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Address Farm Meet In Martin County

RAINFALL

April showers in this sec-

tion did not measure up to

normal last month, but the

2.41 inches of rainfall fell at

opportune times for plant-

ings. Considerable moisture

was already in the ground

and the showers created al-

most ideal conditions for

Light showers, falling this

week, aided greatly tobacco

transplantings, making it pos-

sible for most farmers to com-

Planting 1,528,000

Acres To Tobacco

In This Country

Cut From 1,183,000

To 876,000 Acres

early spring plantings.

Farm Legislation And Bureau Plans To Be Discussed

Other Important Problems On Agenda At Big Meet Here Friday

In their addresses before the annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the Williamston High School auditorium on Friday afternoon of this week, Messrs. R. Flake Shaw and Carl Hicks, recognized farm leaders, will discuss some timely and important problems.

Mr. Shaw, executive vice president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau will discuss:

"International problems as they relate to exportation of farm commodities; and

"The future outlook of farm programs and what we will suffer Flue-Cured Acreage Being if we lose our international market; and

"The present program and present pending farm bills (Aiken and Hope Bills) and the effect bacco for 1948 is indicated by rethey will have on the South if ports recently released. This is Price, both of R 2, Williamston. enacted into law."

quota provision and price support greatest cut is being made in flue- Mae Roberson, RFD 1, Robersonof not less than 90 percent on cured tobacco acreage. Dark air- ville. "our commodities."

program of the North Carolina baccos are little changed from liams, RFD 1, Bethel. pected to explain a proposal call- acre for the several types should City and Lilly Ann Stillman of ing for an intensified work in con- equal the 5-year average yields, Creswell. nection with plant disease re- about 1,650 million pounds would search and means for financing it. be produced Martin County is being asked to Prospective flue-cured average sonville help finance the important pro- for 1948 is down more than 300,ject and contributions will be re- 000 acres, being 876,000 comparmembers will make liberal dona- tion of about 920 million pounds ville. tions to the fund at that time.

The business program, schedul- expected. ed to get under way at 4:30 to- The indicated 411,000 acres of morrow afternoon, will be fairly burley tobacco is only two per- and Alberta Comer of Norfolk. ample time for the big barbecue. but is 16 percent below that of Blount, both of Williamston.

Plans for the joint Fat Stock 1946. Apparently most growers | Elex Dunkins and Lureatha show and Farm Bureau meeting are planning to plant their full are completed in detail. The quotas. If yields should equal youthful exhibitors have already the 5-year average and the pros- Hassell, both of Williamston. moved their prize exhibits into pective acreage be planted, prothe Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse duction of burley tobacco would both of Robersonville. here where the show wil be held, approximate 450 million pounds. Thirty pigs and bushels of corn The acreage of Southern Marymeal are cooking for the barbe- land is expected to be about 8 cue which will be served by the percent below that of 1947. ladies of the Cedar Branch Bap- Prospective acreages of fluetist Church cure and dark-cured tobaccos are

Several prominent political can- indicated at 74 and 85 percent of didates will be here, but they have the 1947 acreages respectively. been assigned no definite parts in The only type to show an increase the program, it was pointed out. in these classes of tobaccos is

Over two thousand people are Virginia sun-cured which is exexpected here for the annual pected to be above last year. event, and every detail has been The indicated net change from attended to in an effort to make last year for all cigar tobaccos it a successful and enjoyable one. is slight. A 13 percent increase The members are asked to come in acreage of wrappers praction time, attend the important cally offsets a decline of six permeeting in the high school audi- cent in binders. Fillers are extorium and meet around the bar- pected to be about unchanged, becue tables a short time later.

Sending Boy To

Johnnie Allen Smith, Jr., teenage youth who shot up a card game in Parmele and assaulted finite period.

maintained by the state's social system, the lad will be turned more than a quarter century. Mr. over to officers in about a week Shelton had made his home in or ten days for the trip.

At a hearing before Juvenile parently getting along very well Judge L. B. Wynne a few days until he was stricken. ago, the boy had very little to Funeral services were conductsay. His parents said they had ed at the home in Conetoe yes- funeral service this afternoon at liamston School Committee renever heard of the boy being in terday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock 3:30 o'clock at the home. Burial elected all teachers in the district. trouble before and apparently and burial was in the Bethel cemthey were deeply affected by the etery.

