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### Six Divorces Are Granted Recently In Superior Court

**Marriages In County** This Year

Six divorces were granted dursix this month.

The ratio of divorces to marriages in the county this year is st thout one to six, nearly 300 rage licenses having been ised h 1946 to date. Unofficial ports places the divorce-marse ratio for the nation at but one to three, and sociolog-As predict that the ratio will be one divorce for every two marriages in another ten years.

Divorces, all based on two years of separation except one, were allowed in the superior court recently, as follows:

Kathleen Abernethy against C. P. Abernethy. Jasper Williams against Ercelle

Williams. Lettie Brooks against LeRoy Brooks.

R. T. Chance against Mary T Chance. It was the plaintiff's third attempt to have matrimonial bonds broken for himself and his wife.

Loney Purvis against Jasper

A divorce, based on grounds of adultery, was granted Lester S. White in his case against Leila Fave White.

In the case of J. E. Strawbridge against Benita Strawbridge, the plaintiff took a voluntary non-

One or two other civil cases were called during the last session of the court on Thursday. In the case of V. E. Brown against M. G. Donaubaer, the plaintiff was given a judgment in the sum of \$477.25, less a credit of \$20.

Carried into court to explain why he was behind in his support payments to his wife and three children, Jesse Whitley, colored, waived citation, and agreed to pay \$12 a week until \$122 overdue is paid and then maintain payments at the rate of \$20 per month. If the defendant defaults he is to be held in contempt of

### **Christmas Party** For Needy Tots

The local Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its second annual Christmas party for underprivileged tots in the Woman's Club hall tomorrow evening at 8:00 o'clock. The Jaycees plan to present each one with a gift and a bag of confections. Special arrangements are being made to provide transportation for those who have no means of travel.

Santa Claus will be there to distribute the gifts and assist those in charge of the program which is being planned by a special committee headed by T. F. Davenport,

The party is open to the public.

**Expected Home Soon** From The Hospital

A patient in a Rocky Mount hospital for several weeks, Mrs. B. S. Courtney is improving rapidly and plans to return to her home here next Sunday or Monday. She was reported able to sit up some this week.

### ROUND-UP

Fifteen persons were rounded-up and placed in the county jail last week, Jailer Roy Peel said this week. The jailer commented, "We'll have to start slowing down mighty fast if we are not to have any immates in the jail Christmas."

Nine were booked for drunkenness, two for drunken driving, one for assault with a deadly weapon, one for non-support and two for

larceny and receiving. . One of the fifteen was a white person. The ages of the group ranged from 24 to 60

### To Address Public Meeting Minister Recalls Plan Advanced To Power Company Expands Two Cases Heard In Club Tuesday Evening

Dr. Maynard Fletcher, regional until next month, it was learned. One Divorce For About Six Good Health Association, will ad- tion, unable to hold its scheduled dress a public meeting in the Wo- meeting on any other night before ing the December term of Martin health movement in this district first grade children will offer a County Superior Court, the six was first scheduled to speak in Christmas number and hte glee boosting the total for the year in the courthouse, but it was later club will sing. this county to 53. A review of the decided to have him speak in the The question of good health in court records shows that four- club building since the Woman's North Carolina is so important teen divorces were granted last Club had already scheduled a that every effort is being made March, seven the following meeting for that hour. Follow- to have it explained to the public month, five in June, twelve in ing Dr. Fletcher's talk, the club before the general assembly September, nine in November and will hold its business session, the meets in early January. Every president, Mrs. P. B. Cone an- available medium is being used to

conflicts, but Dr. Fletcher, it was will fill the club room. A general learned, has speaking engage- invitation is being extended the ments for nearly every evening public to attend.

SCHEDULE

week-long holiday for the en-

tire force, The Enterprise will

suspend operations on Satur-

day of this week. The paper

will go to press a few hours

earlier for the regular issues

this week and on Saturday

the paper for next Tuesday

will be put to press, according

to present plans. There will

be no edition on the 27th, but

publication will be resumed

and schedules for meetings

for publication will be resum-

ed early the following week.

and schedules for meetings

for publication should be in

the hands of the printers not

later than Wednesday morn-

ing for the Friday publication

and not later than Thursday

evening for publication in the

Man Makes Wild

Knife Attack In

And Another Has

Fifty Stitches

farmer, forced his way into the

home of Charlie Mason at Ske-

Knocking open the front door,

threatened others, officers said.

Mason, hearing cries for help,

by the arm and tried to lead him

knife, Scott sliced Mason across

the face and directed another

on Scott's head. During the mean-

days ago by the death of her hus-

Her recovery is expected.

hind his chair attack and before

broke it into pieces small enough

to go in a medium size heater,"

Mason was quoted as saying. Dur-

ing the meantime, Scott landed

Christmas edition.

