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### **Windsor Officers** Deny Charges By Auto Speedsters

#### Patrol Officer Says Speedsters Are Not Being Mistreated

Apparently harboring the idea they are at liberty to literally fly through North Carolina, some courts for speeding up to ninety miles an hour.

went to the highway association apparently to bring pressure against enforcement officers and production the courts.

The whole matter came to light in the Windsor Ledger-Advance:

Acting on a letter received here Thursday morning from W. T. Schwartz, secretary-treasurer of the Ocean Highway Association, officers and directors of the Windsor Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce, Mayor W S. Pritchard, Sgt. A. W. Welch of the State Highway Patrol and town and county officials met here Thursday afternoon to discuss Schwartz's charges that mot Patrol Head Says Redouble orists have complained of "unjust treatment" after having been arrested for traffic violations near Windsor.

The letter from the Ocean Highway secretary hazily mentioned several complaints his office had received and requested that some action be taken by officers of the Windsor Chamber of Commerce. No specific instances of unfair treatment were mentioned.

Following a general discussion of the matter among those present speeding. Mrs. R. C. White, Windsor secretary, was authorized to answer Schwartz's letter and to inform him that any specific charges would be investigated and also H. J. Hatcher had ordered the ofuse the "Ocean Highway" US 17 was learned this morning.

Sergeant Welch told the group making it a policy to "pick on" out-of-state cars on any highways, but is obeying orders to arrest all violators. He said the percentage of arrests made in his district is dered. not as high in U. S. 17 as it is on other highways in the area.

Lacy M. Early, Windsor magistrat, said he has handled a large number of cases of traffic violators and said they have all been treated courteously. He said the largest number of them object to having to post cash bonds for appearance before the semi-monthly recorder's court, but it was pointed out that the North Carolina law does not give a magistrate the jurisdiction of trying traffic cases.

It was also pointed out that similar letters have been received in a number of towns along US 17, and some of those present at the meeting said they felt it was a form of "pressure letter" to ask the officers to "lay off" the tourists who disregard speed laws in

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# Siren Freezes

Williamston kept its fires almost a secret over the week-end while the general alarm system was out of order. Only a few fire-

period. siren and welded the blades, causing it to stick. When fire started the deadline for receiving the re- and turned over, coming to a stop in the McLawhorn home on Hali- ports. fax Street, firemen pushed the siren switch, but there was no rereturned to use Wednesday.

## To Hold Special School For Take First X-ray Farmers of Martin County

County farmers and others inter- that topic. S. H. Dobson will ested in agriculture and agricultural problems will be held in the courthouse on February 5 and 6, value compared with other crops it was announced by Agent Tom and how it can be fitted into the Brandon a few days ago.

northern tourists are up in arms, College's Extension Service will for the first of the two-day school so to speak, because they have conduct the classes and lead dis- which runs from 9:30 until 4:00 been called to answer in the cussions The school offers a o'clock each day. wonderful opportunity to farmers Some travelers, even admitting farm methods, use of poisons in Bennett, the home garden by H. they had violated the speed law, controlling insects and other time- H. Harris, insects by James T.

and other details. A. C. Kimrey by Professor Conner. a short time ago, and is reviewed will discuss the family milk supin the following story appearing ply. Another timely topic centers ed authorities to this county and around swipe production, a busi- it is hoped that hundreds of farmness that is gradually claiming ers will make their plans to at more and more attention in this tend.

A special school for Martin | county. Jack Kelly will discuss have pastures as his subject. He'll ture in the farm program, its

Discussion topics or the second Conner, Jr. and diseases by H. R. E. R. Collins will discuss corn Garriss. It is reported that new reviewing yields, insect poisons have been developtypes of seed, cultivation methods ed, and their use will be explained age

The school is bringing recogniz

## Order Patrolmen To Enforce Speed Law on Highways

#### Efforts To Make Roads Safe In This State

The speed laws of this State are to be enforced despite protests lodged with highway associations and others against arrests by northern motorists. According to a story in the Washington Daily News, patrolmen have been ordered "to continue to 'bear down and redouble' their efforts in curbing

The story continues:

In a letter addressed to all sergeants, Capt. Lester Jones, of the Highway Patrol, advised that Col.

wise you to continue to bear down. The response to direct mail apand redouble your efforts in or- peals, while encouraging, has hours of 11 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. der to make this the safest year been limited, the chairman exin the history of North Carolina," plaining that less than 150 of the the units moves into Roberson- mainder of the week Col. Hatcher is said to have or- 442 receiving the mail appeals had ville where it will be operated

rests were launched with the Eliz- some of the contributions ranging unit will be at Corey's Cross abeth City Chamber of Com- up to \$50. merce, according to press dispatches, pointing out that most that in most instances, the chiloffenders were picked up in the dren and young folks have taken Washington and Windsor areas.