During the meantime an investigation of conditions under which daughters, Mrs. Alton Clapp of teen-agers are allowed to play Greenville, Mrs. Ralph Carson of cards in a public place on Sun-Bethel, Mrs. Carrie Ruth White of

The Smith boy, thinking he was Williamston; and three sons, John here on Friday of next week, ac-

Licenses Reported

White Applicants Outnumber the Colored For First Time in Months

After holding to a fairly high figure for several years, the number of marriage licenses issued in this county during last month dwindled to the lowest point recorded for any month in more than two years.

months, white applicants outnumbered the colored last month, but lead by a margin of only one.

Robt. A. Haislip, Jr., of Oak

City and Frances Nelson of Has-

of Elizabeth City. Johnnie F. Woolard, Jr., RFD 1 Washington, and Della Katherine

William C. Ellis, Jr., of Jamesville, and Emma Naomi Chesson A total of 1,528,000 acres of to- of Williamston.

a decline of about 18 1-2 percent Mr. Shaw will also discuss the from last year's acreage. The RFD 2, Williamston, and Sadie

cured and fire-cured acreages are Samuel Howard Roberson of Commenting on the educational down while burley and cigar to- Williamston and Letty Jean Wil-

Farm Bureau, Mr. Hicks is ex- last year. If average yields per Walter R. Hussey of Elizabeth

Clifton Ray Leggett and Evelyn Roberson, both of RFD 1, Rober-

Colored

Joe Wilson Jordan and Mary row. It is hoped by Martin Coun- led with 1,182,000 acres in 1947. Alice Ballance, both of Windsor. The The S-year average yield per Milton Baines and Thelma ty Farm Bureau officials that the acre should be realized, produc- Louise Brown, both of Robersonof flue-cured tobacco would be

brief and will be adjourned in cent below last year's acreage Eli Armistead and Olivia

W. E. Roberson **Died Wednesday**

died at his home on the old J. Lass of insurance in force.

May Hall of Washington County, burning. Dies In Tarboro and she survives with three daughters, Mrs. Miles Sitterson ceived a call at 11:35 o'clock but in order to be set for the parade of Plymouth, Mrs. Jos. A. Haislip the equipment reached there too starting at 11:00. In this event the Gus Pitt with a shot gun the early Mrs. Hoke Roberson of Williams- of Hassell and Mrs. Ralph Purvis late to render any effective aid. local band will be one of several part of last week, is being made ton, died suddenly while attend. of near Hassell; two sons, Edward Neighbors and other friends units from all parts of the state. ready to enter the correctional ing to business in Tarboro early Robertson of the home and Le- reached the scene in large numschool at Hoffman for an inde- last Monday afternoon, the victim Roy Robertson of Snow Hill; bers and they saved the dwelling directing the local band, says that of a heart attack. He was 61 years three sisters, Mrs. W. A. Brown, which was badly blistered by the the youngsters have been work-After he has run the gauntlet old and retired about 1945 after Mrs. Charles L. Weeks, Mrs. P. heat. One report stated that the ing hard and he knows that any

> He was a member of the Christian church at Hassell, and the Committee Re-Elects Rev. Z. Thad Cox, Farmville minister, and Rev. J. M. Perry of Robersonville are conducting the.

former Miss Carrie Bullock; four Will Reopen Inspection Lane Here On May 14 h

Bethel, Mrs. Carrie Ruth White of A lane for the inspection of the home and Mrs. Roberson of motor vehicles will be reopened

Shaw And Hicks To Drop In Marriage CITIZENS OF TOMORROW Judge Smith Has



The Enterprise takes much pleasure in presenting another in a picture series of this section's "citizens of tomorrow". far none has figured prominently in public affairs, but as future citizens they have a tremendous assignment to handle in a muddled world. Certain they'll do a better job than has been done or is being done, The Enterprise presents the youngsters

as the one great hope for the future.

