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Hold "Agricultural"

Fair This Fall

While considerable attention is be-

ng given claims and counter claims

or super highways, several groups

of citizens appealed to the county

commissioners in regular session

here vesterday for passageway to

and from their homes. Several citi-

ens in Williams Township, explain-

ing that the road would serve 14

ed for an outlet via the home of

William Lanier, Clinton Jones, O. V.

Lanier, Wiley Lanier and Ben Bar-

per to the Will Griffin Road be in-

cluded in the State Highway System.

Another group of citizens asked

he commissioners to recommend

that the road leading off Highway

64 and known as a part of the old Jamesville Road via Siloam church

be taken over by the State Highway

The road is about 4 1-2 miles long.

families and 37 school children, ask

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Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Tuesday, September 4, 1945.

First In Series Of Liquor Genes Heard In County's Court Hard Leaf Markets Await Downward Trend In School Enrollment Checked In County Roads Over Week-end At Meeting Monday **First In Series Of** factory rep Attendance In County's Ten Drivers Of Death med with tobacco during the long tives to clear the floors so they cod Other Defendants Rounded Permit Granted Legion To

Up By Officers During Past Few Days

and county ABC officers during re-

and have no illegal or legal "spirits" lem.

twelve months.

next Monday.

holiday week-end, are awaiting the put on their offerings. It is conser-resumption of sales tomorrow with vatively estimated that well over little assurance that the glut report- one million pounds of the leaf are on ed in the factories has been cleared local warehouse floors today, that

Harvey Perkins, one of a number to any appreciable extent. In ac- it will take remainder of the week to of alleged liquor law violators cordance with the sales card sched-caught in a drag net laid by State ule, no sales were held yesterday, has backfired to many packhouses County's ten white schools apparentand in further accordance with an where the farmers reasoned that it ly has been checked, according to virand county ABC officers during re-cent weeks, appeared before Judge J. Calvin Smith in the Martin Coun-Warehouse Association following a ty Recorder's Court yesterday and meeting in Raleigh last Saturday, no grading is being continued possibly erintendent Monday. The latest reasked that his case be called imme- sales were held on any of the mar- in a majority of cases, and it is likediately. The request was granted, kets today. A four-day selling week ly that the present glut will be con- 2,984 pupils enrolled in the ten white and Perkins pleaded guilty. He was has been ordered for the next several tinued for several weeks. fined \$100 and taxed with the court weeks, but there is some doubt if the Despite the heavy deliveries and term, 2,479 in the elementary and

costs, the judge directing the de- lopping off of Monday from the sales overflowing houses and factories, 505 in the high schools. At least six fendant to burn up his liquor book week will solve the marketing prob- prices continued to hold firm on the of the ten schools reported slight inlocal market. Last Friday, 281,620 creases in their opening-day enrollin his possession during the next Before sales were concluded last rounds were sold for an average of ment figures, while losses in the week, farmers were delivering to- \$44.15. Total sales through that day others were very small. The school

TRAFFIC INCREASE

"We saw more traffic on the

It was pointed out that the

volume of traffic was heavy on

Of Three Thousand

Cars Face Charges The downward trend in enroll-Lindsley White, Colored, and port from the officials shows that schools last Thursday for the new

Two persons were killed and sev eral others were hurt in a series of highway accidents reported in this county over the week-end, the lifting of gasoline rations apparently shifting the scene of killing, maiming and destruction from the battlefamily shows a gain of 44 over the fields of Europe and the Pacific to opening-day count, a year ago, and

H. S.

60 32

125

152

98 38

Ele.

