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Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Friday, April 26, 1946

Law Enforcement Arrangements Completed Recreation Center Col. H. J. Hatcher Pleads Officers Attend For Farm Bureau Meeting Needed Here Now **FBI** Meeting Here

Highway Slaughter Serious Problem In This State And Nation

Approximately 150 police chiefs, o'clock sheriffs, patrolmen and other law tion in this state. Held under the Scheidt, the conference here fol by Chief C. R. Mobley and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck at the prison camp. Similar meetings are being held in Wilmington, Durham, Charlotte and Asheville as a conagencies and groups

son, head of the State Bureau of Investigation, reviewed the duties and activities of the agency and declared that it was not the intention of the SBI to supplant local law enforcement, that it was created to lend assistance when called into a county by the sheriff, police or others, or its agents were ent into a county by the attorney general or the governor to investigate certain types of crime such s lynchings, mob violence, election frauds. Mr. Anderson explained the services the agency as in position to offer, explaining that it had qualified finger print, handwriting experts, and others qualified in ballistics and in the science of toxicology. The office has a lie detector, sound corder and a room for questioning suspects. "These service are available to law enforcement officers, and we want you to call s when we can be of service," he

In the absence of Winston-Salem's police chief, John Gold, who was sick, J. R. Thomas, chief of police of Rocky Mount, spoke briefly. "With crime on the increase, our burdens will increase. We should do everything to better ourselves to meet the crises," he said, adding that all police should ttend the Institute of Govern ment schools in Chapel Hill and the FBI academy. John R. Morris, secretary of the officers' retirement fund, stressed better training for police in his talk to the group. "We should do all in our power to bring the law enforcement business up to a

Plans were announced com- members and special guests are blete late Tuesday for the annual asked to be present promptly at Martin County Farm Bureau 6:00 o'clock for the program meeting and barbecue in the high which will include a short busichool auditorium and gymnasium ness session and impromptu talks

Friday evening, April 26, at 6:00 by well-known farm leaders and business men. Andrew Griffin and his assist-The meeting of the Farm Bu-

enforcement officers were here Wednesday afternoon for one of the feast, and the ladies of the the county Thirty or more calves conducted by the local Junior Patrol Addresses Proving Serious In County Piney Grove Baptist Church who the county. Thirty or more calves will serve the meal, are cooking were delivered by early Thurs-Chamber of Commerce to get sugfive bushels of corn meal and pre- day afternoon to the Planters gestions from the young people direction of Special FBI Agent Ed paring tubs of slaw and trim- warehouse where the show is berelative to meeting some of the mings. Mr. Griffin and the others ing held today at 10:30 o'clock and town's most urgent needs. lowed a rock fish dinner served will be ready to serve the meal which will be followed by a public Miss Hardison's suggestion fol ows:

immediately following the meet- sale at 2:30 o'clock. The show is ing, it was announced. attracting notables from the de-

R. Flake Shaw, executive secre- partments in Raleigh and agents most needed improvement is a tary of the North Carolina Farm from surrounding counties. An Youth Center. The young people Bureau, will address the annual added feature will be a radio in and around Williamston have tinuation of a program advanced meeting with Mr. Charles L. Dan- broadcast over a Raleigh station no place to go except to the show, by FBI Chief Edgar Hoover dur- iel, president of the county unit, at 1:00 o'clock under the direction which they can't always afford. A ing the war to better coordinate presiding. Miss Modane Marsh- of Frank Jeter, State College Exrecreation hall would keep them the efforts of all law enforcement banks, secretary of the National tension editor. Special invitaout of mischief and off the streets Peanut Council, who was sched- tions are being addressed by local

Addressing the meeting in the uled to address the group, will not firms to the people of this section Marco Theater, Walter F. Ander- be able to attend. All Bureau to attend the show

