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Increased Borrowing For Locarreople Are Funeral Services County Man Fatally **Reported During** -Sixty-Two Hours Rains Fall In Seventeen

Of First Twenty-One Days In Month

as it has been at any other time and often the rains have for the ernmental lending agencies. most part saturated the land. Starting last Friday afternoon without more than a few minutes' interruption until almost 7:30 Monday morning, a period of again this year. Not since the dealmost sixty-three hours. The ing to Hugh Spruill, keeper of the weather bureau's rain gauge on Roanoke River.

During the first twenty-one days of this month, rain has fallen in at least seventeen, Mr. Spruill said. Not one of the daily falls exceeded one inch, but on two days the precipitation missed an inch by a very narrow margin.

The Roanoke is in flood stage here at the present time, but the water, now about six inches over the banks, is not as high as some predicted it would be. The stream went on a stand here yesterday at 10.6 feet. Heavy rains were reported over the week-end in the upper regions of the Roanoke basin, but they are not expected to influence the stream very much at this point, other than delay the fall of the water.

A report from the State Weather Bureau in Raleigh late Monday stated that the stream will likely fall slowly beginning today and Officers Capture continue until the latter part of the week when another rise is to be expected. It was too early at that time to predict the size of the rise expected this week-end.

The frequent rains have interrupted work on the river bridge here during recent weeks, but the contractors continue to make fair progress. High water forced workmen out of the river yesterday, but they were assigned tasks

Crop Production Reported Despite the favorable markets handled heretoiore by an inde prevailing during recent years pendent agency, are now under and in the face of a period in what has been known for a number of years as the Farm Security which adjustments are almost Administration.

certain to be made, more Martin Along with the increase in the While no record rainfall has County farmers are borrowing number of applications filed by been reported in this immediate money for the production of crops low-income farmers there has section, the earth is about as wet this year than in any other recent been a fairly steady gain in the period, according to reliable re- number applying ot the Farm Sein recent years. Failing slowly ports coming from several gov- curity Administration for aid in financing their 1947 operations. The seed-and-feed type of loan, 'Over 100 such loans have already ordinarily limited to those farm- been made, and at least 35 appliabout 4:30 o'clock a slow rain fell ers who do not have sufficient cations are pending. The loans collateral to enter the regular are averaging around \$750, it was loan market, is proving popular learned.

The near failure of the peanut pression years have so many far- crop is partly responsible for the total fall for the period, however, mers applied for seed-feed loans, increase in number of loans, but was less than one inch. Up until it was learned. Ranging from just the applications are no more late Monday afternoon, 3.83 a few dollars up to about a \$100 numerous in those sections where inches of rain had fallen here average during the depression, crops were all but drowned than since the first of this year, accord- the loans are now averaging they are in those sections where about \$250. The zeed-feed loans, production was near normal

> The March of Dimes march on in this county to boost the the current collections in the annual infantile paralysis drive to almost within onefourth of the \$2,120 goal, Chairman L. B. Wynne an-

DIMES MARCH ON

nounced this week. No reports have come from the school here the drive is being centered, the chairman said, but nearly 100 of the 404 persons contacted by direct mail have replied, he added. Up until Monday morning, \$476.00 had been contributed by direct mail, the donations ranging from \$1 to \$25.

Still In County

Raiding in the Flat Swamp sec-



Friday night, members of the Executive Committee, Group I of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, made tentative plans for the annual meeting of Eastern

North Carolina bankers in Washington on Saturday, February 22. Despite the bad weather, twelve members of the committee attended the meeting and advanced suggestions for the annual session, the second scheduled since

before the war. Local bankers, H. A. Bowen and D. V. Clayton, were hosts at the executive session

here. The No. I group of the state asociation is scheduled to convene its business session at 2:30 in Washington on the 22nd, and W.

H. Neal, vice president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, tion of Robersonville Township Winston-Salem, is being invited to last Friday, ABC Officer J. H. address the meeting. Following Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel the business session a banquet is The plant was equipped with an o'clock with Edmund Harding as tivity record for one day last Sat-oil drum, two fermenters and a toastmaster. A dance will follow urday when eleven licenses were

Pedestrian Run Down Be-tween Here and Wind-Truck Driver Held In Jail For Manslaughter And Four Others Hurt **Drunken Driving**

