Drive For Farm **Bureau Members** Short In County

Officers Are Fairly Well Pleased With Campaign Just Ended

bership drive ended a bit short considered fairly reliable. of its goal in this county last Friday night, but Bureau officials were fairly well pleased with the amount representing the town's wine will greatly exceed dollar campaign, expalining that it could have been much worse.

ended, the canvassers had signed part of this year when there was in Williamston alone during the up 2,055 members, a figure 269 a powerful drive to outlaw the three months of July, August and short of the goal set for the coun- beverage. There are about a doz- September. ty as its part in a move to get en beer retailers within the town

President Chas. L. Daniel explained that the membership quota had been stepped up for the county this year, that the drive just ended compared very favorably with the one conducted last year. "We may not have reached just the same, and our farmers, professional and business men were very loyal in their support," President Daniel said, expressing some relief when he did not have to carry out his pledge in the event the goal of 2,324 members was reached. The president in a as the campaign entered its last week, declared he would stand on his head in the courthouse if the goal was reached by last Frivery considerate of the "old" fellow and did not report but 55 additional members during the last days of the drive.

It was pointed out that money was not quite as "free" in this county this year as it was last that the late marketing of the peanut crop made itself felt to a great extent in he membership campaign.

Reviewing briefly the campaign, President Daniel stated that Farmer Reuben Everett led Bookmobile On the canvassers when he signed 225 members. Heman U. Peel was second with 208 members. By leading the list, Mr. Everett paid to the Farm Bureau national group will go to Chicago. Farmer followed. Mayo Hardison has been chosen to accompany the State delegates to the convention.

A final meeting of the canvassers will be held in the courthouse on Friday evening of this circulated to children. week at 7:00 o'clock, it was an-

Officers Capture Still In County

Raiding in Bear Grass Township not so very far from the Sweet Cross Road, 11:30; Ruby Griffin's, Home Church section, ABC Offic- 11:45; Bear Grass School, 12:30; er J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Bear Grass, Terry Bros. Store, Peel wrecked a compact. liquor 2:30; Jones, 3; Rawls, 3:30; Coldistillery last Friday morning.

The plant was equipped with a 50-gallon capacity copper kettle, doubler and cooler. The officers ville School, 9:30; Darden's, 10:45; poured out four barrels of sugar Swinson's Store, 11:30; Poplar

ROUND-UP

Despite a long holiday week-end, local, county and state officers had very little to do in combatting law violations. Only five persons were arrested and detained during the period. The drunks were conspicuous by their absence.

enly one found his way into the hoosegow. Two were detained for assaults, one for disorderly conduct, and one for violating the motor ve-

hicle laws. All five were colored, including one woman. The ages of the group ranged from 20

Consume 400,000 Bottles of Shortage Of Fuel Mrs. Thos. Harrell Take Action Against County Board In Beer in Town Last Quarter

The town treasurer. Dan Sharpe. towns in excess of \$13,000. received a check for slightly more were quick to declare that they than \$2,000 last week-end, the estimated that the sale of beer and al efforts of the oil industry to im- home in Poplar Point Township share in the per unit tax allowed sale of hard !iquors in the county. by the legislature with the ap- The figures show that approxi-When the drive was officially proval of the brewers the early matey \$80,000 was spent for beer lotted on the basis of population. 'reaching here.

According to estimates furnish- | Revenue received by the county d by the North Carolina State for beer sold outside of incorpor-Department of Revenue, over 409,- ated places and in other towns in Public Asked To Conserve Last Rites In Biggs Funeral 000 bottles of beer were consum- the county could not be learned ed during the third quarter of this immediately, but it is estimated year. The estimates, backed up that the one-half cent tax on each The annual Farm Bureau mem- by one-half-cent bottle tax, are pottle of beer sold will net a revenue to the county and all the

Using the beer tax figures, it is

The special tax amounted to a 100,000 membership for the limits, but they do not collect the well over two millions dollars in tax. The revenue is gained at the the state during the period, acsource of manufacture and is al- cording to unofficial reports

Radio Range Control products which has just been completed by the American Petroleum ersonville-Poplar Point sections for many years but the canvassers did a good job just the canvassers did a good job just the same and our farmers

