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Few Days Left To Peanut Quotas Adopted By Highway Deaths Edward E. Fisher > Obtain Licenses Large Majority This Week In Martin County

Drivers Whose Names Begin With A or B Subject **To Court Action**

Martin County motor vehicle four and one-half days left to obm., until 1:00 p. m. and on De-December 19.

two-thirds of the motor vehicle with the letters A or B have obtainer operators' licenses in this county.

The State Motor Vehicles Department in Raleigh announces that out of the estimated 150,000 A and B drivers in North Carolina, only around 90,000 has thus far obtained new licenses.

Time is drawing short, and persons whose surnames begin with A or B who are caught driving after January 1 on an old license will be found guilty of a misdemeanor and will be fined not less than \$25

Col. H. J. Hatcher, Commander of the State Highway Patrol, has announced that he plans to have patrolmen make spot checks along the highways after the first of the year for the purpose of catching delinquent A and B motorists.

Only 17 days remain for these drivers to renew their licenses, due to the fact that Christmas holidays for state employees will begin at 1 p. m. on Wednesday. December 24, and continue through Dec. 28. In some areas of the state where an examiner goe only one or two days a week, th time is much more pressing.

The A's and B's were given the period beginning last January 1 and continuing through December 31 to take a re-examination and

against the program.

Peanut quotas for 1948, 1949 and | Martin County cast about the 1950 were given a large majority largest vote reported, it was learnin a referendum held in the pea- ed Wednesday when the returns were tabulated in the agricultur nut producing states last Tues- al building. The county favored

day, unofficial reports stating that the program, 2.303 to 14. Four 88 percent of the farmers favored townships. Griffins, 'Hamilton, drivers whose surnames begin the program as advanced by the Robersonville and Williams cast quarter of 1947, 595 persons lost with A or B have, after this week, United States Department of Ag- no negative votes while James- their lives and 4,501 were injured riculture. Only two states, ac- ville led the opposition with a tain their operators' licenses with- cording to preliminary returns, meager six votes. The vote by dents on North Carolina streets two years on the roads by Judge out fear of penalty. The license failed to give the program the ne- townships: Jamesville, 171 for and examining bureau will be open in cessary two-thirds majority, but 6 against; Williams, 103 for and the county courthouse on Decem- the arbitrary vote there was more none against; Griffins, 239 for and ber 17 and 18 from 9 a. m. until 5 than offset by the other states, none against; Bear Grass, 254 for p. m., on December 24 from 9:00 a. South Carolina led the states with and 2 against; Williams-Poplar ote of 98 percent favorable, Point, 401 for and 3 against; Cross cember 31 from 9:00 a. m. until but only 2.148 votes were report- Roads, 214 for and 2 against; Rob-5:00 p. m., and in Robersonville ed. Virginia was next with 96 ersonville, 392 for and none from 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. on percent in favor of the program. against; Hamilton, 268 for and or ran off the roadway; 173 lost ed the problem facing so many commended by the grand jury had

No official report can be had, cluded, Georgia, 93; Alabama, 89; and 1 against. but it is estimated that less than Texas, 81; Florida, 61 and Okla-It isn't considered likely that homa, 60. North .Carolina first quotas will be invoked for 1948 drivers whose last names begin reported 12,069 for and 898 votes in view of the big demand for peanut oil for export.

Triple A Committee

Retained In County DON'T FORGET

Don't forget the Jaycee toy collection scheduled for Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. Quite a few requests have been made, and other little needy tots are looking forward to the Christmas party being sponsored by the Javcees.

Any old toys or picture books and similar items will go a long - iy in adding a bit of cheer for .ne needy little ones. Place the articles on the porch or stoop and the Jaycees will do the rest.

retained, according to a canvass **Caught Entering**

Out Wednesday

Justice Hassell

Reach 595 During Gets Two Years First Nine Months Pedestrian Fatalities De-

cline But Bicycle Deaths **Show An Increase**

Raleigh. - Through the third es a result of 8.162 traffic acci- Monday, was sentenced to serve and highways, Col. L. C. Rosser, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles noon. The jury deliberated only announced today. Fatalities show- a few minutes in determining the ed a 19 percent decrease over the same period last year.

During the nine months' period, their motor vehicles overturned

trians were killed; 28 met death up and down and across the counwhen their bicycles collided with try motor vehicles; and 28 were kill-

tence Is Pronounced Edward Edgar Fisher, adjudged guilty of non-support in the Martin County Superior Court last

Clawson Williams Tuesday afterdefendant's fate.

