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Beats Himself Badly Legislature Will Consider Revised In County Jail Here Inspection System Mental Subject

Is Transferred To Vet Hospital

Second Case To Enter Jail In Short Time Because **Hospitals Are Filled**

The shameful failure of North Carolina to provide facilities and adequate care for its mentally ill was aggravated in this county over the week-end when a mental patient, finding no room in a State institution, was lodged in the county jail.

Placed in the jail to protect others, the man removed every stitch of his clothing and using his belt brutally attacked himself, inflicting severe bruises on his back and legs before the leather could be taken away from him. Medical aid was tendered but only through the bars of his cell door, Jailer Roy Peel explaining that the inmate would have attacked anyone who dared enter the cell. His condition was improved yesterday, but the poor fellow, posbelt or suspenders.

said the man stood at attention ing fires to the district wardens. for long periods, staring at the quent intervals all Sunday night | in this county: them away.

stitution, officers appealed to the Police William Smith, Roberson-

MEETING An important meeting of local merchants will be held in

the State Employment office in the Tar Heel building tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by a representative of the group. Half-holiday schedules and

other business will be discussed at the meeting and all merchants are invited to attend.

Asks Cooperation In Fight Against senator, Sam Campen, voted to kill the inspection, while the other **Timberland Fires**

Burning Permits and Report All Forest Fires

With the approach of the most trict, apparently will go along dangerous season for forest fires, Warden Marvin Leggett this week spection system.

Following action by the legislaappealed to the people of Martin sessing a large bay window, was County to help hold the danger to ture last Friday, the Motor Vehaving a hectic time trying to the lowest possible minimum. hicles Deivision immediately ordkeep his trousers up without a Everyone is asked to cooperate in ered all inspection lanes closed.

Holding himself rigid, the sick care against the reckless use of tutes just about the first act the man would stare directly at the matches in wooded areas and by legislature has handled of a sun, relaxing only when a cloud procuring permits to burn ditch- state-wide nature during the first

Permits are issued by and fires electric light in his cell. At fre- may be reported to the following tives or senators, urging the re-

he would call his dogs and chase H. Williams, phone 29515; C. B. ment rather freely, some declaring Burroughs, phone Robersonville, that the lawmakers will hardly be Convinced there was no room 4050; A. P. Barnhill, Everetts; Ter- able to hide their shortcomings

While a new inspection law is veterans' administration. The man ville; Officer Chas. R. Moore, Wil- scheduled for consideration, its nated Friday, March 4, 1949, as a and, if possible, to attend Union served in the armed forces for a liamston; H. R. Smith, Palmyra; makeup has not been revealed. few months during World War II David Roberson, RFD, Williams- Some have suggested that inspecbut was discharged in early 1943 ton; W. M. Hardison, Route 3, Wil- tions be handled by garages while to enter employment in a vital liamston; George Hopkins, James- others are in favor of retaining defense plant. Deputy Murray ville; Marvin Jones, Jamesville; the lanes with a reduction in the plenty to others as a token of of lasting peace, goodwill, and Holloman, assisted by two other James Mendenhall, phone 29572; number of inspection and the brotherhood and of gratitude: brotherhood everywhere in the officers, left here this morning Henry Allen, RFD, Williamston; iten.s to be inspected.

for Fayetteville where the subject and C. P. Revels, RFD 1, Williams- A bill, establishing a substitute Mayor of Williamston, North Car-

Inspection Lanes Closed Down In the State At End **Of Business Friday**

North Carolina's 18-month-old nspection law was choked to death by legislative act last Friday, but before the corpse had cooled supporters of the old law along with some of those who acted to kill the measure declared they would offer a substitute bill for consideration.

Martin County's representation in the House, the Honorable A. Corey, while declaring the cld inspection system was nothing but a racket enjoyed by garagemen, declared he favored some kind of an inspection plan. The district's senator, Sam Campen, voted to senator, John Rodman, voted to retain the law. It is not known what stand Senator Campen will

take if a bill is offered for a sub-Farmers Asked To Get stitute inspection law. Senator

Rodman, declaring that he had received little or no complaint about the inspections in his dis-

with a bill calling for a new in-

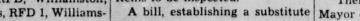
every way possible by exercising The murder of the bill consti-

would block his view. Jailer Peel banks and rubbish and by report- two months of the session.

