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Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Tuesday, March 6, 1945.

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dering the purchase of motorized Goodmon, district manager. equipment, a cement mixer, water in some instances to delay action any

Going before the board, Dr. John Williams cited several drainage gram have been made public, but be found anywhere. No estimate on problems and asked the board to it is understood that the company the line mileage was offered and the consider paving some of the alley- is planning a far-reaching program ways and the installment of storm that will fit in with a recognized expansion program will serve could sewers. In their discussion, the board post-war economy. The company re- not be learned, but it is fairly cermembers agreed that the alleys lead- cently cancelled all its rural electri- tain that it will place power and ing into Main, Smithwick and Wash-ington Streets should be paved and trons the same minimum rate alinstructed the superintendent of the streets to purchase a \$1,000 cement mixer and handle the work as soon as possible. It was pointed out that the town would have much concrete work in the future, and the investment would prove economical.

The street superintendent was also instructed to purchase a new truck for use in hauling garbage. The department's rolling stock is in bad repair and garbage collections are subject to fail unless some of the equipment is replaced soon.

Pointing out that the water supply for fire protection on Grace Street and near the high school was not adequate, the commissioners instructed the water department superintendent to connect two lines which will afford circulation and a greater source of water. Less than 200 feet of mains will have to be

A several hundred foot extension of the water lines beyond the fair grounds was ordered, the superintendent of the water department explaining that applications for several connections were pending.

Reporting to the board, a special

committee said that a town lot on the corner of South Haughton and West Warren Streets had been sold for \$355, that the town had several other lots for sale.

The fire department head explained that the supply of fire hose was

G. P. Hall were appointed a committee to make a study of the several

Few Register For **Draft** in the County

Sixteen Martin County men just turned eighteen years of age registered for the draft last month. While February was a short month, the list of registrants was still shorter, the draft board office stating that the registration was about the smalltwo of the sixteen registering are projects, but the shortage of space

Names of the registrants and their addresses follow: Wiley Theodore Williams, c, Oak

James Augusta Barnes, c, RFD 2, Robersonville. Edward Durham, c, RFD 1, Rob-

ersonville. Jobie Peele, c, RFD 3, Washing-Jaosa Purvis, c, RFD 1, Oak City.

Dowell Guy Forbes, w, RFD 1, Robersonville. William Earl Jones, c, Oak City.

William Lonnie Haislip, w, RFD 3. Williamston.

James Lee Ampley, c, Roberson-Allen Brown, Jr., c, Robersonville.

Elex Daniel Smith, c, RFD 1, Pal- Robersonville, Oak City and Sals-James Willie Thompson, c, RFD 3,

Williamston. Joseph Thomas Williams, c, RFD 2. Williamston. Louis T. Alston, c, RFD 1, Rober

Paul Davis, c, RFD 1, Palmyra.

Raymond Hyman, c, RFD 1, Pal-

Firemen Called To Plant Of Lindsley Ice Company

Firemen were called to the plant of the Lindsley Ice Company last Friday when fire started pouring from the exhaust of the ice plant engine. No damage was done.

The owners and operators recognized no danger, but other parties hastened to call out the firemen when they saw fire spouting from

the engine's exhaust pipe. So far this year, local firemen have received fewer calls than in any other like period in years.

will discuss plans for a post-war about every rural home in the countion. In a lengthy session last evening, rural electrification expansion pro- ty and district. the local town commissioners went gram in this, the Albemarle District, on a regular spending "spree," or- it was learned today from R. H.

Representatives from thirteen pipe and fire hose. It was pointed counties-Edgecombe, Halifax, Pitt, requisitions for equipment and ma- farm and subjected himself to inout that some action was almost Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, Choimperative, that it was dangerous wan, Perquimans, Camden, Gates, Pasquotank, Currituck and Dare are expected to be present.