Before passing sentence on the man, Judge Williams questioned 184 persons were killed when him at length, and it was fairly apparent that the jurist recogniz-Other percentage majorities in- none against; Goose Nest, 261 for their lives in collisions; 148 pedes- deserted little children and wives not been made to the county home

Asked about his first wife, Fish-

ed in motor vehicle-train collis- er said they had been separated a ions. Thirty four deaths resulted long time, that the two children that they were not to be held refrom other non-collision accidents. born to that union were with the

A 23 percent decrease was not- mother. Fisher said he divorced apparent that the jurist was more his wife in 1941 after being mar- interested in seeing that the couned in pedestrian fatalities, while on the other hand there was a 56 ried six years, that he married a percent increase in bicycle fatali-|second time two months after the Thirty-seven of the pedes- divorce decree was recorded.

trians killed and 200 of those in-Asked about his action in Texas jured were children under 14 following the war, Fisher admityears of age. Thirteen children ted he instituted diworce proceedwere killed and 48 were injured in ings on his attorney's recommendations, but claimed he tried to Of the total number of acci- effect a settlement with his second dents, 13.886 drivers were involv- wife.

ed. Sixty percent of them were Judge Williams asked Fisher breaking a traffic regulation. why he tried to ditch his family, Speeding led in violations with Fisher replying that he did not you to make inquiry why repairs a loading and unloading zone for did not know who stabbed her and 1,818 drivers exceeding the given speed limit; 221 of the speeding you wanted to get a divorce and accidents proved to be fatal get rid of her," Judge Williams crashes. One hundred of the fatal said.

accidents were caused by driving on the wrong side of the road. to your family since you left the Eighty-four percent of all acci- service. Your wife has worked ed again that the columns be re- no action has been taken. While election last Tuesday made quite dents occurred on straight roads; at odd jobs and had to depend paired along with repairs to other the parking problem is acute in a few changes in the personnel and 75 percent of the fatal crash- upon her father for support while es occurred on straight roads, you were making \$300 a month," proving that winding and curving Judge Williams said. Fisher claimdistricts during the coming year, roads are not big factors in our ed that he had been in school, that ed by other similar recommendabut the old county committee was high accident rate. he had earned the salary only a

In cities and towns there were short time before he was arrested tural building the following day. deaths and 1,268 injuries. Forty- San Antonio, Texas. The election, held jointly with three percent of urban fatalities Asked if he had any relatives, could not be had for making the

there were several close contests. mained about the same as last mother died when he was only Mr. George C. Griffin, well- year. Accidents, however, were thirteen months old. "I have no known Griffins Township farmer, not as serious as last year, for a 21 folks," Fisher added. continues as chairman of the percent decrease in fatalities was "The only reason you wanted a county committee. Mr. J. T. noted. More accidents occurred divorce in Texas was to get rid Joshua L. Coltrain, called for the tion of its kind ever held in this denied attacking his wife. He in residential areas. cidents and a 19 percent decrease he courted his second wife before made.



men discussed a schedule to

be followed for the Christmas

Prior to the meeting some

favored closing Christmas

eve and reopening the follow-

ing Monday. Others favored

a two-day holiday-Thursday

and Friday. The holiday

schedule to be adopted will

be announced next week.

Parking Problem

holiday.

Order, Calling For Action Before Next Court, Is Allowed To Stand

Called before Judge Clawson Williams in the Martin County Superior Court Tuesday morning to explain why certain repairs reproperty, the commissioners absolved themselves of any negligence and proved to the court

sponsible for the delay. It was The parking problem in front ty's property was being properly cared for than he was in calling the authorities to task. The inof the bus companies. quiry was most congenial, but an Coming here this week, Traffic order, issued from the bench the Managers Green of the Norfolkday before and calling for the in-Southern and Newton of the Caro-

dictment of the authorities if the lina Trailways, could offer no acterm of court in March, was allowed to stand.

Judge Williams said, "I sent for Street beside the dime store and Taking the stand she declared she want to ditch his family. "Well, recommended by the grand jury, bus patrons in front of the sta- went on to say that she and her have not been made to the county tion. The authorities are of the husband had not quarreled, that home." According to the records, opinion that three driveways are there was a crowd in the street in the jury recommended last March more than enough for the bus sta-"You have tendered no support that the porch columns be repair- tion property, and whi they are and all were drinking. Earline ed. In June the jury recommend- inclined to close one of them up, Moore, witness, said that Doris parts of the property. In Septem- front of the bus station, dead space

ber similar recommendations is staked off on the bus station Hunter 30 minutes after the seriwere made and they were follow- preperty.

