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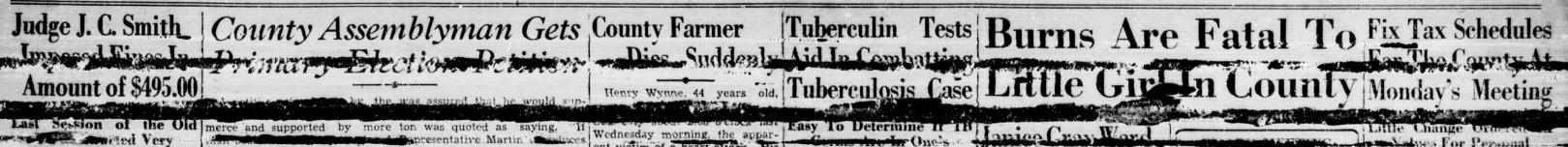
### **VOLUME XLX—NUMBER 1**

#### Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Friday, January 3, 1947

#### **ESTABLISHED 1899**

Values For Personal

**Properties** 



Wery Large Crowd

It was a big day in court la Monday when Judge J. C. Smith of a bill creating a primary eleccalled 21 cases in the last session of the recorder's tribunal for the tracted an almost record number of colored citizens, many of them waiting until the last case was cleared from the docket about 1:00 o'clock that afternoon.

for the first time in two weeks, for its passage. the number of cases was not unduly large for so long a period, but fines held to a right big figure-\$495 for the day.

**Proceedings:** 

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Elbert Cotten pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost. His license to operate a motor vehicle is to be denied for one year, the court recommend-

Charlie Hill, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license and while intoxicated, was fined \$75, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for one year.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with the indecent exposure of his person and being drunk and disorderly, James Horton Hunter was sentenced to jail for thirty days, fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

The cases charging Fred James Calloway with disorderly conduct, assault, and simple assault and resisting arrest were continued for the defendant until January 13.

His case pending in the courts for some time, Harrison Land, Jr., sentence on condition that the de-\$7 each week for the support of his wife and children. The money is to be handled by the welfare department.

presentative Martin M in the hands of Representative C. the bill and effects its pasasge in B. Martin, requesting him to in- the House, I'll work to have it and work 202 ine passage passed in the second

The proposed bill, facing no extion system for Williamston. pressed opposition but delayed Receiving the bill and its page these many years by what may be after page of signatures, Repre- termed lethargy or plain old inold year. The proceedings at sentative Martin who leaves next difference, is now certain of pas-Monday for the opening of North sage during the early part of the Carolina's 1947 session of the new session of the Legislature. Content to leave the drafting of General Assembly, assured the Jaycees that a bill creating a pri- the bill to the law makers and

mary for the town would be in- officials, the Jaycees pointed out Although the court was sitting troduced and that he would work they were only interested in seeing the town's election machinery Calling the proposal to the at- modernized or brought up to the

tention of Hugh G. Horton, local times. Whether the town shall attorney and senator from this be zoned is of no marked concern district, the Jaycee spokesman to the group, it was explained.

**Eleven Traffic** 

**Violators** Fined

Eleven alleged traffic law vio-

lators were fined in a justice of

the peace court here just before

Christmas, according to informa-

tion coming from Judge John L.

Hassell who continues to receive

treatment in a Washington hos-

Each of the defendants, alleged

near the highway at a garage

dance hall on the old Greenville

Road last month, was fined and

taxed with costs in the sum of

\$11, as follows: Clifton Manning,

Leonard H. Leggett, Paul Van-

Landingham, E. D. Peel, Elbert

Tice, Dallas W. Gurganus, Sam S.

Hardison, Chester B. Whitehurst,

Robt. Beacham, Walter Bailey and

Jesse Council. Similar charges

are pending against several

others, it was learned from Cpl.

W. T. Simpson and Patrolman W.

Discussing his plight with of-

ficers, Mr. Bailey explained that

he was playing for the dance, that

he received only \$4 for his service

and the improper parking of his

E. Saunders.

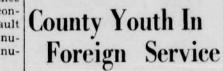
car cost him \$11.

pital for high blood pressure.