TOY COLLECTION

Sponsoring a Christmas Cheer program for needy little children, members of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce are calling for discarded toys. A canvass for the toys will be made on Monday, December 8, and local people who would share in the timely and important event are asked to place every toy they can spare on their porches or deliver them to the Williamston Motor Company where they are to be assembled and reconditioned for distribution at a big Christmas party to be held a few days before Christmas.

was to have part of his expenses | The Bookmobile is making its Miller, airways engineers for the regular run in Martin County this CAA, calls for a control center in cember 12. But he will be unable week. On account of the Thanks- Williamston for the VHF (very to go and the next high man in giving holiday the school in Wilthe drive, Mr. Peel, is in line to liamston was not served last Frinear Jamesville. The radio station, make the trip. A second delegate day as is usually done, but the rest operated by remote control, would will be chosen from a group of of the day's schedule was observ- serve as a link in the communifive men who figured prominent-ed. The Bookmobile met patrons cations system for planes flying group is composed of Farmers at Griffin's Service Station, at north and south and east and Carl Griffin, J. Linkood Knowles, Perry's, Revel's, Lilley's, and Hol-

> the book circulation in Martin enhance the safety of air travel. County was 2,331 of which more Other stations are being located they fill their tanks to relieve inthan one thousand were books in Asheville, Hickory, Wilming-

Wednesday, Dec. 3 Everett's School, 9:30; Everett's munity, 3:30; Cross Roads Church,

Thursday, Dec. 4 Farm Life School, 9:30; Corey's

4:00; Lilley's, 4:30; Taylor's, 5.

Friday, Dec. 5 Hardison's Station, 9; James-Chapel, 1; Mizzel, 2; Selma Holliday, 3; Sawyer's, 4; Nurney's, 5.

train, 4:30.

Manpower Short In Most of Europe

parts of Europe are reported by stick except on grass, trees and the United Nations Economic roof tops. Commission for Europe, which re- About as much snow fell here ed for necessary tasks is 1,130,000. coming well ahead of winter to The shortages, according to a New climax a wet season in November.

CAA Engineers To Ask Town Officials For Office Space

The Early Part Of Next Month

the Civil Aeronautics Administration for communiciations with airplanes flying from New York to Miami and others traveling routes in this section were well advanced today as representatives of the administration announced they would appear before a meeting of local officials at 8:00 o'clock this evening to discuss the project and ask for a lease on three offices in

cated on the C. C. Fleming farm

The representatives went into Geo. C. Griffin, E. V. Smith and liday's. The regular schedule for detail, explaining the technical J. Marion Griffin. One of that the week of December 1-5 will be features, adding that the station proposed here is one of seven be-During the month of November ing located in North Carolina to ton, New Bern, Elizabeth City and Rocky Mount.

> Special radio equipment will be Ayers Store, 11; Robersonville installed inside and on top of the High School 12; Robersonville town hall with a hook-up with the Elementary School, 1:30; Parmele radio range hear James ine by Post Office, 2:30; House Com- special wire. Teletype service will also be maintained to give the pilots weather reports.

Seven men, including six com (Continued on page five)

Snow Falls Here **Sunday Afternoon**

ing, snow clouds gathered over this section early Sunday afternoon and let fall an unusually large snow for the season of the year. The fall measured right at

The first flakes started falling at 2:10 o'clock that afternoon and continued thick for more than Shortages of manpower in many three hours, but they failed to

cently made an extensive survey. Sunday as was recorded during The total deficit of workers need- all of last winter season, the fall

York Times summary, are divided | The mercury dropped to 22 deamong the worst-hit countries as grees Monday morning, the readfollows: Belgium, 146,000; Czecho- ing approaching a new low for slovakia, 359,000; Finland, 85,000; December 1 and catching quite a France, 380,000; Luxembourg, 5,- few motorists without anti-freeze 000, and the United Kingdom, in their radiators. The mercury 235,000. Italy and probably Bul- returned to the same low spot at garia are cited as surplus areas. 6:30 this morning.

Oil Regarded As | Died at Home Near

Supply As Much As Possible

Despite the Federal govern-

The situation will be even more | ly all during the week-end. erious should the weather prove

There are highlights of a detailed official report on the supply- tion. In early womanhood she that they be directed to discondemand situation regarding oil was married to John Thomas Har-Institute and technical officials re- for many years. presenting the more than 34,000 companies in the industry.

