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School And Field

Nicholas George Addresses

Lions Club Members

Last Thursday

There is a possibility that Wil-

liamston will have an air strip for

the take off and landing of planes,

if a committee of members of the

obtaining a lease on the necessary

amount of land. Appearing be-

fore the members of the Lions

Club here last Thursday evening,

Mr. Nicholas George, a former fly-

ing major in the Marine Corps,

outlined his plans for locating

here, provided a site for a field

large enough for an air strip can

be secured near the town. Mr

George, while a member of the

Marine Air Corps, was stationed

for several months at both Eden-

Bases, and became attached to

eastern North Carolina, and now

that he has been discharged from

the service, wants to locate in this

section, and has chosen Williams-

ton as the town that impresses

him. He also feels that there is

and will be a great need here for

If the site can be obtained, Mr

George plans to construct an air

strip, the minimum size being ap-

proximately 2100 feet long by 150

The speaker pointed out that

the cost of flying is not as expen-

air service.

mercial air lines.

\$72.00.

ton and Cherry Point Marine Air

local Lions Club is successful in

Veteran Planning

Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Friday, May 3, 1946

Next Monday

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Modern Hotel One Of Williamston's More County Men Prime Needs Now

High School Student Gets Second Prize In Special **Jaycee Contest**

Participating in the Junior Chamber of Commerce's essay contest, Tom Brandon, Jr., declared that a modern hotel was one of Williamston's greatest needs and won a \$15 cash prize. His story reads:

For the past ten years Williamson has been growing in a great many ways especially in industry and population. This calls for a modern hotel whiich Williamston does not have. Many tourists know that a modern hotel is nice to find on a long trip, to spend the night. Williamston is on the route from north to south on highway 17 and has many tourists that pass through on their way to Florida.

Too, industrial workers coming to Williamston to find jobs find that they will have to live in a hotel, until an apartment can be found. Now apartments are hard to find. So it is necessary for Williamston to have a modern up-todate hotel, that is, if she wishes to get her industrial workers to live here and to attract tourists at different times

This hotel would have to have not many more than a hundred rooms and be located in or on the outside of the business district. A notel with this many rooms would surely accommodate the tourists, industrial workers and service men that might come

The war has brought on many changes in the country. First, the Peel suffered severe cuts about people are more alert about the ond, people travel more today

White men discharged in Feb- pital for further treatment and In many cases an attractive ruary, 1946: Lance Dutton Hardy, Crawford to his home on Haugh- hotel will help to make the ap-

Hold Special School Vote Seventeen Cases Eleven Cases Are To Open A Flying In This District Saturday Heard This Week A minimum of 174 votes will be proper authorities for a special necessary to carry the special school tax election. The passage

school election in the Williams- of the proposed measure will enable the school authorities in this ton District on Saturday, May 4, district to supplement salaries and the authorities explaining that the add courses to the curriculum, invote will be against the registra- cluding public school music, band

tion. There are 346 eligible vot- and a school-wide recreational ers-161 in Precinct No. 1 and 185 program. The proposal calls for in Precinct No. 2-and everyone a 20-cent tax on the \$100 assessed County Recorder's Court last who does not report to his respec- property valuation.

tive precinct and vote for the The polls will open Saturday tire as vice recorder after pinchmeasure his vote will be recorded morning at 6:30 o'clock and close against the proposal. In other at 6:30 o'clock p. m. Voters in the words, one does not have to go to No. 1 precinct-the precinct on the polls if he wants to vote the south side of Main Street and against the proposal, for a vote the Everetts Road to Beaver Dam against the issue will be recorded Swamp-will vote at the courtif the voter does not go to the house. Voters in the No. 2 preof several weeks' duration. polls and actually cast his arbi- cinct-that territory lying on the trary vote, it was pointed out.

north side of Main Street and the Unable to attract teachers with Everetts Road to Beaver Dam the state salary schedule, the Wil- Swamp-will vote in the fireliamston School Committee, Mes- men's room in the town hall. The srs. R. L. Coburn, R. H. Goodmon district includes all of Williamsand C. B. Clark, supported by in- ton and parts of Bear Grass and terested citizens, petitioned the Williams Townships.