Superior In \$4,000 Verdict Is CHALLENGE DAY

Registration books for the special school election to be held in the Williamston district on Saturday of next week will be open on Saturday, April 27, for challenge, meaning that anyone believing a potential voter has registered illegally may appeal to the judges of the election to have that name removed from the list of eligible voters. It was reported that several citizens registered in the wrong precincts, that corrections were made in most if not,

all those cases. The polls for the election on May 4 will remain open from 6:30 a. m. until 6:30 p. m. in the courthouse for Preber Company. cinct No. 1, and in the fire de-Many of the spectators in the partment in the town hall for court at the time and others who Precinct No. 2. had heard most of the evidence in the case were puzzled at the ac-**Cub Scouts Here** tion. Commenting on the action. Judge Hamilton said that he had been advised that the attorneys in Are Reorganized been advised that the attorneys in the case had agreed to settle for \$2,500 prior to the trial, but that Cub Pack number 29 completed the amount was not acceptable to profession instead of being just its reorganization on Tuesday the plaintiff who was suing by her office holders," he said. Morris, night at the Parish House. Every next friend, W. E. Holliday. Apwith headquarters in Wilmington, Cub present was accompanied by parently it was on that basis that school pupils, a few more than the general public will dismiss it by vestigation agents this week and one or both of his parents. Mr. the \$4,000 jury verdict was re-H. B. Mayo, scout executive from duced after the insurance com-Greenville, conducted the very in- pany's attorney went into open by grades: teresting meeting. Many of the court begging for a reduction, Cubs were advanced and were after the jury of twelve promi-Nearing Its Goal presented their pins. The follow-ing Bobcats received their awards: sat and listened attentatively the ing Bobcats received their awards: sat and listened attentatively the Tommy Hardison, Calvin Chesson, greater part of two days to the The Cancer Fund drive, started Bobby Coburn, Jr., Bobby Man- evidence, the lawyers' arguments in this county early this month, is ning, Ralph Parker, jr.; Fletcher and the court charge, nearing its goal, according to an Thomas, Wayne Hardy Pate; and While it was possible that the incomplete report released Thurs- Turner Manning. The following plaintiff's negligence contributed Martin, Jane Peele, Melba Rogreceived their Wolf badges: to her own injuries, the case was Up until that time approximate- George Harris, Jr., Wayne Lilley, allowed to go to the jury and after ly \$750 had been raised and re- Billy Glover, Jr., and Fletcher a decision was reached by the Peele, Robert Williams, Dorothy slaughter on the highway. He ported, the chairman explaining Quayle. The Wolf badge with gold twelve men, \$1,000 was lopped that possibly two or three hundred arrow was presented to Jimmy from the verdict.

and a piano for music, a soda shop, **Court** and a place for games, such as lem for this state and nation, Col. Hatcher, speaking before an FBIoply, and bingo. A regular supervisor who would have the power Reduced to \$3,000 ity, and all other repulsive con-

Abruptly Thursday Morning

In one of the few instances ever recorded in the annals, a jury verdict was altered in the Martin County Superior Court last Wednesday afternoon when Judge Luther Hamilton of Morehead City reduced by \$1,000 the \$4,000 jury verdict rendered in the \$10,-000 damage suit brought by Miss Elizabeth Holliday against Kader

Brown and the Williamston Lum-

Young Writer Says

'No Place For Youth To Go," Contest Winner **Tells The Jaycees**

In my opinion, Williamston's

If arrangements could be made

Walter Anderson, Head Of

For Vehicle Inspection And

Increase In Highway Patrol

The SBI, Addresses **Group Wednesday**

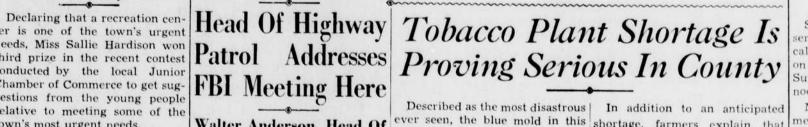
shortage. patrol official, stressed the need for compulsory motor vehicle inspection and the doubling of the for the county to buy, rent, or present highway patrol personnel. lease the U.S.O., it would be a He explained that an appeal very convenient place for the would be made to the next State teen-age club. In the youth cen- legislature urging the lawmakers

talities constitute a serious probsponsored conference of law en forcement officers of northeastern to enforce all rules of the club North Carolina, declared that all should be employed. Rules pro- must work together in a common hibiting the drinking of alcoholic cause. "In the first three months peverages, vulgarity and profan- of 1941, 250 persons were killed