During the meantime, the pubtions this term, it was pointed out. lic is asking that some arrange-Speaking for the official board, ments be provided for patrons when the wife would not go home of the vote handled in the agricul- 3,575 accidents resulting in 118 and returned to this county from County Attorney Elbert S. Peel traveling to and from the station advised the jurist that materials in private conveyances.

Home Wednesday the pearut referendum, attracted a record vote in this county, and of accidents in cities and towns re-For Farm Agency



Convening at 11:00 o'clock Monday morning, the Martin County Superior Court completed the trial of the criminal docket at noon Tuesday and granted a few divorces before adjourning for the term later in the afternoon.

The fair-sized crowd, attracted during the first day of the session, dwindled to a mere handful on the second day.

Only three cases other than divorce actions reached the jury during the term, the twelve men finding two of the three defendants guilty.

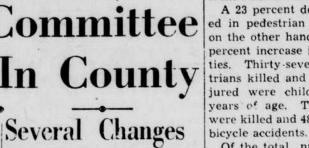
Before discussing a matter with the county commissioners, the At Bus Station court heard the divorce case of John H. Davis against Alberta Davis. The plaintiff stated that

they were married in December, of and near the bus terminal here 1941, that they separated a few is yet unsolved after repeated days later and he had not seen her studies and investigations by town since that time. She was in Chiauthorities and traffic managers cago when he last heard anything about her. The divorce was grant-

After absolving the commissioners, the court called James Horton Hunter to answer in a case chargrepairs are not made by the next ceptable solution to the problem. ing him with an assault with a One report stated that the traffic deadly weapon. Doris Hunter, his men suggested reservations be wife, was stabbed last October 13 Addressing the commissioners, made for taxis on Washington on the streets of Robersonville. front of Gus Knight's cleaners,

> Chief Wm, Smith, arresting ous attack, said that Hunter admitted cutting his wife, that Hunter explained they had guarreled with him, that when she ran he followed and attacked her with a certain knife. The officer said that the witness Moore had changed her story since the case was

told her she did not know who cut



Made In District

Committee Names

County Convention Held In

Agricultural Building

Here Wednesday

charged with administering the

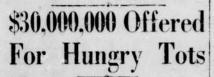
Triple A program in the several

Martin County farmers in an

obtain new licenses. And 104 license examiners were placed on duty throughout North Carolina to take care of the Re-examination program.

Beginning January 1 and continuing through June 30, 1948, persons whose last names begin

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A report from Geneva on October 31 said that the United Na- tional institution. The boy was abandoned by his tions program of aid to the children of Europe would start on father some time ago, and his the following day. By the end of mother is serving a five- to seven-November, it is expected, the sup- year sentence in prison for an asplemental feeding and medical sault with a deadly weapon.

stolen

care programs will be under way in twelve countries. The UN Shil- Firemen Called dren's Fund, it was stated, so far has a little more than \$30,000,000. With this amount it is trying to establish a program of one good meal daily for 3,500,000 children. The fund supplies scarce foods such as milk, fats, cod liver oil Wednesday evening when it was and the government puts up the thought the Bill Bullock home in fin. rest from available local supplies. A small staff sees to it that children get the meals.

The fund, according to the Geneva dispatch, is trying to care poured through a relief pipe unfor 75,000 children in Finland, der the house. Passing by the 700,000 in Poland, 125,000 in home, someone saw the steam Czechoslovakia, 240,000 in Austria, 110,000 in Hungary, 400,000 thought the building was on fire. in Rumania; 110,000 in Bulgaria, 340,000 in Greece, 600,000 in Yugoslavia, 700,000 in Italy, 25,000 in ed.

Albania, and 70,000 in France.

HOG KILLINGS

Hog killings were launched in the county this week on a fairly large scale, reports declaring that a solid schedule had been arranged in some sections for the annual task with the work overlapping in some communities.

It is reported that Martin farmers are packing away a supply of meat equally as large and possibly larger than the amount killed and packed in the county last season.