Top row, left to right, Alice, two daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Coltrain, Williamston; Ben, two and a half, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Courtney, Williamston; Helen Ann, two, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. I. Harris, Williamston; Bottom row, Gene, four, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hardison, Williamston; Mary Elizabeth, four, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Beach, Robersonville; and Allen 21 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore, Williamston.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Martin County motorists did right well in respecting life, limb and property during their travels on the highways last week. Only one minor accident was reported during the period.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

18th Week Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 1947 2 2 0 Comparisons To Date

1947 44 25 3

Costly Rural Fire

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed three outbuildings and will come on Friday, when the lothreatened the dwelling of Mr. cal band goes to Rocky Mount to and Mrs. N. T. Tice in Griffins that city. This is an event which Township shortly after 11:00 has intrigued the local bandsters ward Purvis pleaded guilty of o'clock last night. No official re- for some time. Much of their report could be had immediately cent practice has been directed tobut according to some estimates ward getting ready for the Rocky the loss amounted to approxi- Mount trip. The Williamston unit court fined the defendant \$10, mately seven or eight thousand made a very good showing the Wm. Edward Robertson, 66, dollars with only a small amount last time it went to Rocky Mount

Township Wednesday morning at fire through his bedroom window well. 8:00 o'clock after a long period as it burned in the front part of The schedule calls for the band of declining health. His condi- the packhouse. Mrs. Tice tried to leave here at 3:45 Tuesday afttion had been serious for about call neighbors but they did not ernoon for the trip to Elizabeth He was born and reared in son was dispatched to the home at 6 o'clock and the parade and Washington County, coming to of one of the Tice boys while she drill about 7:00 o'clock and the Martin about eighteen years ago went to the lot and turned out the concert about 8 o'clock. The visit and locating on the old Ballard work stock. Garland Tice was is made at the special request of farm in Poplar Point Township said to have blistered his face Miles Clark, sponsor of the Elizawhere he lived until some over a badly when he went to a shed and beth City band who said he want year ago when he moved to backed out a tractor. Other than ed his home folks to see the Wil-Cross Roads. He had farmed all the tractor and team very little liamston unit in action. Director He was married to Miss Gracie corn, hay, seed and fertilizer cur in the invitation of Mr. Clark

The local fire department re- Mount Friday morning at 9 o'clock serving as Conetoe postmaster for E. Whedbee, and one brother, W. dwelling caught fire but was sav- fault to be found with their per-W. Robertson, all of Plymouth. | ed by concerted effort.

Meeting this week, the Wilteacher, was resigning to enter an- taking over the third route. other profession.

Breaks His Collar Bone

Local Band Faces A Busy Schedule

up for the Williamston High School Band next week. It would have been more strenuous but for the turning down of at least two nvitations.

o Elizabeth City Tuesday evening. First planned as an informal meeting in Elizabeth City which was to show the Green Wave band Elizabeth City's appreciation for the entertainment provided its band when it visited Williamston recently, the invitation was later changed to call for a parade and drill on the main

ing a concert at 8 o'clock Tuesday night following a dinner in the school cafeteria for the two bands Late Last Night and visitors. A hundred places are being reserved for the Wil-

hear the phone. A young grand- City. The program calls for eats was saved, large quantities of Bennett also telephoned to con-

The unit will leave for Rocky

formances will not be due to lack of interest and effort.

including homes and business ered the lifeless body. employes in the local office.

Twenty-two Cases

Fines and Forfeitures Last Monday Amount To Almost \$700

Judge J. Calvijn Smith handled twenty-two cases in a comparatively short session last Monday in the Martin County Recorder's Court and imposed several road sentences. Fines and forfeitures amounted to \$689.10, the costs boosting the total income for the day to well over \$1,000 for the

Proceedings:

Charged with drunken driving Eddie Golphin pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for four months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$100 fine and costs. The court recommended that the defendant's driver's license be re voked for one year.

Entering a plea of nolo contendre in the case in which he was charged with larceny and reeiving, Hezekiah Bell was senenced to the roads for six nonths. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs and on the further condition that the defendant violates no criminal law for one

The case charging Charlie Ben Roberson with non-support was continued under prayer for judgment until the first Monday in July upon the payment of \$50 a

month for the support of his wife. Charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Herbert Bunting pleaded not guilty Adjudged guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver' license, he was sentenced to the roads for one year, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$50 fine and the costs and on the further condition that the defendant operate

no motor vehicle for two years. Pleading not guilty, Lee Rollins was adjudged guilty of assaulting his wife and was sentenced to the

Charged with operating a motor and failing to dim lights, Joe Ed- Willoughby of Pitt County. failing to dim his vehicle lights. The plea was accepted by Soliciplus the costs.

and taxed with the costs for speeding.