Washington area, practically all tween \$1,500 and \$1,800. Coin colof them on U. S. Highway 17, lectors, located in fifty places of The greater part of the offenders business throughout the county are persons traveling along the are receiving a liberal patronage highway from northern states to in quite a few establishments, Florida and other southern points, preliminary reports state.

of the state and a large number is to meet with success. have been caught making up to as much as 85 or 90 miles an hour. Accident Traced even outdistanced the Highway Patrolmen and were stopped only after radio contact with other officers along the highway.

## And Burns Out Farmers Asked To Report Practices

Saturday morning blew into the as soon as possible, Clerk T. B. car and met another one. He ap- of this week,

were handled by Martin farmers timated at \$175 by Patrolman R. contributions by church goers. sponse. Double fuses failed to last fall on account of unfavorable P. Narron who investigated the protect the motor, and the juice weather conditions. However, accident with Patrolman B. W. pounds of used clothing and other and clothing stores have been soliflowing to the stuck motor caused they plowed under a considerable Parker. it to catch on fire. Returning from cover crop acreage last spring for Several cars, driven by tourists, of the county Sunday when the for articles, the chairman stating ed a Norfolk Southern passenger Miss Peel will visit Mr. and Mrs. ly battered. Damage to both cars the call, firemen investigated and which they will receive approxi- passed through here over the Boy Scouts assisted by members that quite a liberal contribution bus at the terminal on Main Street X. T. Peel, and Mrs. Gurganus was estimated at \$200 by Patrolfound smoke pouring from the si- mately \$19,000. It is estimated week-end with bodies battered of the Lions Club, made a house- would be made later this week by here last Sunday night at 10:00 will visit her daughter in Cali- man W. E. Saunders who made rent motor, but it was too late to that the soil building practice and bent as if they had been in to-house canvass here. save the wiring. Removed from handled last year will place be- wrecks. its perch yesterday morning the tween \$35,060 and \$40,000 in the At least four deaths in this State had early this week from the with Friendship," the drive has a tinguishers, put the fire out quick- Okinawa, but her trip was delay-left turn. Nackham said he siren is being repaired and will be pockets of farmers during the are traceable to the slippery high- drive in other sections of the goal of 26,000 pounds of clothing ly and before it could reach the ed when Sgt. Sluder was transfer- not see it. The two drivers next few months.

### be in a position to discus- the pasfarm plan since much acreage is Armed with facts rather than going out of tobacco production. theory, specialists from State These topics will be on the agenda

#### TAX LISTING

Tax listing time is rapidly drawing to a close, but reports indicate that hundreds of owners have not yet listed their holdings. Listings handled after Saturday of this week are subject to penalty, it has been pointed out.

No definite value trend has yet been established, preliminary reports indicating that some districts are almost certain to come through with gains while others are expected to hold their own, at least.

# March Of Dimes

No complete report is available

replied. The average donation Complaints of numerous ar- made by mail was close to \$5, through February 7. A second

Reports from the schools state more interest in the drive this A large number of arrests have year than in any previous period been made for speeding in the and they are expected to raise be-

Those persons receiving direc Local Highway Patrolmen said mail appeals are again reminded that many of the motorists have that a greater response on their little regard for the speed limits part will be necessary if the drive

# To Slick Roads

Although traffic hazards were aggravated, only one highway accident was traceable to slippery highways in this county over the week-end.

Comparatively few practices hurt. Damage to the car was es- pupils, followed by additional building on Main Street.

