and rob at the sound of the siren, left his or four took four 'shots'," Dr. Wilson the conviction of the accused." bing the Peele Jewelry Store in Wilvorm and grass hopper. Farmers say business and got in his car and was traveling down Main Street going to liamston, defied the court and skip Mr. D. R. Chandler, of Robersonweeks on each market. Crop Are Damaged traveling down Main Street going to ped the country, leaving their rela-fulfill his duty, to-wit: to take charge tives with two \$300 mortgages to Members of the Junior and Senior was made foreman of the The query mailed to farmers by By Wind And Rains

grand jury, and Mr. W. A. James was sworn in as officer of the body. Members of the jury are: Rufus A. Coltrain, Jimmie Roberson, Dennis L. Peel, Zack Cowen, George B. Ange, C. W. Forbes, C. C. Parker, C. J. Griffin, Eli T. Hodges, L. F. Waters, Wheeler Manning, W. W. Whitehurst, Perlie B. Lilley, Joseph Phelps, LeRoy Savage, J. H. Chesson and H. C. Lassiter

## Victims Of Wreck **Improving Rapidly**

Injured in a head-on automobile crash near Everetts last Friday afof the men in operation of the fire satisfy. The disappearance automa-department; that he was driving his tically continued the trial of Eddis car down Main Street in a careful Watson and prudent manner and at the same with receiving two of the stolen time was blowing the siren on his watches, knowing them to have been car, warning the people who were stolen

on the street driving automobiles, as well as pedestrians, that he had the The case charging Marvin Ross with breaking and entering and lar ceny and receiving was remanded to the juvenile court for trial. B. H. right-of-way and that it was the duty of all citizens on said street to yield the right-of-way to him as well Ross, Jr., a second defendant in the as all the remainder of the fire decase, was sentenced to the roads for from three to five years, the court partment vehicles.

suspending the sentence and placing the defendant on probation for five That defendant is informed, beieves and so alleges that the plaintiff, Jimmie Mitchell, at the time that years. the siren was blown, was on his big A verdict of not guilty was direct

siren was blown, was on his bi-le on West end of the busness ed at the conclusion of the state's

Woman's clubs, Misses Ruth Manning and Mary Taylor and Mrs. Jos-eph A. Eason were active in promoting the clinics, and rendered a valu-Brown who was charged able assistance without remunera-tion, Dr. Wilson commented.

Beginning Monday, July 3, the drive against typhoid will get underway in the upper part of the county Pitt boundary line last Sunday af A schedule of the clinics will be released the early part of next week. Since the campaign was started in this county four weeks ago, repeat-

this county four weeks ago, repeat ed outbreaks of the fever have been reported in the various parts of the country. Out in the state of Wash-ington, 82 people in a small community fell victims of the fever An out-break was reported in a southern L. Ausbon and Stanley Hollis was cycle on West end of the busness section of Main Street coming down Main Street towards the City Hall and upon the blowing of the siren, and upon the blowin

Whipped by a strong wind and

accompanied by some hail, one of the heaviest rains on record did con-

siderable damage to crops in the Cross Roads sector along the Martin-

ternoon, reports reaching here stat-ing that large fields of tobacco and

corn were leveled to the ground and

their crops are being attacked by hordes of worms and that the grass ter part of July and early August are cut the hours for selling tobacco from

lowing control methods:

tobacco is topped.

crash near Everetts last Friday af-ternoon, George Harrison, Jr., and W. K. Parker were reported to be ate of lead and dust 4 to 5 pounds to improving rapidly in a Weshington at the prices of the parts area of the prices of t

hoppers are doing a great deal of damage between hops. The worms ordinarily holding off until the lat-ter part of July and that the grass in the query mailed to farmers by the tobacco committee asked 1. "In view of the large crop this year, do you think it advisable to out the board of the large crop this

well advanced in their march of destruction this season. As a means of combatting the pests Agent T. B. Brandon offers the fol-

Bud worms: Mix one pound of arsenate of lead with 50 pounds of corn cured area? meal and put a small quantity in the bud at the rate of about 12 or 15 the munity market their tobacco in the middle of the used.