Judgments absoluted on \$50 charging Floyd Edward Miller with speeding.

Robert Joseph Greely and Priscilla Elizabeth Dunham, charged with speeding, forfeited their \$47.05 bonds. The case charging Oliver Rog-

ers with assaulting a female was nol prossed, but is subject to be carried into court again.

Pleading guilty of being drunk and disorderly, George Wynne suspending the term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. He is to remain sober for one

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Infant Is Found Dead In County

Jackie Reason, three and one-Make First Round Today in bed by her mother at their home on the Ball Gray farm near notified this week. City delivery service is being Jamesville about 5:00 o'clock extended to several hundred pa- Tuesday morning, death resulting diately on what ship the body is as high as \$200, and it is possible will be in Woodlawn Cemetery It was learned, however, that Miss trons here this afternoon by the from accidental suffocation. It is making its last journey home that others will boost the total. Mary Ellen Sawyer, science post office, Carrier Jack Mobley believed that the child had been from the Asiatic Theater or when Cherry, night watchman at the The approximately 1,000 stops, mother, sleeping with her, discov. West Coast. It is expected the Roanoke River here, was brutally

houses, have been rearranged. She was the daughter of Sam bution center in Charlotte, will ing a regular inspection of the

Plan Drive Against In County Court Rats In Williamston

FEW REGISTER

Incomplete reports indicate that very few people registered last Saturday for the primary election to be held on Saturday, May 29. One of the tration center but were unable to qualify.

The registration books will remain open through Saturday of next week. Those persons who have voted in the precinct where they now live do not have to register again, but newcomers and those attaining the age of 21 years by next November 2 must register to participate in the primary the latter part of this

W. O. Willoughby

Funeral Service Is Being Conducted at Residence On Haughton Street

William Ola Willoughby, retirago. On Monday of this week he against rats. suffered a second stroke and his

Fayetteville. N. C., 56 years ago on It was told at the meeting Tues-March 4, 1892. When he was quite day night that one plant put out young he moved to this county poison bait one night and picked with his parents, and lived in up a cotton basketful of rats the various sections of the county un- next morning. roads for six months. The court til he located here several years The rodents are burrowing into ago. Declining health forced his pit privies right on the main take part in the big Gallopade in vehicle without a driver's license the late W. H. and Mattie Forbes other. en this week. He was a son of are actually destroying one an-

> Mrs. Leonard Allen of Arlington, chairman. Va., and Miss Lula Pearl Willoughby of Hobgood; and four grandchildren.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church, joining at Rob- made available within a short erson's Chapel some years ago. time. Rev. James I. Lowry, local Presbyterian minister, and Rev. Jas.

Soldier's Body On Way Back Home

Brown who made the supreme hopeful the \$584.50 reward will sacrifice for his county in North help break the Gaywood Cherry Burma on June 25, 1944, is en attack-robber case here. route to this country for burial in The reward was made up by half months old, was found dead his native soil near Jamesville, his friends of Mr. Cherry upon the mother, Mrs. Dare S. Brown, was circulation of a petition in his be-

It could not be learned imme- the week. The contributions range

Board Discussed Various Problems At Regular Meet

Possibility Presents Itself For Extending Smithwick Street to Avenue

Meeting in regular session Tuesday evening, Williamston's town commissioners discussed a varied than two hours, taking immediate tion on others, pending a more complete study of the details. W. B. Gaylord, county sani-

tarian representing the health department, discussed an anti-rat campaign with the commissioners, outlining two suggested programs. The sanitarian explained that a county-wide drive against rats is taking shape, that extensive plans are being formulated to reduce the rapidly increasing rat population. It was suggested that Williamston promote a sixmonth program which would cost \$300 for materials, plus the salary of one man. It would cost possibly \$1,500 or \$1,600. The other program will cost about \$240, but it will be handled almost over night. Accepting the \$240 short program, the commised farmer, died at his home on month program will be studied North Haughton Street near the and possibly be included in the city limits here at 12:15 o'clock new budget as a necessity. Duryesterday morning. He had been ing the meantime, the town will in declining health following a cooperate every way possible in stroke suffered about six years advancing the county-wide drive

