Several Hundred **Dollars Donated** To Tobacco Fund

As Head of Tobacco Associates

ports of fluecured tobacco. Up reported their listings. until late yesterday 42 farmers, of ten cents per acre with a dol- of \$20,000. Goose Nest reported been increased on the tax books. lar as a minimum.

In addition to that amount local business firms have raised several hundred dollars as their share of the cost in financing the plan designed to increase or, at least, maintain the exportation of tobacco. The farmers of this county are being asked to raise approximately \$1,100. That amount has been pledged and canvassers are working throughout the county, hoping to meet the obligation by the latter part of this week.

During the meantime, farm leaders and others are going ahead with the plan. Meeting in Raleigh last Saturday tobacco growers, warehousemen and manufacturers, united as Tobacco Associates, Inc., launched their program to keep world markets open to American leaf by offering the post as agency president to J. B. Hutson, former assistant secretary of the United Nations and one-time head of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Elected in an organizational meeting of the new tobacco-promoting group, Hutson informed the directors that he would waive Holloman Infant acceptance pending the outcome of earlier commitments, and would return an answer within the month. Long associated with farm and tobacco programs, Hut-

non-profit corporation to work the first year of operation.

eral counsel; E. Y. Floyd of Ral- Wilson of Stokes. eigh, executive secretary of the N. C.-Va. Plant Food Institute a sister, Virginia Bruce Holloand former N. C. State AAA di- man. rector, as secretary and Mrs. Irby | Since moving here with his parreau Federation, as treasurer.

Named as members of the board of directors were J. H. dueted at the Biggs Funeral Vaughn of Nash County, chair- Home this afternoon at 3:00 man; P. N. Taylor of White o'clock and interment will follow (Continued on page six)

Attorney Wheeler Martin Is Expected Home Soon

His condition much improved, Jaycees Report Attorney Wheeler Martin, receiving treatment in a Rocky Mount hospital since last December 26 for a heart ailment, is expected home very shortly. Able to be up and enjoy short rides, he tentatively planned yesterday to return home today, but definite ported on the State Directors' ishment and cried very little for permission had not been granted by his doctor early this morning.

ROUND-UP

Although local and county officers had a dull week-end, they were fairly busy rounding up alleged law violators earlier in the week. Nine persons were arrested and jailed, including four drunks, one drunken driver, two for fornication and adultery, one of whom was a 60-year-old white man and the other a 44-year-old colored woman, one for disorderly conduct and one for interfering with officers in the performance of their duties.

Five of the nine arrested and jailed were white and the ages of the group ranged from 24 to 60 years.

Tax Values For This Year

and one-half million dollars in not yet complete, reported an in-J. B. Hutson Offered Job 1947 county property listings was crease of \$448,000 in the North Motorists Escape Injury In One of Most Interesting reflected in preliminary reports Carolina Pulp Company listings. submitted to County Tax Super- The company, after reporting visor M. Luther Peel by five of losses in the value of its holdings While no complete report could the ten list-takers during the past for two years, pointed out that inbe had here immediately, it was few days. "Possibly the increase ventories had been materially inestimated today that Martin will climb to one and three-quar- creased. It is also evident from County farmers had contributed ter million dollars," the supervis- the listings that the company's several hundred dollars to Tobac- or said, explaining that Griffins, real property has been added to, co Associates, Inc., a newly creat- Bear Grass, Williams, Cross the list showing a gain in real grounds near here last Saturday Superior Court opening a twoed organization to boost the ex- Roads and Hamilton had not yet values of \$100,000. At the present afternion at 5:25 o'clock when week term next week will center

professional and business men fairly large volume of new con- is on the county tax books at \$1,had contributed \$85.95 locally struction, reported an increase of 262,523. most of them making the dona- \$665,000 in its listings. Roberson- No check on high-priced timber ing salesman representing an female dog with a short tail." tions without being solicited. The ville reported a gain of \$380,000, holdings has been made, and it Iowa contributions ranged from \$1 to mostly in personal property val- could not be learned immediate- scalped, Miss Whitley was remov-\$11, or on the approximate basis ues. Poplar Point had an increase ly if that type of property had ed to the local hospital where ten scheduling some for trial on the opens its second week on March

An intrease of more than one \$35,000. Jamesville, its figures time, the company's assessed her car, a 1947 Chevrolet club if there is any, on the trial of a Williamston Township with a property, both real and personal, coupe, crashed with another driv-

Red Cross Drive Is One-Half Completed trol, started to turn around at the old entrance to the fair grounds. Miss Whitley, driving in the same

OVER THE TOP

Assigned a quota of \$25, the colored citizens of the Biggs School District were the first in the Martin County Chapter to reach the goal and go over the top in the 1947 Red Cross fund drive.

