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County Property Valuations Call Nine Cases Charges Military Vote On Road-School Bonds In In County Court Leaders Coddling Reach Highest Poak On Record M. 1. M

Increase In 1949 Is Júst A Little For Aid Sent By Red Cross **Under \$2,000,000** 

Total Personal and Real **Property Holdings List** ed at \$21,520,091

Real and personal property values, assessed for general taxation reads: in this county at \$21,520,091, this

values, boosted this year by a dollars than they were in 1948, the

tax supervisor pointed out. Listings exclusive of corporation property holdings, show a value of \$19,376,212. The supervisor pointed out that the corporation listings had not been certified. If they stand at the 1948 figure of \$2,143,879, then the 1949 total valuation will go on the books at \$21,520,091. Corporation listings, including corporation excess, last year were made as follows: Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, \$1,864,219; Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, \$145,082; Western Union Telegraph Company, \$68,016; Branch Banking and Trust Company, \$3,582; Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Williamston, \$22,070; Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Robersonville, \$28,886; Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Hamilton, \$4,219; Edgecombe Bank and Trust Company, \$7,805.

The Coast Line Railroad Company, for many years the largest ty, surrendered first place this Full Recreation single property owner in the counyear to the North Carolina Pulp Company. Showing an increase of more than \$400,000 in its a ed property valuations, the pulp company's holdings, exclusive of its many tracts of land, are now pany's plant real estate is booked at \$268,150, and its personal property is listed at \$1,861,035. The gain in values was fairly ped slightly in Williams, Bear pool and the recreation center. Grass, and Goose Nest.

Though a bit late, appreciation action during the war of 1939was recently expressed by the 1945.

Britishers Express Thanks

"The people of the United King-British Government for help rendered its subject in World War II. dom will ever hold their generosity in grateful memory.

The note, forwarded to Chapter "HALIFAX, Ambassador, Chairman W. H. Carstarphen "British Embassy, Washington." The note of appreciation, ex-

"His Majesty's Government in pressly printed for the Red Cross year reached the highest value the United Kingdom of Great Chapter, was predicated on the enpeak in history, according to fig- Britain and Northern Ireland tertainment accorded British sailgures recently released by County most warmly thank the members ors in the county during the war, Tax Supervisor M. L. Peel. The of the Chapter of the American and direct aid extended war vic-Red Cross in Martin County, tims in England. Various types of horizontal increase of ten percent North Carolina, for the valuable aid were extended England durin real property and a fair-sized help which they have given to- ing the war and the years immediexpansion in home and industry, wards the relief of suffering in the ately following the war by the are greater by almost two million United Kingdom caused by enemy Red Cross.

> THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

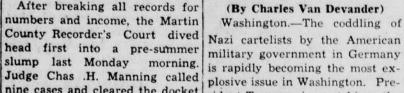
Motorists on Martin County highways continued to smash 'em up, but they were most considerate of life, limb and property last week, according to reports coming from members of the highway patrol and police departments.

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. 21st Week

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 1949 4 0 0 \$ 440 1948 1 1 0 150 Comparisons To Date 1949 47 24 2

1948 56 22 11.065

**Program To Be** 



Fines Imposed Smallest for Writer Says United States

Policy Sabotaged By

**Military Government** 

Any Session Held In

**Recent Months** 

After breaking all records for

nine cases and cleared the docket sident Truman is watching the in less than two hours. Very few sitation closely and may eventualspectators were present, and the ly have to intervene dramatically. proceedings attracted very little The Army Department, temporattention. arily headless since the resigna-**Proceedings:** 

tion of Secretary Royall, is strict-William E. Barringer, pleading ly in the middle. Apparently it is guilty of allowing a non-licensed helpless to guide events or to perdriver to operate a motor vehicle, suade AMG officials in Germany was fined \$25 and taxed with the to carry out announced United costs.

States policy, which is to smash Pleading guilty of operating a the big Nazi combines once and motor vehicle without a driver's for all. license, Luther Spruill, was fined The history of recent events in

\$25 and taxed with the costs. this field is almost too fantastic Charged with allowing a non- to be believed. Yet, the story of licensed driver to operate a motor sabotage of United States policy vehicle, Vester Spruill pleaded by United States representatives guilty and was fined \$25, plus in Germany is now completely documented.

