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Four Auto Wrecks > On Highways Of **County Recently**

Two Drivers Carried Into Court For Violating Traffic Laws

one for failing to stop before en-

mouth toward Hassell from High-

noon, Mr. John W. Eubanks was

met by Clarence Tyson in a 1941

Buick. The patrolmen said that

Tyson drove out of K. B. Ether-

idge's driveway apparently with-

out stopping, that he darted into

the highway, meeting the Eubanks

car headon at about a 45-degree

angle. Damage to the Plymouth

was estimated at about \$200 and

Late Thursday afternoon Henry

Peel, colored, and Sam Charles-

ton Willis of 88 Henry Street, Mer-

rick, New York, were traveling

south on U. S. Highway 17 when

Peel started to make a left turn

into this driveway about four

miles from Williamston, Willis

had pulled out to pass Peel about

the same time, and the cars crash-

ed. A front fender and the bum-

per on the 1940 Buick driven by

Willis were bent and battered but

Mr. Willis and Mrs. Willis were

able to continue their trip south-

ward with their car. Damage to

the Buick was estimated at about

\$30. Peel's car, an old Model A,

was almost ripped in two, Patrol-

man Saunders stating that the

machine was wrecked beyond re-

pair and that it was possibly

worth \$100 before the crash. Peel,

en driving, was cited to the courts.

Mobley's 1947 Ford and Reuben

that to the Buick at \$100.

at about \$430.

A Christmas holiday schedule | but it will remain open Saturday for local mercantile firms and afternoon of this week to accomheavy industry was announced to- modate its patrons. day following a meeting of busi-| Stepping up its schedule this

For Local Business Firms

ness men last Friday. week, The Enterprise, its force The merchants will observe eagerly looking forward to the

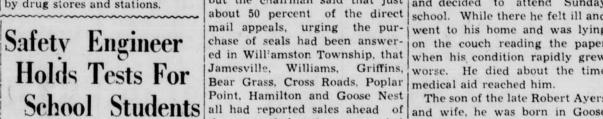
Occupants and drivers of four Thursday and Friday of next one holiday of the year, will pubautomobiles narrowly escaped in- week as holidays, and will also lish only one edition next week county for the relentless fight citizen of this county and a lead- ed by herself, her children and peared and Coburn moved his jury in two automobile accidents close on New Year's Day the fol- and close for the week late Monon the highways of this county lowing week. Beginning Monday day.

last week, members of the high- of next week, the stores will re- The schools, including white way patrol said yesterday. Two of main open until 9:00 o'clock each and colored in the county, are the drivers involved in the acci- eveing for the three days before closing Friday noon for Christdents were carried into the courts, Christmas. mas. Classes will be resumed on

Most heavy industrial plants, in- Monday, January 5, at the usual tering the highway and the other cluding lumber mills and peanut hour. for reckless and drunken driving. factories, are planning to suspend Very little activity is to be ex-

Property damage was estimated operations Tuesday evening of pected on Christmas day when next week for the remainder of virtually every business door will be closed. Sunday hours will be year.

As he was driving his 1947 Ply- the week. The post office will observe observed the day after Christmas way 125 early last Tuesday after- only Christmas day as a holiday, by drug stores and stations.



Time Required To Stop

Automobiles

Last Friday morning Harry M.

Pontious conducted a brake reac-

up for the Jaycees' annual Christmas party in the Woman's Club hall here next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Youngsters Surprised At

While the collection of toys is not sufficient to meet the demand, the supply will take care of the needs of the smaller, needier tots, it was explained. The hall will have a tree

PARTY

Plans are rapidly shaping

tion test on Smithwick Street and Santa Claus and about under the sponsorship of the Wilfifty little children are exliamston Junior Chamber of Compected to attend. merce for the benefit of the Wil-

The party will cost right liamston High School Students much and those who wish to and the general public. Prior to participate in the cheer movethis test Mr. Pontious gave a short ment can greatly enhance the lecture and showed a movie to the program by advancing cash students in the high school audidonations. Oswald Stalls is treasurer of the cheer movethe importance of driving safely ment and he'll gladly accept the cash contributions at the Martin Supply Co.