Religious announcements

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early the following week.

chairman of the North Carolina The local parent-teacher associaman's Club hall this evening the holidays, will go ahead with (Tuesday) at 7:30 o'clock. The its program in the grammar educator and leader in the good school tonight at 7:30 when the

get the information before the One or two other meetings have public, and Dr. Fletcher's address been scheduled for the same hour, tonight is a part of the public and efforts were made to avoid program. It is hoped that citizens

#### William E. Davis **Died In Hamilton** Adhering to a plan followed for years and providing a Friday Afternoon

**Funeral Services Conduct**ed In St. Martin's There Sunday Afternoon

William E. Davis, retired farmer-merchant and member of a family prominent in the early history of this county, died at his home in Hamilton last Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. He had been in declining health during his condition had been critical for almost two weeks before the end. Pneumonia was given as the immediate cause of his death.

The son of the late William Davis, he was born in this county Addie Crisp of Edgecombe Counhe entered the mercantile busi-

Home Near Here what, he was doing, Tom Scott, tery.

morning and launched a savage attack with a pocket knife on Whitehurst of Bethel, Mrs. Slade members of the Mason family and Congleton of Robersonville, and threatened others in an adjoining Miss Lucille Davis of Hamilton; four sons, Whit and Edgar Davis Town Taking On of Hamilton, Jasper Davis of Scott went into the adjoining Windsor and Robert Davis of apartment, attacked one of the oc- Bethel, and eight grandchildren.

#### cupants there with his fist and Seal Sale Nears went across the hall, took Scott **Goal In County** out of the house. Yanking out his

goal, the annual TB seal sale in town's principal business streets. blow on the shoulder. Picking up this county is almost certain to A special detail almost completed a chair, Mason started working exceed the \$2,000 quota, according the installation work yesterday. to information released this week time, Mason's daughter, Annie by the chairman, Chas. H. Man- designed and displayed by Ger- called out twice last week-end. Clyde Davis, widowed just a few ning.

band, Ananias Davis, started to approximately \$1,924.00 had stalled by a special Jaycee com- put out a fire in a stump hole on her father's rescue and she was been reported. Except for the mittee on the Presbyterian West Main Street in front of the met with a knife blow across the sale of bangles by the Williams- Church lot on East Main Street, Sanford Roberson home. stomach, one report stating that ton colored Girl Scouts next Sat- and it will add greatly to the the knife went to the hollow and urday, the drive is virtually com- holiday decorative scheme in its bared the intestines. She was re- plete in Williamston Township new location. moved to a Washington hospital where \$1,202.00 has been raised where, according to last reports, and reported. Last Saturday the hours, the Jaycees completed the West Main Street near the road white Girl Scouts raised \$95 Nativity scene installation last leading to the Blount farm. Startshe was getting along very well. Declaring to officers that it Rhoda Faye Peel led the list with turned on and a few details are went out of control and exploded, sales of \$15.14. Patricia Taylor being arranged to make the scene the fire wrecked the interior of ooked as if Scott was going to carve everything in the house to was second with \$11.91 sales, and as impressive as it was a year ago. one room, burned a hole in the death, Mason put more power be- Anne Jones was third with sales he had subdued the knife wielder sum of \$1, 50 and 25 cents were Ward, Jr., Walton Hamilton, Er- beds were burned. Some of the he had torn the chair to bits. 'I awarded those three.

two more knife blows on Mason, \$42; Robersonville, \$285; Griffins, ell, Oswald Stalls, Carroll Jones, lars. one in the left side and another \$47; Bear Grass, \$79; Goose Nest, James Williams, James Wynne, ragged one on the hip. Between \$54, and Cross Roads, \$43.91. The James Bullock, Jack Manning, answered when an oil heater in fifty and sixty stitches were ne- Williamston colored school raised Dan Sharpe, T. F. Davenport, J. the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Ira

cessary to close Mason's wounds. \$39.11. Scott, in a dazed condition, was emoved to a local doctor's office staging a dance Christmas eve night stands." The work, calling Street. It was quickly brought where one stitch was taken to night, and the proceeds will be for considerable time, is a credit under control by the family and close a small gash on his fore- applied to the TB fund, the chair- to the creators and to those hand- the damage was described as man announced.