349 152

665 342

43 244

240

221

155

2479

Jamesville

Farm Life

W'mston

the highways and streets of America is now just 16 short of 3,000. Lindsley White, colored man, was Enrollment figures are being fatally injured on Williamston's East poosted in several of the schools as Main Street last Friday morning at he term progresses, and it is be-12:35 o'clock, and Jeff T. Matthews ieved that the trend upward will be fairly steady and reasonably siz- City section, was instantly killed when he was run down by a hit-and No comparison of the enrollment run driver on the outskirts of Oak igures for the two years by depart-City Sunday evening shortly after ments is to be had since some of 8 o'clock. Two other persons were he schools last year counted the hurt in an accident a few miles north eighth grade as a high school unit of Oak City Saturday night, but their and others recognized it as a part of injuries were described as not serithe elementary department. A review of the 1945-46 term en-

Lindsley White, former employee collment, showing the opening-day of Saunders and Cox and more refigures by elementary and high school grades with totals for this year and last, follows: cently operator of a Negro club on Washington Street, was riding a bi-

cycle on East Main Street when he day, started to make a turn and was Totals started to make a turn and was struck by a car driven by Sanford last Sunday, (Saturday night, our 1945 1944 409 184 427 191 790 was knocked quite a few feet down 494 477 the highway. Gilliam picked the man up and carried him to a local doc- do not acknowledge defeat. 42 43 342 350 tor's office where he was treated and returned to his home, reports ing on a war against the Allies, spew-278 221 275 212 155 143 into and out of the doctor's office

J. T. Matthews Victims

Of Auto Accidents

and into his home. His condition became serious later that morning and 505 2984 2940 he died while en route to a hospital Commenting on the operations durabout 9:30 o'clock. ing the first few days of the term,

Investigating the accident, Officer Superintendent J. C. Manning and Charlie Moore of the local police er," and that two other sailors raped ship force, stated that the car was being driven with improper brakes, and committing "the outrageous acts un- listed in error in Goose Nest Town-Gilliam was formally charged with der pretext of a search for arms." reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes. Given a preliminary hearing before quested that Allied occupation fore- Township. Justice J. 1. Hassell here Friday evening, Gilliam was ordered held in plies" and said that "not a few per-The book shortage in some of the

Jeff T. Matthews, observing his 70th birthday Sunday, was instantly

Local volunteer firemen answered their first call with the In Superior Court town's new \$8,000 Mack fire truck last Saturday morning when fire damaged an automobile belonging to a Pitt County man. The car was being driven on East Main Street here when it caught fire and the alarm was sounded.

FIRST TRIP

Wires on the car were burned but very little damage resulted, Fire Chief G. P. Hall said.

Occupation Forces Preparing To Push Into City Of Tokyo

Congress Baffled Over Size And Maintenance Of Armed Forces

iet propaganda.

A request was also made for the commission to take over the road eading to the residence of Willis Williams in Poplar Point Township.

The commissioners granted the Taking over four airfields and fan-American Legion a permit to hold an ing out over 750 square miles of ter-"agricultural" fair in the county this ritory, American occupation forces fall. No date for the event was menare making ready to move into Totioned, but it will be held possibly kyo today. During the meantime, other occupation forces are taking some time in October.

charge along stretches of the Japan-M. Luther Peel, Martin County tax ese coastline, and the final surrender collector since the office was creatof isolated areas is being effected toed several years ago, was reappointed, his term to run for the next The formal surrender was effected twelve months.

Gilliam, Bertie County colored man. last Sunday, (Saturday hight, our in Tokyo in Oak City for an office of the de-A telephone was ordered installed Bay, but there are stories maintainputy sheriff. ing that some of the Japanese still

Tax relief orders for the 1945 tax year were issued to the following:

The Japanese Radio still is carry-C. C. Jones, taxes on \$250 worth of property in Williams Township, stating that White was able to walk ing out anti-American and anti-So- the claimant explaining that the e had burned.