The report was made public locally by Frank J. Whitehurst, Di- long time, and she was held in vision Manager, Arkansas Fuel high esteem as a neighbor and Company, Charlotte, N. C., in his thoughful friend by all who knew capacity as State Chairman of the Oil Industry's Public Relations

The study, one of the most combristles with figures. It points out that the Eastern area is almost en-Plan To Inaugurate Service tirely dependent upon outside sources of supply. Much of this supply reaches the Atlantic Coast by water and the prolonged strike Preliminary plans for setting up at ship-repair yards along the Atn Williamston a control center by lantic seaboard raised havoc with the tanker fleet. Other difficultion have been caused by the inability of the industry to obtain sufficient amounts of steel, electrical supplies and other essential equipment to construct new facilities, such as tank cars, tank trucks adequate to meet the unprece-

There will be some relief resulting from the widespread coopera-Regular Schedule The plan as explained by public officials and others to keep open the inland waterways for tion which has been received from inspector; E. H. Brown and L. S. open the inland waterways for burdened tank trucks.

> deficiency has been reflected sharply in the stock position of the four major products-gasoline, commission by an explosion and a resolution was passed after conkerosene, light and heavy fuel a control panel fire, Washington sulting with the city engineer, oils. As of October 31, the inven- faced a critical power and water who is well acquainted with the tory of these products was be-shortage yesterday morning at critical condition of the water and tween 9 and 10 million barrels less 6:40 o'clock, late reports from the water storage facilities in the said than it was a year previous.

> bright spot in the East Coast fuel being made to restore the services. the future growth of Williamston picture, where there is substantial evidence that householders abandoned. A regular term of way of new customers. That there have followed the suggestion that superior court was adjourned are numerous anticipated new dustry shortages in storage facili- Alleged criminals were moved to its of the Town of Williamston at ties. Local dealers and distribut- the Martin County jail, and busi- the present time, and that it is ors also appear to have larger ness was suspended in some in- necessary that no new customers stocks on hand in the Eastern stances when it was impossible be taken on outside the town lim-United States than they had a to run heating plant motors. The its, in order that the immediate year ago. The official report water supply dwindled rapidly, a future and growth within the states: "It is hoped that the equity in our the colored section taking town can be taken care of:

of existing transportation facili- could be extended. ties. It includes (1) driving in a more conservative manner and taking good care of automobiles; Body of Missing (2) filling and keeping filled fuel oil tanks for use at peak demand; (3) maintaining moderate temperatures in homes during this! heating season; (4) checking oil burners now in use, many of than they should.

This year's demand on higher than in the peak war year and 1-3 greater than in 1911, the last pre-war year. The estimated posure. requirement for 1947 is 582 gallons for each man, woman, and child in the country. Various

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Home Here at 3 P. M. Wednesday

Mrs. Helen Bowen Harrell, well ment's release of additional tank- known and highly respected citiis and the videspread addition- zen of the county, died at her prove the situation regarding fuel Tuesday morning at 4:00 o'clock oil and other petroleum products, following a long period of declinit is doubtful that the East Coast ing health. Her condition had requirements will be completely been critical for several days and the end was expected momentari-

The daughter of the late John motorists and other users of pe- Bowen, she was born in this countroleum products fail to cooperate ty near Williamston seventy-two in spreading the available supply. years ago on February 15, 1875, and spent all her life in this sec-

Mrs. Harrell was a faithful member of the Missionary Baptist Church in Robersonville for a her. Few could have shown a greater devotion as a wife and Washington found itself in yestermother, always placing the welfare and happiness of others ahead plete ever made on the subject, of her own. Her's was a truly un-

selfish life, beautifully lived. Surviving besides Mr. Harrell are five daughters, Mrs. O. L. both of the home; Mrs. Jack Chesson, and Mrs Ira Harrison of Wilhamston, and Mrs. Helen Dahlsten of Norfolk, and one son, Robert D. Harrell of the home; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Immediately following the death of her sister, Mrs. Harrell took her niece, Mrs. Thelma Harrell Peel, into her home and reared her as one of her own children. Mrs. Harrell was the last of four daughters.

The last rites will be conducted in the Biggs Funeral Home here Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, and interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

longer periods of time this winter, Washington Power ton and the critical nature of the Nationally, the transportation Plant Shut Down

alent of these increased amounts much of the water stored for "That the Town of Williamston in secondary storage can be retients warm.