WOUNDED

Anticipating one of the greatest expansions in rural electrification the country has yet seen, the company, it is understood, has made soon as possible on the rural service ed from 21 to 29 years. expansion program. No membership fee is required and it is believed that No details of the proposed pro- the contract is the most liberal to this month follow: number of potential customers the light in reach of nearly every rural

Rural People Plead **To Commissioners** For Better Roads

resterday, the members of the Martin County Board of Commissioners heard a goodly number of urgent pleas for improved roads and the inclusion of others in the State system. The authorities were in session until late in the afternoon discussing a as a board of equalization and re-

fore the board and others appeared in person to plead for better roads. In accordance with the wishes of the people, the board recommended that the road in Bear Grass leading from and others be widened. The road, about 2 1-2 miles long, is mighty

tance of one mile, be included in the home.

It was also requested that the road in Jamesville Township, running Cage Tournament streets and name those with no offierly direction to residence of Horton Modlin be included in the State sys-

for assistance in opening lunch ed on the State map. Starting at Jas.

fus Coltrain, John Coltrain and W. B. improve the Gus Lane road leading day evening, the winners of this con- is to be reached. There is no doubt from Jodie Ayers' to Joe Ausbon's test going on to meet the winners of now about the progress of the drive via Stanley Ayers, Simon Rogers, the Jamesville-Williamston tilt at in the other townships in the chap-

are being maintained in the white way Commissioner in this district way Commissioner in this district.

I. Mayo Little, Robersonville man, was reappointed a member of the County Welfare Board to serve for two years, his new term to begin April 1st.

resentatives of insurance companies ed constable for Jamesville Town-W. Clarence Wallace was appointship, his term to run until the first of December, 1946. A \$500 bond, submitted by Wallace, was approved.

The board provided for the installation of a telephone in the assistant home agent's office in the agricultural building.

Former Citizens of County Lose Home by Fire Recently

cently wrecked the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hardison, former couny citizens, in Portsmouth.

The family was sleeping when the fire was discovered and they barely escaped, Mrs. Hardison moving the children to safety. Mr. Hardison was slightly burned and almost overcome by smoke. Damage to the home was estimated at \$1,800 not including all the clothing and bed linens that were burned.

twenty or more representatives of tain that the new program will of- only two from this county yester-Plan To Pave Alleyways and Handle Several Other Improvements

twenty or more representatives of the Virginia Electric and Power ral people throughout this district, that it is possible the use of light and power will be made available to just to leave the county for pre-inductive contract to the rural people throughout this district, that it is possible the use of light and group to the smallest total of any to leave the county for pre-inductive contract to the rural people throughout this district, that it is possible the use of light and group to the smallest total of any to leave the county for pre-inductive contract to the rural people throughout this district, that it is possible the use of light and power will be made available to just to leave the county for pre-induc-

> Three of the six men called are married and they have two children. Five of the group were called from non-farm jobs, and according to one report, the sixth man left the Williamston Reports \$1,508. terials and will start work just as duction. The ages of the group rang-

> > Names and registration and lastgiven addresses of the men called

Thurman Bell, Jamesville and Norfolk. He was transferred to Nor-

Booker T. Williams, RFD 1, Robrsonville and Norfolk. King Thadius Woolard, RFD 1 Williamston and Lansing, Mich. He failed to report.

William Lawrence Everett, RFD 1, Charlie Alfred Williams, Williamton and Norfolk. He was transfer-

ed to Norfolk. Arthur James, RFD 1, Williamston, failed to report.

Rev. J. W. Vinson **Gains His Freedom**

minister, and Mrs. Vinson were liberated a few weeks ago from a Japceived from the minister who served as assistant to Rev. Z. T. Piephoff and that the school would possibly varied business calendar. They will in the churches here and at Bear meet in special session on March 9 Grass, Roberson's Chapel and Poplar in this county that he had talked with the minister and his wife, that they were well and looking forward the \$450 quota. to returning to the States.

