OVER 3,000 MARTIN COUNTY

Several Highway Accidents In The County Last Week

Several Persons Injured But Not Critically In Three Wrecks

highways of this county during stated that quite a few persons the main traffic lanes. the holiday season. Property were victims of illnesses, mostly damage amounted to several hun-

The first in the series of acci- them proved serious. dents was reported Christmas morning about 11 o'clock when a laundry truck driven by Benjamin Whitehurst of Williamston a short distance east of Everetts. The driver and his wife suffered painful but not serious injuries, and Cpl. T. Fearing, investigating the accident, stated that damage to the truck would hardly amount to \$50. The victims were given medical treatment and were able to continue to their home a short time later.

Early in the evening of the 26th, a jeep, driven by John Hadley, and a Ford coupe, driven by Frank Saunders Weaver, crashed at the Sycamore-Washington Street intersection, but no one was hurt. Little damage was done to the jeep while repairs to the Ford will run around \$100, according to Officer Chas, Moore, investigating the accident.

Last Saturday at 4:30 o'clock, Mrs. Chas. Lee Beach was seriously hurt when the car in which she was riding figured in an accident at Corey's Cross Roads on Wallace To Run U. S. Highway 17. Said to have suffered a brain concussion and to have lapsed into semi-consciousness, she was removed to Brown's Community Hospital where late reports described her condition as improved. Her husband suffered painful knee injuries, but he was able to continue after receiving

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Three Fire Calls

Three cails were received by the Williamston Volunteer Fire Department the past week, but nonof the fires proved serious.

Minor damage was done shortly before 9:00 o'clock Christmas Eve when mantle decorations caught fire in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ward on North Pearl Street. The second call came from the

apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Val Teel on West Main Street about 9:45 o'clock Saturday night when an oil stove went out of ocntrol and smoked up the kitchen.

Sunday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock a roof fire threatened a small home on Perry Street near Sunny Side Market, doing very little damage.

There were two other calls few days earlier, but damage was very limited.

New York Neighbors

Living in New York in the same apartment house, their identity ministration repudiate universal known to each other, two neighbors met in an automobile collis- the Wall Street-military team that ion in this section shortly after is leading us toward war.' noon on Christmas day, Patrolman W. E. Saunders said.

Morris Rosenburg, 77-35 113th and riding in the cars figuring in of the American people. the accident, the patrolman said. No one was hurt and damage to high command have been well the cars was said to have been known.

SHORT

The annual sale of TB Christmas seals was said to be considerably below its goal in this county, Chairman Chas. Manning said today. He explained, however, that those districts submitting reports had gone over the top, that if the unreported districts come up to expectations the drive will reach and possibly ex-

ceed the goal. "It isn't too late to answer the direct mail appeal urging the purchase of the seals," the

the holiday season without seri- liamston. ous incident. There were several Reports state that a limited minor highway accidents, but the number of people in the rural season was not marred by hunt- communities bursted a few of the

colds and influenza.

years, fireworks were just about of the Advent, the only one schednon-existent during the Christ- uled here during the holiday seasmas season. There were a few cap on, were well attended by represkidded and went off the highway pistol reports heard, but bursting sentatives of all denominations pop crackers were limited to less late Christmas Eve.

ing or fireworks accidents. A "baby wakers" and fired a few Several persons were injured, few homes were saddened during charges of dynamite. Even in automobile-truck accidents on the from natural causes, and reports fired in wooded areas or well of Christmas parties were fairly

numerous and most enjoyable, but A few fires were reported dur- activities were limited Christmas period ended September 30, 1946. ing the holiday period, but none of day to some extent by sleet and a to \$161,769.25 in the third quarter driving rain.

Died At Home In

County On Friday

Bear Grass Township

For G. A. Harrison

Giddie Ann Harrison, well-

HEADIN' SOUTH

Breaking out of the grip of New York's record snowstorm of last week-end, Northerners are now headin' south on U. S. Highway 17 in almost record numbers. No actual count has been made, but at one time late Monday half the cars moving over the river bridge here were tourists seeking a warmer climate.

Leaving New York, one motorist said he was caught in the storm in New Jersey, that he spent twenty-five hours in his car when it got stalled in deep snow.

For Presidency

night, Henry A. Wallace, former or until failing health forced his fund, and \$12,000 in surplus. member of the cabinet and one- retirement. He was a member of To carry on the business during pendent or third party ticket. His ed, will be a "people's-peace" and Whichard and she survives with \$6,258.98.

date's speech, follow:

sanatorium

Needy In County

By H. M. Ainsley, Secretary

Oak City Ruritan Club

civic organization bringing to-

gether farmers and business and

country and small towns. Its ob-

jectives begin in Fellowship and

Goodwill and end with Service.