on North Carolina highways," he In Holliday Case duct should be made. Besides the of this year, 300 lost their lives on paid director a president, vice- of this year, 300 lost their lives on state highways," he added, askduct should be made. Besides the said. "In the first three months president, secretary, and treasur- state highways," he added, ask er should be elected. These of ing, "With worn-out equipment Court Ends Special Term ficers should come from the teen- and increasing number of new age group. Once these officers cars, what are we headed for durare elected, they should appoint ing the remainder of this year? on different sections of the center He declared that we are headed committees who would help get for destruction unless law-abid things organized and keep them ing citizens, enforcement officers running smoothly. If a person and others do something about it. "The members of the patrol, the once violates the rules of the club, he should not be allowed the police officers, sheriffs, constables and other law enforcement offic-(Continued on page eight)

ers must rise up, coordinate their efforts and crush the dangerous trend "If a Martin County man was

Investigation and other officers, killed in the Belgian Bulge or in the Pacific, you'd be ready to Sheriff C. B. Roebuck is making name a legion post for him. How progress in rounding up fugitives The Fifth Period about a highway fatality? The from Martin County justice, the

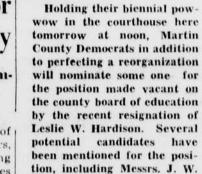


ever seen, the blue mold in this shortage, farmers explain that county is now regarded as seri- transplanting is certain to be late, ous, some farmers declaring that as a whole, this season, and some there is a good possibility of a serious plant shortage. Other say that it will be June or later

Addressing a meeting of law farmers, questioned here this before the task is ended. enforcement officers in the Marco week, are of the opinion that the Ordinarily transplanting is fair-Theater here Wednesday after- allotted acreage will not be plant- ly well advanced in the county by noon, Col. H. J. Hatcher, highway ed because of the developing this time of year, but very few farmers have started the work so

It was pointed out that the blue far. Farmer Sidney Beacham mold had absolutely wiped out en- | transplanted two or three acres tire plant beds, leaving nothing last week ahead of the blue mold was going down a hill when Nebut parched leaves. The farmers on his farm in Bear Grass Townadded that in those cases the ship. The crop is living for the plants will never "grow out of it." most part, but up until Tuesday The blue mold attack this year of this week the weather was not is fairly general, few farmers stat- very favorable for its growth. ing that they have not had it in It is fairly certain that trans- possible to go around, the road on their plant beds. The extent of planting will not get under way his left being blocked by an apthe damage, while varying in on any appreciable scale before proaching car and on his right by some degree, has been unusually about the middle of May unless a fill fence. The wagon was plants are imported.

Fugitives Caught By FBI For The County Gilbert Moore Is BOARD MEMBER Wanted Here For **Highway Robbery** 'Jumping'' Bond, Sam Simmons Returned to Start Serving Sentence Aided by the Federal Bureau of





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OVER 3,000 MARTIN COUNTY

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ESTABLISHED 1899

Several persons were hurt, one eriously but apparently not critially, in two automobile accidents on Martin County highways last unday night and Monday after-

Mr. Mack Davis, prominent farner of Jamesville Township, sufered head injuries when he was hrown from a wagon near his home on Highway 64 between Jamesville and Dardens last Monday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock. His son, riding in the wagon with him. was also hurt, but his injuries were said not to have been seri

Driving his wagon team direction of Dardens, Mr. Davis hemiah Moore Chevrolet sedan, approached from behind. Moore's car had no brakes on it and he crashed into the wagon when he found it imwrecked and Mr. Davis

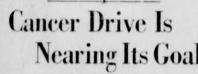
son were thrown out, Mr. Davis apparently falling on the concrete. ven first-aid treatment in a doc 's office here, the victim was removed in a Biggs ambulance to Washington hospital

One of the mules hitched agon was cut on the foot

Investigating the accident, Pa trolman W. E. Saunders said that there were no brakes on the Moore car, that the brake pedal was found resting against the floor board. Moore is being charg ed with operating a motor ve hicle with improper equipment and he will be tried in the coun ty recorder's court next Monday An accurate estimate on the damage could not be had, but repairs to the car will cost approximately \$50, it was estimated.