Eugene Lester Lowder, truck Best place to pick up the story driver of Salisbury, pleaded guilis with the appointment of a civilty in the case in which he was ian committee late last year by charged with speeding, and was then Secretary Royall to conduct

fined \$15 and taxed with the costs. an impartial investigation of Pleading guilty of careless and charges that the decartelization reckless driving, Floyd Spruill program had broken down. The was fined \$15 and required to pay committee, headed by Garland

The issuance of marriage licens-Ferguson, of the Federal Trade Charged with violating the Commission, held hearings in Geres continues to maintain a downhealth laws, Charlie Anthony was many. Three weeks ago this comward trend in this county, accordsentenced to the roads for thirty mittee reported that the charges ing to a review of the marriage days, the court suspending the were true. The men in charge of registry in the office of J. Sam road term on condition that he breaking up the German cartels Getsinger, register of deeds. So pay the costs and take treatment were unsympathetic with the profar this year, 74 licenses have prescribed by health authorities. gram; therefore there was no re- been issued, 38 to white and 36 to John Riddick, charged with alcord of achievement in carrying colored couples, as compared with out the job. Pupils Receive lowing a non-licensed operator to out the job.

drive a motor vehicle, was found The world-wide I. G. Farben of last year, 46 to white and 73 to trust, whose main plants at Frank- colored couples.

Edward T. Rosenberg, Philadelfurt were miraculously spared by phia jewelry salesman, was fined British and American bombs censes to marry issued in the \$15 and taxed with the costs for which leveled the rest of the city, county, nine below the issuance speeding. He pleaded guilty of is still functioning. The Ruhr in- for May of last year. The May isthe charge.

Tom Armistead, charged with Proceedings have been dropped particular month in four years. Monday, June 6th, to avoid pos- bastardy and found guilty at the against the German subsidiary

Prelimnary Study Of The Martin County To County Budget To Be Made Get \$1,876,742.00

State Wide Election Saturday

While no final action is likely, next fiscal year. the county commissioners are ex- Very little new business is schepected to make a preliminary duled for the meeting next Monstudy of the 1949-50 fiscal year day, but if the road bond is apbudget figures at their regular proved on Saturday, it is likely meeting next Monday. Only one that the board will be petitioned department-the welfare depart- Monday for better roads. As far ment-has submitted complete fi- as it can be learned, the road progures, but preliminary estimates gram, provided it is approved at road-school bond issue in a Statefor the other departments will the polls on Saturday, will provide wide referendum on Saturday of come up for preliminary review. first attention to school and mail this week, but present indications The school budget is not yet ready, routes with paving promised on point to a small vote. The \$200

and when all the figures are-com- the most important links. The million road bond plan and the piled for all the departments it is program calls for widening of all \$25 million school program are inquite likely that the commission- roads and all that cannot be sur- dependent of each other, meaning ers will be asked to devote all of faced are to be put in condition that one can pass without the one day or more in special session to accommodate travel the year other, or both pass or both go

to approve the estimates for the around.

**Fewer Marriages Reported In The County Recently Fifteen Marriage Licenses** 

White

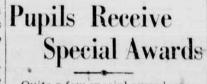
**Issued During The Past Month** 

To accommodate the State press and to make the results available as quickly as possible to our own people. The Enterprise is making arrangements to tabulate the roadbond referendum returns Saturday evening. A special appeal is being directed to the election officials to telephone

RETURNS

the vote is counted. The polls open for the election Saturday morning at 6:30 o'clock and will close that evening at 6:30 o'clock.

in the returns just as soon as



ing work in science classes.

Mason as class valedictorian.

Mason gained additional recogni-

bered:

Tot. Gain

593,310

34.159

73,829

67,601

518,529

88.620

131.458

43.045

113,741

134.779

1,799,071

68.795

28.200

51,265

55,600

407,040

51,297

201.116

30,997

85,369

89,933

12,168

3,711

2,376

2,456

34,728

5,033

29,591

15,671

25,074

\*433

character.

council.

and Harriet Ward.

Shelton To Address

Sallie Hardison.

Julian Mason.