Except for the fireworks. bells, whistles and horns, the New Year took over last Tuesday night on schedule without too much noise and without accident. Some of the celebrants, allegedly, did not notice the change.

**NEW YEAR** 

A faithful few, possibly fifty, attended the special union religious service in the Methodist church here. A larger number were present at special parties, but the majority, partly on account of the weather, slept through the change.



According to statement of the charged with non-support, was recruiting sergeant of the U.S. sentenced to the roads for nine Army recruiting sub station in months. The court suspended the Greenville, Roy Gray Stevenson, son of W. C. Stevenson of Wilfendant pay \$25 immediately and liamston Rt. 1, enlisted for a three year hitch with United States Army a short while agc. Stevenson is single and assisted

The trial justice, leaving for the his father in farm work prior to hospital before he could report In the case charging William his enlistment. He completed Henry Williams and Russell nine years of school at James- that Levy Smith, charged with the proceedings in his court, said "Bud" Williams with being drunk ville, before entering service with disorderly conduct, was fined \$5 U. S. Navy where he served for and taxed with the costs. J. E. three years. In an interview with the army rence Wiggins, charged with the Thomas, adjudged guilty of a sim- said he liked the life in service ple assault, was fined \$15 and tax- fine and had felt that he wanted to continue his military career; \$300 each. Julius "Pistol" Bell, charged that he wished to complete his with drunken driving in a war- high school while in service and travel to some of the foreign Local Boy Gets ed guilty and was sentenced to countries. He was enlisted for jail for ten days, required to pay the First Calvary Division Nova \$50 fine and cost and had his li- ember 29 and sent to Ft. Lewis, Washington, for shipment to

Wednesday morning, the apparent victim of a heart attack. His wife, the former Miss Annie Brown, she her husband when the baby started crying. Re-

him dead.

dent.

Jamesville.

ceiving no answer she called neighbors and they pronounced finding of every case and by mus-

System

The son of Mrs. Emma Scott Wynne Page and the late John D. Wynne, he suffered a broken leg last spring and was just beginning to get about with the aid of a work is the tuberculin test. This stick. He lived in Williamston does not tell whether a person about a year, but had been working on a farm more recently or until he was injured in an acciever entered the body.

A small amount of tuberculin is Besides his mother, widow and injected into the skin through a one child, he is survived by one brother, Robert Wynne of Oak or a tuberculin-treated patch is City and ten sisters, Mrs. Bessie placed on the skin, as in Vollmer's Manning of Kinston, Mrs. Winnie patch test. If the skin at that Pearce of Franklin, Va., Mrs. point shows a red, raised reaction Maggie Reason of Hamilton, Mrs. within a few days, the germs are Bettie Hignott of Greenwood, present, either in an active or in-Delaware, Mrs. Nellie Carter of active form.

Plymouth, Mrs. Picey Haislip of If a tuberculin test is positive, Portsmouth, Mrs. Polly Lamb and the doctor has an important clue Mrs. Gilbert of Elizabeth City, with which to work. He will im-Mrs. Dora Stevenson of Williamsmediately follow up with a chest ton, and Mrs. Reba Mae Page of X-ray and other tests to find out whether the germs have taken Funeral services were conduct-

hold and the disease is developed at the home Thursday aftering. In this way he often finds noon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Jack cases in the early stage when to have parked his car in or too Purvis and interment was in the there are few outward symptoms, Wynne cemetery near Gold Point. and when the disease can be most easily and quickly arrested.

**Albemarle Union** In many instances of positive reaction to the test, the chest X-**Meets Next Week** ray and other tests will be negative. This indicates there is no active TB of the lungs. However, The Albemarle Union meets in

the doctor will not relax his vigi-Washington Christian Church lance. TB germs do not come Wednesday, January 8, in a oneout of nowhere. They are passed day session. Among the speakers on directly from people who have are Rev. H. Glen Haney of Green- the disease. When there is a posiville, Rev. Rupert Foster of New tive reaction in a healthy person, Bern, Miss Etta Nunn, former it is certain he has at some time or missionary to Mexico, Rev. J. W. other come in contact with an ac-Lollis of Pantego and others. Rev. tive case of tuberculosis. The doc-Elmore Tutner, the president, and tor will make every effort to find Rev. John L. Goff, vice president, the sick person and urge him to will preside at the sessions. undergo treatment so that his dis-A large number of Disciples are ease will no longer menace those expected to attend from all over about him.