Philip Thompson, Jr., 12 years old, was 'aken into custody Wednesday morning by Deputy J. H. Roebuck for breaking into the Bud Black home in West End earlier that morning. A ring stol-Mr. Elmer Modlin is the county

en by the lad was recovered, but he had spent the small amount of committee's regular member. The newly elected committeechange he was alleged to have

Carried before Juvenile Judge ed oaths of office. New members L. B. Wynne, the boy admitted entering the home with a pass key expected to sign written oaths, accidents. while the family was away. He pledging faithful service, before was released into the custody of they are to enter upon their new his aunt while application is made duties, it was pointed out. The for his acceptance by a correc-

oaths will be signed during the course of the next few days. A list of the community com- | class of drivers. mittees for the new year follows, by districts:

Bear Grass: T. L. Roberson, E. C. Harrison and H. U. Peel. Cross Roads: G. H. Forbes, H. L Roebuck and J. F. Bailey. Goose Nest I: H. A. Early, M. Hyman and Thomas Smith. Goose Nest II: N. W. Johnson,

hour.

any other time.

QUIET

not for the government sup-

port program, it is indeed

likely that the market would

The government has not yet

received any peanuts, but it

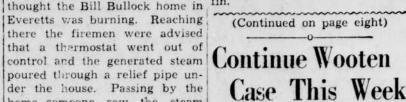
is ready to handle the crep,

but the receiving stations can-

have gone all to pieces.

not accept wet peanuts.

N. L. Hyman and Jack Smith. Williamston's volunteer firemen Griffins: D. Clarence Gurkin, were called out about 8:30 o'clock Oscar B. Roberson, J. R. P. Grif-



pouring from under the house and The case charging George E. deaths, with 7 reported, while Wooten, Kinston taxi driver, with Mecklenburg led for counties Very little damage was done by the escaping steam, it was learn- violating the terms of a judgment with 10.

handed down some time ago by Judge J. C. Smith in the Martin County Recorder's Court, was continued on appeal to the superior court this week. Pleading guilty of speeding,

Hears Two Cases Wooten was sentenced to the Justice John L. Hassell heard roads, the lower court suspending two minor cases in his court here the sentence upon the payment of

this week a fine and costs and on the fur-Harry Roberson, colored, charg- ther condition that the defendant ed with being drunk and disorder- was not to operate a motor vely, was sentenced to the roads for hicle for four months. Wooten thirty days, the court suspending was caught driving a few days latthe sentence upon the payment of er and he was called before the the trial costs of \$9.50 and guaran- court and sentence was invoked. teed good behavior for twelve He appealed. A similar case is on its way to the supreme court, and months. Charged with a simple assault a continuance was allowed, pendon Allen Warren, A. W. Hardison ing the decision to be handed was taxed with \$5.50 costs. Idown by the high court.

in fatalities over last year when obtaining a divorce from his first of the community committees are 590 persons were killed in 3,803 one.

Fisher maintained that he tried More people were killed and in- to get his wife to go to him in jured in the 25 to 34 years of age Texas, but Judge Williams count-

group than any other. ered by saying, "Your claims do More farmers were involved in not coincide with your conduct. fatal accidents than any other You say you could not come here

and see about making arrange-More fatal accidents occurred ments for your wife to join you in at the speed of 31 to 40 miles per Texas. You, at least, could have

written to her." Judge Williams charged Fisher Saturday was the leading day of the week for accidents. Wednesday has the least and thus far and shaking off fleas. "You would for 1947 has been the safest day get up and shake off your family," for travel. More accidents occurhe said.

red between 5 and 6 p.m. than Meditating for a moment, the urist said, "I don't know what the For the first nine months of this world is coming to anyhow," the year Mecklenburg has led all the judge adding that the wife in this counties with 36 traffic deaths, as | case as in many others, was beg-

compared with 24 for the same ging for her husband. period last year. Cumberland was The two-year road sentence rext with 27 persons killed, while

last year 18 deaths were report-

Of the pedestrian deaths, 34 percent occurred in cities and towns. Charlotte led in pedestrian

again and when it was finally in Cedar Hill Cemetery there. called for trial in June, 1946, the later appeared for trial.

repairs. Referring to the board minutes, it was shown that a motion, made by Commissioner C.

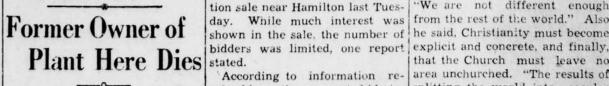
Abram Roberson and seconded by of your wife and children," the immediate repair of the colums county, 180 farmers elected a claimed that they were drinking, In rural areas there were 4,587 judge said, asking if Fisher was along with certain repairs to the county soil conservation commit- that after the attack he took anaccidents, with 477 persons killed not running around with another stock barn. It was also pointed tee during a week of voting last other drink and did not rememand 3,233 injured. This was a 21 woman there. Fisher denied hav- out that certain repairs where ma- week. Heretofore one man, C. U. ber telling the officers anything men immediately entered upon percent increase in number of ac- ing a girl in Texas, but admitted terial could be had, had been Rogers, representing the county about the attack. Although he