Anna Council, colored woman, received lacerations on the head and bruises on her body when the car in which she was riding sideswiped another on Hassell-Bethel Highway last Sunday night at 10

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day by Chairman R. L. Coburn.

more dollars had been raised and Page. The Wolf and Bear were The case was called for trial was yet to be reported.

mail appeals are answered in township, said yesterday.

the drive early next week.



meeting. Following a week-end of little activity on the crime front, Justice John L. Hassell cleared the criminal docket in his court in a very short time this week.

Leon Davis, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was fined to report early next month, five \$2.50 and required to pay \$7.50 for final induction on May 6 and costs.

Hattie Rascoe, facing a similar amination on May 7. No call for charge, was fined \$2.50 and taxed white men has been received for with \$8.50 costs. May.

awarded to David Davis, Jr. The Tuesday morning and all of that In Williamston the drive is still Wolf, Bear, and Gold Arrow were day was spent hearing the evi-

about \$200 short. Unless direct presented to Harold Everett, Jr. dence which was heard by the Second Grade: Bobby Parham, The Cub Pack is sponsored by local ninth grade civics class and Elton Rawls, Iverson Skinner, greater numbers between now and the Episcopal Church. The Rev. a few other spectators. It was Rudy Ward, Gerald White, Rodthe early part of next week, per- John Hardy is Cubmaster. The brought out in the trial that the ney Pittman, Jane Gray Biggs, sonal solicitations will be made, pack committee is composed of plaintiff alighted from a passeng-Betty Carstarphen, Lillie Mae Mrs. P. B. Cone, chairman for the three of the Cub fathers, Messrs. er bus in front of her home near Gardner, Sandra Gardner, Sandra Ralph J. Parker, Millard Lilley, Dardens last May 31, that she Margolis, Faye Peele, Joyce Bak-According to conservative esti- and William R. Glover. The Pack started across the highway from er, Jane Barnhill, Jon Clark, Jos-

mates, Williams, Bear Grass, has two Dens with Mrs. Clyde behind the bus when a log truck eph Clayton, Grady Godard, Rob-Cross Roads, Robersonville, Has- Manning, Den Mother of number 1 driven by Kader Brown and own- ert Godard, Virginia Hamm, Ann sell and Goose Nest districts have and Mrs. Harold Everett of num- ed by the lumber company drove Holliday, John Clinton House, reached or exceeded their quotas, ber 2. Billy Bob Peel is Den up from the opposite direction in Phyliss Jones, Ed Laughinghouse, The leaders hope to complete Chief of number 1 and Herbert which the bus was traveling. The Joyce Lilley, Billy Partin, Vivian Harrell of Den 2.

evidence maintained that the Pate, Jeannette Raynor, Faye There are many boys between truck moved partly off the high- White, Herbert Ward and Cindy 9 and 12 years of age in town and way and traveled a distance of Quayle. it is hoped that more of them will about 112 feet and eight inches

Third Grade: Patricia Harrison, become Cubs. It is very incour- before running down the victim Mary Elizabeth Britton, Melva in her yard, 29 feet from the cen- Lee Wynn, John Dunn, Barbara aging to have so many of the parents attend the monthly Pack ter of the highway. It was also Cherry, Barbara Everette, Lelia brought out that the truck, after Goff, Robert Weston, Joyce Man-

knocking the child down traveled ning, Janice Holliday, Doris Rog-Draft Calls Received about 81 feet before it was stop-In the County for May ped

Expert witnesses were examin-The armed services are calling ed and they stated that the vicfor 30 Martin County colored men tim would be subject to certain Corey, and Jean Whichard. attacks possibly as long as she lived, that she was suffering from twenty-five for pre-induction ex-