Bear Grass to Cross Roads at Fannie the Philippines, but no word of his plete there. The people there, rais-Harris Mill via Delmus Rogerson, liberation has been received. He was ing \$42.25, more than double the 1944 Mrs. H. A. Salsbury, Walter Bailey last heard from at Los Banos Camp, contribution. Several canvassers about 35 miles south of Manila.

The second request was that the China. Just before the outbreak of in the residential section. The Jun-Camp or old Greenville Road, a dis- before they could continue the trip from the Senior Club are canvassing

Starts Tomorrow

School Basketball Tournament opens is making progress ,but is possibly in the gymnasium here tomorrow far from complete at this time. evening at 7:30 with five teams par-

girls open the tourney at that time, until last night, the amount being ate burial services were conducted and Farm Life and Robersonville just a little over one-third of the for him by a Protestant Army Chapwill take the floor at 8:30. Bear Grass total quota assigned the township. lain. drew a bye for Wednesday, but will The fund chairman explains that The State is also being asked to Robersonville game at 7:30 Thurs- lutely necessary if the township goal

The first of the boys' games will be played Wednesday evening at in Williamston Township follow: 9:30 o'clock when Farm Life and A petition carrying fifty signatures Williamston meet. On the following Courtney \$40, Central Cafe \$35, W. was presented urging that that por- night-Thursday-at 8:30 o'clock, R. Banks \$25, Sam Zemon \$15, Nat tion of the old Jamesville-Plymouth the Jamesville and Bear Grass boys Israel \$20, Williamston Cafe \$20, Road abandoned when U. S. Route will bid for a place in the finals, Ann's Variety Store \$10, Geo. Rey-64 was established be placed on the while Robersonville, holding a bye nolds Hotel \$10, Dr. and Mrs. E. T. in the first round, will play the win- Walker \$25, Ben Andrews \$1, Mrs. At the request of Attorney Wade ners of the Farm Life Williamston A. L. Green 35c, Raymond Roberof school lunch rooms, but they do Dickens of Halifax County, and in game. The championship games son's store \$5, George Harris, Sr., \$5, the absence of requests from others, will be played Friday night, the the board endorsed J. Waldo Whit- girls playing at 8 and the boys start-

cents will be charged.

WOUNDED

Pvt. Winford Mobley was slightly wounded in Germany on February 23, his wife, the former Miss Catherine Wynne, of RFD 3, Williamston, was notified by the War Department yesterday afternoon. The young man is now in an Army hospital, presumably in France.

Pvt. Mobley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mobley, of near Williamston, entered the service last July 19 and went overseas shortly after spending a fourteen-day furlough in the county with his

family. The casualty message was the second known to have been received in the county during the past two or three days, Mr. and Mrs. Heber Jenkins of Robersonville having been notified last week-end that their son, Sam D. Jenkins, had been slight-

Town Board Orders Meeting Will Discuss Rural Pre-induction Call Is Red Cross Drive Half Crossing Of Rhine Town Board Orders Meeting Will Discuss Kural Line Extension And Electrification In This Area Answered in County Calling six colored men for pre- Completed In Chapter The Western Front

MISSING

Pvt. William J. Etheridge was

reported missing on the Western

Front since February 6th of

this year, his father, D. W. Eth-

eridge of near Hassell was ad-

vised a short time ago. Accord-

ing to indirect information re-

ceived later, the young man was

taken prisoner by the Germans.

Letter from Chaplain Tells

That Levie H. Davis Was

Given Christian Burial

In a letter received by his mother,

Mrs. Mattie Gurkin Davis, RFD 1,

"Famous Fourth" Division, as much

as he was a part of your own home.

We shall miss him, even as you your-

We hasten to communicate a few

facts concerning your boy which, we

trust, will prove of some comfort to

Your son was killed in action,

he would have wished it, appropri-

you in this hour of trial.

vent prayer for your son:

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ASSISTANT AGENT

Charles J. Goodman has been

named assistant farm agent for

Martin County to succeed L. L.