Mentally ill, a young Mar-

removed to a state institution in Goldsboro this week for treatment after a stay of one week in the county jail here. He was carried to the state institution when the Veterans' Administration advised the county veterans' officer, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., that there was no room for the man in a federal institution. It was learned, however, that lows he will be transferred to a government hospital just as

instances, flying clubs have been formed in which three or four persons will purchase and use a plane jointly. According to Mr. George the approximate cost for a beginner to learn to solo will run about

President Edwards appointed a

Delinquent Tax

Accounts Listed

Approximately 200 Martin

County tax accounts were in the

delinquent list this week as the

Cancer Fund Goal

Assigned a \$50 quota, Griffins

Township raised \$65.00 for the

cancer fund during the recent

drive, Chairman W. B. Harring-

ton announced this week. Con-

tributions were made by the fol-

Farm Life School, \$16.66; Piney

Wednesday afternoon when a committee composed of Lions Asa

Raise Over Three Hardison proved to the court that he and his wife had resumed Hundred for Fund marital status and judgment was \$2.50 and taxed with \$8.50 costs. uspended. Charged with operating a motor The drive for funds for crippled children and adults in this county Charlie Cherry pleaded guilty and has received contributions to date

costs.

Proceedings:

Called in the case charging him

was fined \$25 and taxed with the totaling \$331.25. No quota has cost been set for this year or for any year in the past but it was gen-

charging him with drunken driv- Justice Hassell requiring bond in erally understood that as much or ing, Sam Manning was fined \$50, the sum of \$50. more would be raised this year as taxed with the cost and had his during the 1945 drive when a todriver's license revoked for one tal of \$827.35 was received. vear.

Contributions so far are as fol-Warren was adjudged not guilty, ance J. C. Eubanks, \$1; L. Bruce Pleading not guilty in the case Wynne, \$2; B. S. Courtney, \$25; harging them with assaults with larceny of an automobile, was W. C. Mercer, \$5; two contributions of \$1 each; Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Sr., \$5; Hildred P. Mobley, \$1; D. R. Davis, \$5; Saunders and Cox, \$15; J. M. Perry, \$1; Clyde Manning, \$2; Charlie Davis, \$1; Roberson Slaughter House, \$5; conmonths. The judgments were sus- trial in \$50 bond. tribution, \$1; contribution, \$1; H. L. Daniels, \$1; R. W. Bondurant,

pended upon the payment of a \$50 The defendant Baker appealed to to pay \$7.50 costs. the higher courts and bond was required in the sum of \$100.

ing the liquor laws, pleaded guiland was fined \$50 and taxed

Services Discharge Heard By Justice In County Court In Past Few Days Judge J. C. Smith Plans One Defendant Bound Over One Hundred And **To Return To Bench** To Two Courts By Mayor Hassell Fifty - Four Given

seventeen cases in the Martin busy time in his court during the Their Discharges past few days when he handled Monday, and made ready to reeleven cases. One of the defendants, booked on two counts, was hitting for Judge J. C. Smith since bound over to the county court in the first of April. Visiting the one case and to the superior tricourt a short time last Monday bunal in the other.

morning, Judge Smith stated that Proceedings he planned to return to the bench Charged with operating a car next Monday following an illness with improper license plates, Wiliam Beach was fined \$10 and tax-Although no afternoon session ed with \$7.50 costs.

of the court was held this week Henry Mizelle, publicly drunk, Judge Coburn cleared most of the was fined \$2.50 and required to cases from the docket. He impospay \$7.50 costs. ed fines in the sum of \$350 last Drunk and down, Sam Congle Monday in addition to the court ton, was fined \$2.50 and taxed

with \$7.50 costs. Barthonia Bennett, publicly with non-support, Marion Thomas costs.

drunk, was required to pay \$7.50 One man, Marvin Earl Copeand, RFD 1, Oak City, was dis-Charged with disorderly concharged on last February 28 after duct, Randel Gardner was fined serving since August 11, 1943, and he immediately re-enlisted. Sev-G. M. McNair was fined \$2.50 eral other veterans have re-enand required to pay \$8.50 costs listed in the county, but Copeland vehicle without a driver's license, in the case charging him with beis the only one to come out and