Its general purpose is to make the

community a better place in which

to live it works through existing

agencies and by inspiring indi-

The motto, "Love for your fel-

low man and a little hard but ef-

fective work." Some encouraging

talks at the December meeting of

the Ruritan Club brought the

Goodwill idea before the club. A

committee was named and a sug-

gested idea that Fellowship boxes

be placed in the stores of Oak

containers for cash donations

Man always needs a challenge

to guide him to his highest per-

the afternoon of December 24th

when several Ruritan cars distrib-

to six families in the Oak City

Community and five families in

the Hamilton area and three fami-

placed in public places.

viduals to higher effort.

The Oal; City Ruritan Club is a

"Everywhere in the United States today, among farmers, ed at the home Saturday after- ersonville, \$916.96; town of Oak workers, small business men and noon at 2:30 o'clock by his pastor, City, \$421.87; town of Jamesville, professional men and women, I find confusion, uncertainty and fear. The people do not ask, 'Will ers. Interment was in the Harri- third quarters, 1946 and 1947, ed outright. An unidentified baby there be another war?' - but 'when will the war come?'

"Everywhere I find that people are spending so much for food and Ruritans Give To rent that they cannot afford their customary services from the doctor and dentist. They do not ask 'Will there be another depression?'-but 'when will the depres-

"Peace and abundance mean so much to me that I have said at a dozen press conferences and in many speeches when asked about professional men who live in the a third party, 'if the Democratic party continues to be a party of war and depression, I will see to it that the people have a chance to vote for peace and prosperity.' To those who have come to me asking In Wreck Christmas the conditions of my adherence to he present Democratic administration, I have said, 'Let the admilitary training and rid itself of

"I have insisted that the Democratic administration curb the ever-growing power and profits of Street, and Bernhard H. Frank, monopoly and take concrete steps of the same address, were driving to preserve the living standards City, Hamilton and Hassell and

"My terms to the Democratic

"By their actions and finally by their words, they have said: 'Henry Wallace, we welcome your support but we will not change our

Wallace resigned from the commerce secretaryship in a row with President Truman.

Announce Birth And Death Of Infant Son

en Christmas morning.

in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Sales In Third Quarter Are \$19,610.90 Less Than One Year Ago

sales recorded during the war was unquestionably checked during the third quarter of this year when gross revenue tumbled from \$181,389.15 for the three-month of this year. For six years, liquor For the first time in years and Religious services in the Church sales in the third quarter had shot upward, jumping from \$27,561.82 in the third quarter of 1940 to \$181.380.15 in the corresponding period of 1946. Influenced principally by economic factors, sales last querter were \$19,610.90 less than they were in the months of Prominent Farmer than they were in the months of July, August and September of

> While the sales were far from the \$279,578.90 record figure es-Funeral Held Saturday In of this year when an income of to boost the gruesome figures. \$157,994.75 was reported.

Almost without exception succeeding sales since 1940 have been larger and larger, but a downward known Martin County farmer died trend is now much in evidence in at his home in Bear Grass Township last Friday morning at 1:40 this county.

Net profits tumbled from \$41,o'clock. He suffered a stroke of paralysis four years ago but he was getting along fairly well until to \$33,562.99 last quarter,

about three weeks ago when he At the end of last September the suffered a second attack. Com- ABC board had assets in the and Michigan had 15 violent amount of \$119,577.07, including deaths each on Christmas day. plications resulted, causing his \$70,191.93 in cash, \$49,371.49 in in-The son of the late Reuben and ventories. Labilities were listed, Mary Ann Bullock Harrison, he \$17,705.07 in accounts payable, was born in this county 54 years | \$67,602.59 in amounts due the ago on July 12, 1893. He lived and county and towns as profits, \$22,-In a Chicago speech Monday farmed all his life in Bear Grass 369.41 in the law enforcement

time vice president, said he would the Rose of Sharon Free Will Bap- the quarter, the board paid the seek the Presidency on an inde- tist Church for a number of years. distillers \$122,204.18, leaving a When a young man Mr. Harri- gross profit of \$39,565.07. Total Gardnerville. main platform planks, he declar- son was married to Miss Irene operating expenses amounted to

> enforcement, \$990.63; town of Wil- against it. Funeral services were conduct- liamston, \$2,186.76; town of Rob-Rev. Charles Hamilton of Foun- \$238.80.