**Died In Hospital** 

Janice Gray Ward, a brigh' little gir! of five years, died in a burns received the Friday morning before while playing around a

burned and abandoned Christmas tree in the yard of her parents, tiny needle, as in a Mantoux test, Mr. and Mrs. Simon J. Ward, of near Williamston. News of her untimely and tragic death came as a great shock to members of her family and friends throughout the community.

> Her clothes burned from he stomach and chest, the little girl never cried or complained. It was not until a short time before the end that she became restless, and something was given her to ward off pain, the end coming peacefully.

An older sister, Thelma, was clearing the Christmas decorations from the home, and had burned the tree in the yard. Miss Ward watched the tree burn and the fire had all gone out except

possibly for a few smouldering embers around the branches. Janice's three-year-old nephew, Rob-Ward, calling to the children to follow her, turned and started to

is cooperative, constructive and the person who shows a positive clothing she screamed and two defense had its day in court it \$10 to \$25. Sheep are to be listed spiritually helpful. It is expect-reaction to the tuberculin test other sisters, Miss Mary Ellen was proved that Bell was driving at \$2 per head. Ordinary, com-ed that all organizations and all should have chest X-rays taken at ed that all organizations and all should have chest X-rays taken at phases of the brotherhood life of regular intervals to make sure to her, Mrs. Sullivan grabbing the accident. A warrant,

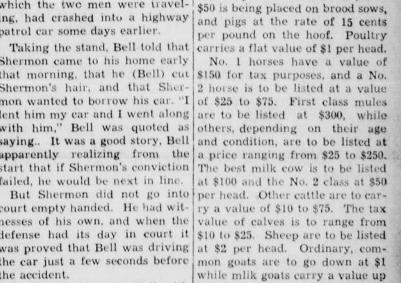
Wimanston's town bourd The commission and having rul of commissioners are schedd against a revaluation of real uled to hold their first meetestate, several of the county's ten ing of the new calendar year township tax list-takers set up next Monday evening at 7:30 schedules for assessing personal o'clock. Mayor Protem L. P. properties at a meeting held in Lindsley will preside in the he courthouse with Tax Superabsence of Mayor John L. visor M. L. Peel this week. Little Hassell who continues ill in a change is noted in the schedule Washington Hospital. No imadopted last year, except for motportant business is scheduled or vehicles. for consideration at the meet-Inventories and stocks are to be

ing, Mr. Lindsley said. isted at two-thirds of their ac-While his condition is retual value, the officials decided. ported to be somewhat im-Peanuts carry a tax value of \$6 a proved, Mayor Hassell is exbag, and cotton is to be placed on pected to continue in the hosthe books for taxation at \$100 a pital for treatment for several bale. The stable is taxable only if weeks. Heading the town's it has been in the producer's government for a total of sixhands a year or more, but that teen years lacking five produced in 1946 and now held by months, Mr. Hassell during brokers is taxable, it was explainthat time never missed an official meeting of the board. Tractors are to be valued at the

**Guilt Shifted To** Witness In Case

Claudine Shermon, colored man, was carried into the county court last Monday to answer a a tax value of \$30 per 1,000 feet, charge of drunken driving, and and logs will be assessed at the Julius "Pistol" Bell, his colored rate of \$20 per 1,000 feet. Meat chum, was called as the main prosecuting witness. The car in cents a pound. A value of \$10 to which the two men were travelert, was in the yard, and Miss ing, had crashed into a highway and pigs at the rate of 15 cents patrol car some days earlier.