Those persons who did not bother to write their representatention of the inspection system,

the man called hogs and each time M. H. Leggett, phone 29568; E. are now expressing disappoint-

for the unfortunate in a State in- ry Brothers, Bear Grass; Chief of behind the negative act.





Dr. Gaddy Matherson is pictured above examining the eyes of a patient at a recent clinic sponsored and financed by the Williamston Lions Club. Thirty-six youngsters, including white and colored, were examined at the clinic held in the Woman's Club. Glasses were placed on thirty-three and surgery was recommended for the others.

Mayor's Proclamation

"Whereas, the Church Women | and do call upon all of our citizens of Williamston, uniting with simi- to give reverent attention to the lar groups across America and throughout the world, have desig-tions to their Heavenly Father, 'World Day of Prayer,' urging worship at the Williamston Chrispeople to gather to ask for divine tian Church at 4:00 on Friday afguidance for themselves and all ternoon. Let us each call upon mankind, and to give of their God to aid us in the establishment "Therefore, I, Robert H. Cowen, world."

Signed,

Predicts Defeat Martin Farmers Buy For State's Go-Forward Program Sweet Potato Seeds

legislators Can Return Home In April and Boast **Of No New Tax Levy**

While North Carolina's "Do Nothing Legislature" is 'two months old, it has accomplished little or nothing in the way of tangible acts to date. And special correspondent Eula Nixon Greenwood in her "Raleigh Round-up" as good as says it will do nothing to carry the State forward according to Governor Kerr Scott's blueprint. Well, the people are still betting that something had better be done or there'll be more than a purge two years from now.

The round-up reads: There is now talk in Raleigh that Governor Kerr Scott is looking to his 1951 Legislature, the

thinking being that he had not hoped for too much from the pro-Charles Johnson men who compose the present body.

All other North Carolina Governors have had their best days during their first four months in office with the Legislature right along with them on the honey- Organization Recently bitter peanut acreage reduction. moon and everything bright and cheerful.

Some of Scott's brain-trusters are trying to sell him on the idea of carrying his fight to the people. If this thought jells, he will make a tour of the counties next year and work for the defeat of the senators and representatives who are refusing to add new taxes with which to carry the State onward and upward. Thus, our Governor, who last week likened his plight to that of President Truman's, may find himself following in the when in 1937 he worked for the defeat of Senator George ("God bless you, Walter") and other senators who would not go along with him on his plan to enlarge the membership of the U.S. Supreme Court

with the following. Even in the Governor's inner ircle of advisors, there has been disagreement about the road \$200,000,000. The Governor nailed this one quickly, lapsing into his theme song, "\$200,000,000 for roads, \$50,000,000 for schools." The people will probably be given an opportunity to vote on these two bond issues. If the Legislature does pass these problems along for a final decision by the voters, you will find Governor Scott hitting the trail for their adoption. He may adopt the same type of campaign he used to become Governor. If he doesn't do a great deal of plugging for them, the people will turn them down.

Establishment Of COMMISSIONERS Meeting in regular session in the clerk's office this evening at 8:00 o'clock, Williamston's town commissioners will among new business, make plans for the biennial town primary and election. A registrar is to be named along with the poll holders. Very little other business other than that of a routine nature is scheduled for consideration at the meeting.

The town political front continues unusually quiet, but increased interest is anticipated shortly.