# Pictures In Mass TB Survey Today

#### Mobile Equipment for Mak- Boiler Trouble Closes The ing Survey Reached the **County Late Monday**

A county-wide TB survey was launched this morning when the pectations, all Martin County first X-ray pictures were made at schools opened on schedule Mon-Farm Life, Everetts and Williams- day morning, reports from the ofton, preliminary reports stating fice of the superintendent stating that the survey, recognized as one that attendance figures were runof the most advanced steps ever ning fairly close to normal in most who would benefit from practical day include, Tobacco by R. R. take in the name of public health of the schools. While chances for in this county, was off to a splen- a holiday early this week were did start. The weather was not the thwarted, it is still not too late for best and road conditions were a general shut down of the schools bad, but despite the handicaps the sometime this week, school authsurvey received a liberal patron- orities admitted. If road condi-

were handled, Dr. John W. Wil- conditions will determine the liams, county health officer, stat- schedule. ing that minor changes were made in the hours. The schedule, other- schools would not be opened Monwise, remains unchanged.

of the mobile units will be sta- ties rode the bus routes late Suntioned in front of Clark's Phar- day and came to the conclusion macy on Williamston's main street that the roads would be in better for the duration of the survey condition the early part of the Educator Speaks which is to be concluded on Sat- week than they would possibly be urday, February 14. X-rays are to later in the week. be made after tomorrow from 9:00 All but three of the busses in o'clock a. m. until 6:00 p. m. each the county moved according to the mobile units are to make a one bus serving the Everetts and State superintendent of pub- North Carolina Legislature: one-day stop, X-rays are to be school and on another serving the lic instruction, will address a made between the hours of 11:00 Williamston school. No report meeting of the Martin County a. m. and 4:00 p. m., the officials could be had from the third bus Parent-Teacher Council in the the rising cost of living: explaining that some little time is serving the Oak City school. required to set up and take down Attendance ranged 90 percent day evening of this week at 8:00 the equipment and connect and or better in all the schools except o'clock. Mr. Erwin's address topic Carolina Education Association disconnect the power lines.

of Williamston tomorrow, one at reports. Cross Roads, roads and weather Boiler trouble at Bear Grass tion. He will be introduced by the North Carolina Legislature to Going Forward conditions permitting, and the forced the school there to close County Superintendent of Schools other at Bear Grass between the last week, and efforts are being hours of 11 a. m. and 4:00 p. m.

at this time, but Chairman L. B. will be three units in operation in day of this week. There is some of Williamston is secretary of the advising him that motorists who ficers to continue their work, it Wynne said yesterday that the an- addition to the one here. One will doubt if a new boiler can be in- Council. nual drive for the infantile par- be in Parmele, another at J. Eason stalled in time to reopen the

will handle X-rays between the slight gains in attendance over

each week day except Monday Roads and another unit will make a one-day stop at Edward's store in Poplar Point Township on the

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Mr. Wm. J. Hodges Improving In Hospital

Taken suddenly ill at his home here on North Haughton Street late Sunday afternoon, Mr. W. J. Hodges was removed in a Biggs ambulance to the local hospital for treatment ... With a condition was reported much improved this morning.

His son, State Fire Insurance Commissioner Bill Hodges, of Raleigh, is with him for a day or two.

# Most Schools In County Reported

#### **Bear Grass School For** Several Days

Contrary to many pupils' extions become much worse, the The equipment for making the busses will not be able to travel X-rays was moved into the county them, and a holiday will follow. on large trucks yesterday after- no doubt. However, no action has noon, and all last-minute details been taken, and weather and road

It was rumored Sunday that the day, but the rumor proved On Wednesday of this week one groundless when school authori-

week day except Monday. Where schedule. Batteries went dead on

made to have the cracked plant On Thursday, January 29, there replaced by Wednesday or Thurs- is president and Mrs. Jos. Griffin

#### WEATHER

Ole Man Weather tightened his wintry grip on this section last Saturday morning when he spilled snow, rain and sleet and sent the mercury bouncing down into the middle teens. It was the first time in a long time that the earth in this immediate section had been blanketed with a white cover.