the house. Little Miss Janice is Shermon came to his home early believed to have detected a piece that morning, that he (Bell) cut \$150 for tax purposes, and a No. of tinsel that withstood the fire Shermon's hair, and that Sher- 2 horse is to be listed at a value and started to reach for it. Ap- mon wanted to borrow his car. "I of \$25 to \$75. First class mules parently she came in touch with lent him my car and I went along are to be listed at \$300, while the smouldering ember, firing her with him," Bell was quoted as others, depending on their age clothing near her stomach. She saying .. It was a good story, Bell and condition, are to be listed at tried to beat it out with her hands, apparently realizing from the a price ranging from \$25 to \$250. and one report stated that the lit- start that if Shermon's conviction The best milk cow is to be listed tle nephew tried to dig in the failed, he would be next in line. at \$100 and the No. 2 class at \$50 hard ground for dirt to throw on But Shermon did not go into per head. Other cattle are to carher burning clothing. When the court empty handed. He had wit- ry a value of \$10 to \$75. The tax fire had burned through the nesses of his own, and when the value of calves is to range from



rate of 60 percent of their pur-

chase price, less annual deprecia-

tion. Tobacco trucks will carry

a tax value of \$4 to \$8 each and

tobacco sticks are to be listed at

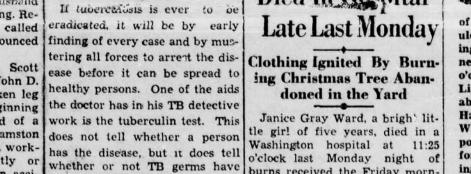
\$8 per thousand. Tobacco curing

barn equipment will vary from

\$75 for a small barn and \$100 for

a large one. Lumber is to have

on the rack is to be listed at 15



both pleaded not guilty. Williams adjudged guilty, was fined \$10 and required to pay the costs. ed with the costs.

rant drawn in open court, plead-

cense revoked for one year. coming Japan. before the court for further judgment, A. W. Davenport was directed to continue the payment of \$25 a month for the benefit of his Both boys enlisted for the same two children.

Wilford Hardison, publicly drunk in the courthouse, pleaded ed \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Admitting probable cause in the case charging him with breaking Martins Capture a deadly weapon, Tom Scott was bound over to the March term of the superior court under bond ir. the sum of \$350.

In the case charging Kelly Wilkins, Lewis Jones and Aulander Best with being drunk and disorderly and assaults with deadly weapon, Wilkins was found not and turning back Windsor 37-31 guilty. Adjudged guilty of a simple assault, Jones was fined \$15 Windsor brought the Martins up and taxed with the cost. Best was into third place in the Goober sentenced to the roads for six Belt League standings. months when he was found guilty of assaulting another with a deadly weapon.

Charged with drunken driving, Claudine Shermon pleaded not guilty, and successfully defended his plea. However, he was adjudg- Martins are gaining momentum ed guilty of being drunk while riding in an automobile on the highway, and was fined \$20 and Martins had an easy night with taxed with the costs.

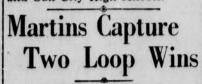
Lewis Henry Jones was senfor drunken driving. The road term was suspended on condition the defendant pay a \$50 fine and costs and remain regularly employed. The court recommended that the defendant's license be revoked for eighteen months.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving and operating a motor ve-

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Jr., USNR, son of Mr. B. A. Johnny P. Taylor, son of R. M. Taylor, RFD 3, Greenville, North liamston, N. C., has received a Carolina, accompanied Stevenson. service and were sent to Fort

Lewis together. Taylor is a farmer by occupation and a former guilty to the charge and was fin- student of Hamilton Grammar and Oak City High schools.



Williamston got off to a good start in the renewal of league play by taking two games this week; defeating an outclassed Conway team 44-24 Monday night Wednesday night. The win over

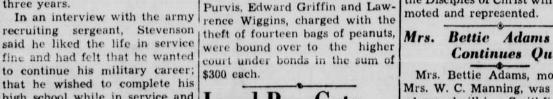
The local club is beginning to show the results of the players

being together for a while and is gaing strength with every game. Using a deceptive and well executed ball-handling attack the and scoring more every game. With every man scoring, the Conway. Simpson, with 13 points,

anl White with 11, led the locals. tenced to the roads for six months Warren, with 12, led the Conway attack.