McLendon who resigned about

two months ago to accept a posi-

tion with the Standard Fertiliz-

er Farms with headquarters at

Mr. Goodman, a graduate of

State College, taught agricul-

ture in the schools of this State

for several years, and served as

ial. The letter reads:

Exceeded by Two Of Five Townships

In Hand at End of First **Four Days of Drive**

Accorded a liberal and willing support in nearly every quarter, the 1945 Red Cross War Fund Drive is making marked progress, but Chairman V. J. Spivey late yesterday intimated that the cutlook was not overly encouraging locally. Reductions in some of the larger contributions received by the organization in past drives, are to be expected, it was pointed out, and it might be that a second solicitation will be necessary unless all individual quotas are met and oversubscribed in

Up until last night a total of \$2, 770.80 had been collected and reported by four of the five townships in the chapter. It is fairly certain that a sizable amount had been collected in addition to that amount, that it will be included in the next report.

Two of the townships, Bear Grass and Griffins, have virtually com Rev. Jack W. Vinson, former local pleted their campaigns. Bear Grass reporting \$502.50 yesterday afternoon, exceeded its quota last Saturanese prison camp in the Philippines, day, Mrs. Pete Mendenhall, chair presumably in the Manila area when man, explained. Mrs. J. Eason Lilley the Americans returned there last chairman for Griffins, announced month. No direct word has been re- yesterday that the \$450 goal in her district had been oversield, Buried In Normandy relief in the fact that the shooting boost the total to a figure in excess of \$500. Mrs. Mendenhall explained Point for some time. However, an that the Bear Grass School had not Army chaplain has advised relatives reported, that possibly late contributions would send the total figure for that district to \$100 in excess of

Mrs. Claude Jenkins, canvassing The minister has a brother, Dr. T. the community out on the Hamilton C. Vinson, a medical missionary in Road, reported the campaign comcompleted their work here last week Rev. Vinson gave up his work here and Mrs. Elbert Price Sherman yesto return to the mission fields in terday completed the first canvass the residential areas south of the

Jamesville, with only three canvassers reporting, accounted for approximately \$300 up until early yesterday afternoon.

No report has been received from Williams. The drive among the col-The annual Martin County High ored citizens in the five townships

The Martin County chapter is being asked to raise \$6,600.00 William-The Jamesville and Williamston ston reported \$1,508.30 collected up meet the winners of the Farm Life- liberal contributions will be abso-

Darden's Dept. Store \$30, B. S. Critcher Bros. \$20, Williamston Hdw. Co. \$25, Farmers Supply Co. \$35, Martin Supply Co. \$35, Claude Leg-An admission fee of 20 and 35 gett \$10, Planters Nut & Chocolate lasting.

Co. \$5, Guy Thomas \$5, Woolard While Hardware Co. \$10, Mrs. Mayo Hardison \$1, Moore Grocery Co. \$25, Le-Roy Savage \$1, Jesse Melson \$1, Eula Leggett 50c, R. L. Ward \$5, Harry A. Biggs \$50, A. P. Gilbert \$5, F. U. Barnes \$50, Dr. A. J. Osteen \$15, S/Sgt. and Mrs. J. Paul Simpson \$5, R. S. Critcher \$100, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Cullipher \$2, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Modlin \$2, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Sr. \$2, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Modlin \$2, E. N. Hardison \$1, Henry Golf 25c, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Roberson \$1, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin \$1, Community Church \$1, Mr. and Mrs. (Continued on page six)

Victim Of Wounds Lands In States Few Days Ago

Wounded in his left arm in action on the Western Front last December 12, Roy Manning recently returned to the States, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perlie Manning of near Hamilton, were advised last week-end.

The young soldier is spending a few days at Camp Edwards, Mass., and hopes to come home soon.