Missing from his home in Cross Roads Township for several which are outmoded, and which weeks, Andrew Roberson, respectare consuming much more fuel ed colored farmer of this county, American Oil inqustry, the report morning. Few details could be shows, will be at new records had immediately, and it could not be learned if he had met with foul play or if he had died of ex-

County officers could not be learned that an inquest was being pianned, and that it would be held later today.

Serious In East Here Early Today Illegal Water Service

Court Injunction Signed Yesterday **By Judge Williams**

Hearing Scheduled In The **Superior Court Here Next Monday**

Claiming they illegally trespassed when they, without permission or meters, hooked on to the town severe and should householders, Dawson and Polly Lou McCasket of Williamston's water mains, the town officials yesterday prepared an injunction against the owners, operators and agents of the Roberson Slaughter House, praying nect two taps, plug up the outlets, pay the costs and give other relief entitled to.

As far as it can be learned the case is the first of its kind in this part of the country. Local officials reserved comment, but declared that they felt duty bound to protect the interests of the people within the town. They pointed out the predicament day morning when an overloaded power plant went out of commission. "We are a good ways over the safety line with our water system and we simply do not consider it safe to go farther un-Ward and Miss Mary Lee Harrell, til some plans are made to relieve the condition," one official was

quoted as saying. The complaint, enjoining defendants in their "wilful and wanton" acts of trespass, was placed before Judge Clawson Williams in Nashville yesterday noon, and a hearing has been scheduled in the superior court here next Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The complaint reads as follows,

"That on or about the 19th day of November, 1947, at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of ing same, it was ordered that no more taps should be made to its water lines laying outside the Its power plant thrown out of Town of Williamston. That such neighboring town stating that Town of Williamston. That such On the other hand, there is one every human effort possible was action was necessary in order that Normal activities were soon proper can be taken care of in the

tained for use during the peak entire water supply was cut off, of the water line which runs down period of demand, which usually according to reports reaching the McCaskey Road in front of comes in this area in February. here, and water was being import- Roberson Slaughter House. That The sum of these two additional ed from other areas. Operations the defendants are owners of a inventories probably represents were postponed in a Washington tract of land directly across the only a small offset to the known hospital and relatives moved in road from the Roberson Slaughter deficit at refineries and termin- with extra blankets to keep pa- House. That on or about the 25th day of November, 1947, the de-The report contains a four-point | Emergency units were made fendants began the construction of plan outlining how the public can available for the hospitals late two dwelling houses directly in cooperate with the industry, un- Monday and reports stated that front of the Roberson Slaughter that dared come up Sunday morn- der temporary conditions of mal- the town's water system had been House and on the eastern side of able supplies and make the most not be learned when the services struction of the said dwelling from the body just below the houses was begun under the direction of D. M. Roberson, manager, and under the direct supererson, agent. That previous to man W. E. Saunders, read, in vision and direction of Mack Rob-Man Found Today the beginning of the construction package (arm) buried in cemeof the said house, the said D. M. package (arm) buried in ceme-Roberson contacted the water de- tery in Williamston be taken up partment of the Town of Wil- and burned. Mr. Caudle, (the acliamston, and the Mayor of the cident victim) seems to feel that Town of Williamston for the purpose of obtaining a water tap for done. Several people have told was found dea din a woods not leach of the new dwelling houses. him they would have this dene." very fer from his home this That he was informed that in view While the case is a bit unusual. of the critical condition of the similar ones have been reported water supply and facilities in the in this county over a period of Town of Williamston, that no new years. taps were being made outside the corporate limits of the town.

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VEHICLE TAGS

The annual task of tagging motor vehicles in this section was off to a good start in the offices of Harrison and Carstarphen here yesterday when over 100 license plates were sold. About eighty of the tags were for automobiles, the total income for the day from the sales approximating \$1 .-200, Manager Harrison said. The first license-No. 245,-001-went to J. S. Whitley,

local man. Now is the time to buy the tags and avoid the rush. The Carolina Motor Club license bureau is located in Harrison and Carstarphen's insurance offices next to Ann's Store in the George Reynolds Hotel building on Main Street here.