# Health In State The Local District

**Concerned Over Conditions Existing Now In North** 

Concerned over the poor health conditions existing in North Carorom his sermon follow:

the current program to arouse the people of North Carolina into time. mighty and united struggle against the conditions of poor resources for the correction of hose conditions.

that if Jesus were on earth today, er it "North Carolina's No. 1 for fluctuations in population fig the greater part of two years, and Need": though that is an excel- ures. lent and admirable slogan for our purposes. He would still know sure an equity of representation that moral responsibility before among the seven county units. Carolina's-and all men's-No. 1 that each county, in turn, would Whitmel Davis and Nancy Davis Need. But I believe he would have the right to designate the be troubled over the fact that to- Democratic candidate for State near Hamilton on March 3, 1882, day: there are 40 other states in Senator. living in that community all his which mothers have a better life. He spent his early life on chance of surviving child-birth secretary for the chairman, was the farm, and was married to Miss than in North Carolina; and 38 delegated by them to make a full other states in which new-born draft of the agreement embodyty on March 3, 1901. Later in life babies have a better chance of ing the nominations formula, and reaching their second year than has reported that the draft will ness, from which he retired some in North Carolina; and 47 other be finished sometime during the time ago on account of declining states where young men have a latter part of this week. better chance of meeting the Upon its completion, mimeo-The body was removed from minimum standards of physical graphed copies of the system will the Biggs Funeral Home here health required by an organiza- be forwarded to the chairmen of Sunday afternoon and carried to tion like an army than in North the seven Democratic committees St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Carolina; and 44 other states in this district, who will present One Victim In Hospital Hamilton where it lay in state for where a doctor's care is more ac- it for approval or rejection by an hour before the last rites were cessible to those who need it than their respective groups at special conducted at 3:00 o'clock. Rev. in North Carolina; and 41 other meetings to be called for that pur-John W. Hardy, the rector, offi- states that have made more ade- pose. If all seven committees Said to have been intoxicated ciated, and interment was in the quate provision for the hospital endorse the agreement with a and apparently little realizing family plot in Hamilton's ceme- care of its sick than North Caro- majority vote, it will then be fillina. Yes I believe that were Jesus ed with the chairman of the State Surviving are Mrs. Davis; five living here in North Carolina to- Democratic committee in Raleigh daughters, Mrs. W. P. Harris of day, he would still look upon a and will be binding, determining warkey about 1:30 o'clock Sunday Robersonville, Mrs. J. C. Andrews situation like that and upon the the rotation of nominees from of Rocky Mount, Mrs. Grover C. people caught in it with a deep and after the filing.

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## **Christmas Spirit**

coal strike, is gradually emerging telephone. and tonight will assert itself in the approximately 1,000 vari-col-While it has not yet reached its ored Christmas lights on the The special Christmas scene,

Up until the first of this week here last Christmas, has been in- 8:00 o'clock, they were called to

After working about 100 man

ling the installation.

**Party Executive Committee** Met Recently In Plymouth

An agreement on a proposed new system for the rotation of nomination of Democratic candilina, Dr. Kelsey Regen, Durham dates for State Senator among minister, recently chose for one the seven counties of the second of his sermon topics in the Pres-senatorial district was drawn up byterian church there, "The Heal- by the chairmen of the Democraing Work of Christ." Excerpts tic executive committees of the district's counties at an all-day And now, in closing, I would meeting held in the Washington like to bring all that we have County courthouse in Plymouth been saying concerning the heal- recently, according to reports ing work of Christ to focus upon from Attorney Carl Bailey, of a timely matter that should con- Plymouth, acting as proxy for E. cern everyone of us. I refer to F. Still, Washington County chairman, who was absent at that

Under the proposed system, Mr Bailey declared, appointment of health that exist over our state the nominees would be matheand for the mobilization of all our matically determined according to a definite formula, based entirely upon the population of each In all reverence, I say to you of the district counties.

The formula would read: when and living as a citizen of North number of the population of any Carolina, I believe he would be one county, multiplied by the tremendously concerned about number of years since that counthis thing that concerns so many ty last had a senator, is greater of us. Moreover, I believe that he than the number of population would not only put his blessing of any other county, multiplied by upon it but would also throw the the number of years since it las weight and power of his energy had a senator, then the county and influence into it. For he with the larger number is enwould find it clearly congenial titled to nominate a senator for to his ministry of healing. I per- the following two terms. Allowsonally doubt if he would consid- ances would be made, of course,

This, he asserted, would as God is and always will be North since the system would provide Attorney Bailey, acting as

A. H. Harris, chairman of the Pamlico committee, was elected by the group to preside over the meeting. Represented at the conference were Washington, Martin, Hyde, Pamlico, Beaufort, and Tyrell counties. The Dare county chairman was unable to attend The holiday atmosphere here, the meeting, but gave his vote threatened at one time by the of consent to the agreement via