One broadcast last week-end Albemarle Lumber Company, \$21 charged that two U. S. sailors had on property listed by error in Wilraped the 35-year-old wife and 17- liams Township.

year-old daughter of a Yokosuka Jesse Keel, \$3.15 on property listchauffeur "at the point of a revolv- ed in error in Robersonville Towna maid at another Yokosuka house

D. F. Harrell, \$3.26 on property ship

Another broadcast said the Jap-Raleigh Gurganus, \$2. poll tax, anese government had formally re- listed in error in Robersonville

sons were killed or injured" by para-chuted supplies In great detail the Local Boy Has Many broadcast listed eight incidents and close Calls In Army

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Perkins was scheduled to have bacco in large quantities, waiting pa- were reported at 2,101,798 pounds. been tried along with fifteen or ~ twenty other defendants in the court **Town Authorities**

After rounding up a number of alleged violators last Wednesday and Thursday, officers pulled in several others over the week-end as a result of investigations made some weeks ago by State ABC enforce-ment officers. At the same time, County ABC Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck was gathering up the loose ends and pulled in several alleged violators as a result of his

own direct operations. Meeting with barely a quorum Same Moore and Mercedie Moore, charged with possessing illicit liquor last evening, the local town commisfor the purpose of sale and equip- sioners discussed a varied list of ment for the purpose of carrying on topics ranging from the housing the illegal business, were arrested shortage to street lighting and last Saturday. Moore's brother, just postwar improvement program. recently returned from the army for The seriousness of the housing a furlough, came up from Dardens shortage here was bared when an yesterday morning and claimed that applicant, explaining that he was to the liquor belonged to him. A war- be moved into the streets today, rant was prepared for him, the ac- asked that he and his wife be allow tion complicating the case a bit. ed to occupy two rooms on the third Nehemiah Moore stands charged floor of the town hall. Arrangements

with possessing one-half gallon of were ordered made to relieve the family's plight temporarily, at least. illicit liquor for sale. In the State-county ABC round- Appearing before the board, build-up, the following cases were booked ers of the Dixie Peanut Company

sought the cooperation of the town since last Friday: Ed Briley, facing two counts, is in providing within reason adequate charged with selling a pint of illicit fire protection for the new properties

liquor on May 27 for \$4.00. On June on Washington Street. 7 he stands charged with selling an- A license was denied a fortune other pint, but he dropped the price teller to set up business on Lindsley's to \$3.50.

charge, is alleged to have had in her attorneys, the applicant declared new record for August, certainly a ing was very successful. A few possession and did sell on August 25 that \$100 rent had already been paid. new record for the past fifteen-year teacher positions remain unfilled, a pint of legal liquor for \$5.00.

the alleged sale of a pint of illicit li- town's 17-year-old fire truck. quor for \$4.00.

for \$15.

Discuss Numerous highways in this county last Sun-**Topics Last Night** day night than at any other time during the ten years we have been here," Cpl. W. S. Hunt of the highway patrol, said yester-Serious Housing Shortage Is day morning.

Seen In Appeal For Rooms In Town Hall

the town streets, main highways and even on the secondary roads. "Most of the traffic was moving within the 35-mile speed limit," the officer said.

> **Increase Noted In Marriage Licenses Issued Last Month**

> > August In More Than **Fifteen Years**

After fluctuating during most of the war period, the number of mar- Miss Lissie Pearce, supervisor of ele-Washington Street property. Plead- riage licenses reflected a marked mentary schools, stated that while Gatsy Harrell, facing another ing through Rocky Mount and local trend upward last month to set a they were hardly normal, the open-The commissioners called for bids period. In August last year, only ten but all classes were met either by

Clara Bell Moore was booked for for rebuilding and modernizing the licenses were issued in this county, substitute teachers or by teachers acone to white and nine to colored cepting double assignments. Laws governing the control of couples. The issuance last month

Henderson Woolard, it is alleged, building and repairing buildings in was the third largest reported in the grades is causing some trouble, and bond in the sum of \$1,000. sold one-half gallon of illicit liquor the fire district were reviewed, the county so far this year, indicating complete relief is not to be expected board expressing the opinion that that there is a definite trend from hardly before late November or

White

R'ville **Gold Point** Oak City Bear Grass Everetts Appearing before the board, build- Issuance Is Largest For Any Hamilton Hassell

ne court was". bootleggers' convention in a single to increase. day next Monday.

Two Painfully Hurt ments for the postwar period. Anong James, both of Robersonville. Ight at the corner of Main and Robert L. Defenbaugh, of James, both of Robersonville. In Highway Mishap Haughton Streets. It was also point- Ill., USN, a ed out that there was too much Jamesville.