Funeral Held In charged with reckless and drunk- National Cemetery No one was hurt when Jack For County Youth



Seal Sale Ahead of Last Year's Figures

assured of success this week when City, died at his home there early County Chairman Chas. H. Man- Sunday afternoon of a heart atning announced that well over tack. As was his unfailing cushalf the entire amount, or \$1,340, tom, he attended religious services had already been contributed in that morning and returned home. Williamston Township and that A short time later he was strickeight other districts were report- en, death following within a mating seal sales well ahead of those ter of minutes. Mr. Ayers suffer recorded at 'the same time last ed a slight attack last Wednesday

and again on Thursday. Sunday No reports are complete as yet, morning he was feeling very well but the chairman said that just and decided to attend Sunday about 50 percent of the direct school. While there he felt ill and mail appeals, urging the pur- went to his home and was lying chase of seals had been answer- on the couch reading the paper ed in Will'amston Township, that when his condition rapidly grew Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, worse. He died about the time Bear Grass, Cross Roads, Poplar

those recorded at the same period Nest Township 56 years ago the Bangle day sales last Saturday early life on the farm and entered were held down by the extreme military service on September 20.

locally. The seal sale drive underway his discharge from the service on in the colored schools is progress- June 25, 1919, he entered the mering nicely, and it is fairly certain cantile business in Oak City and that if the contributions are main- continued his farming operations. tained at the same ratio during in the past week, the goal will be served Oak City as a town comreached and possibly exceeded missioner for about twenty years. by a narrow margin. The citizens He was a pillar in the Baptist month, it was explained. A list of the bond purchasers

and with care was stressed. follows: After the lecture and movie the Those purchasing \$25 bonds, instudents assembled on Smithwick Street to witness the test conducted in a specially equipped car with three revolvers mounted on the front bumper and public address Co., Chas. H. Jenkins Motor Co., those duties more conscientiously farm.

of the 1946 drive.

Mr. Pontious rode with each ers for the test were Eugene An-

Neal Coburn, colored man, March, requiring bond in the sum stands charged with blasting of \$600. Unable to furnish that In Oak City Church for mie Ambrose, aged colored wom- jail. Jos. H. Ayers

an, near here when he allegedly Coburn was rooming in the stole \$300 in cash saved by self- humble home, but on or about The drive to raise \$2,500 in this Joseph H. Ayers, prominent denial from the meager pay earn- November 24 the money disapagainst tuberculosis was virtually ing farmer-business man in Oak grandchildren over a period of rooming place. A few days later months.

The aged victim of the dastardly filling station. Flashing a big mar school auditorium. Miss deed held no malice in her heart roll of bills, Coburn peeled off a Grace Talton's first grade presentfor the thief, but she pleaded \$5 bill and set the house up to ed a play entitled. "Mother Goose longingly for the return of at least beer. The lead was picked up by Visits Santa Claus." A speech of some of the hard-earned money. Deputy Sheriff Buck Holloman welcome was made by Gail Mar-But instead of getting any of the and he worked it for all it was golis preceding the play. Followmoney back, she faces Christmas worth. Coburn, when arrested, ing this several recitations were almost penniless while the alleged asked to be carried to the victim given including "Going to School" thief languishes in the common so he could ask if she would al-by Betty Frances Griffin, "Me" jail, a holiday he really deserves. low him to work and pay the by Penny Partin, "When I Grow Hearing the pathetic story, Jus- money back. He told the officer Up" by Jimmy Bellflower. At the tice R. T. Johnson last Friday that he found the money along a conclusion of the play, the first evening found probably cause of path leading to a woods back of graders sang a group of songs acguilt and bound Coburn over to the house, and said he had spent it companied at the piano by Miss the superior court for trial next all on beer and women.