> Eighty-six of the discharges re ceived by the draft board at its

Pleading guilty in the case bound over to the county court, Charged with speeding, William

the county court, Justice Hassell Charged with speeding, Garland recognizing him for his appear-Ernest Stallings, charged with

deadly weapons, Joseph Thomas bound over to the superior court low Howard and Roberta Baker were in bond of \$100. In a second case both adjudged guilty. Howard in which he was charged with opwas sentenced to the roads for six erating a motor vehicle without months and the other defendant a driver's license, Stallings was

fine each and one-half the costs. disorderly conduct, was required



Some Served Less Than Six **Months; Others More** Than Six Years In its last meeting the Martin County Draft Board received the

discharges of one hundred and fifty-four Martin County men, most of them having been filed during the month of February. A few, discharged in January, were late in getting in their discharges. The rate at which discharges are being received is decreasing fairly rapidly, but the March number

was fairly large.

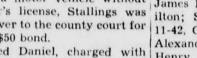
ing drunk and down. go back in the same day. James Rufus Taylor, charged with an assault on a female, was

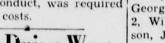
men and 68 to colored men. Some of those discharged had served less than six months while others

Howard James was bound over to had served for about six years. The names of the white men discharged in January, the month

Clayton LeRoy Revels, 12-43,

Mildred Daniel, charged with





ton.

Very few citizens registered in the county last Saturday for the regular primary to be held on Saturday, May 25, according to incomplete reports reaching here this week. Registrar O. S. Anderson for Williamston's No. 2 precinct apparently led with two new registrations.

FEW REGISTER

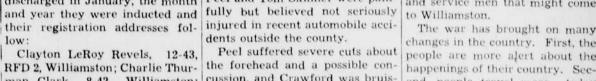
The books will remain open on Saturday of this week and on the following Saturday for new registrations. Those citizens who have participated in fairly recent elections or whose names are on the books will not find it necessary to register again.

If interest in politics gains as much momentum during the next week as has been apparent recently, the registration is expected to show a healthy increase before it is closed on May 11th.

Registration for the Williamston precincts will go forward at the polling places on Saturday of this week.



W. Tom Crawford, James Elbert Peel and Tom Skinner were pain-



man Clark, 8-42, Williamston; cussion, and Crawford was bruis-James Henry Stalls, 12-39, Ham- ed and badly shocked when their than ten years ago. There is a lot ilton; Sam Tillman Brady, Jr., car, driven by Peel, plowed into of traveling in the summer to the was sentenced to jail for six bound over to the county court for 11-42, Oak City; Mitchell Holton the rear of a transport truck park-Alexander, 1-40, Hassell; James ed on the highway a short dis- route through Williamston and in Henry Stalls, 12-39, Hamilton; tance north of Bethel early last many cases Williamston may be George Warren Corey, 7-40, RFD Sunday evening. Treated for their the half way of their trip and a 2, Williamston; Joe John John- injuries in a Tarboro hospital, the good place to stay, if we had a son, Jr., 2-43, RFD 1, Williams- young men were later returned modern up-to-date hotel to offer here, Peel going to the local hos- them.

Little business has been sched-

Court Does Large

month of April.

Andrew Flanagan, Goose Nest \$1; Mrs. M. L. Weaver, \$2.50; I. M.

\$5; B. T. Hurley, \$1; contribution,

NO ROOM

tin County serviceman was

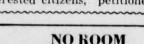
feet wide, and to have from one to four planes located there. Mr George will teach flying, as well as offer sight-seeing trips. In addition, he will be able to provide a feeder-line service from here to the larger towns that have com-

soon as room can be made available.

sive as most people have an idea that it is, and that in numbers of Painfully Hurt In **Oak City Accident**

farmer, was painfully hurt last Little, \$5; Williamston Peanut Co.,

committee composed of Lions Asa J. Manning, chairman, D. V. Clay-ton, W. Clyde Manning, and E. S. Mears to work with Mr. George in



Mears to work with Mr. George in ly, but one report stated he was trying to obtain a site.