Hurt In Accident Monday Afternoon

sor Early Same Day Mr. and Mrs. James B. Sullivan,

Funeral services were conduct-West Main Street, Williamston, ed in the Presbyterian church at were badly hurt in an automobile- Bear Grass Monday afternoon at truck crash one mile out of Bethel 2:30 o'clock for James Garland on the Greenville Road early last Bailey, young Martin County Saturday night. Suffering a con- white man who was fatally injurcussion, abrasions about the face ed in an automobile-truck acciand head and severe shock, Mrs. dent at the intersection of U.S. Sullivan continues quite ill in the Highway 17 and the Bear Grass

hospital here. Unconscious for Road early last Saturday evening. some hours, she was said late Rev. M. Luther Ambrose, Maple Monday to be able to understand Grove Church pastor, assisted by others but could answer only by Elder A. B. Ayers, Primitive Bapnodding her head. His head and tist minister of Bear Grass, conface painfully but not deeply cut, ducted the last rites. Interment Mr. Sullivan was able to leave the was in the Bailey family cemetery hospital after treatment which in- near Bear Grass.

cluded the 27 stitches necessary to The son of James G. Bailey and close the wounds. Others in the the late 'Mrs. Mary Leary Bailey, car were not injured, except for he was porn in Bear Grass Township 29 years ago. He farmed all

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, accom- his life and in slack seasons on panied by Robert Jones and Fin- the farm he was engaged in meley Allen and their two compan- chanical work. He was an accomions, were driving in the direction modating person and had many

of Greenville when the car, a 1942 friends in his home community. Mercury, crashed into the rear of In early manhood he was mara truck parked on the highway. ried to Miss Kathleen Martin and Reports state that Mr. Sullivan she survives with four children, was driving between 35 and 40 three sons. Hubert, Jimmie and miles an hour, that he was meet- Freddie, and a daughter, Mary ing a car and could not tell the Bailey, all of the home. Also surtruck was parked in the curve un- viving are his father; five sisters, Mrs. Roy Bailey of West Main Given first aid treatment in a Street, Williamston; Mrs. W. A.

Bethel doctor's office, the victims Bailey, Mrs. Johnnie Knox, Misses were removed to the hospital Hazel and Rachel Bailey; one brother, Frank Bailey, a half-The Sullivan car was damaged brother, Walter Bailey, all of the

The accident was one of three Washington, and Mrs. James E.

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Record Business Handled By County License Bureau

The Martin County marriage li- | cord license issuance had been re wrecked a crude liquor distillery. to be held that evening at 7:00 cince bureau set an all-time ac- ported late Monday.

oil drum, two fermenters and a toastmaster. A dance will follow urday when eleven licenses were les: Joseph S. Beach and Made- Investigating the accident, Mar- out of town either tin County's second fatal one in a or early Monday. issued, six to white and five to line Bailey, both of Williamston

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When Truck Plows Into Car Saturday

Saturday Evening For Wreek Victim Injured In Accident

James Garland Bailey Dies On Way To Hospital After Accident

James Garland Bailey was fatally hurt and four other persons were injured, three of them badly, when a truck driven by John Frank Green and owned by Leslie Hardison of Jamesville plowed into their car near the intersection of U. S. Highway and the Bear Grass blacktop road in Bear Grass Township last Saturday evening about 7:30 o'clock.

His neck broken and skull fractured, Mr. Bailey was pronounced dead when he reached the local hospital, reports stating that he died as he was being rushed by the Staton farm in E. D. Harrison's car.

Open With A Knife W. A. Bailey, driver of the car and brother-in-law of the victim who was fatally hurt, was bruised the intestines punctured in severand suffered shock. Roland Harri- al places as a result of a knife without hope son, his eight-year-old son, Ver- attack, Wannamaker James, local But I am non, and Johnny Wynne, riding in | colored man, was reported linger- that the back seat of the Bailey car, ing near death in a Washington were badly hurt, and all were hospital, according to information brought to the hospital here.

reaching here Monday. He under-The young boy suffered a fracwent an operation in the hospital ture of the skull and there were a short time after he was attacknumerous abrasions on his face. ed, and reports reaching here inbeyond repair. Very little dam- Bear Grass Community; and two his chest and was probably injur- critical. His father was badly bruised in dicated that he condition was half-sisters, Mrs. Roy Beacham of ed internally. Wynne was terribly | William Speller, young colored Because

cut about the face, one report man, is alleged to have ripped the and aside outrage stating that 47 stitches were ne- man's stomach open, the attack German amateurs cessary to close the wounds. One climaxing a quarrel or fight in and Reception Service. There I

almost to his chin, split the eye- ington Street here early last Sat- countries. Over 6000 notes (QSL lid but is not believed to have im- urday evening. Few details of the Cards), I wrote to other counpaired his vision. Mr. Wynne also attack could be learned.