Meeting Of Year Here Last Night Christmas hopes from under Am- amount, the man was returned to Organization Names Com-

mittee To Buy Equipment for Playground

By Mrs. Anne Corey

Miss Talton's room was awarded

the attendance prize. A commit-

tee composed of James Manning.

the purchase of playground equip-

ment for the grammar school. It

was announced that an order had

for use in the grammar grade

lunch room, President Mobley

stated there were now 344 mem-

bers of the P-TA an increase of

100 since the last meeting. He also

reminded the members that Janu-

uled for the county-wide P-TA

meeting which is to be held in

Following the adjournment, re-

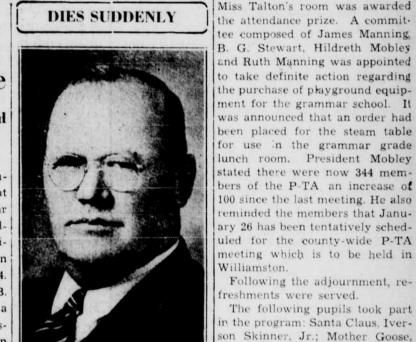
The following pupils took part

in the program: Santa Claus, Iver-

freshments were served.

Williamston.

At the last P-TA meeting of the Coburn went to George Bryant's year held last night in the gram-Talton. During the business meeting



Joseph H. Avers, wellknown county citizen and former member of the Martin County Draft Board, died suddenly at his home in Oak City

While no woodwork was burn-

Mrs. Cowan used all new equip-

on the wires was broken near the

base when the holder was install-

ed, causing a short circuit.

Officers Wreck Small

Liquor Still In County

Raiding in the Hassell section

last Thursday, Officers J. H. Roe-

buck and Roy Peel wrecked a

small illicit liquor plant, including

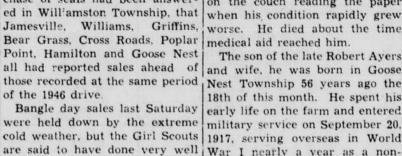
an old oil drum used for a still and

two barrels of chear beer.

stateo.

Sunday afternoon.

son Skinner, Jr.; Mother Goose, Mary Lynn Pate; Little Boy Blue, Billy Thrower; Jack Horner, Jimmy Bellflower: Little Miss Marv. Verda Jones; her maidens, Mattie Jones, Doris Bowen, and Ruth Barber; Simple Simon, Eddie Tavlor; Bo-Peep, Gail Margolis; Jack be Nimble, Van Taylor Harris; Mother Hubbard, Betty Griffin; Queen of Hearts, Penny Partin Miss Mutiet, Jean VanNortwick; Jack and Jill, Sandra Letchworth and Frankie Robertson: Tom. Piper's son, Billy Windley; Wee Wilie Winkie, Ralph Rawls; Cat and



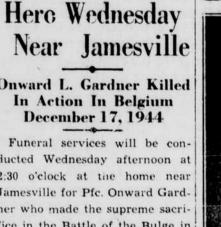
are said to have done very well War I nearly a year as a noncommissioned officer. Following

Listed among this county's most the next few days as they have prominent citizens, Mr. Ayers Jamesville for Pfc. Onward Gardof the county are anxious to sup- church for years, and took a lead- Belgium on December 17, 1944. torium. In the lecture and movie port the mass X-ray survey next ing part in the betterment of his Rev. D. W. Davis and Rev. W. B. community and its people

On the eve of World War II he detail from the John Walton Haswas called into the service of his sell Post of the American Legion country. Willingly he accepted the clude: Williamston Lumber Co., difficult duties as a member of will handle the military rights. Roanoke Chevrolet Co., Wil- the Martin County Draft Board, Burial will be in the Gardner liamston Motor Co., Dixie Motor and no one could have handled family cemetery on the home

Williamston Peanut Co., Harrison and fairly. Meeting at least once The body, returned home on the Oil Co., Wells-Oates Lumber Co., each week and some times more, U. S. S. Robert Burns the 25th of driver and gave helpful informa- Standard Fertilizer Co., FCX, he held to the post until the early last month, was brought home tion and data after each test. Driv- Colonial Stores, Belk-Tyler Co., hours of the morning time and from the Philadelphia distribu-Branch Bank, Guaranty Bank, again, weighing the evidence of-