son family cemetery, near the follows, by stores:

recently to the real of	NAME OF STREET	
	1946	1947
Williamston	\$21,899.00	\$19,078.92
R'ville	11,107.99	8,274.28
Oak City	4,557.47	3,887.41
Jamesville .	3,736.95	2,322.38

\$41,301.41 \$33,562.99 Totals sales for the two quar-(Continued on page eight)

Funeral Held For Alonzo Gurganus

Funeral services were conducted in the Riddick Street Primitive Baptist Church here last Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock for Alonzo Gurganus, respected colored citizen who died at his home on North Biggs Street here Saturday afternoon at 5:45 o'clock, December 20. His pastor, Rev. H. K. Hembry, officiated and burial was in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

The deceased had been an invalid for several years, retiring from active work some time before he was stricken.

Surviving are his widow, Emma Gurganus; a daughter, Matilda Moore; a son, Johnson H. Gurganus of Keyster, West Virginia; a sister, Dora Guyther of New pormance. This was achieved on York; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

uted boxes of groceries and fruit Local Pupils Take Experimental Tests

The pupils of the seventh and These boxes averaged from \$10 to School recently took the experithe Spring Green Community of the Ruritans are truly grateful nation. Test materials were re- rather gloomy.

their contribution to the project. members.

County Observes Christmas Total of \$3,866,726 Unable To Raise Without Serious Incident Spent For Liquor Since July in 1935 Package Company of Delaware Remains In Jai

Half A Thousand The startling increase in liquor Persons Killed In none believed critically, in three the period by deaths resulting those areas, the fireworks were years and in the postwar period automobile-truck accidents on the from natural causes, and reports fired in wooded areas or well of was unquestionably checked dura-

Nearly Three Hundred Lost Lives On Christmas Day In Nation

Over five hundred persons lost their lives in the nation during the Christmas holidays under tragic circumstances, 282 of them dying violently on Christmas day. Traffic accidents alone accounted for nearly 200 dead, fire coming next to claim a shocking number of lives.

During the thirty-six hours ending at 6:00 o'clock last Friday morning, violent deaths were retablished in the fourth quarter of ported at the rate of almost eight last year, they were little larger an hour or about one every eight than those in the second quarter minutes. Late reports are certain

North Carolina one of the smaller states, reported 21 accidental deaths. Celifornia led with 32 dead, but a hotel fire in which seven died boosted the Texas toll the legal sale of hard liquors in to 22 for second place. Pennsylvania reported 17. New York had only 16, but the loss of life trace-301.41 in the third quarter of 1946 able to the record snow storm of 25.8 inches was not included in

> Reports intimated that the death toll would be pushed near a record high and possibly beyond for the holiday season when the snow storm death is determined. Nevada's ordinarily low death

total was lifted to ten by a fire which wiped out that many Indians in a gambling hall on the Dresslerville reservation near

The fire reportedly followed a drunken brawl between Greely economic and social rights for the a daughter, Mrs. Lee Savage and The profits pie for the quarter Jim, the Indian who ran the rea son, C. B. Harrison, both of this was cut, as follows: Martin Coun- sort, and a patron. During the common man."

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> the roof. Five members of his family died in the resulting flash fire. Three patrons of the gambtain, assisted by Elder A. B. Ay- A comparison of profits for the ling establishment also were killalso was found dead in the wrecked building. The 10th victim died later at a hospital where he had (Continued on page eight)

Christmas Party Staged By Jaycees

The third annual Christmas Party for underprivileged children, sponsored by the local Jay- Experiments in cotton have shown cees, was held at the Woman's Club Monday night, December 22. cotton yields. Several insecticides, This party was termed the most mainly DDT and benzene hexasuccessful one held to date, and afforded about 45 of the county

The Jaycees provided transporentertainment for the youngsters. Each child present received at least one nice toy, and several ed a nice archery set, the latter the courtesy of Eagles Store here.

With Jaycee Edgar J. Gurganus serving as master of ceremonies, the guests were entertained for about an hour with group singing, County Schools piano music, solos, and various games and contests. Jaycee Gurganus was aided by Miss Alberta Swain, Mrs. James Ward, members of the Baptist Junior Choir, and other Jaycees.