Traffic continued to move in this area, but bus schedules Tage Cancelled sure of Tage boro early Saturday morning until late Sunday afternoon. And the weather man is promising more snow, sleet

### Fair Collection of Clothing Reported Here For Europe Hampered by unfavorable schools and Robersonville Rotary

weather, the drive to collect used club behind the movement it is clothing for the needy in foreign certain that thousands of pounds Driving west on Highway 64, lands met with only fair success of serviceable clothing will have about one and one-half miles west in this area Sunday, according to been collected by the end of the Those farmers who did not see of Robersonville, early last Satur- preliminary reports reaching the week. men and other citizens in or near their community committeeman day evening, Cicero Dawson, 102 county chairman, Mrs. R. H. During the remainder of this the fire station knew about the on Saturday, January 17, are ask- White Street, Williamston, lost Goodmon. While the collection week, school children are asked to two calls received during the ed to report their 1947 soil build- control of his 1941 Chevrolet. did not come up to expectations deliver clothing bundles to their

ing practices to Triple A office in Dawson, en route to a Rocky the first day, it is expected to gain schools where a truck of Martin-Sleet, rain and snow falling last the county agricultural building Mount hospital, started to pass a momentum during the remainder Elliott Company will pick them up next week. Churches in Wil-Slade stating that February 15 is plied his brakes, the car skidded Sunday school attendance fell liamston are asked to deliver the to a low point, but quite a few bundles to the collection headon a stump in a yard. No one was bundles were delivered by the quarters in the power company

> Laundries, pressing and clean-It is estimated that over 3,000 ing establishments, shoe shops

those firms. No complete reports could be With the slogan, "Fill a Ship called, but bus drivers, using ex- Mrs. Sluder was to have left for Hardison said he signaled for county, but with the churches, for this county.

# Ask Cherry To Call Good Attendance Session of Assembly

#### SLOW SALE

The sale of State and town motor vehicle license tags is literally dragging, and there are only four more days to purchase and display the tin plates if one plans to use his vehicle on Sunday.

Reports from the town treasurer's office state that hardly half of the 600 motor vehicles have been properly tagged for the new year.

The sale of State tags is 772 short of the 1947 sale as ofyesterday. Harrison and Carstarphen, handling the sale of State tags for the Carolina Motor Club, said yesterday they had sold 4,251 license plates as compared with 5,023 sold a year ago.

Owners of vehicles bearing old tags on and after next Sunday are subjet to prosecution in the courts.

# Thursday Night

Clyde A. Erwin, noted educator

Williamston High School Thursthe ones at Everetts and Rober- has not been announced, but he is Two units will operate outside sonville, according to preliminary expected to stress a "National Four Point Program' for educa-J. C. Manning.

Mrs. W. C. Wynne of Bear Grass

other highways, but this is to ad- ed by the latter part of this week. minded that the one-day stops morning. Three schools reported Mrs. W. H. Bryant, district direction ment system, clarifying the stocks of export leaf dealers,

Rhue who resigned when he left! the county school system. Counhear a report from NCEA President C. B. Martin who will offer a transcribed report on the meetand others in Raleigh last Satur-

Every one interested in the schools is invited to hear Super- school principal and president of asked for a total of 425 to 450 milintendent Erwin, the council of- the Martin County NCEA unit, lion pounds of all types of toficers expressing the wish that the was instructed to attend a meeting bacco. The most flue-cured growauditorium could be filled to ca- of the class room association's of- ers could expect to export under pacity for the address.

# Fire In Local

Fire, starting from an electric High School. eater in the bathroom, did right nuch damage in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McLawhorn at 3:30 last Saturday afternoon. The fire burned a clothes hamper packed with clothes, a shower curtain, shade and charred the window frame. Most of the house was filled with smoke, but the fire it-

Department volunteers brought the fire under control by using a small amount of water from a hose line connected to the fire truck

No official survey of the damage was made immediately, but it is estimated that the loss will approximate \$200.

#### Bus Catches Fire At Station Here Sunday

articles were collected in this part cited for shop-worn or uncalled in the carburetor, slightly damag- it relatives before returning home. fender on the Chevrolet was bado'clock. The fire department was fornia. interior of the bus.

## Resolution Passed At Education Unit Meeting Thursday

#### Nathan Yelton Offers Brief Review of Teachers' Retirement Plan

Finding it next to impossible to make their present income meet living and other costs, one hundred Martin County teachers, that growers produce all the fluemeeting as members of the North Carolina Education Association in the Williamston High School, last Thursday evening passed unanimously a resolution, urging Gov- lina Farm Bureau," Hicks said, ernor R. Gregg Cherry to call a special session of the North Carolina General Assembly "to consider an increase in salaries of Bureau has always stood staunch-State employees." The resolution, drawn by a special committee, was adopted without debate, one report stated.