Harrington will officiate, and a



Onward L. Gardner Killed In Action In Belgium December 17, 1944

Funeral For War

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home near ner who made the supreme sacrifice in the Battle of the Bulge in

Lee Roberson's Dodge pick-up Highway at the Mary Cherry farm last Friday evening about 6:00 o'clock. Both vehicles were moving toward Williamston when Roberson started to make a left turn into the road at the farm. Mob-

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Few Fireworks Delivered Here

Contrary to the terms of a law few people in this county are buyng fireworks. Possibly a dozen orders have been deligend to several days.

While it is not unlawful for the transportation companies to handle fireworks, it is against State warehouse, the law has been violated.

No fireworks have been offered a few popcrackers were fired in

one or two isolated sections in or near town Sunday evening. m

RAINFALL

The heaviest rainfall ever recorded for any November in this section was reported last month by Hugh Spruill on Roanoke River here. No exceedingly large rains were reported during the month, but rain fell on fifteen of the thirty days to run up a total of 7.33 inches, triaking the record for the month of November with about three inches to spare.

In the first fifteen days of this month, rain fell on eight of them. While the total so far in December isn't very much, it was enough to seriously interrupt the peanut harvest.

His Life In Battle Of **Bulge In Belgium**

Funeral services were conduct-Patrol. ed at the graveside in the Nation-Each of the drivers made the ley said he saw Roberson's signal al Cemetery at New Bern last stop in less than the average disfor left turn too late to avoid side- Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock tance required by most drivers, swiping the truck. Investigating for Pfc. Lloyd M. Hassell who but the fact remains that the conthe wreck. Patrolman Saunders made the supreme sacrifice for his ditions for stopping were ideal estimated the damage to the car country on the first day of the and the drivers were expecting

Battle of the Bulge, December 16, the emergency to arise. Even 1944, in Belgium. The services though they did the so-called were conducted by Rev. F. Hubert "Beat the Average" each of the

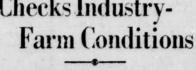
Morris, pastor of New Bern's First Presbyterian Church, and a firing squad and bugler from the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg Worthless Checks handled the military rites. Pall-

bearers were members of the New passed by the last legislature, a Bern Veterans of Foreign Wars, The body was returned to this country on the Joseph V. Connolly late last October and was depurchasers here during the past livered to the National Memorial in this county, are increasing in Cemetery, New Bern, for inter- number, according to a review of

ment last Tuesday. Pfc. Hassell was the son of reports.

Charles A. Hassell of Jamesville

(Continued on page eight) **Checks Industry-**



Dr. Richard L. Weaver of Chapel Hill, program director of the North Carolina Resources - Use Education Commission, was in Williamston last Friday observing local industries and farm conditions in the county and conferring with Superintendent of Schools J. C. Manning and Miss Lissie

Pearce, county supervisor. The North Carolina Resource-Use Commission was appointed by Governor Cherry ni 1945. Fortysix state agencies are represented on the commission. Its purpose is to aid in planning the school program in order to make it more adaptable to the needs of the people and the community.

truck crashed on the Hamilton Pfc. Lloyd M. Hassell Lost drews and Sally E. Hardison of Skinner and King Tobacco Co., fered in each individual case. He the student body driving at 20 Lindsley's.

MPH; Jack Butler, band director R. S. Critcher. of the school, at 30 MPH and Whit A \$15 bond was purchased by Saunders of the State Highway Moore Grocery Co.

pital, Ayers Electric Co., Farmers

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Worthless checks, virtually nonexistent for the past several years Oil Co.

justice of the peace trial docket

During the past three months, law to possess or shoot them. In and the late Mrs, Maude Dillon the reports show, a worthless other words when a person orders Hassell of Creswell. He was born check was issued about every fireworks and takes them out of on September 20, 1918, and enter- three days in this county. Ninethe transportation Company's ed the service from this county in teen of the worthless pieces of December, 1942, leaving with Pfc. paper were carried into court as Onward L. Gardner whose body evidence before Justice of the is being laid to final rest near Peace H. S. Everett in Roberson-

for sale locally. Despite the law Jamesville on Wednesday of this ville, and thirteen were carried

before Justices John L. Hassell and R. T. Johnson in Williamston | blind citizens at their last meetduring the period.