"petit mal." All of Thursday morning was (Continued on page eight)

pear On List, Including Few In High School

Fourth Grade: Freddie Quayle,

Patricia Wynne, Anne Gresham,

Janice Manning, Betty Mobley,

Lee Handy, Ralph Parker, Bobby

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Roll Of Honor In

Local School For

ed, of course, but mainly in Names Of 151 Pupils Ap- whether he'll be indicted, sued or convicted. The patrolman will be

interested in his investigation. The undertaker will be interested 23-year-old colored man, who held The names of 151 pupils appear in his job. The bereaved family up and robbed Fenner Respass, on the honor roll for the fifth will be interested. And the news- taxi operator, and "Foots' Miller, period, Frincipal Sam D. Bundy paper reporter will be interested taxi driver, in Williams Township announced this week. The list in- for his story. No one else seems last October was taken into cuscludes the names of fifteen high to show much interest, and the today by Federal Bureau of Innumber reported for the fourth saying, it's done, so what the was delivered to Martin County period. The list of names follows, devil?" the colonel said.

Continuing, he pointed out that First Grade; Henry Handy, Joe ninety percent of all highway fa-Murphy, Floyd Thomas, Clayton talities are due to recklessness or Weston, Emma Godard, Peggy carelessness. "To check the dang- Respass was riding in the back Godard, Ann Harrison, Mary Jean erous and murderous trend, the seat. When they reached the Neck last Monday afternoon for Hunt, Blanche Manning, Mary Lee preachers in the pulpit, the Jones Road after turning off Mr. George Edmondson, a native White, Allan Modlin, Charles schools, the general public and Highway 64 at R. J. Hardison's, of this county, who died at the Hudson, Tommy Phelps, Billy others must get busy and act in

Thornton, Nancy Britton, Mary the name of human life." The patrol official, just recently he had hidden in the woods. Pickers, Gene Copeland, Charles Ed- out of the shooting war, is head- ing up a shot gun, previously wards, Jimmy Hardison, Gordan ing a peaceful war against Brown, Mary Lou Cox, Ann Grey said, "Virginia, New Jersey, Wash-

Darden, Priscilla Gurganus, Dale ington, D. C., and others have Gardner, Elsie Gray Scott. Edna compulsory motor vehicle inspec-Taylor, Francis Taylor, Betty Tay- tions, and North Carolina has been lor, and Nancy Bullock. made a dumping ground for old

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

The current year accident record holds a slight advancorresponding period in 1945 persons have been killed in highway accidents so far this able, however.

the present time.

1945 2 2 2 **Comparisons To Date** 1945 29 9 3

driver of the death car is interest- latest count showing that two had been returned this week after another one was taken into custody near Kinston a few days ago.

Gilbert (Pee-Wee) Moore, the

officers Thursday in Norfolk. Moore engaged the taxi to take

him home on a Saturday night in October. Miller was driving and Moore asked Miller to stop and home of a daughter, Mrs. Elizaallow him to pick up a package beth Hardy, on Eighth Street, hidden, Moore told the two men to tist minister, conducted the last throw up their hands and surrender their money. Miller yanktist cemetery, Scotland Neck. ed off his taxi purse and threw out Mr. Edmondson was born in this about \$25. Respass pulled out county 78 years ago and spent about \$125 in cash and turned it most of his life on a farm in the over without delay. The gun was county, retiring on account of de- Edmondson, \$1; E. V. Smith, \$1;

so near Miller's head that he clining health and going to Scotreached out and pushed the barland Neck about three years ago rel down, and about that time the to live with his daughter.

weapon fired, the load of shot Surviving are his widow, two passing just over Miller's lap, tearing a hole through both of the Crownsville, Md., and Mrs. Elizafront car doors. Miller and Resbeth Hardy of Scotland Neck; pass immediately jumped out and eleven sons, John Robert of Tilstarted a fast run for about two lery, Hilry and Carlton of Oak miles to the home of Mr. Joshua City, Herman of Scotland Neck, L. Coltrain where they reported Alton of Greenville, Willie of man, \$1; Andrew Flanagan, 25c; the hold-up and called for help. Kinston, Richard and Edward of Joe Moye, \$1; Mattie Allsbrooks, On the way, they stopped at an-Rocky Mount, Virgil and Forrest other home, but in answer to the of Annapolis, Md., and Odell, stafrightening pleas for help, the octioned with the U.S. Army in cupant answered the door with a Germany; two sisters, Mrs. M. M. shot gun in his hands. "He's got Curry of Stokes and Mrs. C. W. a shot gun, too,' Miller was quot- Pender of Goldsboro, and a numed as saying and the race was ber of grandchildren and greatstarted anew, Miller slowing down grandchildren.