Mrs. J. J. Carson and Mrs. W. H. Rogerson, both of Bethel, were painconversations fully but believed not seriously hurt in an automobile accident a few miles north of Oak City last Saturday night about 9:15 o'clock. Mrs. Carson was cut over one eye and suffered a leg injury. Mrs. Rogerson suffered a knee injury. W. H. Roger- Five Divorce Cases son and Nathan Hyman, colored man of near Hobgood, other parties in the accident, were not hurt, according to reports reaching here.

Hyman, traveling toward Hobgood, ran off the hard surface and way he crossed the center line and in the Martin County Superior Court crashed into the car being driven by . Rogerson. trial in the court in this county than

Highway patrolmen, investigating the accident, estimated that damage done to the Rogerson car at \$300 and that to the Hyman car at \$250. Hyman was charged with reckless

at any other time.

Cora

Barnes.

Nichols.

Martin.

program.

Divorces were filed as follows:

Ruth May Nichols against Octavius

Barnes against Ernest

driving.

Farmer Specializes In Country Hams And Apples

Janie Dempsey. It is generally agreed among the few people privileged to eat one of buck. Mr. Willie Gurganus' cured hams that they are among the best, but that they are among the best, but it was not known that he aspired to Office Switching honors when it comes to raising apples until last week.

Mr. Willlie brought in any number of beautiful apples to the Enterprise office and four of the largest ever seen locally grew from the same stem

PRISONERS

Applications for prisoners of war to assist farmers with their 1945 peanut harvest will be received in the office of the county farm agent in the agricultural building next Monday, September 10, it was announced this week.

At a meeting in the agricultural building this week, officials and county agents will work out allotments for the various coun-ties in this section. Until then the number of prisoners to be made available cannot be learned. It is thought, however, that the num-ber will be limited.

Mrs. J. G. Staton proposed in a let- Getsinger, as follows: ter a number of needed improvements for the postwar period. Among

Samuel D. Jenkins and Marjorie Robert L. Defenbaugh, of Peoria, Haughton Streets. It was also point- Ill., USN, and Sybil M. Roberson, of

noise in town, the writer mentioning Coy Joseph Smithwick and Ruby the ice plant engine exhaust and ex- Partin Windham, both of Windsor. plaining that big trucks interrupted Mack G. Roberson, USN, of Williamston RFD 2, and Helen L. House,

"Too many drinking cups are be-ing thrown on the streets," she addof Robersonville. Charles J. Black, U. S. Merchant Marine and Washington, N. C., and (Continued on page six)

Juanita Scott Walker, of Washington, N. C. Colored

Wallace T. Purvis and Agnes Smith, both of Robersonville. Started In August Henry E. Gray and Margaret Wright, both of Oak City.

Charles David Fuller and Chris-Five divorce cases, all based on tine Edwards, both of Williamston. two years of separation were filed William Rogers and Bernice Brown, both of RFD 1, Hobgood. during the month of August. Pos-Shade Benton and Goldie Hyman sibly more divorce cases are pending

both of Everetts. Jonah Oscar Clemmons, Jr., and Mary Clark, both of Williamston. David Wallace, Jr., of Everetts, and Department of Revenue, and turned Mary Iola Rogers of RFD 3, Wil- into the Martin County treasury amounted to \$6,018.56 for the year liamston.

Melvin Higgs and Marie Armston, ending last June 30. In the previous year, the intangible tax received by both of RFD 1, Hobgood. Louis Bond and Josie Harrell, both the county amounted to \$4,292.07.

James L. Martin against Emma R. of Williamston. William Henry Dempsey against Jimmie A. Keel, of Robersonville and Bettie May Durrham, of RFD, Alice Roebuck against Jasper Roe-Robersonville.

James Russell Bigggs and Verna Mae Lee, both of Williamston. Dallas Whitley and Emma Wil-liams, both of RFD 3, Williamston. Joseph James and Lucy Lee, both

To Peacetime Job of Williamson. James Leathers, Jr., and Sarah Lucy Green, both of Oak City.