The rats are here in numbers condition was recognized as criti- and are threatening the health of Mr. Willoughby was born in the damage resulting to property.

retirement from the farm, but de- street where sewer connections fairly active in and around the He added that the rat population home until he was fatally strick- has reached that point where they

board considered giving away the married to Miss Vesta Bailey and municipal swimming pool for its she survives with five children; own keep. Last year the pool took tor Paul D. Roberson and the three daughters, Mrs. Johnnie in about \$1,100 and cost about \$2,-Cherry, Mrs. Lester Jones and 100, exclusive of water and other Miss Mattie Willoughby, all of items. The town is offering it to Herbert Danson was fined \$25 Williamston; and two sons, Louis the Recreational Committee, B., and J. D. Willoughby, both of agreeing to furnish water and Williamston. Also surviving are chemicals free. "You take and a brother, James T. Willoughby operate it and keep the profits," bond was allowed in the case of Hobgood; and three sisters, the board suggested to John L. Mrs. H. B. Smith of Robersonville, Goff, recreational committee

> Planning to build on Halifax Street, several lots from the Chas. Herriott home, Julius Warren asked for water. Water is to be

> Two caution lights, one for Pine and Haughton and the other for

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Offer Big Reward In Robbery Case

time and exhausting every possi-The body of Sgt. Edward S. ble lead, local police today are

half by Mr. John Gurganus over

The young man's body is one of in the local hospital, and there is

action of the court.

balancing the increase shown in Hoffman School Jno. H. Shelton

a slight decline in Pennsylvania

John Herbert Shelton, father of Conetoe all his life, and was ap-

Surviving are Mrs. Shelton, the

For the first time in recent

Licenses were issued in April by Register J. Sam Getsinger to nine white and eight colored couples, as follows:

Herman C. Stewart of Bell Cross, N. C., and Lissie F. Clark

Wynne of Williamston.

Rome Rogerson, Jr., and Pattie William Benjamin Harrison,

Lee A. Griffin and Martha James, both of Jamesville. Willie Chesson of Williamston

Robert Andrews, Jr., and Pearl George Moore and Eva Brown.

Wynne farm in Cross Roads Mr. Tice, an invalid, saw the that his reorganized group do as

School Teachers Here

A busy schedule has been set year

First on the program is a visit

street in the Pasquotank capital. The Elizabeth City band is giv-

The second event of the week and Professor Butler is anxious

Professor Jack Butler who i

New Postal Carrier Here

While Playing Yesterday with each carrier handling about Reason and wife, the former Miss reach Jamesville in about one property last Friday night. The 330 stops. The other two routes Carrie Dell Haislip of the Hamil Jack Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. are being served by Clyde D. An- ton section of this county. to make the trip to Hoffman on H. Shelton, Jr., of Newport News, cording to unofficial information R. L. Welch, suffered a broken derson and Jos. Gurganus. Post- Funeral services were conduct-Tuesday of this week, dressed and Chas. Shelton of Sethel and James received this week. The lane is collar bone while playing on the master W. E. Dunn stated that ed Tuesday afternoon and burial ty on the U. S. Connolly, and is able to throw more light on the took a seat on the porch where he Ehelton of the home, and six operating in Robersonville this high school grounds here yester- there were openings for substitute was in the Reason cemeter, near one 1 54 being brought to North attack when he is fully recove

local precincts added one name to the list, Registrar S. H. Grimes stating that several others reported to the regis-

Dies At His Home Early Wednesday

When a young man he was

M. Perry, Robersonville minister, Haughton and Washington Streets are conducting the last rites at the were ordered purchased and in-(colored) was sentenced to the home this afternoon at 3:00 roads for four months, the court o'clock. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

dead several hours when the it would dock presumably on the Marvil Package Company near body, handled through the distri- assaulted and robbed while makmonth or the ks

2,024 being returned to this coun- still the possibility that he'll be