## **Out Twice Here**

Local volunteer firemen were man prisoners of war in camp Thursday evening, shortly after Last Saturday afternoon at 4:20

o'clock, they were called to the comparatively new three-room home of Della Staton just off through the sale of bangles. Friday night. The lights were ing when a portable oil heater Carroll Coltrain, chairman, W. floor and warped the wall coverin the sum of \$9.17. Prizes in the T. Ross, Bill Thrower, Exum ings. Most of the clothes and two nest Mears, Wheeler Manning, furniture was damaged when Other townships reported re- Thad Harrison, Edwin Peel and neighbors tried to remove it from ceipts in the following amounts: Dallas Roberson handled most of the house. No official estimate Hamilton, \$45; Poplar Point, the work with Jaycees Lawrence on the loss could be had, but it \$40; Jamesville. \$47; Williams, Lindsley, Jim Manning, Bill How- will run into the hundreds of dol-

Sunday evening a third call was C. White, Jack Edmondson and Harrison started leaking oil in the Robersonville's Jaycees are Wallace Tarkington making "one old Mobley home on East Church

## Needs For Better Rotate Senators In Main Street Quarters Here

return from California last week- sonnel from time to time.

not been announced, but it was largest service personnel we have be removed and replaced with a ing that additional employes were modern one. A goody portion of needed in some of the departthe store building will be occupi- ments.

Its present offices crowded by ed by the meter department, the a growing operating personnel, manager explaining that at th the Virginia Electric and Power present time all the heavy meter. Company recently leased the equipment and units had to be store building now occupied by carried to the second floor for in-Nat Israel's store and will distrib- spection. It was also pointed out ute part of its force there early that several desks are now locatnext year, R. H. Goodmon, man- ed in the halls, that the engineerager of the company's Albemarle ing room is crowded, and that ad-District, announced following his ditions are being made to the per end. The store operator, his lease | Working to meet urgent de

expiring, is closing out his busi- mands for line extensions and ness. Retiring temporarily after rapidly expanding service rethe first of the year, Mr. Israel quirement, the company is now states he will look for new quar- maintaining possibly one of the largest operating personnels in The company's detailed plans this immediate section. "We have for expanding its offices have two construction groups and the earned that the store front will ever had," the manager said, add-

## Two Killed In Auto Wreck Late Sunday

### Four Others Are **Badly Hurt When** Two Cars Collide

Third Car Plows Into The Wreckage And Driver Is Jailed Here

Two persons were killed in stantly and at least four others were injured, some of them seriously, in a three-car accident on the Robersonville-Stokes highway, about one mile south of Robersonville late last Sunday afternoon. The accident, attracting hundreds of spectators soon after it happened, was described as the most costly reported on the highways of this county during the current year.

Henry Ward, 69-year-old Pitt County colored man, and a 19year-old colored girl whose identity could not be determined imwher the two cars in which they collision. Webb Ward, driver and owner of a new 1946 Studebaker sedan, suffered a broken leg and sion at another in Hamilton early other injuries which were described as serious.

Jesse Spain, owner of the 1937 Chevrolet car figuring in the wreck and who was believed to have been under the steering wheel at the time, suffered a broken leg and other injuries. Mary Brown, also colored, had a leg broken and suffered other injuries. A man whose identity could not be determined but who was believed to have been riding in the Spain car, was cut and bruised and suffered shock. Apparently in a daze, he was able to walk when patrolmen reached the scene of the accident.

The elder Ward, cut and bruis ed badly in several places on his body, was said to have died as a result of a bad skull fracture. The unidentified girl suffered a brok-

Shortly after the two cars crashed, John Rogers, colored man of Robersonville, came along and plowed into the wreckage just about the time the two cars caught fire. No one was hurt in Rogers' car which was damaged very little. Rogers, maintaining that he was not driving at the time, was arrested and jailed for alleged drunken driving. His accusation was denied in open court Monday and Judge Smith sentenced Rogers to the roads for six months for drunken driving and six months for reckless driving. The last six-month sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. His driver's license was revoked for two

Cpl. W. T. Simpson and Patrolman W. E. Saunders investigated the accident and the investigation had not been fully completed late Monday. Those who survived the accident were so badly dazed and hurt they could offer few details, and all the names of those in the first two cars could not be learn-

ed at once. Cpl. Simpson said that the Webb car was traveling toward Robersonville and that when the (Continued from page five)

CONVICTED

The first conviction under the local ordinance banning the firing of fireworks inside the town limites here was reported recently by Justice John L. Hassell.