Carrying the appeal to their parents, the Biggs School children did a good job in meeting the challenge, Principal W. V. Ormond announcing last Friday that they raised \$29, that possibly a few more dollars would be added to the amount this

Dies In Hospital

son recently resigned from his son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hollo- to their homes, exceeded the as-Tobacco Associates, Inc., was man, died in the local hospital signed quota by \$4. Chartered in North Carolina as a yesterday afternoon at 1:00 After raising \$350 from special contributors in Williamston, the with State and Federal agencies tim of a severe cold, the child was in promoting tobacco research removed to the hospital last Satand developing new domestic and urday from the home of his parexport markets. A fund of \$100,- ents who recently moved here 000 has been pledged to finance from Greensboro and who were making their home with Mr. Hol-Other officers elected at the loman's mother, Mrs. W. J. Smith, meeting were Former Governor on West Main Street. Mrs. Hol-J. M. Broughton of Raleigh, gen- loman is the former Miss Virginia

Surviving besides his parents is

Walker of Greensboro, secretary ents just a few weeks ago, the of the North Carolina Farm Bu- baby had gained many admirers in his adopted neighborhood.

Funeral services are being conin Woodlawn Cemetery here. Dr. Ira D. S. Knight, pastor of the local Memorial Baptist Church, will conduct the last rites.

Excellent Record

Friday night in the George Reyn- low, about two thirds of his body olds Hotel, Wheeler Manning re- surface burned, was taking nourmeeting held recently in Greens- medicine to relieve pain. boro. Williamston had the best Mrs. Perry, the child's mother, delegation of any small club, he is getting along very well with ing, he added, that approximately when she beat out the fire on the 85 percent of the Jaycees were in child's clothing.

to 4-H boys and girls.

better than prior to the war.

Loyal Support Is Extended In Most

Very Few Complete Reports Submitted So Far, Chairman Says

The annual Red Cross fund drive now under way in this chapter is approximately one-half completed, Chairman C. B. Clark, Jr., announced yesterday afternoon. The estimate offered in the complete reports, and since several areas have not vet made even a premliminary report it is difficult to say just hew far the meeting a car, that he did not see d ive has progressed. So far, only one district, Biggs School, W. V. Ormond, principal, has submitted a complete report. The school Gary Wilson, six-month-old children, carrying the canvass in-

mercantile establishments and offices and the fund was boosted to \$715.00. Approximately onemitted complete reports at that time. If the ratio is maintained. Williamston will go over the top by a comfortable margin.

The chairman stated he was well pleased with the progress of the drive to date, but some of the canvassers admitted they had had mighy poor encouragement in some sections. A few individuals are also said to have withdrawn their support. However, it was learned that most of the people

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Victim Of Severe Burns Improving

Severely burned while in his crib at the home of his parents near Jamesville last Thursday morning, J. Perry, Jr., nine months old, was reported to be resting very well in the local hos-At the Jaycees meeting last pital late Monday. The little fel-

posal by James Bullock that when his clothes caught fire. Mrs. contracting firm said.

In Accident Near On Calendar In Here on Saturday

Second Wreck Reported In The County

Miss Grace Whitley, local busien by David Gilbert Scott, travelmanufacturer. Almost

the gashes on her head. Driving west on the highway, released by Cpl. W. T. Simpson, investigating for the highway pa- calendar for trial. trol, started to turn around at the direction, crashed into the rear of Scott's 1941 Buick sedan.

No official estimate on the property damage could be had immediately, but Cpl. Simpson guessed that it would approxi- son estate, are suing Rebecca Hy- not a record, but it is above the mate \$400, about \$200 to each ve-Chapter Districts hicle. A complete investigation could not be handled immediate-

Driving toward Hamilton on N. C. Highway 125 last Friday evening at 6:45 o'clock, Rev. E. R. Stewart, Baptist minister who recently entered upon his new duties as pastor of the Hamilton and Everetts Baptist churches, struck the rear end of a truck driven by Ben Biggs and loaded with lumber. No one was hurt and Patrolman W. E. Saunders, announcement was based on in- investigating the accident, estimated the damage to the Stewart 1939 Ford car at about \$159. The minister explained that he was the truck until after it was too late to avoid the crash. No damage was done to the truck, it was

Victim Of Hip Break

Breaking his hip in a fall here several weeks ago and successfully undergoing an operation in the judgment. Duke hospital week before last, half of the canvassers had sub- Mr. Wilson G. Lamb, local man, is expected to leave the institution this week. One report stated others. that he planned to spend a short Attorney Luke Lamb, and Mrs. Lamb in Wilson before returning to his home here.