Americans Taking Over Cologne; Russian Attack In The East Awaited

After ripping to shreds the greater part of two German armies in their great offensive launched just ten days ago at the Roer River, the American First and Ninth Armies are now almost at a great turning point in the war. And the next objective is crossing the Rhine. Whether the Allies will attempt an immediate crossing of the quarter-mile stream or whether they will maneuver for positions while supplies are brought up only time will tell. It isn't likely that the move will be easy in either case.

Today, the American First Army is mopping up Cologne, Germany's fourth largest city with a normal population of three-quarters of a million people. Many of the battered German troops crossed the Rhine there, leaving remnants to carry on a delaying action. The fight for the city is still bitter, but the people's army has crumbled and the people themselves are proving far more friendly than Allied military leaders had expected. In fact, the fraternization of American troops with the German people in Cologne is already recognized as a problem, the military leaders having anticipated cold shoulder and snipers' bullets.

The American First Army's Third Armored Division pulled into the First County Youth city yesterday morning at 7:10, folowed about two hours later by the Killed In Invasion 104th Infantry. The Cologne residents are said to have actually welcomed the invasion and expressed war was about over for them.

To the north, the American Ninth joined by the Canadians are mopping up the west bank of the Rhine. South of Cologne, General Patton's Third Army is pushing toward Coblenz, the action going forward under a virtual news blackout. Still farther south, the American Seventh is increasing its tempo and driving

Jamesville, just a short time ago, Chaplain Gerald J. Rabe told that toward Saarbruecken. Pfc. Levie H. Davis, Jr., who was Having just about anchored their killed somewhere in France on June northern flank to the Baltic coast 19, 1944, was given a Christian burand driving hard with the view of knocking out Stettin, the Russians The officers and enlisted men of are expected soon to renew their the 22nd Infantry Regiment, join steamroller push on Berlin. Reports declare that the Russians have ento your our sincerest sympathy on countered a costly and bitter fight the death of your son, Private First in mopping up isolated German pock-Class Levie H. Davis, Jr., ASN ets left behind in their last great of-14039158. Your boy was a part of our

fensive. In the Pacific, the Marines are bringing up vast quantities of equipment and material for a final drive self will miss him. We were proud to wipe the remaining Japs on Iwo Jima off the face of the earth. The last drive possibly is already underway. On Luzon in the Philippines, six Jap divisions or nearly 100,000 Japs have been accounted for. Tokyo is still on the receiving end.

somewhere in France, on June 19, 1944. He now lies buried in an Am-Sixty Tires Issued erican Military Cemetery in Normandy, France. Just as both you and By Ration Board

Sixty-six tires-60 for passenger As a soldier, your son bravely cars and six for trucks- were allotfought and bravely died, to stamp out the threat of slavery which hangs ted in this county last Friday night. A total of 300 passenger car tires and over the world today. As a member of our great Allied Armies, he of our great Allied Armies, he brought liberation, new hope, and current month.

new life to nations that had been in-Grade I tires were issued to the sulted, robbed, tortured, defiled, and following: H. B. Bennett, Dalmer G. enslaved by their conquerors. With Manning, E. S. Peel, J. E. Andrews, such courage and strength in his heart, he walked humbly with his God, and was therefore worthy to R. Osborne, C. B. Saunders, G. H. Almighty God has received the Supreme Sacrifice of your boy. It is, M. L. Robinson, Marvin M. Everett, M. L. Robinson, Marvin M. Everett, Confined States of thersfore, with the utmost confidence that we offer to God this fer-Mrs. Alfred Griffin, Jesse F. Crisp, M. L. Peel, Steve G. Clary, P. E. Getsinger, K. B. Etheridge, Thomas "May the Angels receive him at Tice, Dr. E. T. Walker, L. R. Gardhis coming, and lead him into Paraner, Frank S. Hitch, C. P. Cullipher, dise, where he may have rest ever- J. S. Ayers, Sr., J. P. Hodges, Edward S. Dixon, R. A. Edmondson, While you grieve the death of your beloved son, you know that he still Latham, N. T. Tice, I. L. Alexander, While you grieve the death of your lives, and still awaits that glorious Lester Terry, S. T. Brady, Ben W. Mason, Kelly Rawls, F. F. Pollard, and longed-for reunion with you! Both of you will meet again, in a far Jasper Purvis, Oscar Ayers, John L. Hassell, Garland C. Tice, L. D. Hardison, H. L. Davis, Henry Keel, Mack Warren, M. E. Bennett, J. R. Pierce,