Jaycee Santa Claus appeared to reopen on Thursday of this week blind or visually handicapped. distribute gifts and confections to at the usual hour. the guests. It was certainly an A fuel shortage, it was thought year that the Lions have carried; lies in the Hassell community, eighth grades in Williamston inspiration to witness the counter- at one time would possibly delay out this program. This year the ances of the little people who the opening of some of the schools, club spent approximately \$225.00 \$15 each, depending on the size of mental series of the Pribble-Dall- were so well entertained by the but a supply was made available for the cause, which covered areas the family. These gifts brought mann English tests. These tests Jaycees, and without the latter during the holidays and every- of five of the townships in the happiness and cheer and in some were given in a widely distributed group's action, Christmas for most thing is set for the reopening. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Wynne of cases tears of gratitude for which list of selected schools over the of the guests would have been

this county announce the birth that some one was made happy on turned to the authors who will use The Jaycees are grateful to all open the Jamesville and Everetts Clyde Manning served as coand death of a son in the hospital Christmas eve. What has not been the results to standardize the the local people who contributed colored schools in their new build- chairman of the committee, and accomplished in the year 1947 will tests. When the national stand- old toys for this program. This ings on Thursday of this week, they were assisted on Christmas Funeral services were held in not discourage the men of Ruri- ardization is made, school offic- year's party was handled by Jay- but the temporary buildings will morning by Lions H. P. Mobley, the Biggs Funeral Home here Fri- tan faith. Rather it will furnish lals will receive the tentative cees T. F. Davenport, Carroll be used until possibly some time W. M. Baker, D. V. Clayton, Ira day afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by greater incentive, to higher ac- norms which will show the rank- Jones and Jesse W. Sumner, with next week when it is fairly cer- Harrison, J. D. Page, Henry Harrison Rev. John L. Goff. Interment was complishments during the year ing of Williamston pupils and the assistance of several other tain that the buildings can be son, Geo. H. Gurganus, John H.

HOLIDAY

Hardly recovered from the two-day Christmas observance last Thursday and Friday with a rest day coming in between on Sunday, this community will observe Thursday of this week (New Year's Day) as a general holiday. In accordance with an agreement reached by merchants and other local business leaders it was decided to observe the day as a general holiday along with the nation.

There will be no mail deliveries and offices, stores and most all other places, except the schools, will be closed.

Annual Research Report Is Ready

About Latest Developments In Farming

North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station's 69th Annual the list of known dead. Illinois Report, is now ready for distribu- about every known veneer con- he admitted raiding the David tion to residents of the State who tainer, and it has the reputation Gurganus pen. request it, says Dr. L. D. Baver, of making the best quality prodirector of the Station.

Bound in an attractive buff and proven value of winter cover

The booklet is almost twice as large as previous annual reports, mainly because of its wide use of sumed. pictures and charts. The page

Typical of the information conis the report on the sweet potato vine-row harvester. This machine was developed last year by the agricultural engineering department in answer to requests for some means to gather and preserve sweet potato vines-a valuable livestock feed.

In the field crops sections, agronomists report that the demand for hybrid corn seed is still ahead of the supply Farmers should refrain from using seed they might save from a hybrid crop. Second generation hybrids have proved inferior. Seed stocks should be increased by using more fertilizer and thicker planting. that winter cover crops increase

chloride, have been found effective when used against the two less fortunate a real Christmas main cotton pests, the boll weevil and the boll worm.

Research into small fruits protation to and from the party and duction problems have centered around the effect of various minerals on plant health. Strawberholders of lucky numbers receiv- genese and zinc. Mangenese may Christmas morning. Beginning at troubles, the horticulture special-

Reopen Thursday

Closed for the Christmas holidays since December 19, all the

Last-minute difficulties have | Williamston been encountered in the plans to Lions K. P. Lindsley and W made ready for use.

New Owners Are Making Plans To Enlarge Factory

Operations Will Be Resumed At Plant As Quickly As Possible

The Williamston Package Manution was not disclosed. Representatives of the new own-

statement, but it was learned that fifty hogs. out, could be expected to prove a stolen. dutes," Mr Levin said.

it could not be learned just when he admitted it. work in the plant would be re-

and its operations are certain to decrees any connection with them.

it is in the market for more timber in this section.

Establishing the business, the first of its kind to be introduced in this immediate section in 1940, Messrs. David and Samuel Goldman and M. M. Levin, operated was purchased by Messrs. G. H. Harrison, N. C. Green and J. S. Whitley. The new owners developed the plant into one of the

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Lions Provide Christmas Cheer

The Christmas Cheer Commitee of the local Lions Club carried City. happiness into approximately 65 Martin County homes when they braved the cold rain and sleet to ries have been found to need man- deliver that many packages be the answer to muscadine grape nine-thirty, the committee workthe Christmas spirit of giving to the less fortunate.