RAINFALL

For the second time in the past sixteen years, the February rainfall fell under one inch here this year. The .84 inch fell below the average for the month during the past sixteen years by about 2.25 inches. There were five very small rains, a trace of rain and a little snow during the

month. So far this month, 1.83 inches have been reported here, including some snow, which, if it had not melted as fast as it fell, would have covered the ground to a depth of a little over one-half inch.

Cases Is About a Dog With Short Tail

Without any big damage suits ness woman, was painfully but on the docket and with no reputanot seriously injured in an auto- tions at stake, interest in the civil mobile accident at the old fair- department of the Martin County case involving the ownership of "one brown and white spotted

Twenty-four civil cases are on the docket, the bar association stitches were required to close suits, all for comparatively small Scott, according to first reports amounts and growing out of au- vorces. In still another case a

A brief review of the civil calendar follows:

against J. E. Williams and Ernest the plaintiff claims he or she sup Winslow, is seeking to recover ports the little ones. \$575 allegedly due on a note.

ing, executors of the M. D. Wil- second of the two-week term man to recover on a \$121 note. average. Several of the claim-The complaint points out that the ants have been denied divorces note was due January 1, 1930, at previous sessions, but they are Funeral at Home of Mother that it was secured by deed of coming back to press their claims trust. The defendant paid \$5 in to marital freedom. October, 1932, and \$20 in Febru- Tena Staton is suing Joe W ary, 1936, the plaintiffs alleging Staton for alimony, the plaintiff that \$210 is now due.

and others against Mae Roberson, idleness. administratrix of W. R. Roberson estate is again in the courts. The Gardner for divorce. They were lowing a long period of declining products. plaintiff's husband was accident- married in South Mills February health. High blood pressure, ally killed and she was awarded 9, 1942, and separated about a uremic poisoning and complical legislators have been contacted a judgment by the North Caro- year later. No children were born tions resulted in death. Although by the corporate interests in this lina Industrial Commission on to the union.

even after the award was approv- now seeking a divorce. Leaving Duke Hospital lowed. Now, the plaintiff is ask- complaint maintains. ing that personal property and Separating three months after time. homestead of the defendant be they were married on March 6,

A boundary line dispute is in-

while in the home of his brother, brook, trading as City Auto Ser- were born to the union before ed to make her home in Griffins ity in the next two years for is suing for the title to a car and of the children except five were Leggett's here for several years, state-wide liquor referendum. asking a judgment in the sum of \$320, an amount allegedly paid in excess of a legitimate price.

> their mother having died, Vernella Whitfield and other are suing tion of certain lands in Robersonville Township.

by End amount involves a amuck in the local p

lantic Coast Line Railroad Com- den he went into action.

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Pour Huge Pivot Pier For delegation of any small club, he is getting along very well with said. It was revealed at the meet-burns received on her right hand Roanoke River Bridge Here

the last of about six tons of struc- time this summer.

service and that the remaining 15 First thought to have started Delayed by unfavorable condi-, tural steel in the large circle. Sev- most of the spectators cleared out unable to head the league as percent sponsored more projects when a curtain caught fire near tions for several days, workers eral trucks, mixing twelve bags of while officers went into action. president, Bill Spivey was sucthan any other national civic organization.