> Wednesday night, Windsor offered more competition and kept O. Moore Grocery on Washington the game in doubt until the clos- Street, Mr. Tom Parker of Ahosing minutes. Simpson, with 11, kie, has entered upon his new and White, with 8, again led the duties here. A salesman for a scoring for the locals. Roebuck leading wholesale grocery firm

offensive court, taking rebounds | er will move his wife and two time and again.



Critcher of 111 Watts St., Wilpermanent citation for the Air Medal from Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, for the presi-

dent. Lt. Critcher, who has been released to inactive duty, received the award for his action in aerial

> flight during operations against the Japanese in the Kazan Islands area. During the war, citations were

temporary, or incomplete, for seurity reasons.

Text of the full citation is a follows:

"For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as pilot of a fighter plane in Fighting Squadron 19, attached to the USS Lexington, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Kazan Islands area on Aug. 4, 1944. When one of our submarines was assaulted by an

enemy fighter aircraft, Lt. ig (then Ens.) Critcher instanly attacked and, firing several bursts into the Japanese plane, sent it crashing into the sea, thereby enabling the submarine to carry out its mission. His devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon Lt. (jg) Critcher and the United

States Naval Service." **Ahoskie Man Purchases** Interest In Grocery

Purchasing an interest in the C. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck.

supported.

sons here next week.

the Disciples of Christ will be prothat the germs are still under moted and represented.

**Continues** Quite Ill Mrs. Bettie Adams, mother of

Mrs. W. C. Manning, was reported gravely ill in a Smithfield hospital Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Navy Citation Manning and other members of the immediate family are at her Manning and other members of

bedside.

**COUNTY BOARD** 

"We start the new calendar year next Monday without a single entry in the new business ledger," J. Sam Getsinger, clerk to the Martin County Board of Commissioners, announced yesterday what was cooking for the first 1947 session.

It was pointed out, however, that routine business, including the inspection of reports and bills, would take up "right much time."

control and are doing no damage to lung tissue. Tuberculin tests are particular ly useful among school children.

They are painless and easy to administer. Children of this age group do not often contract tuberbulosis, but a positive reaction reveals they have been, and may still be, exposed to the disease. This frequently leads to the find-

ing of unsuspected cases within the family circle or other people with whom the children come in close contact.

#### Accepts Position With **Lindsley** Ice Company

P. Lynwood Taylor, experienced merchandising man and for a number of years coach of high school and college athletics, has accepted a position with the Lindsley Ice Company. Coming here from Portsmouth, Mr. Taylor will be in charge of sales, it was announced. He plans to move

his family here just as soon as he can find an apartment.

All for One and One for All When Friends Go To Court

Carried into the county court day night," Spruill was quoted as last Monday for destroying pro-saying. "It was agreed that since perty, Jake Spruill confidently I was drunker than the others I pleaded guilty and William J. was to plead guilty, accept all the Keel, Henry and James Godard blame, and the other four were to afternoon stated that Mayor John and Lloyd Bonner pleaded not share equally in the fine and L. Hassell and Attorney Wheeler

guilty and their pleas were well costs," he added. After Judge Smith had sentenc- young man when it was explained ing.

ed Spruill to the roads for eigh- to him that there would be no fine teen months, more of the story or costs. Whether or not the other broke down and told the story to nodding to their benefactor or

"I was possibly a bit drunker than the others when we went on windows and damaged other pro- figure out just how all were for perty in Everetts late last Satur- one and one was for all.

and carrying a bathrobe with her.

ly in smothering the fire. time.

Born on August 8, 1941, Janice Gray had made a lot of friends, while on the highway and the de- for those models prior to that both old and young, for one her fendant was fined \$20 and taxed time the list-takers are to fix an with the costs

ago. Occasionally she would ac-company an older sister to school here and the little girl seemed to People Call For enjoy it so much, and those who saw her seemed to enjoy her pres-

ence. Funeral services, conducted in the Macedonia church not so far

from the home Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, were attended by almost record numbers. Rev. D. W. Davis, the pastor, conducted the last rites, and interment was in the John Alfred Revels burial ground in Griffins