J. M. Ayers. Small truck tires were issued to he following: Van G. Taylor, Saunders and Cox, G. and H. Builders Supply Co., W. C. House.

Don. B. Harrison, Jr., Gets Commission and Assignment

Recently commissioned an ensign at the U.S.N.R. school, Chapel Hill Don B. Harrison, Jr., was immediately assigned to a ship and left this week for a port on the Pacific coast. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Donnie B. Harrison, of Palmyra. assistant agent at Lenoir in Caldwell County the last two Mr. Harrison, Sr., is a native of years. He and Mrs. Goodman Williamston, and both he and his are expected to locate here son have a number of relatives here. While visiting in Williamston, Enabout the first of next month when he will enter upon his new sign Harrison visited his aunt, Mrs. Della Green.

a broken leg while in action, Pfc. Bunch is recovering in an Army hospital. proximately 1,500 feet of 2 1-2 inch hose and 200 feet of 1 1-2 inch hose Delegations Appear plus connections were needed to equip the new truck expected within the next few weeks and to meet For Aid In Opening road leading off the Bear Grass-Williamston road near John Daniel Biggs', thence north to the Prison along with other American subjects side of Main Street, and members are liamston road a disconnection where he was interned along with other American subjects side of Main Street, and members resent needs. Mayor J. L. Hassell and Fire Chief School Lunch Rooms tance of one needs. State system.

In Opening Rooms At **Present Time**

Pfc. William C. Bunch, Jr., lo-

cal colored youth, was slightly

wounded in Italy on February

7th, his parents were notified

here a few days ago. Suffering

the county board of education here carrier. yesterday morning, delegations from several schools in the county asked rooms. There were seven delegates Grass had no delegation at the meeting but its appeal was advanced along with the others. Much inter- Harrington. est was shown in the proposed school

offers a serious obstacle. After hearing the appeals, the board called in the county commissioners and a general discussion followed. The superintendent was instructed to contact W. L. Credle, director of school house planning for the State School Commission, and determine the type and cost of con-

structing the necessary buildings. The federal government is lending valuable assistance in the operation highway map. not participate in the maintainance

of lunch rooms in those schools. schools at Oak City, Hassell, Hamilton, Kobersonville and Williamston, and in the colored schools at

Appearing before the board, reppointed out that since values had

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ROUND-UP

County and local officers and members of the highway patrol had a busy time last week-end when they rounded up and jailed eleven alleged violators of the law in this immediate terri-Nine were pooked for public

drunkenness and disorderly conduct, one for drunken driving and another for assault with a deadly weapon. The period was about the busiest so far on record this year. Two of the eleven were white,

and the ages of the group ranged from 19 to 56 years.

Authorities Discuss a Varied **Business Calendar In Long Session Monday** Meeting in regular session here

Several petitions were placed be-

It was also requested that the road

tem. The mile-long road serves six Appearing before the members of families and is traveled by RFD A community road in Griffins Township was also asked to be plac-

A. Roberson's, the road runs about from Jamesville, twelve from Farm eight-tenths of a mile to Marshall Life and five from Everetts. Bear or Harry Corey place via farms of W. T. Roberson, Sylvester Lilley, Ru-

> Charlie Roberson, St. Paul colored 8 o'clock Friday evening. church and school. The road serves nine families and is traveled by mail

Fire of undetermined origin re-