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cement with proportionate quantities of rock and sand are dumped behind him, but the young Grass. A motion by Agriculture Chair- box near the child's crib. An old- pier for a wider span across Roan- ing three and four loads each per man continued to do battle, half All the teams, Bear Grass, Wilman W. T. Ross to contribute \$35 er child, it is thought, threw a oke River here this morning hour on an average into a special crying and snorting a bit as he liamston, Cross Roads, Everetts, to help sponsor the 4-H livestock match into the wood box and fir- shortly after 5:00 o'clock. The force pump. Dropped from the wiggled to and fro on the floor. Robersonville, Oak City, Hassell show, was approved. Jesse Sum- ed some lightwood, catching the work was progressing according trucks from the bridge into the After a physician made an ex- and Hamilton deposited \$50 each ner explained that the money curtain which in turn, fired the to schedule later in the morning, hopper, the machine pumps the amination and ruled he was as a forfeit, and the officials would be awarded in cash prizes bed clothing in the crib. The but it will hardly be completed mixture through a six inch pipe drunk, police picked him up bodi- adopted semi-pro rules. child, placed in the crib near the before 7:00 or 8:00 o'clock this half way across the river and into ly and removed him to the jail K. P. Lindsley, J. D. Thrower, The club also approved a pro- curtain, crawled to the other end evening, representatives of the the gaping hole. When the job is where he fell into a deep sleep. Clyde Manning and Russell Grifcomplete this evening, 104 truck The following morning he declar- fin represented the local club. chances be sold on several prizes Perry had gone to the smoke- Built on the old pier and about loads of concrete will have been ed he knew nothing of what hapand that the proceeds be used for house, just a few yards away, twenty-one new concrete piling, fed into the pivot pier, including pened the night before. purchasing essential equipment when she heard the older child the new pier will hold right at 1,250 bags of cement, ac- In the county court Monday he nounced shortly. The league plans for the high school band. Jack scream. Turning she saw the yards of concrete. Work on the cording to unofficial estimates. was fined \$20 and taxed with the to play 42 games, on Wednesdays

Butler explained the need for blazing curtain through the win- river span has been in progress If there is no delay in the de- cost by Judge Smith who turned and Sundays. such equipment and added that dow and reached there in time to for almost a year and only recent- livery of materials, work on the loose a corner smile when he Several of the clubs are lining

See Large Gain In County Painfully Injured Two Dozen Cases Twenty-Three Seek State's Assembly Superior Court Divorces In County

Actions Based On Grounds Of Two-Year Separation

Plaintiff In Still Another Case Seeks Alimony Without Divorce

A climax in almost two dozen marriages now on the rocks is tentatively scheduled when the Martin County Superior Court 18th, and the remainder the fol- 24. Basing their claims on twolowing week. One or two damage year separation, twenty-three plaintiffs are seeking absolute ditomobile accidents, are on the plaintiff is asking alimony with-

While most of the couples have no children, some have as many R. S. Critcher in his case as nine, and in nearly every case

The number of divorce actions B. A. Critcher and Z. V. Bunt- scheduled for trial during the

alleging that the defendant aban-The case of Fannie Roberson doned her, that he lives a life of

ing was paid, the plaintiff alleges, arated in January, 1943, and he is tion became worse. She entered one report intimated that they ed by the Martin County Super- Virginia Mizelle is asking the er and her condition showed im- bers. ior Court in 1932. In October, court for a divorce from Elmer provement and she was able to The Good Health Plan is still 1940, the plaintiff asked execu- Mizelle. They were married De- return home the early part of last to be handled. School teachers,

divorce from Mary Modlin.

volved in the case of Willie Bul- liam Whitehurst for a divorce. In Township on July 6, 1919, and with a cap 'D" in Raleigh, but lock against J. D. Wynne and the complaint, the plaintiff points spent most of her life there. She he good ole little "d" democrats out that they were married Feb- was married on December 2, 1937, have told the people of North In his case against Joe M. Alls- ruary 2, 1928, that nine children to George D. Grimes and continu- Carolina there'll be no opportunvice, the plaintiff, Johnnie Brown separation on June 6, 1940. All Township. She was employed by them to express their views in a

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Abandoned by their father and Crazy Drunk Runs made many friends and is remem- of the activities there. Howard Whitfield for the parti-

The case of B. F. Lilley who is ington County young man just Mrs. Clarence Gurkin of Griffins Conservation and Development. suing by his next friend, Annie back after a stay in Philadelphia, Mae Lilley, against Annie J. Hol- got on a crazy drunk and ran boundary line location, the plain- last Saturday night. Taken into boundary line location, the plain- last Saturday night. Taken into tiff alleging that his timber had custody in a local hotel while in Baseball League been damaged to the extent of the company of a young woman whose name was not revealed, D. D. Coburn is asking \$123.66 Hardison first claimed to be a sedamages as a result of the death cret agent. Going quietly to the of four hogs, allegedly killed by police station, he was sitting there Arrangements were virtually Mr. Spurgeon Clark of Elizatrains of the defendant, the At- unconcernedly when all of a sud- completed by a meeting of Martin bethtown entered the hospital

checkers with the chief of police opening scheduled play on April his daughter, Miss Mary Clark, a at the time, said Hardison had the | 20, the group handling other mat- | former nurse in the hospital. last move, explaining that check- ters preliminary to launching ac- ~ ers moved into all four corners of tivities. the room. The chief's chair was Sending no representative to snatched from under him and the meeting. Jamesville surrendsplintered. Mayor Hasseli's large ered its spot in the circuit to Oak desk was turned on its end and City. Announcing he would be

Saturday night battle.