Township. was reunited with her aunt, Em Surviving besides her parents ma Armstrong, of Fremont, was are two brothers, Floyd and apparently improved, and she ap-James R. Ward, and five sisters, peared pleased to see her aunt Mrs. Joe Melton of Farmville, and uncle. Mrs. Jack Sullivan and Misses Thelma, Mary Ellen and Geralhad similar spells, that she slipdine Ward, all of the home. ped away from home on the Wed-

## Attorney And

Reports reaching here Thursday Martin who entered hospitals for

It was a rude awakening for the treatment last week are improv-

The mayor, suffering with high blood pressure, was said to be sitleaked out. Spruill, asking would four were just smart and worked ting up most of each day and had a Tarboro hospital, the father

road camp the following morning Martin who has been at his bed- his son in the hospital last week, hog was struck and killed in i played an aggressive game in the for a number of years, Mr. Park- a rampage and broke out store and there'll be plenty of time to side much of the time since he Mr. Salsbury was taken ill sud- highway later by Mr. L. R. Ex Thursday afternoon.

A warrant, charging Bell with to \$25.

Christine Armstrong, young

colored woman found wandering

aimlessly on the highways in this

section a week ago, was returned

to her people last Tuesday after

a stay of three days in the county

It was learned that the girl had

to visit her mother. The suit case

been found. Where the girl spent

she was taken into custody has

not been determined.

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Both the older sisters burned drunken driving, was drawn by The big change in the schedule their hands painfully but not bad- Solicitor Paul D. Roberson in is supported in the motor vehicuopen court. Bell pleaded guilty lar field by "Red Book," a nation-The little victim, bright as she and drew a \$50 fine, the court al used car market report. A precould be and an idol in the home costs and had his license to oper- liminary review of the listed valand among her friends, was car- ate a motor vehicle revoked for ues in the book shows some fairried to the hospital and received one year. While Shermon escap- ly sharp reductions in old car tax treatment within a very short ed from under the drunken driv- values, but new car prices hold to ing charge, Judge J. C. Smith reasonably high levels. Listings

found him guilty of being drunk are given as far back as 1935, and arbitrary value.

Ford-car value-tor taxation purposes are to be listed as foilows, for a Tudor sedan: 1945 model, \$100; 1936 model, \$130; Amnesia Victim <sup>model, \$100; 1936 model, \$130;</sup> 1937 model, \$170; 1938 model, \$210; 1939 model, \$315; 1940 model, \$415; 1941 model, \$560; 1942 model, \$645. There were no models in 1943, 1944, 1945, but the

1946 model tudor sedan is to be (Continued on page six)

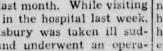
**Slightly Injured** Her condition at the time she In Car Accident

Rev. J. Redden Everett, Robersonville minister, was painfully but not badly hurt in an automobile accident on Highway No. 125 near Hamilton last Tuesday afternesday before to go to Norfolk noon. His car, a new Chevrolet. was badly damaged. The Baptist and other articles she carried Mayor Better when she left home have not pastor, en route to Hamilton to ed cuts and a bruise on his head. the time from Wednesday until A hog ran into the road and when the car struck him it swerved to the left, went into a ditch and turned over. The minister crawled out of the car through a window, but was unable to meet his appointment. However, he resumed his ministerial duties short time later, according to re-

Investigating the accident, Patrolman W. E. Saunders stat The son was badly hurt, his in- that the damage to the car wou

hospital in Rocky Mount the day juries including a crushed arm, in approximate \$500. The animal after Christmas, was reported to an automobile accident near was marked, but the owner h be getting along very well. Mrs. Bethel last month. While visiting not been determined. A sec suffered a relapse, returned home denly and underwent an opera- ett, but no damage was done tion immediately. minis Tar

Father And Son Are **Patients In Hospital** Mr. Robert Salsbury, Sr., and son, Robert, Jr., are improving in



tence and learning that there was have left the court room hurried- Martin, looking decidedly better automobile accident.

it be possible for the other de- Spruill into the hot spot is not talked about returning home from a major operation and the ports reaching here. fendants to help serve the sen- known, but they were said to from a Washington hospital. Mr. son from injuries sustained in an

waving goodbye. Spruill left for a Gates County

no provision for such a division, ly and without even as much as than he did when he entered a