Since all war manpower controls have been removed, the United States Employment Service will de- County Farmer Has vote more time to the developing of job opportunities and in placing **Bad Luck Recently** workers on peace time jobs, giving special attention to returning veter-

The Williamston Office of the James Leathers, colored farmer United States Employment Service is living in Goose Nest Township near prepared to offer full employment the Edgecombe boundary, has exservice to all employers and workers perienced ill luck and severe reversin the Williamston Office area which es during the past two or three ncludes Martin and Bertie Counties. weeks.

Mrs. Alvis R. Jordan, manager of The farmer lost his wife about the Williamston office, expressed ap- three weeks ago. The following preciation for the fine spirit of co- week, some one broke into his s-oke operation shown by the employers, house and carried away every pound vorkers and general public during of his meat. Early last week his the war emergency period and in- packhouse, containing just about all vites the employers, workers and the tobacco harvested from three reneral public to make full use of and one-half acres, was destroyed by the facilities offered by the service fire. in the reconversion and peace time His packhouse was insured for

\$200 and his tobacco for \$1,200.

when he was struck by a car or. Old texts will be usafternoon yesterday, and there is where any action would increase the Licenses last month were issued, ed until the new ones are received, near Oak City that evening about some doubt if it can handle the fire hazard and cause insurance rates five to white and fourteen to color- the school officials explaining that 8:15 o'clock. He suffered a skull ed couples, by Register of Deeds Sam the printers simply could not meet fracture, both legs were nearly torn

the demand before that time. For the present, all but the Williamston school are maintaining an identified as William E. James, 25abbreviated schedule, opening at 8:30 year-old colored man of 1018 Penn a. m. and closing at 1:30 p. m. In Wil- Street, Camden, N. J., did not stop liamston, full schedules are being but admitted striking an object

when he was arrested at the home maintained, and other schools are ex, of Fannie Hyman, a cousin, near pected to adopt it shortly? The last of the teacher positions Hobgood less than two hours after was filled in the local school yes- the accident was reported. In a sworn statement made to Cpl.

terday when Miss Ruth Newton of Oxford joined the high school facul- W. E. Hunt and Sheriff C. B. Roety. A graduate of Woman's College buck late Sunday night, James said that he, traveling alone, left Tarboro of the University of North Carolina, to go to Hobgood, that he hit "some Miss Newton taught in the Granville heavy object hard, but did not know

County Schools for several years. She will teach one of the eighth what it was at the time, and for that reason, did not stop. My right windgrade sections and will be at home with Mrs. H. L. Swain. (Continued on page six)

Applications for positions in other schools are being received and facul-(Continued on page six)

THE RECORD

SPEAKS . . .

With the lifting of gas ration-

ing and even before the speed

On Short Bus Ride Intangible Taxes Amount To Over \$6,000 Last Year

Two drunks, Robert Blanzo and Intangible taxes, assessed and col-Emma Mae Clemmons, of Washinglected by the North Carolina State ton, had a big time on a short bus ride last Sunday.

Ditching their car near the Beaufort-Martin boundary on Highway 17, the two were picked up by Rufus Cherry on a Norfolk-Southern passenger bus. The man and woman had been on the vehicle only a short time when they threatened to whip the other passengers and take over and run the bus. When he reached Macedonia, Driver Cherry stopped and turned the two over to Cpl. W. S. Hunt of the highway patrol. Placed in the county jail to sober up, Blanzo and his friend were book-

Drunks Have Time

ed for trial in the county court for

destruction and killing and maiming was apparently shifted from the battlefield to American highways. Two persons were killed and two others were injured on the highways in this county over the week-end. Highway deaths Labor Day were double those a year ago.