improving rapidly in a Washington hospital this morning. For a spray, use one and one-half to

seven hours per day to five and onehalf hours 2. "Would the farmers in your community favor opening the markets by belts two weeks earlier than

last year for all belts in the flue-3. "Would the farmers in your

bud at the rate of about 12 or 15 pounds to the acre. Applications should be made while the dew is on the tobacco and should be plied every 10 to 14 days until the tobacco is topped. 4. "Would the farmers in

broken arm in addition to cuts and gallons of water. bruises, young Mr. Harrison, howev-

er, has a long stay in the hospital ahead of him. At the end of three green, six oranges, one gallon of moweeks he will be placed in a cast and lasses and enough water to dampen will be allowed to return home the mixture and apply in the middle of the tobacco rows at the rate of 10 bed for three more weeks. After that time and for about two weeks he livestock should be kept out of fields will be able to get about with the aid for three or four days after applicaof crutches tion of poison.

Mr. Parker, suffering no broken bones but a severe cut on his left knee and chest bruises, is expected home within a few days. Charges have been brought against him in connection with the accident, it was unofficially learned here today.

The two cars, a Mercury driven by Harrison, and a Packard, driven by Parker were wrecked, the combined damage approximating \$1,500.

#### **Conducting Series Of** Services In Everetts

The first in a one-week series of revival services in the Everetts Christian church attracted a large crowd last night, Rev. J. M. Perry, the preacher, announced today. Last night, Mr. Perry preached on the theme, "Adam, Judas and Co." To-night he will preach on "What's in a name

The services will continue each evening through Sunday.

#### **Prominent** Goose Nest

Farmer Ill In Hospital

J. T. Moore, prominent and wellknown Goose Nest farmer, continues critically ill in a Tarboro hospital according to last reports reaching

Mr. Moore was taken suddenly ill while riding along the road last Fri-day and was removed to the hospi-tal later that day.

Suffering a dislocated hip and a two pounds of this mixture to fifty

Grasshoppers: Mix 50 pounds of this question would not have to be wheat brand, two pounds of paris decided each year?"

Several Injured In

Dr. T. G. Charles, of Beardstown, Ill., suffered a broken leg, his son, Tom, was badly cut on the elbow,

Pressed into service early last Sunday morning, Officers C. B. and J. H. Roebuck, Patrolman W. S. Hunt and Deputies Carl Wynne and Roy Peel wrecked two stills and poured out about 1,000 gallons of beer in Griffins Township. Expecting to find the plant in operation, the officers Charles escaped injury. were disappointed when they discoverd the operators had temporarily

abandoned the territory. The stills were made of ordinary block tin, officers explaining that the output would rate only at its best as a refined poison. The stills, both of about 75-gallon capacity, are among the few of that type ever captured in the county.

**Openings** For Nine Martin Youth In The CCC Service

Stranger 14

Openings for nine Martin Coun-ty youths in the Civilian Conserva-

tion Corps were announced this week by the Martin County welfare office. Quite a large number is expected to file for the places. The quota provides for the entrance of seven white

and two colored boys. The successful applicants will re-port for camp on July 5. The boys will possibly be assigned to Camp Warren in Beaufort County for duty. Warren in Beaufort County for duty. and two colored boys.

5. "Would the producers in your community prefer a permanent opening date for the market, so that

Wreck Here Today

Officers Capture Two Large Stills In Griffins Township

cut on their heads in an automobile crash near the plant of the Farm-ville-Woodward Lumber company here just before noon today.

Dr. Charles, driving his car into Williamston, was removed to a was and come to a standstill, and washington hospital after receiving first-aid treatment in the offices of

Painfully but believed not critibe removed to a hospital immediate-

Caleb Copeland, of Gates County, accompanied by Mrs. Lela Copeland, Miss Sanderlin and Tilford Copeland, young boy, was driving toward Washington and started to make a

Both cars were wrecked.