Bags, containing fruit, nuts, foodstuffs and bed clothing, were given to about five dozen families or individuals and in every case, the recipients were very grateful at being remembered at Christmas time. The bags were delivered to poor and needy persons, and Following the entertainment, a county schools are scheduled to in some cases the people were

This year marked the sixth county, within a 10-mile radius of

Edwards and Roy L. Ward.

Bond. Hog Thief Remains In Jail

Whit Salsbury Admits Four Of Numerous Thefts In The County

Unable to raise bond in the sum of \$800, Whit Salsbury, 34-yearold colored man, continues in the Martin County jail, his trial to be held at the March term of the superior court

Conducting a series of hog thefts that baffled officers for several months, Salsbury would adacturing Company plant, its good mit only one theft when he was will and all holdings exclusive of given a preliminary hearing betimber rights were sold to the fore Justice R. T. Johnson in the Marvil Package Company, a Dela- county court room last week. The ware concern, last Tuesday. An evidence was so "hot" in the Monoption had been held on the prop- roe Taylor hog theft of the Frierty for several weeks, but the day night before that Salsbury, a transfer was not effected until De- former Martin County man, concember 23. The price considera- fessed that crime. But he insisted he had not part in the numerous other cases in which Martin Couners could not be reached for a ty farmers lost possibly forty or

the purchasing company planned | Confronted in jail by Farmer extensive improvements to the Bill Abbitt a short time later, For Distribution plant, that the factory would be Salsbury admitted stealing hogs enlarged and production stepped from his pen. But the confession up. Headed by Mr. Ray E. Ham- came only after Farmer Abbitt Booklet Contains Facts mil, president, and Mr. Ed Sene- had told about seeing the old cal, superintendent, the new com- model Plymouth parked near the pany, Mr. M. M. Levin pointed pen from which several hogs were

"Research and Farming," the big asset to this community. "The Finding an old butcher knife, firm, operating plants in Laurel, presumably lost by Salsbury, of-Delaware, Suffolk, Virginia, and ficers told Salsbury about taking Sharptown Maryland, make just finger prints off the handle and

When Farmer Reuben Everett's As far as it could be learned carrying two loving couples, was chocolate brown cover, the report the personnel of the old plant will parked nearby. Officers, advised contains 140 pages of information be retained. Representatives of that the car had been seen by concerning the most recent find- the Marvil Company came here others, advanced the belief that igs of the Experiment Station. this week from Boston to make a Salsbury had seen it too. They Subject matter ranges from pre- detailed study and survey of the told Salsbury that the occupants venting tobacco barn fires to the plant, preparatory to advancing of the car had his number, and an expansion program and start- fairly well convinced that the law ng manufacturing operations, but had the goods on him in that case

> So far officers have been unable to place Salsbury at any of The company, one of the oldest the other pens where hogs were of its kind in the country, will em- stolen more or less regularly

> prove a decided asset to the eco- Sheriff Roebuck, extending the The firm has extensive timber sible angle of every one of the holdings in this section and while thefts, declares he is convinced it did not acquire the timber that Salsbury handled all the rights of the old Williamston thefts, that he worked alone. It is Package Manufacturing Company fairly apparent that Salsbury's father, Henry, knew about the thefts, that the father helped his son clean and dress the hogs in the kitchen of their home near Bethel in Pitt County. It could not be learned immediately if Salsbury and his wife, Mary, arthe plant until April, 1941, when it rested and jailed in Pitt County. would be charged by Pitt officers with aiding and abetting in the

Colored Man Shot Resisting Arrest

Thurman Spruill, young colored was shot in the leg and painfully but not badly hurt Christmas day when he assaulted his wife and resisted arrest in Oak

Deserting his family some time ago, Spruill returned home and assaulted his wife with a butcher knife. Officer Edmond Early was called and he went to the home after a warrant had been issued. ed until beyond noon to carry out In the performance of his duty and to protect himself, the officer was forced to shoot Spruill in the

Spruill was removed to a Washington hospital where his condition improved rapidly. He was returned to this county Monday and placed in jail to await trial.

FEW ARRESTS

Comparatively few arrests were made in this county during the holiday season. According to a report found in the sheriff's office only seven persons were placed in the county jail during the period, two of them going there on Christmas day.

One was detained for drunken driving, and two each for non-support, assault and public drunkenness. Six were colored violators, and the ages of the group ranged from 27 to 52 years.