suffered severe shock. Sitting on Three officers trailed Speller

to make a turn into the Bear

Grass Road, apparently at a fast

Germany Has Big

figures indicated that Germany,

exclusive of Austria and the Su-

detenland had a population of 69,

And Loan Stockholders

crash

vehicles.

bert Smith Recently (Robersonville Herald) Handling unusually heavy Prior to the war J. Gilbert shipments and delayed here Smith of Robersonville talked shifting cars from one plant over short wave radio to an amato another, one of the Coast Line freight engines exhausteur radioman, Erich Kintscher, in Germany. They learned to ed its water supply and was know each other real well, but stalled for a while late last he war interrupted their conver-Saturday night. Two trains ations and nothing was heard were moving up the line from

STALLED

Plymouth, blocking the en-

gine from running down to

Sweet Water Creek for a re-

The town's water depart-

ment was contacted and a

hose line was laid from a fire

hydrant to the tender. After

taking on several hundred

gallons of water the train

started its run to Rocky

Rip Man's Stomach

His stomach ripped open and

Mount about 11 o'clock.

fill.

from the Kintscher until a short ime ago when Mr. Smith received a personal letter from his forner conversationalist. Kintscher, in his letter dated, December 9, tells of pitiful and

almost hopeless conditions existng in the British Zone in Germany, and appealed for aid. His letter, borrowed from Mr. Smith, eads as follows:

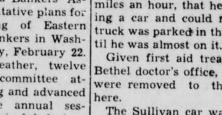
Dammtorwall, Storungsstetle Hamburg, Fernsprechamt Germany, British Zone.

ar J. Gilbert Smith want to send you my address.

gash, running from his forehead front of Hollywood Inn on Wash- did good work for all foreign tries.

I gained the first place the rear seat next to the left win- Saturday night but never found DIDC 1936, and 1938 for District dow, Mr. Wynne was knocked him. After hiding in and around B. Today I am penniless and bepartly through the glass. His son, the Wells-Oates Lumber Com- sides that I am wearing on my riding in the middle, was thrown pany plant most of Sunday, the body I have nothing. All did I man is believed to have moved lose and my family too. One Investigating the accident, Mar- out of town either late that night daughter I lost on our flight. My

family is living nearly 100 Charged with being drunk and from Hamburg, poorly sheltered. Every three weeks I visit my family on Sundays tho I have no



the work continues.

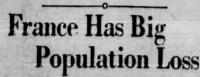
More than half of the bridge over the swamp has been widen-

and several piles for the enrged center pier in the river have been driven. Staging around the pier is now covered by water and additional piles cannot be sunk until the river falls.

Changes In Bear Grass Faculty

Mrs. Allie R. James entered upon her duties as a teacher in the Bear Grass School last week, succeeding Mrs. Raymond Cherry, Jr., who resigned last month. Mrs. Luther Britton had been substituting until Mrs. James accepted the position.

H. M. Riddick, teacher in the gymnasium of the local high school, has tendered his resignation which is to become effective just as soon as his successor is named. A report from the office of the superintendent this week stated that just as soon as the legislature takes action on the teacher salary increase it is believed that more teachers will be available, that the position in Bear Grass can be filled.



The lastest national census in France shows that the French population is now about 40,500, 000, as compared with 41,900.00 in 1936, the last previous official census year. The decrease is 3.30 percent in the ten years. (The French miltary dead totaled 165,-395; civilian deaths from all causes, including executions under the Nazis, were 339,620, or a total war dead of 505,015. This does not include 25,000 more believed put to death by the Nazis but not represented in the official figures.) Paris has lost 105,000 inhabitants since 1936 but it now counts 114,-000 foreigners. Another interesting disclosure is that Toulouse, in southwestern France, is now the fourth largest city in France, pushing Bordeaux to fifth place.

Last Thursday the officers man of the committee, announce spent most of the day working in ed.