**Postpone Meeting Of** 

Town Commissioners Delayed twice in the absence of a quorum, the June meeting of the lo

cal town commissioners was again postponed last night pending the

around and in front of cars and that time in his life. Douglas O'Mary previous to the accident, he was varned twice that he had better stay off of Main Street or that he had better ride more carefully, and the de-

fendant further says that while the plaintiff, Jimmie Mitchell, knew the rules and laws governing traffic and pedestrians and knew it was unlawful and dangerous for him to even

ride his bicycle on Main Street when the siren had blown, and the men operating the fire department were

hurrying to the City Hall down Main Street for the purpose of going to put out fire somewhere in the city, and he knew it was his duty the min-

ute he heard the siren to drive his bicycle to the right hand side of the curb on Main Street wherever he

ment had gone to the scene of the fire Drs. Saunders and Brown. Mrs. or he had been directed to move by

the city officers or patrolman, and the plaintiff, Jimmie Mitchell, knew cally hurt, Mrs. Copeland could not that just previous to the accident that several of the firemen were coming ly and continued in the offices of Drs. Rhodes and McAllister. down Main Street going to the City Hall for the purpose of organizing

and going to put out the fire and he knew and he observed that the remainder of the people on Main Street had stopped and turned to the right and driven up to the near-Washington and started to make a set curb and stopped waiting to the left turn into the Farmville-Wood-ward mill yard when the Charles fire department to pass, and the plaintiff, Jimmie Mitchell, further plaintiff, Jimmie Mitchell, further knew that he was not exercising due

care and prudence equal to h pacity, knowing the rules and of North Carolina and the fir

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### **Home From Hospital**

Reported much improved, Mrs. J. Eason Lilley returns to her home here this afternoon after undergoing treatment in a Durham hospital during the past several days.

pleaded guilty in the case charging him with the theft of three hams from Farmer Matthews' smokehouse near Parmele. Sentencing him to the roads for a period of from three to ported. five years, Judge Thompson suspending the sentence and placing him on probation for five years. Joseph drunken driving, monopolized the

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the fever. Conditions similar to those church, the rains were not so heavy in the far western state and in the state to the South of us and in the No reliable estimate of the dam counties about us exist in Martin age could be had, but it was estimat County and are just as inviting as ed by some that the loss will approxthose where the cases are being re- imate 50 per cent in some case

While the Cross Roads section had more than 6,000 people getting noon and night. Bright prospects for more than a sore arm of ran a slight hours.

the county, general reports stating that the crop conditions at the present time are the brightest in a number of years.

Bertie Home Agent Is **Injured In Car Accident** 

Mrs. Edna B. O'Neal was slightly ut on the head and painfully bruisd when her car, a 1938 model Chevrolet, turned over on a curve near the county home about 9 o'clock last Sunday night during a heavy rain.

When the car skidded and when Mrs. O'Neal saw she had lost control, she turned the steering wheel lose and grabbed the bottom of the seat, holding tight as the car turned over and landed in a ditch.

Mrs. O'Neal, home agent for Bertie County, was returning to her post of duty from a visit with relatives in Kinston. She was riding alone.

Damage to her car was estimated at \$400.

#### **Record Mercury Readings** Are Recorded Here Today

A new heat record for June was recorded here early this afternoon when the mercury climbed to 98 degrees in the shade and threatened to reach and even pass the 100 mark. High humidity aggravated a hot situation yesterday when the mer-cury readings were not quite so high.

is ca- laws	Six lives lost,	
laws re de-	in excess of \$6,000 A comparison	

first months of the year follows:

Last Week's Roord Prior Record	Accidents 2 19	Injured 3 14	Killed 0 6	Property . Damage \$1,900.00 4,150.00
TOTALS	21	17	6 '	\$6,050.00

#### Placing two persons in the hospital, injuring a third and exacting a property damage estimated a \$1,900, the automobile went forth as a potential death weapon on the highways of this county during the past week. Two of the three persons in the accidents may be per-

manently injured. Hundreds reviewed the wreckage and talked about elleged drunken driving, but as the days come and go there is still present an indifference to the careless use of the streets and highways.

In the Martin County Superior Court Monday, Solicitor Don Gilliam while pleading for a conviction in a drunken driving case declared in a firm voice that the enforcement officers and the courts are trying to do something to relieve the accident and death toll on the streets and highways, but that the fight was being advanced against great odds.

The record in our little county of hardly more than 25,000 people should be sufficient to wipe out forever the existing indifference to the dangers of the road and to the successful enforcement of the

ed and a property damage efore the year is half spent.

the past week and for the

Highway Accident Record

Quite a few complained about the Tects of the waveful about the effects of the vaccine, but as far as it could be learned not one of the ly all other sections in the county re-Byrum, charged with more than 6,000 people getting the ported gentle rains Sunday after-