knocked unconscious when The meeting last Thursday evening was presided over by Presidid not regain consciousness imdent Edwards with about 60 permediately. sons present, including six mem-According to information reachbers of the N. C. State College Exsion Service, who were in town

the farmer, that they were caught for the third annual Martin Counand he was walking beside the ty Fat Stock Show. Reports were vehicle holding to the lines when given by Lion Worrell, chairman the team jumped and snatched of the Scout Hut Building Fund, him to the pavement. Lion Carroll Jones, Scoutmaster

The vehicle struck a light pole. of Troop No. 29, and Lion K. P. Lindsley, chairman of the Ball damaging a transformer and throwing a section of Oak City in Chewing Gum committee. Waldarkness until about 8:30 that lace Tarkington donated the evening. friendship prize, which was won

by E. L. Ward, Jr. Miss Mary Warren provided the piano music. A delightful turkey dinner was served by the ladies of the local Christian Church.--Reported.

New Patrolman Succeeds Hunt tax collector, M. Luther Peel made

ready to advertise the past-due accounts next week for sale the Former Local Colored Figuring in one of the several first Monday in June. changes made in highway patrol An accurate estimate of the personnel locations, Cpl. W. T amount of the delinquent accounts Simpson entered upon his new could not be had, but it was learnduties in this area last Wednesed that approximately \$8,000 is day. Unable to find an apart- due the county by both real esment or home, Cpl. Simpson, a native of Salisbury and a lieutenant charge from the Coast Guard, is tate owners who are behind in past twenty years. making his headquarters at the their tax accounts, it was pointed

radio station. He plans to move out by the collector. his wife and two children here just as soon as he can find living **Griffins Exceeds** quarters.

Cpl. Simpson is succeeding Bill Hunt who was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant and placed in charge of the division with headquarters in Elizabeth City. Sgt. Hunt plans to move his family to Elizabeth City some time in June or July.

To Hold Revival In

Rehoboth Church Soon

Grove Sunday School, \$10; Maple Miss Margaret Smith, evange-Grove Sunday School, \$5; Corey's list of Clayton, will conduct a School (colored) \$..05; Eason Lilseries of revival services in the ley, \$5; J. Dawson Lilley, \$5; Mrs. Rehoboth Pentecoastal Holiness Eason Lilley, \$1.25; Johnson Cor-Church, Bear Grass, beginning ey's store, \$2; Manning and Gurk-Sunday, May 5, it was announc- in's store, \$2.50; W. Dave Daniel, ed this week. She will be assist- \$5; Mrs. H. A. Pierce's store, \$4; ed by Miss Grace Harris, pianist Smithwick School, (colored), \$2; of Aurora. Rev. J. H. Crocker, of Elbert Heath's store, \$4.20; W. B. Pine Level, is the pastor. Harrington, \$1.34.

lowing:

Co., Inc., \$5; Weir Furniture Co., with the cost. \$1; Dorothy Manning, 50c; R. A.

thrown to the pavement, that he Haislip, \$1; R. L. Coburn, \$3; con-Ollie Barnes, charged with operating a motor vehicle without tribution, \$1; C. R. Gray, \$1; Mrs. a driver's license, pleaded guilty John A. Manning, \$1; D. L. Hardy, and was fined \$25 and taxed with \$2; J. Sam Getsinger, \$1; Dixie ing here, the team ran away with Motors, \$10; Harcum Grimes, \$1; the cost.

The case charging Benjamin W. D. Daniels, \$2; N. K. Harrison, Dupree with failure to show his \$5; Dr. J. M. Kilpatrick, \$5; Paul driver's license was nol prossed. Roberson, \$1; Margolis Bros., \$10; Charged with operating a mot-N. R. Rogerson, \$1; Paul Bailey, or vehicle without a driver's li-\$1; R. K. Adkins, \$1; Dr. and Mrs. cense, Joseph W. Foster was fined V. A. Ward, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. \$25 and required to pay the court Frank Weaver, \$1; Joshua L. Colcosts.

train, \$5; and Girl Scouts, \$85.40. The case charging Sam Sim-Contributions from the schools mons with cruelty to animals was were: Williamston High School, nol prossed. Simmons, tried and \$17.04; Jamesville Colored School, convicted last October in the case \$6; Oak City School, \$12.45; Wil in which he was charged with liamston Grammar School, \$17.55; reckless driving and operating a Hassell School, \$4.81; White Oak motor vehicle without a driver's Spring Colored School, \$4; Roblicense, ran away while he was rsonville Colored School, \$12. under bond to report and start Rev. Claude Winstead's congreserving the 60-day sentence on last A detailed report of receipts and