Griffins Township, but found no trace of illicit operations. One of of our largest and best meetings, the oficers was quoted as saying Mr. Bowen said. that he did not think the illicit operators had suspended operations, adding that they could not Messrs. A. G. Small, G. D. Brickpick up a track. Many of the

times bodily injurious, the Linds-

ley Ice Company installed yes-

terday a heating plant in the

school. During the winter months

the building, which is fairly open.

house, G. R. Little, Jr., and W. R. woods paths have been covered Aydlett of Elizabeth City, J. L by water for some days, making Hofler, Jr., of Windsor, R. M it difficult for the officers to pick Griffin of Woodland, R. M. Ridup trails leading to and from dick of Hertford, D. R. Everett

and L. B. Stokes of Robersonville. and D. V. Clayton and H. A. Bow-

"We are looking forward to one

Those attending the committee

meeting last Friday evening were,



Senators Horton and Rodman, representing this district in the State Legislature, were asked last week-end to change their stand on the wage increase proposed for

school teachers and other low is usually cold and on many ocwage earners on the state payroll. casions the weather is detrimental The request, according to inforto the holding of athletic events. mation veaching here, was made The Lindsley Ice Company will by the Plymouth Lions Club folkeep the heating unit, which is an lowing a discussion of the Barkautomatic oil burning outfit, in er amendment and the refusal of the building until they hold their the State Senate to concur with John Deere Field Day some time the House in its adoption.

Resolutions were adopted by With adequate heating facilities the club, directing the secretary attendance at both the high to contact the two senators by letschool and league basketball ter and to appeal directy to John games is expected to increase. Darden, Washingon County's re-

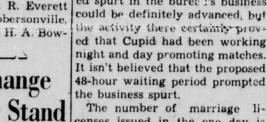
Darden was said to have opposed **TWO SETS OF TWINS** the Barker amendment.

Two sets of twins were born in the same family in the county recently, giving the birth rate a substantial boost toward an all-time record for the current year.

in February.

On Sunday, January 5, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Hardison announced the birth of twins at their home in Bear Grass. Two days later on Tuesday, January 7, Mrs. Hardison's sister, Mrs. J. D. Bullock, and Mr. Bullock announced the birth of twins in the local hospital.

All the babies are getting along just fine, late reports



Accidentally Shot Through The Heel William W. Gurganus, local

young man and World War II veteran, accidentally fired a .22 calibre bullet from an automatic pistol through his right heel while hunting on Roanoke River late last Saturday afternoon. He had fired three shots at a herring fisher and was placing the pistol back in his pocket when he acpresentative in the House. Mr. cidentally fired it. The bullet went through his boot, barely missed the tendon and just did chip the bone. Given first aid here

he was removed to a Washington Suicides Still hospital where he remained until Monday noon. **Top Homicides** Returning to his home here on

West Main Street he continues in bed, but his condition is improv-The Public Health Service re ing rapidly. ported a few days ago that there

were nearly twice as many sui-Mayor J. L. Hassell

cides as homicides in the United States in 1945. A total of 14,782 persons killed themselves, while 7.412 were killed by others. This followed the same pattern as in 1944-when there were 13,231 sui- a Washington hospital where he be confined there possible for sevcides and 6,553 homicides. Heart received treatment since Decem- eral months, and letters from

disease and cancer continued the ber 26. He plans to spend several friends and acquaintances will be nation's top killers, accounting for days in his apartment in the greatly appreciated. Communi-

colored couples. "I don't ever re- Roy Howard Edmondson and Bercall that any where near the num- nice Marie Matthews, both of Rober of licenses had been issued in bersonville; Charlie Edward Flana single day before,' Register J. agan of Hobgood and Magdalene Sam Getsinger said. Business de- Price of Hamilton; Elvin G.

veloped so rapidly that unmarried Squires of Tarboro and Christine the 1937 Ford log truck and driv-clerks in the office became a bit Scott, RFD 1, Oak City; William ing from Williamston, attempted Drive Against Tax clerks in the office became a bit Scott, RFD 1, Oak City; William ing from Williamston, attempted nervous when it was intimated Warren Tuten, RFD 3, Washingthe supply of license forms would ton, and Eunice Ray Beach, RFD

be depleted. 3, Williamston; Bonnie Allen Ter-No reason for the unprecedent- ry of Williamston and Bessie Mied spurt in the burear's business zelle of Windsor. could be definitely advanced, but Five licenses were issued to col-

the activity there certainly prov- ored couples, as follows: Moses ing to a stop in a hog pasture. 40 ing in collections at a record rate, ed that Cupid had been working Spruiil and Ida Mae Hyman, both night and day promoting matches. of Oak City; Timothy Towns of It isn't believed that the proposed Robersonville and Doris Teel, 48-hour waiting period prompted RFD 1, Robersonville; Andrew Stilley and Daisy Bell Rogers, both of Williamston; Levy Smith censes issued in the one day is and Emma Tyson, both of Wil-

tire months in years past. Few of Mary Lee Ebron, both of Wilthe marriages following the re- liamston.