PRESENT

Although the schools will not complete the fourth month until Wednesday, January 7, the teachers are to receive their full checks for the period on Friday of this week, with supplements going to the seventy teachers in the three special school districts.

Teachers salaries will amount to approximately \$48,783, and the supplements, ranging from \$10 to \$15, will add \$2.200 to that amount. It has been customary to issue the fourth-month checks to the teachers in this county before Christmas for several years.

applied the rules honestly and

A \$20 bond was purchased by fairly, irrespective of the registrant's position, color or creed. by S/Sgt. Robert S. Alexander. Aside from his untiring work in

clude: Harrison and Carstarphen, record as a member of the draft born near Jamesville on March 5. Margolis Bros., E. and W. Grocery, board stands as a memorable 1915, and spent all his life on the Darden's Dept. Store, Clark's monument to his devotion held for Pharmacy, Central Cafe, Enter- his country. Although his duties Supply Co., W. G. Peel Insurance a great strain on him and, no Dorn in Mississippi, and received

Agency, Ann's Variety Store, doubt, helped hasten the end. Courtney's Fruniture Co., Davis' No greater devotion could have Pharmacy, A. J. Manning, Hardy's been shown his country than that Grocery Store, Worrell's Appli- advanced by him from October, ances, B and W Tire Co., Thrower 1940, until the end of the war. Appliance Co., Blue Star Clean- Coupled with that devotion for ers. Baker Oil Co., Woolard Fur- country was an untiring interest On The Increase ers, Baker On Co., Woolard Fur-niture Co., Williamston Supply in all good things and worthy Co., Williamston Package Co., movements. He was a good man, Eagles' 5 and 10, Roses' 5 and 10, a devoted husband and father, one

G and H Supply Ce., Wholesale who set an humble yet worthy example ofr others to follow in Those purchasing \$5 TB bonds the walk through life. His gen-

include: Pioneer Shoppe, Alpha uine handshake and his ready Cleaners, Proctor Shoppe, Peele's smile endeared everyone to him. Louisiana upon his return to his His life was one well lived in the

(Continued on page eight) service and devotion of his family, his friends and his community. **Local Lions To** Mr. Ayers was a prominent leader in the John Walton Hassell Aid Blind Man Post of the American Legion for years, and was a Mason.

Surviving are his widow, the The local Lions voted unaniformer Miss Kate McLean of mously to aid one of the county's Moore County; one son, James H. (Continued on page eight)

ing. After Lion H. P. Mobley, who investigated the plight of this person, had presented the circum- School Choirs To stances, the members approved **Present** Cantata the purchase of bed springs, bed clothing, an oven and a few other

items. One member of the club con-The Williamston High School tributed a suit of clothes, another Junior and Senior choirs of 50 a battery radio, another batteries voices, directed by Mrs. Beecher for the radio, and several mem- Patterson, will present the Christbers contributed personal items. mas cantata "Chimes of the Holy Lion Mebley pointed out that Night," in the High School audithe recipient of these gifts lives torium on Thursday evening at 9 in a one-room house, itecated in a welcek. gemote section of the county. He The program will begin with a lives alone, and has to walk short community sing of Christeight-tenths of a mile for each of mas carols and the public is corhis three daily meals, provided dially invited to attend. There the road is passable. The man is will be a silver offering to help also deaf, and has no immediate defray expenses of music. The relatives. It is hoped that this ac- music department hopes to buy tion of the Lions Club will help vestments for the choirs. Any conto brighten the Christmas season, tributions will be greatly apprefor at least one person.

ciated.