(Continued on page six) Flounder Caught In Roanoke River

years, witnessed the catching of

white perch with a hook and line

for the first time last week. He

reported the incident to his grand-

son, Bill Griffin, and he and sev-

eral others, including James Her-

bert Ward and Lonnie Bullock,

caught more than 300 white perch

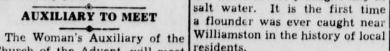
False Fire Alarm Is

one day last week.

trash near the plant.

Woman Serves On Jury Mary Bell Riddick Halstead,

former local colored citizen, was A small flounder was caught in recently chosen for the second a fish net in the Roanoke River time as a juror in a Brooklyn, here Tuesday by Francis Peel, extate and personal property own- New York, court, relatives were service man. Although its length ers. Possibly about one-third of recently advised. She has made did not exceed four inches it could commander until his recent dis- the amount is owed by real es- her home in New York for the be identified definitely as a flounder which is rarely caught only in



Church of the Advent, will meet Mr. Bill Baker, a fisherman on Monday afternoon, May 6, at Roanoke River for at least 50

ROUND-UP

Eight persons were taken into custody and temporarily detained in the county jail last week-end, the arrests boosting the total for the week to ten. Of the number arrested during the week-end, three were charged with public drunkenness, three with assaults, and one each for drunken driving and one for insanity.

gation at Jamesville, \$7.

will be submitted later.

o'clock.

expenditures for the past year

Four of those detained were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 23 to 38 years.

According to fairly complete re- ton; Raymond William Comstock, was badly damaged, reports stat- ment is going to widen the bridge ports, the cancer fund drive is way 8-43, RFD 1, Paymyra; Garvey ed.

over the top in this county. Eight Shelton Hall, 4-43, Williamston; Skinner, local tobacconist, suf- the outside of town that should of the eleven districts have ex- Simon Stalls, 3-42, Williamston; fered a fracture of the cheek bring more tourists and business ceeded their quotas, and final re- Elmer Haywood Swain, 8-44, RFD bones, cuts and bruises when his into Williamston. So a new highports are awaited from two others 2, Williamston; Mathon Baldwin car turned over last Tuesday eve- way, hotel and several other which are believed to have met Dunn, 4-44, Williamston; Jesse ning on the Wilson highway a things would make a good imthe challenge. Williamston is Wilson Griffin, 7-42, Plymouth; short distance out of Greenville. George Washington Taylor, 11-43, Striking a bad place in the road, nearing its goal today. Assigned a quota of \$1,000, the Everetts; Calvin Edward Hardy, the car went out of control, skidcounty, according to the incom- 11-42, RFD 2, Williamston; Henry ded on the wet pavement and

plete reports, has raised and re- Herbert Cowen, Jr., 3-42, Wil- turned over. After receiving treatment in a Greenville hosported \$1,028.48. Bear Grass took liamston; Robert Edwin Peele, the lead in the drive when Chair- 4-43, Williamston; Joseph David pital, the young man was removed man J. Rossell Rogers with the Thrower, Jr., 9-42, Williamston; to his mother's home there, last help of Mrs. Ralph Mobley and Lester Lunford Harrell, Jr., 5-44, reports stating he was getting

A. B. Ayers, Jr., went out and Oak City; Robert Frank Gurgan- along very well. more than doubled the district's us, 4-43, Williamston; William \$50 quota.

Commenting on the drive, liamston; Guilford VanBuren County Chairman R. L. Coburn Flowers, 10-43, Williamston; Josdeclared that it had been the most eph Elmer Mizelle, 8-43, RFD 1, successful of its kind ever held in

the county. The solicitors workfunds which will be used in promoting a relentless fight against cancer.

various district chairmen, the following amounts were raised in the designated areas: Jamesville, \$75.17; Griffins, \$65; Bear Grass, Statesboro, Georgia, entered upon ready in time for the commis-\$117.47; Williamston, \$316.50; his new duties last Tuesday. He sioners to study the budget at the Cross Roads, \$59.58; Roberson-

Hassell, \$30.28, and Goose Nest, \$76.60. No final reports have

ton. lowing his graduation he entered of education is being scheduled for Mrs. P. B. Cone, local chairman, the Army Air Corps, was station- next Monday, Chairman J. D. is making direct solicitations to- ed overseas for a number of day and hopes to carry Williams- months. Just recently discharg- will likely meet later in the month ed from the service, he is handling to study the proposed 1946-47 budton over the top.

but not through the county, it was explained.