AGAIN

The general store of the Lindsley Ice Company here was entered and robbed again some time during the early hours of Monday morning. Breaking a glass in the front door, the robber ran his hand through the opening, unlatched the lock and walked in without disturbing a special watchman on the premises. Playing the game more conservatively, the owners left only 75 cents in change in the cash register instead of several dollars. Nothing else was missed immediately.

It was about the fifth time that the property has been invaded by robbers and thieves since early last December.

Mrs. Geo. Grimes **Died In Hospital** Early Yesterday

In Griffins Township Tuesday Afternoon

Elder L. Gardner is suing Lola day morning at 7:00 o'clock folshe had not enjoyed very good county and section, urging them December 16, 1930, \$8.25 a week Married in Toledo, Ohio, in health for several years she was to cast the die against labor. The for 350 weeks, \$200 burial ex- May, 1942, George Washington unusually active up until about nature of the telegraphic mespenses and \$98 medical bill. Noth- Joyner and Dorothy Joyner sep- three weeks ago when her condi- sages could not be learned, but the local hospital a short time lat- were sent in fairly large numtion of the judgment. Something cember 30, 1941, and separated week. Suffering a relapse last apparently believing they are ahappened, the plaintiff alleging October 1, 1943. The one child is week-end, she returned to the bout to be handed a sour apple, that bankruptcy proceedings fol- supported by the plaintiff, the hospital Sunday, her condition be- are asking why the appropriaing considered critical at the tions are not being made in keep-

sold and the amount applied on 1944, Luther Modlin is asking a Griffin Peel of Griffins Township actual pay will fall short of the and the late Lewis Peel, Mrs. promised increase. Della Whitehurst is suing Wil- Grimes was born in Griffins They still talk about Democraretiring the first of this year on From here it would seem that the account of declining health. Dur- liquor interests are a part of the ing her employment here she legislature or are directing some hered as an accommodating em- The people, a bit stirred up

Has Adjournment Set For April 1

ESTABLISHED 1899

Major Legislation Is Yet To Receive Attention In Legislature

There's nothing official about but there is much talk about North Carolina's General Assembly ending its business and quitting about April 1, according to Senator Hugh G. Horton who was home from the capital for

Although adjournment is unficially slated within three weeks, the legislature has a number of major problems left on its hands for action, and there is still some handled. The anti-labor bill is before the Senate Committee today, and while he did not express the bill, or some of the backing tional Association of Manufacturers and labor baiters. Many ment have been able to progress Mrs. Matilda Gray Peel Grimes, power well known young county citizen, across is, in many instances, the died in the local hospital yester- same power that has acted to

ploye and a friend to everyone. over the Party's way of conduct-Surviving besides her mother ing the Game and Fish division, and husband are, a daughter, Lit- finally forced a separation of that James Marvin Hardison, Wash- tle Miss Eunice Grimes; a sister, division from the Department of Township, and two brothers, Wil- Now hold the reins, the Willlife

group will bear the brunt of the abuse of fishermen and numbers disgruntled by a shortage of fish

Officials Meet Enters Hospital Over Week-end For Treatment

County Baseball League officials here over the week-end for treat-O. K. Cowin, a visitor playing in Everetts Monday evening for ment. He was accompanied by

The season schedule is now being arranged and will be an-

the new band will be larger and beat the fire out before it could by did workmen finish placing project should be completed some heard the officers tell about the up their personnel and equipment is being purchased.

SPECIAL MEETING

Holding a special meeting on Monday, March 17, the Martin County commissioners will review property listings for 1947 at the request of the owners. Other than in those cases where new buildings were constructed and valued, there is little or no change in real property listings and very few property owners are expected to appeal from the assessments made by the listtakers and supervisor.

Since the grand jury and court will be in session that day, the commissioners, sitting as a board of equalization and review, will meet in the register of deeds office at 10 o'clock.