ROUND-UP

Only one person was rounded up and placed in the coun-

ty jail here last week-end, but officers admitted that they missed one or two others and then went on to explain that crime was all but rained out during the period.

Frank Green, 42-year-old colored man of Jamesville, was placed in jail to await a hearing in the case charging him with drunken and reckless driving and manslaughter. Green was shot through the throat several months ago when he alegedly molested a young girl in Jamesville.

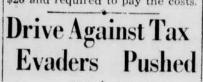
622,213. The count for "Greater Local Young Man In Germany" was 79,375,281. **Fayetteville Hospital Annual Meeting Building**

Troubled with a leg injury re ceived while in the Army, Wheel-

Stockholders of the Martin County Building and Loan Assoed to a veterans' hospital in Fay-

ciation will hold their annual meeting in the courthouse Wednesday of this week at 11:30 o'clock a. m., it was announced by Secretary Wheeler Martin. Officers and directors for the new year are to be elected, and 601,792 of the 1,401,719 deaths re-corded. Lawyers' Building before return-ing to his office. cations will reach him in care of Veterans' Hospital, Fayettevilie. the meeting.

little over a week, patrolmen stated that the Bailey car driving disorderly, Speller was in the from Bear Grass to Highway 17 court ten days ago. He was senhad stopped at the intersection for tenced to jail for a day and fined home in Hamburg. traffic to pass. One car passed on \$20 and required to pay the costs.



rate of speed. The truck hit the left front of the car, pushed it The drive against tax evasions back quite a few feet and turned now being carried out by the it around, the two vehicles com-

or 45 feet from the spot of the according to a report by Secretary Snyder. His statement, is-Officers are not certain whether sued December 16, says that extra Mr. Bailey's neck was broken by assessments and penalties the impact or he was fatally hurt amounted to \$546,000,000 from when he was thrown to the high- July 1 through October, a 41 perway. Riding on the right side of cent increase over the correspondfar greater than the total for en- liamston; James Earl Clark and the front seat, he is believed to ing months of last year. This

have been run over by one of the brought to more than \$1,500,-000,000 the extra assessments and Green, about 45 years of age, penalties taken in during the apwas arrested and formally charg- proximately sixteen months of the ed with drunken and reckless drive. "While the \$546,000,000 of (Continued on page eight)

additional assessments are gratifying," Mr. Snyder said, "they must now be allowed to overshadow the \$11,695,000,000 overall tax collections by the Bureau **Population Loss** of Internal Revenue during the same four months of July-October, inclusive. In evaluating the Germany's present population,

drive against evaders, it is well to according to the recent census, is remember that the bureau nece placed at 65,910,000. Of these, 17. sarily and properly devotes 813,581 are in the Soviet zone, 16,major portion of its energies t 682,573 in the United States zone, doing business with the honest 22,794,655 in the British zone and taxpayers, who, I am proud to 5,939,807 in the French zone. The say, constitute the vast majority population of Berlin was estimatof American citizens." ed at 3,180,393. In 1939 official

NO SETTLEMENT

According to a report coming from the Triple A office in the county this week, 85 Martin County farmers who planted in excess of their tobacco allotments have not yet turned in their marketing cards and satisfied the penalties in their entirety.

The farmers are being asked to turn in their cards and settle the penalty accounts, the office explaining that no 1947 quotas will be allotted until the accounts are satisfied.

I am sleeping in an office room of the exchange house. If I am allowed to work on short waves and you are still on the air I should be glad to send you notes again.

I would thank you with all my (Continued on page eight)

Continues Quite III In Hospital

Mr. Wheeler Martin, local attorney, continues quite ill in a Rocky Mount hospital. However, late reports state that he was feeling some better, that he was very bright.

Mr. Martin, a patient in the hospital since the day after Christmas, suffered another attack last Friday night and was very sick Saturday and Sunday. Reports reaching here maintain that doctors are encouraging, one having been quoted as saying that the patient would be able to return home in a few more weeks. that he would be able to get out but could do very little work.



Six hundred miles of the ill. starred \$134,000,000 Canol w time oil project, denounced Congress as a 'flaming waste," now slated to go on the auctic lock March 20.

Retiring Secretary of Stat James F. Byrnes revealed in a port to Congress recently that agreement permitting the sale h been reached with Canada, aid it would give the U. S. maximum return", but express doubt anyone would want to t for use "in place." That me the project will undoubtedly scrapped.

A Senate investigating con ee sharply censured Adm. est J. King and Gen. Brehon ervell for persisting in the ject's construction.