tion center at noon today, and is **Christmas** Tree lying in state at the home of the young man's mother until tomor-**Fire Thursday** row afteroon. It was accompanied Pfc. Gardner was the son of

the religious and civic betterment Mrs. Emma Davis Gardner and Starting at the base of a Christ-Purchasers of \$10 bonds, in- of his community and county, his the late Lloyd Gardner. He was mas tree apparently from a short circuit, fire did right much damage in the home of Mr. and Mrs. farm until he entered the service Rupert Cowan here on East Main on December 1, 1942. Assigned prise, Brown's Communty Hos- were not in line of battle, his work to the medical corps he received Street last Thursday afternoon at as a member of the board placed his basic training at Camp Van 5:00 e'clock.

Catching the cotton snow at the further training at camps in Texas and Louisiana before sailing for the European theater the last day the spruce tree needles bursting Nativity scene Saturday night at of September, 1944. About ten and throwing fire to all corners of 10:15. The scene is again located weeks later he was reported miss- the living room and firing window on the lawn of the First Presbying a later message stating that curtains and furniture. Mrs. Cowhe had been killed while driving an tried to smother the fire with a

an ambulance during the memorable Battle of the Bulge. The young man was popular in volunteer firemen reached the his home community where h scene in a very short time and was a member of the Poplar Chapel church for a number of years.

He had planned to marry in chair and a few other articles native land. were carried from the house.

Surviving are his mother; five brothers, Enoch, Willie Mayo, Herbert, Arthur and Stephen Earl were badly smoked. A complete Gardner, all of the Jamesville estimate on the loss could not be community; four sisters, Mrs. learned immediately, but the da-L. F. Lane of Rocky Mount, Mrs. mage will approximate \$500, in-Marion Barber of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Charles Sexton and Miss Effie Gardner, both of Jamesville. der the tree just a short time be-The young man's body was the fore the fire. third of a Martin County man to

be returned to this country from ment in wiring and decorating the overseas following World War II tree, but possibly the insulation

DECORATIONS

Indications are that holiday decorations will be advanced on a larger scale this year than in any period since before the war.

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Jaycees Complete Nativity Scene

After a week of hard work, interrupted by rains, the Jaycees tree base, the fire spread rapidly, completed the re-erection of the terian Church here.

The manger part of this year's scene is better constructed than blanket, but the fire went rapidly the one last year, and closely reut the tree. Answering the call, sembles the original one erected by the memoers or the local POW camp two years ago. The life-size with the small booster hose pour- figures are still in good condition, ed about five gallons of water to and the scene should attract conknock the fire out. A burning siderable attention this season.

Among the members of the Jaycees working on this project were James Bullock, Jack Edmondson, ed it was blistered and two rooms Bernard Harrison, Carroll Coltrain, J. C. White, Oswald Stalls, Exum L. Ward, Jr., Edgar Gurganus, John Hatton Gurganus, Robert Cowen, Thad Harrison, cluding \$200 worth of Christmas James Wynne, Wheeler Manning, presents that had been placed un- Worth Mobley, T. F. Davenport, Flip Peele, Carroll Jones and Cap York. Only about a third of the members participated.

MEETING

Firemen were called out at 9:50 Anticipating a sharp reduc-Sunday evening when a chimney tion in tobacco acreage and in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. possibly a curtailment in pea-J. Miller, Jr., on Halifax Street nut plantings, State and local burned out. Most of the house farm leaders are meeting with was filled with smoke, but no farmers and business operatgreat damage resulted, one report orts in the Martin County courthouse on Friday evening of this week at 7:00 o'clock to discuss the situation.

Dean I. O. Schaub and John W. Goodman, assistant director of the State Extension Service, are slated to address the group and discuss plans for meeting the drastic change in the 1947 farm program. The public is invited and all farmers are urged to attend.

Following the installation of Christmas lights on the streets and the Nativity scene on the Presbyterian church lot last week, local people started decorating their homes and yards for the holiday season. Quite a few outside lights were placed Saturday, and a large number of inside trees are now shedding cheery light through windows.