ATTEND MEETING

Sounded Tuesday Night Mesdames P. B. Cone, Ira Knight, Harry Meador, John Hen-A false fire alarm was sounded ry Edwards, Frank Weaver, nere last Tuesday evening at 9:30 George Wynne, G. P. Hall, Walter o'clock when it was thought the Speller, Joe Hardison, George basket factory near Roanoke Riv- Harris, Miss Ethel Guest and John er was burning. Answering the Miller attended a meeting of the call, firemen found that the com- Woman's Missionary Union of the pany workers were burning some Martin County-Plymouth Division in Robersonville Wednesday.

11-42, RFD 2, Williamston; Simon ton Street. Its engine driven into pearance of a town more modern Gardner, 10-42, RFD 2, Williams- the foot of the front seat, the car and since the highway depart-

> and make a new highway along provement in Williamston.

Mad Dog Killed Here This Week

A medium-size dog of mixed breed was killed on Haughton Street here last Monday by Officer John Roebuck who declared that the mongrel apparently was mad.

The animal, his owner unknown, was slobbering at the mouth and snapping and biting bushes when the officer found him in Commissioner G. H. Harrison's back yard. A short time earlier the dog jumped into the Jim Statons' fish pond.

As far as it could be learned the dog had bitten no one or attacked other animals. Its head was not

Figures and estimates are besent off for an examination. The opinion was expressed that the dog had not been vaccinated against rabies. He is the third mad dog known to have been killing will be called for a study of ed in this county in recent weeks. Following the report, local au-

thorities issued a new warning to No meeting of the county board all owners to have their dogs vaccinated against rabies or the animals will be disposed of in accord-Woolard announces, but the board ance with law.

> Work Started On **Cabinet Factory**

Business In April Construction work on a new factory for the Jarman Cabinet According to the clerk's month-Works was started just outside of ly report, the Martin county Retown on the Jamesville Road this corder's Court handled an unus- week. Outgrowing its old quarually large business in April. It is ters on the prison camp road, the fairly certain that the fines and company is constructing a buildcosts collected during the period ing 48 by 104 feet on the new site. set a new high record for the Other structures are to be added later, including a dry kiln, it was Fines collected during the learned.

month under the judgship of Robt. The construction contract was L. Coburn amounted to \$1,820. let to Carl Garrett who plans to The court costs collected during complete the main building in the period amounted to \$995.25. about sixty days.

that time for an absentee ballot.

For County Board (Continued on page six) uled for consideration at the regular meeting of the Martin County Commissioners next Monday. A Work In County jury for the one-week term of the superior court in June will be the superior court in June will be drawn and routine matters will

According to reports filed by the Named to succeed Assistant be handled. County Farm Agent C. J. Goodman, resigned, Mr. L. W. Cone, of ing prepared, but they will not be

was accompanied here by District regular session. A special meetville, \$261.43; Poplar Point, \$26.45;

The new agent was graduated the budget figures later in the in agronomy at the University of month. been filed by Williams or Hamil- Georgia in 1941. Immediately fol-

In addition to the amounts listed, the Trio Theater in Roberson- field. ville raised approximately \$336

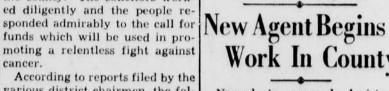
for the National Cancer Fund. The fund will go into the same channel

Few absentee votes will be

cast in the primary election to be held in this county on May 25, according to predictions made recently by election officials. Absentee voting will be limited in the primary to servicemen, the board chairman stating last week-end that only one application had been filed with him up until

his first work in the extension get figures, it was learned, ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Agent B. Troy Fergerson.



Vernon Wynn, 12-42, RFD 3, Wil-Little Business