Reviews Work Of Lions Club With The Needy Blind

Sponsored Eye Clinic for Large Number Children

By Joe Davenport

in groups where other men hav- ing certain seed is available. ing the same beliefs make pleas- Addressing the group, M. M. ant company. Hence we have Levin, marketing specialist, assurpolitical parties, church sects, etc. ed them that a market would be And each fellow is so all-fired established in the county this proud of his affiliation that he year. "The committee has agreed wears a badge or pin that the to underwrite the purchase of steps of Franklin D. Roosevelt world might know how he stands. a grading, washing and cleaning We know what a church or politi- machine," Levin said. He also cal groups does, but the other day pointed out that several imporwe were asked a question that had tant outlets had been established. us stumped for awhile. The ques- It was explained that while po-

do?" Well, we had to do some much as \$3.75 a bushel on the fancy investigating and came up northern markets, it would not be reasonable to tell the farmer that Although the Williamston Lions such a price would prevail a year Club has assumed its rightful from now. "However, there is al-

bonds. At least one of his friends place as a leader in various enter- ways a market for good sweet poworking with the Legislature prises designed for civic better- tatoes," Mr. Levin said. whispered to members last week ment, its primary objective is a Before entering the business on

that he would be satisfied with far reaching work among the a commercial scale, the farmer \$100,000,000 instead of the original blind of Martin County in particular, and the entire country in gen- absolutely essential, that to bring eral. During 1948 approximately the best price potatoes must be \$540.00 was spent for work among graded and packed according to the blind in Martin County alone, the demands of the ultimate conand \$218.00 was forwarded to the sumer. North Carolina State Commission Mr. Levin explained further for the Blind. During the year the that no contracts are necessary, club contributed \$315.84 for the that the farmer may plant as work of a blind case worker in many potatoes as he chooses or Martin County, helping the blind just wait and see how the plan works out before planting the first to help themselves. On February 16, 1949 the club potato for market. No official announcement has sponsored an eye clinic at the Women's Club for students in the been made, but it is possible that Williamston schools. Prior to the sweet potatoes will eventually clinic the nurses in the local come under acreage control. If schools had made a survey among Martin County has no acreage, it the students, using a Snellen can expect little or no allotment if Chart to determine those whose and when acreage control is ap vision was impaired. The worst plied to the crop. cases were found and urged to at- Convinced that Martin County tend the clinic. One the day of can produce a quality potato, Mr. the clinic 48 students, white and Levin points out that it holds an colored, were again given the advantage that we are nearer the is a lists than growons to the Suchen Chart test and 38 were passed for further examination by south of us. He is also convinced Dr. Gaddy Matherson of Ahoskie,

inter Mrs. M. F. Jones

of the North Carolina Commission

for the Blind. Mr. J. B. Wynn, of

the Southeastern Optical Com-

pany, and the staff of the local

welfare department. Of the 36

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Market In County Has Been Assured Several Hundred Bushels **Of Choice Seed Has Been**

Booked So Far All but ignored during the past few years, the sweet potato has

the promise of coming back into its own in the county this year, according to reports coming from a Farm Bureau meeting in the courthouse last Friday evening.

It was explained that orders had been placed for several hundred bushels of sweet potato seed, that many farmers are planning to grow the crop on a commercial scale in the county this year. While cotton, corn and soybeans will be planted to take up most of the acreage taken out of peanuts, it is now certain that the sweet potato will be there to sweeten the Pointing out that the supply of

good seed is limited, the meeting said that the search would be continued for more sources. It was The human race is a funny lot. also pointed out that those farm-

Because of certain beliefs man- ers who plan to grow potatoes kind has a penchant for forming should act without delay in mak-

tion-"What does a Lions Club tatoes currently are selling for as

will be given an examination in ton. the veterans' hospital. It is quite likely that he will be recommend- protection, Warden Leggett said this week ed for admittance at Roanoke, meaning that he will be returned faster in Martin County than in to this county and then transfer- any other county in the State, that red to the Virginia hospital, main- pines are known to have added as ly at county expense.

nied an epileptic. And now the forests free of fire help the ownnext to nothing in Raleigh. Re- helped.

tuation.

ill people, including 48 white men Industries, dependent upon forest and 25 white women, 49 colored products, rank second in importmen and 16 colored women, were ance in the State in employment herded into the common jails of

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Educaiton Board Meets In County

Meeting in the office of the supof education for \$10,000. The pro- niture Company store. perty is to be used for a play-

ground.