Vote For Peanut **Quota Considered** Doubtful Tuesday

Little Opposition Expected In This County and Old Sections

eferendum next Tuesday, Decem-1950 and guarantee themselves mending that the two miles of price support by the government road leading from the Bear Trap or vote against quotas and plant Mill road at Columbus Whitfield's all the peanuts they want to plant | westwardly to Sidney Beacham's without a price guarantee from on the old Bear Grass road be the government.

All farmers growing peanuts. including tenants, are eligible to when it was proved that propervote in the referendum, but pre- ties had been doubly listed or liminary reports reaching here other errors had been made. point to a comparatively small tion was passed whereby, in view tion has been heard against the taxes on store and stock of merof the critical nature of the water quotas announced in this county chandise listed in Robersonville last week, it was learned from the Township in 1937. ed and seemed to be very well sat- valuation by Williamston's old isfied when the plan for estab- Handmade Furniture Company in lishing individual quotas was ex- 1932 were uncollectible. plained. The county is losing 6,926 | Joe Price was relieved of taxes peanut acres in 1948, according to on \$100 worth of property double the present reduction plan, but listed in Goose Nest Township there is a possibility that the from 1929 through 1939. quotas will be slightly increased if Lewis Gardner was relieved of the aid-to-Europe program goes taxes on \$524 worth of property through and peanut oil is includ- double listed in Williams Towned in the list of exports. No of- ship in 1933. ficial comment has been made on In the tax matter of Roberta this point, but the possibility of and Winnie Boyd of Robersonincluding peanut oil in relief ex- ville, it was recommended that ports has been made in political the county accept \$34.50 in full

the old peanut producing areas ty was in.

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Man Wants His Township in 1933.

A. C. Caudle, Rateigh man who lost his left arm in an auto-truck accident on the outskirts of Everetts nearly two years ago, wants the limb disinterred and cremated. Receiveing the request a few rangements to have the limb, torn enrollment, said Commissioner ing place in Woodlawn Cemetery here and destroyed by cremation. The request received by Patrol-

his arm will get better if this is

Reports state that the Everetts accident victim has suffered "That after being informed that greatly since he lost his arm, that reached immediately, but it was the Town of Williamston could not he has undergone additional opprovide the requested water taps, erations and has lost weight until he now weighs only ninety

Regular Meeting **Monday Morning**

Perfect Reorganization Of Group At The Start Of New Term Year

Meeting in regular session here esterday morning, the Martin their organization for another year, inspected and approved bonds, started the ball rolling for the 1948 tax year, recommended the addition of another road to the state system, granted several tax relief orders, handled routine duties and discussed a few other matters before adjourning shortly

after the noch hour John Henry Edwards was elected to succeed himself as chairman of the board. Elbert S. Peel was reappointed county attorney, the job carrying a \$100 annual retainer's fee. John Bland was again chosen superintendent of the county home and M. Luther Peel was reappointed county tax sup-

came before the meeting, but the commissioners spent several hours andling routine duties To help Beaufort County dur-

ng a power breakdown in Washagreed to care for the neighbor's prisoners in the Martin County jail. Five law offenders were moved in immediately

The board appropriated \$300 for Peanut growers will decide in a the purchase of a truck to be used n county fire prevention work, he state to pay the remainder of he purchase price. An order was issued, recom-

Tax relief orders were issued

the Town of Williamston, a resolu-

supply in the Town of Williamsoffice of the farm agent. A few A relief order was given the facilities for handling and storlearn how the quotas were figur- that taxes listed on \$775 property

settlement of taxes because of the While this county and most of utter confusion title of the proper-

are expected to favor quotas there Mrs. A. R. Dunning was relievis some doubt if the new areas ed of taxes double listed in Roberwill support the program. Even sonville Township on \$1,005 prop-~ lerty in 1935. And Mrs. Theo. Roberson was relieved of taxes on property double listed in Williams

Arm Cremated Nearly 3,000,000 In Nation's Colleges

The United States Office of Education reports that the enrollments in the nation's colleges this fall total 2.299,507 students. This 360,000 in the peak prewar year of 1939-40. The report stated also that due to lack of accommodations the colleges this fall have to turn away many thousands

additional students. LAST CALL

Still w thing to build up its picture files, The Enterprise has made arrangements with Photographer Chas. D'Ameurs to open a studio on the second floor of The Enterprise for final sittings between 4 and 10 p. m., Wednesday, December 3.

All business, professional men, civic leaders, ministers and others are cordially invited to have their pictures made without obligation.