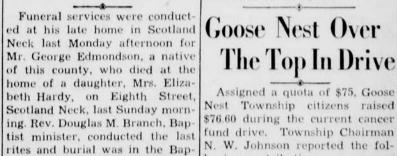
every now and then to wait for **County Young Man On** his partner to catch up with him. When arrested by the agents, Moore admitted the incident, but declared he was only pranking with the two men. "When the gun accidentally fired, both of jumped and ran, leaving the car lights still burning," Moore was (Continued on page eight)

the board, and Dewey and Ernets Edmondson, all of the o'clock and turned over. Sunnie Hassell Community. Council, accompanied by Anna

Eubanks, former member of

The meeting tomorrow, Council, was driving his 1937 Ford open to all democrats "in good toward Hassell when he met Wast standing" will name a chair-Staton driving a 1935 Plymouth man and various committees. car. The Council car, after crash-E. S. Peel is chairman of the ing into the Staton machine, conparty's executive committee tinued down the road about forty in the county. feet and turned over.

Investigating the accident, Parolman Whit Saunders said that Native Of County both bars had their steering apparatus tied up with baling wire, **Dies In Halifax** that damage to the two cars would amount to around \$700.



lowing contributions: N. W. Johnson, \$2; J. H. Avers & Co., \$2; J. C. Johnson, \$2; N. H. Mobley, \$1; E. N. Harrell, \$1; R. S. L. H. Hux, \$1; G. W. Barrett, \$1; D. E. Bunting, Jr., \$1; E. H. Johnson, \$1: W. V. Daniel, \$1: J. C. Ross, 50c; F. S. Worsley, 50c; Mindaughters, Mrs. Pattie Lucas of ton Beach, 50c; H. H. Worsley, \$2; J. S. Mallory, \$1; J. A. Rawls, \$2; B. L. Johnson, \$2; Nannie H. Worsley, \$2; D. L. House, \$2; J. B. Whitfield, \$1; M. E. Hyman, \$1; W. N. Craft, 50c; Dr. E. E. Pitt-25c; J. C. Ross, \$1; S. V. Sills, 50c; Jack Smith, \$1; Hertford Smith, 50c; Carter Jones, \$1; T. H. Johnson \$1; W. E. Early, \$1; Ruel Turner, \$1; S. W. Casper, 50c; L. H. Rawls, \$1; Buck Piland, \$1; S. T. Braddy, \$1; J. W. Bellflower, \$1; H. R. Smith, 50c; H. E. Daniel, \$1: John Daniel, \$1; W. E. Manning, \$1; W. G. Keel, \$1; Mrs. G. Way Home From Pacific H. Edmondson, \$1; J. L. Hassell, \$2; Mildred Everett, \$1; J. F.

R. Vernon Bunting, local young Crisp, \$1; B. A. Long, \$1; J. H. man, landed at Ft. Lawton, Wash- Hopkins, \$1; A. B. C. Store, \$1.50; ington, last Tuesday and is ex- Clifford Mobley, 35c; J. H. Avers them threw their money out, pected to reach Fort Bragg for his Store, 90c; Joe Bunting, 15c; W. discharge early next week, Mrs. V. Daniel Store, 26c; W. W. Tyson Bunting was advised this week. Station. 67c: G. W. Barrett Store, quoted as saying. "When they He has served eighteen months \$1.13; Post Office, 83c; Oak City overseas, nine in the European School, \$14.76; and Wiley Hilliard, and nine in the Pacific theater. 50c Total \$76.60.

year as compared with three fatalities a year ago. Other comparisons are not so favor-The following tabulations

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 1946 1 1 0 \$ 700 600 1946 49 33 2 13,070 5.900

tage over the figures for the for the first time. Only two

offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresers, Frankie Everett, Bobby Manning, Janice Rogers, James Pittman, Edward Rogerson, Annette Beach, Jean Coltrain, Jessie Marie

ponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to Sixteenth Week