J. D. Woolard said.

Stressing the value of forest for consideration by committee a Day of Prayer in Williamston;

that timber, free of fire, grows

much as one inch of growth in a Last week admittance was de- year. He also pointed out that

story is to be repeated while law- ers and serve as a refuge for makers wrangle and accomplish game, that business in general is peated appeals are being made to At the present time there are

Raleigh, urging that something be fourteen and one-half million done to relieve the deplorable si- acres of woodsland under protection in North Carolina, including

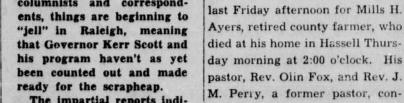
Reports state that 138 mentally over 166,000 acres in this county.

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BEGINNING TO JELL

Contrary to some reports hatched close to the Chas. M. Johnson camp and released by columnists and correspond-

The impartial reports indicate there'll be at least a comchief executive.



promise, that it'll not be an out-and-out defeat for the

Red Cross Fund Drive Off To Good Start Here Today

erintendent of schools on Monday, Drive was off to a good start in Green), \$10; J. Paul Simpson, \$10; on the farm. About thirty years "The Civil Rights Issue" to a small the Martin County Board of Edu- the Martin County Chapter early King Tobacco Co., \$20; Griffin ago he located in the Hassell sec-, but attentive audience. cation in addition to handling rou- today, according to a preliminary Motor Co., \$12.50.

tine duties sold a tenant house on report coming from the chapter Plans for the drive were comthe Stevenson property in Rober- drive chairman, Garland G. Wool- pleted last Friday when the sever- in business in Hassell. sonville for \$890 to O. B. Rober- ard. Shortly before noon, the al principals in the colored son. The structure is to be mov- chairman said that \$407.50 had schools accepted the task of soli- Mrs. Lucy Price Thomas, and fol- encouraging a forensic organizaed from about five acres of land been contributed and reported to citing funds in their respective lowing her death he married Miss tion. Gloyden Stewart served as recently purchased by the board headquarters in the Woolard.Fur- districts.

It was pointed out that when a years ago of a heart attack.

the following: Advised that the elementary Standard Fertilizer Company, last fall, the Red Cross went to sons, Elwood Ayers of Oak City ley represented the negative side. school building in Robersonville \$20; Wells-Oates Lumber Com- their rescue, paying lodging, rail- and Eli Ayers of Roper; five Preceding the debate, President will be condemned by the State pany, \$15; Guaranty Bank & road fare, doctors' and hospital daughters, Mrs. Eva Gurganus of Spivey called the meeting to ord-Fire Marshall, the board made Trust Company, \$20; Branch bills in the sum of over \$700. The Roper, Mrs. Wiley Williamson of er after which Rev. E. R. Shulpreliminary plans to have the Banking & Trust Co., \$20; Roan- colored citizens in the chapter are Wilson, Mrs. Era Lamb of Wil- ler led the invocation. During the structure repaired. The east wall oke Chevrolet Company, \$20; Wil- being asked to contribute approxi- liamston, Mrs. Allen Weathersby business session Miss Betty Sue is badly crack 1 and while there liamston Motor Co., \$20; Williams- mately \$400.

is no immediate danger, it is pos- ton Peanut Co., \$20; Williamston Several of the district chairmen ers of the home; one brother, cal chapter. The president gave sible that the foundation will give Supply Co., \$20; Williamston stated last week-end that they George Ayers of Hassell; two step- a report on the Youth Recreation bred hog sale Friday, March 4th, Ibs. at 56 days old. way in time, it was pointed out. Lumber Company, \$20; Dixie Mot- planned to rush the drive to a suc- daughters, Mrs. George Hopewell Center Committee and Mrs. Joe 1:30 p. m. at the old fair grounds All farmers are invited to at- ning. An architect is to make a study or Company, \$20; Chas. H. Jenkins cessful close within a few days, and Mrs. A. F. Weaver of Hassell; Griffin reported briefly on the re- in Williamston. of the condition and the board Motor Company, \$20; W. I. Skin- and the public is urged to cooper- thirty-seven grandchildren and cent conference held here with This is the first time the farm- of the fine purebred hogs being clude many costumes treasured plans to let a contract for the re- ner Tobacco Co., \$20; Harrison Oil ate with them for they are giving one great-grandchild. pairs in time to have the work Co., \$20; Martin-Elliott Co., \$20; of their time without reward, but Mr. Ayers was a member of the Miss Anna Bell Privott's class opportunity to buy recognized Members of the association met the years. started and completed during the W. G. Peele, \$20; Lindsley Ice Co., in the knowledge that someone Hassell church for a number of was awarded the attedance prize. breeding stock at home. The far- in the agricultural building last summer months, Board Chairman \$20; Martin County B. & L. Asso., somewhere will be helped during years and was held in high es- Following this the meeting was meet \$20; Woolard Furniture Co., \$20; the coming months.