The resolution adopted by the group and signed, "Martin County N. C. E. A. Unit," reads, as fol-

Whereas, the cost of living has risen sharply since the adjourn- the law. The Farm Bureau has ment of the 1947 session of the

Whereas, the pay raise granted

Be it resolved: (1) That the petition the Honorable Gregg Cherry, Governor of North Caroconsider an increase in salaries of state employees;

(2) That a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Cherry, Senator Horton of Martin and Re presentative Martin of Martin.

amendments enacted by the last Just prior to the address, the session of the General Assembly. On Friday, January 30, one of mittedly not bright for the re- the council officers and other P.- Mr. Yelton said that benefits had T. leaders in the county are to been increased by twenty-five projected acreage of some 900,meet and handle scheduled busi- percent, that the increase is being 000 acres could yield 1,000,000,000 ness, including the election of a supported by an increase in pay- pounds of flue-cured tobacco, basvice-president to succeed Jesse R. roll deductions from four to five ed on the production of the last percent with the State increasing three years. If this yield should its contribution with a like result, where will it go? ty teachers are to meet early and amount. Giving a concrete example Yelton said that a teacher who entered the profession when she tic manufacturers, if the home was 20 years old would be able to consumption peak is maintained. ing of the NCEA unit presidents draw a maximum retirement in- This would leave some 300 to 340 come of 65 percent of her salary million pounds for export, but, after teaching forty years.

> ficers and others in Raleigh last the Marshall plan would be 340 to Saturday and he is to report on 360 million pounds. However, the that meeting Thursday evening of Marshall Plan has not yet been this week just before the Martin adopted and no one knows how it Home Saturday County Council of parents and will come out in final form."
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> teachers meet in the Williamston If we were foolish enough

meeting, Principal Martin was able to travel only as far as Tarboro where he was forced to turn around on account of bad road Minor Highway

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## Leaves To Join Husband In Japan

Mrs. Calvin Sluder, the former afternoon. being accompanied by Mr. Eli the same direction, started to pass Gurganus. Miss Essie Peel, her in his 1947 Pontiac. The right aunt, and Mrs. Mary Bonner Gur- front fender was ripped off the ganus are accompanying them as Pontiac and the steering gear was Fire, believed to have started far as California where they'll vis- possibly damaged. The left front

### Leaf Cooperative President Offers Tobacco Picture

#### When There's Proof For Need of More Tobacco, Increase To Be Urged

Carl T. Hicks, chairman of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Statewide Tobacco Committee and president of the Flue Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, painted a picture of the tobacco situation in an address to the Johnston County Farm Bureau in Smithfield last Friday evening. "The position of the Farm Bureau has always been cured tobacco they can sell at a

fair price," Hicks said. "When there were less than 1,-500 members in the North Caro-'the organization was successful in having enacted into law the AAA program. The State Farm ly behind provisions of this legislation, which involves among other things acreage control and the formula for determining when tobacco is in surplus.

"The legislation governing the production of flue-cured tobacco is designed to keep supply in line with demand in accordance with always insisted that the Secretary of Agriculture, in his annual December 1 quota announcement, alstate employees by the 1947 Leg- ways comply with the law which islature is not sufficient to offset fixes the quota on the basis of the surplus existing beyond the necessary, normal 'supply on hand'."

Since the secretary's announcement of a 27.52 percent tobacco acreage reduction last December Hicks said, there has been no indication of a reduction of surplus stocks in this country. If there should be a change before March 1, he added, the secretary

has the right to reduce the figure. "In the past three years," Hicks pointed out, "flue-cured tobacco growers have been producing anuse the "Ocean Highway" US 17 the morning.

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Stabilization Corporation.

"Between 65 and 660 million pounds will be bought by domesunder the Marshall Plan, the 16 C. B. Martin, Robersonville Western European countries have If we were foolish enough to go

'all out" and build up our surplus Instructed to attend the Raleigh this year, Hicks said, our price

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# Wreck Monday

No one was hurt when two cars crashed on Highway 17 about three and one-half miles south of here at 5:40 o'clock yesterday

Miss Katherine Hardison, left Jesse David Hardison, driving Sunday morning for Seattle, his 1941 Chevrolet toward Wil-Washington, to board a ship for liamston, started to turn to his Japan where she'll join her hus- left at the Conway home just as band, Sgt. Sluder, in Sasebo. Mak- Isodore Elliott Nackham, 706 28th ing the trip by auto, Mrs. Sluder is Street, Newport News, driving in the investigation.

to accept their own damages.