While the accident count trails that for the first 35 weeks of 1944, the record so far this year shows a trend that is more deadly and costly.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

	Thirty	y-fifth	Week	
- A	ccidents	Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge
1945		2	2	\$ 600
1944	1	0	0	200
	Compan	isons	To Dat	e
1945	43	20	5	9350
1944	45	23	1	8050

In an attack on the Soviets, the

broadcast asked Gen. MacArthur to After he was wounded many off and several other bones in his inform Soviet authorities immedi- months ago, Lt. Billy Biggs, local body were broken. The driven, later ately to suspend "their unlawful acts young man, experienced numerous detaining local government officials close calls but went through them (in Korea) . . . and promptly release without a scratch, according to re-those officials already interned by ports reaching here a few days ago. the Red Army." The young man was in a tank when

Whether these broadcasts had it was blown up, but he came out been censored by occupation forces without a scratch. A short time later was not known, but they certainly a shell bursted hardly five feet away followed the propaganda lines Tokyo and blew him about ten feet in the laid down throughout the war. air. He crawled away without a Fear by the Japanese of the occu- scratch. He was in a house when it pation is gradually dwindling, and was shelled twice, and he walked ome of those questioned were sur- out without a scratch. There were prised to learn that they were not other narrow escapes, but despite the o be killed or mistreated. wounds and close calls, the young

The economic picture for Japan man declares he is in as good shape this winter is a bleak one, and star- as he was when he left. "Others can't vation is being predicted, reports say that, and many won't be going from Allied Headquarters admitting back," the young man was quoted as frankly that little could be done to saying. relieve the situation.

Lt. Biggs explained that possibly At the same time, conditions are he would not be able to get home disheartening in Germany and lib- until after the first of the year. "But erated countries in Europe, and in- that's all right, since I know they are ternal disorders are being predicted. sending us back as rapidly as possi-Possibly that's why the militarists ble," he said. The officer is stationed are demanding that the armed power near Paris, and is visiting the city be maintained on a large scale. Crit- over the week-ends.

ics of the plan declare that officers, stepping into big pay from mediocre jobs in civilian life, want to continue Congress To Consider in the service without the loss of

their present ranks. More will be heard about that feature when more of the enlisted men and non-coms

get out and return home. While the task of re-establishing

peace and peace-time economies (Continued on page six)



Funeral services are being con ducted at the home of his son, Jesse Matthews, near Oak City, this after noon for Jeff T. Matthews, 70-year-For Wreck Injury old white man, who was killed when struck by a hit-and-run car in that struck by a hit-and-run car in that community early last Sunday night. His face badly cut and his tongue Interment will follow in the Rober-

lmost torn in two, Elijah Cherry, sonville cemetery. After spending most of his life in Bertie County man, was brought to a local doctor's office early last Sat-urday morning for treatment. Thir- thews moved to the Oak City section ty-six stitches were required to put about fourteen years ago. He was the tongue back together and to close married to Miss Alice Gorham who died about two years ago. He farmed the gashes on his face.

Local members of the highway pa- all his life. trol, investigating the accident, stat-ed that Caldwell Cooper was driving Mrs. Carlton Edmondson, Mrs. Roy a Ford truck toward Williamsten Edmondson, Jasse and James Mat-from Windsor when Cherry rammed thews of Oak City and Mrs. Rosa him from the rear, knocking the Dragon of Baltimore; three brothers, truck into the woods and setting fire George and Frank Matthews of Robto the car. The accident happened ersonville, and Will Matthews of about half way between the two Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Mollie Perry of Scotland Neck. towns.

Fertilizer Policy Bill

Reconvening this week, the American Congress, among other things, is expected to consider national fertilizer policy bills. The ultimate aim of the proposed measures is to establish three regional farm fertilizer cooperatives, one to serve the eastern seaboard and the remaining ones other parts of the country.

The cooperatives would purchase government-built plants, and help restore the fertility of American soils

DRAFT REGISTRATION

Reports reaching the Martin County Draft Board during the past few days maintain that a few young men, both white and colored, had failed to register for the draft upon reaching their eighteenth birthday.

A stern warning is being issued those youths, the draft officials explaining that the selective service law is still in effect even if the war is over. "We will give the registration delinquents a few more days to comply with the law, and if they fail to register during that time, the toports will be turned over to the Fed. eral Bureau of Investigation for immediate action," a representative of the draft board said.