inspection program, is scheduled olina, do proclaim March 4, 1949, Robert H. Cowen, Mayor, Williamston, North Carolina

> **Funeral Friday** For M. H. Ayers

COUNTY FIRST Martin was the first county

in North Carolina to meet its Funeral services were conduct-Jackson Day Dinner quota for the Democratic Party fund, ed in the Hassell Christian Church according to Chairman Jonlast Friday afternoon for Mills H. athan Daniels. Cabarrus was Ayers, retired county farmer, who second. died at his home in Hassell Thurs-

The treasurer mailed the day morning at 2:00 o'clock. His county's quota-a \$300 check - - Jast Wednesday. pastor, Rev. Olin Fox, and Rev. J.

ducted the service and burial was Parents-Teachers in the Thomas Family Cemetery Met Last Evening

Mr. Ayers, well known citizen of that section of the county, had

near Hassell.

By Anne J. Corey been in declining health for sev-The fading art of debating reeral years, suffering with heart vived itself last night at the PTA meeting held in the grammar

trouble. The son of the late J. R. and Salschool auditorium as members of ic Stalle Avers, he was born in the High School Forensie Club un-Goose Nest Township 51 years der the direction of Mr. Carlyle The annual Red Cross Fund Sinclair Refining Co., (N. C. ago, and spent his early life there Cox presented the timely query,

> tion, farming there until about Prior to the debate, Mr. Cox four years ago when he engaged made a few remarks concerning FTA Founders Day. He then par-

> Mr. Ayers was first married to tially outlined his objectives in Susie House who died about three chairman of the debate. Travis

Martin and Bobby Clayton were The early contributions include truck load of colored migratory Surviving are his third wife, the the affirmative speakers while workers was wrecked near here former Mrs. Nellie Hopewell; two Bill Bob Peel and Pritchard Lindsof Bethel, and Miss Eula Mae Ay- Tilley read the by-laws of the lo-

Miss Genevieve Burton.

teem by all who knew him. adjourned.

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ROUND-UP

Seven persons were rounded up in this county on the crime front and an eighth one was detained for his own protection and the safety of North Carolina. Dr. Matherson others by local, county and state officers last week-end. As usual, the drunks led the parade, the jail records showing four arrested for drunkenness, two for assaults and one for speeding.

Two of the eight were white and the ages of the group ranged from 17 to 69 years.

Sponsoring First Purebred Hog Sale In County Friday

breeds.

The recentty organized Martin County Purebred Breeders Association is sponsoring its first pure- of 15 and whose litter weighed 350 spring and summer wear for

tend this sale; see and buy some ers of Martin County have had the grown in Martin County.

buying purebred gilts and boars plans for the sale.

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Make Plans For **Fashion Revue**

A fashion revue, featuring students examined, 33 were found to be in need of glasses. One stud- styles of long ago along with the latest in spring and summer apparel will be presented by the Williamston Woman's Club in the Viccar Theater here Friday evening, March 11, at 8:15 o'clock, it was announced today. "Blondie's Secret," a sparkling and delightful comedy, will be shown on the screen immediately following the fashion show.

of either Duroc or Hampshire Clothes and accessories for cur-High producing qualities are rent styles will be supplied by loknown to be inherited. There will cal merchants and will be a disbe hogs on the sale from a litter play of the latest creations in

street, afternoon, play and eve-

Fashions of yesteryear will inby local residents down through

Don Pierce, radio arnouncer, monies.

J. W. Sumner

Assistant County Agent