> Judge Williams, accepting the but under the new set-up, a com- confession, Hunter, attending defese, suggested to the board mittee of three will handle the that if the present contractor can't work.

get the material then it should Tabulating the returns this making ready to go to school contact a contractor who can get week, the election officials report- when he was arrested. the material. "Going by the rec- ed the following results: C. U. ord, it would appear that duty has Rogers, leading with 118 votes; C. been neglected. The property of L. Green, 116; J. L. Knowles, 103; the county, gentlemen, is entrust- E. V. Smith, 60; and J. H. Lillard, ed to your care and it should be 46. The high man is elected for a repaired and kept in good condi- three-year term. The man polltion," the judge said. "I want to ing the second largest number of give you time to have the work votes, is to serve two years, and with acting as a dog getting up done, and it appears that you have the next is elected for one year. made efforts to have it done, but

I suggest that it be handled by Bids For Sherrod next court."

Attorney Peel assured the judge that the board will do all in its power to have the work handled. Bids, ranging as high as \$210 an the jurist announcing that he would leave the matter in abeyance until the next term of the combined, were rejected in their ruthers urged that the Christian county superior court.



Holmes R. Butler, one-time After several rounds in the owner of the Farmville-Woodcourts. M. N. Sutton finally scor- ward Lumber Company before it ed a victory this week when he was sold to Messrs. Speight and convinced Judge Clawson L. Wil- Quayle here, died at his home in liams of Sanford that he was en- Virginia Beach last Monday morntitled to recover just about all of ing at 4:45 o'clock. Mr. Butler, the \$500 bond posted for Henry only 53 years of age, visited the Paul, Greenville white man charg- plant and his extensive timber ed with manslaughter. Sutton holdings in this section frequently was required to pay \$3 costs in- and made many friends in this health for some time.

Funeral services were conduct- them to park their cars in the

A large majority of the car own-Surviving are his widow, the ers are parking their vehicles in defendant failed to appear. Sut- former Miss Virginia Jones; a the backlots now in an effort to ton proved that Paul was not ad- daughter, Miss Susan Butler of relieve parking on the main vised the case was being docket- Ann Harbor, Michigan, and a son, streets, but a few are said to be ed, and went on to show that Paul Holmes Butler, Jr., student at holding parking places day in and Washington and Lee, Lexington. day out.

jected, was offered for \$95,000, but

there were no takers at that price.

dressed to local citizens, urging

Park Cars In Backlots

Ash: Local Citizens To

- the appeal is

first heard in the county court James Horton Hunter, taking

the stand in his own defense, said in the soil conservation program, was too drunk to remember his school under the GI education program, said he was at home

Officer Wade Griffin corrobor-(Continued on page eight)

Churches Need **Greater Unity**

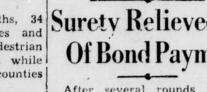
Atlanta, Ga.-Christians every. where should make their religion a "powerful leavening force in the world today," declared the Rt. Farm Rejected Rev. Thomas N. Carruthers, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, addressing an anacre for cleared and wooded areas nual Synod here. Bishop Carentirety at the Sherrod farm auc- Church make itself "distinctive." "We are not different enough day. While much interest was from the rest of the world." Also shown in the sale, the number of he said, Christianity must become

that the Church must leave no According to information re- area unchurched. "The results of ceived here, the aggregate bids for splitting the world into secular the 980 acre farm, approximately and ascred sections have been dis-480 of which are cleared, totalled astrous. We must take Christ inbetween \$88,000 and \$94,000. The to our factories, schools, newspapentire farm, after the bids for the er offices, businesses, homesfifteen individual tracts, were re- everywhere."

MEETING

The local parent-teacher asmeeting of the calendar year next Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the grammar school auditorium, it was announced ioday by President H. P. Mobley

Miss Grace Talton's first grade pupils will appear in a Christmas play. All members are asked to be present and the public is invited.



Rains and a dwindling de-

mand for cleaned goods have materially reduced activities on the farmer's peanut market. Several companies have withdrawn from the market, and wet peanuts are being refor the arrest of Paul. turned to the farms. Were it

curred when papers were issued Sutton went on Paul's bond about two years ago. The crimin- ed in Suffolk, his old home, Tues- backlots when parking is necesal action was continued time and day afternoon and interment was sary for long periods.

(Continued on page eight) **Surety Relieved Of Bond Payment**