Fred James Calloway of Jamesville, firing the crackers from an automobile, was carried before the trial justice and was fined \$5 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

Outlawed when they became obnoxious weeks ago, fireworks have been shot very sparingly here since that time. Police, with definite instructions to make arrests, warn against the use of fireworks inside the local town limits.

### Prowler Enters **Hamilton Homes**

A prowler, whose identity has Belcher with manslaughter. not yet been established, entered one home and knocked for admislast Sunday evening, it was learned from the sheriff's office Mon-

Remaining home alone while Christmas cards in the living schools were yet to report. room when she heard someone | Contributions were reported as enter the unlocked back door. follows: Bear Grass white school, The intruder walked up the hall \$21.88; Bear Grass Colored School, where fortunately he found the \$1.76; Burr ughs-Spring Hill door to the living room bolted. He School, \$3; Cross Roads School, knocked lightly and Mrs. Farmer \$1; Biggs School, \$2.16; Dardens asked who it was. No voice an- School, \$2.78; Jamesville Colored swered, but he rapped heavily on School, \$2.65; Farm Life School. the door and kicked it. Mrs. Far- \$58.37; Poplar Point School, 75 mer, badly frightened, jumped cents; Williams Lower School, out the window and ran for help. \$3.81; Williamston Colored School When she returned with others, \$21.94; Rogers School, \$2; Wilthe intruder had disappeared. liamston Grammar School,

incident at the Price home, some- School, \$5.76. one went to the home of Mrs. | Miss Modlin's 5th grade won 1st Chas. Raynor and knocked on the prize in the county with \$15.00 in door. Mrs. Raynor was at church | contributions while Miss Bailey's and her fifteen-year-old son was 5th grade won 2d prize in the at home with the children. When county with \$14.00. the lad asked who was knocking. In addition to the cash contrithe prowler made no answer and butions, the Junior Red Cross reran from the front porch.

### Mother Of Local Resident Passes

ed Sunday of last week in the Greenville (S. C.) Free Will Bap- packages of marbles, 26 handkertist Church for Mrs. Eva Mitchum chiefs, 13 pairs of socks, 30 combs, Browder, mother of Mr. A. E. and such other items as bobby Browder, of Williamston, who pins, pocketbooks, needles, died at her home there the Friday thread, ribbon, neckties, safety before after a long period of de- pins, gloves, jump ropes, suspendclining health. Her pastor, Rev. ers, powder, yo-yos, bracelets, Beaty Frieson, conducted the last dolls, small toys and a compass. rites and interment was in the churchyard cemetery. Mrs. Browder, 78 years old, is

survived besides her son here, by her husband, Mr. Daniel Browder, who is visiting here, three sons. W. M. and R. H. Browder of Charleston, and C. L. Browder of Russellville, S. C.; a daughter, Mrs. H. H. High of Charleston, and two sisters, Mrs. J. P. Kelly and Mrs. John Guess, of Colum-

### Recently By Jury In Superior Court

Defense Attorney In Capital Case Allowed a Fee Of \$150.00

Of the approximately thirty riminal cases called in the Marore the jury for a decision. In ne of the two the defendant was ever, after a more or less cut and dried fashion decided six divorce mother'civil case.

Although only two criminal nto the hundreds of dollars.

The special venire called for the Ragland case cost approximately \$300, and the service of the regu-

officer, \$5; meals for jurors, \$20. and incidental expenses, \$100.

Allowing the \$150 fee for Ragand's defense counsel, the court did not specify whether that amount would cover the counsel cost for perfecting the appeal to the supreme court.

Reviewing the manner in which he thirty cases were handled, the fendants pleaded guilty, four d in three cases. Several other cases were continued, and defendints in two cases failed to report when called during the term.

Quite a few of the defendants acing the court received road erms, but just about all of them vere placed on probation or had heir sentences suspended. With the crime, the judgment calling for not less than five and not more than seven years in State's light" in the case charging Frank

### Raise \$239.07 For **Junior Red Cross**

In the recent Junior Red Cross other members of the family went fund drive a total of \$239.07 was to church that evening, Mrs. Her- raised, the chairman, Mrs. V. E. man Farmer was addressing Brown explaining that three

Just before or right after the \$111.21; and Williamston High

ceived forty boxes packed with 840 articles for distribution to the case. Included in the boxes were, 197 pencils, 40 bath cloths, 109 pads of paper, 52 types of tooth paste, 42 tooth brushes, 40 balls, 68 bars of soap, 31 boxes of crayons, 41 barrettes, 25 crasers, 18

### TWO-DAY HOLIDAY

Local merchants and business houses this week scheduled a two-day Christmas holiday. Closing for business around 7:00 o'clock on Tuesday, December 24, the stores and other business firms will not reopen until the following Friday