Quite a few special awards were

dustrial combines are untouched. suance was the smallest for the schools at the close of the recent ever, pave almost 100 miles of term, including the following:

For Schools-Roads Small Vote Anticipated In Most of The Thirteen

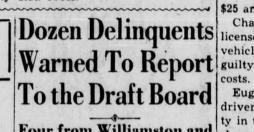
**County Precincts** North Carolina voters will de-

cide the fate of a \$225,000,000 down in defeat.

Late reports indicate that both proposals will receive a majority at the polls, but the opposition. active only in certain guarters. can break out on a much more pretentious scale at the last minute. It has been reliably learned that opposition literature has been placed in the hands of certain agencies, but it remains to be seen if the opposition literature will be distributed.

For the most part indifference to both plans, especially as far as the road program is concerned. prevails. It is calculated that those persons living on dirt roads or 'tater ridges will make an effort to support the program, while those living on improved roads will take little part in the Saturday voting.

Martin County, under the plan, will receive approximately \$1,-876,742-\$1,667,000 for roads and \$209,742 for schools. It is admitted that the amount will not pave every rural road or build new structures for every school in the presented to pupils in the local county. The program will, howrural roads, widen and improve



**Robersonville**, Two from Jamesville On List

A dozen youths, listed by the

local draft board as delinguent, are being warned that they must report to the board by Monday, June 6th, or their names will be turned over to the State Attorney for attention. Four of them are from Wil-

iamston or rural routes served from this town, four are from the Robersonville community, two from Jamesville and one each from Parmele and Oak City. \$12,105 The local draft board is asking

that anyone knowing the whereabouts or the correct address of the delinquents to notify the draft board or advise the registrant to contact the board not later than

Four from Williamston and

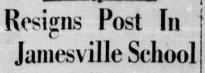
the costs.

ton Township reported an increase ble school course is completed.

townships;

Jamesville, \$600,603; Williams, and Rush Bondurant assistant in \$36,209; Griffins, \$79,876; Bear all phases of the work where their Promotion Days Grass, \$66,717; Williamston, \$559,- services are needed. 777; Cross Roads, \$99,881; Robersonville, \$152,369; Poplar Point, \$42.501. Uamilian\_\$141.021. Coper

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Professor Woodrow Suggs, popular principal of the Jamesville for their parts in various athletic Mr. Mears will be Frank Margolis, schools for several terms, has events in the local school during Jack Edmondson, M. G. Shands tendered his resignation to go with the recent term:

the Gastonia school system, it was learned this week. The professor, Bailey, Edna Coltrain, Alice announcement will be made later. who holds a master's degree and Peaks, Priscilla Roberson, Verle who had his teaching career inter- Leggett, Rachel Chesson, Rhoda a news program is being sponsorrupted by the war, will serve as Fay Peel, Louise Corey, Grace ed by the Boosters to keep the principal of Arlington Junior High Cullipher.

Gastonia.

family from Jamesville within the Lawhorn, Billy Edwards, Paul through Friday, beginning at 12:05 Peel, Warren Goff, Charles Carv- p. m. next few weeks.

It could not be learned official- er, Rush Bondurant, Bobby Car- In making the announcement, ly, but it was reported that John ter, Jimmy Myers, Asa Manning, Mr. Sweatt expressed his appreci-L. Goff, Jr., a recent A. C. College Jack Edwards, Clayton Hadley, ation of the kindness and cooperagraduate, had been employed to Norwood Keel, Pritchard Linds- tion extended him since he assumteach in the Gastonia schools next ley, Howard Moore, Billy Bob cd his duties as secretary of the term and that another county Peel, Julian Mason, Jerry Fore- Boosters and said that the organiyoung man had applied for a posi- hand, Bobby Taylor, Joe Rober- zation has now developed into a tion there.

Conducted Here In view of the fact that there listed at \$2,129,185. The com- John L. Goff, Jr., To Direct the registrants are delinquent in

## Full Time Effort To Entertain Youngsters

cause of any fear of being sent in-A complete recreation program to the armed services. uniform except in two or three in- is being planned for Williamston The list as supplied by Clerk stances. Personal property drop- youngsters this summer by John Mildred Everett under directions ped in Robersonville by over \$78,- L. Goff, Jr., who has been named of Chairman Eugene Rice, follows: 000, while the personal property to direct the activities at the play- Joseph Clark, RFD 1, Box 27, listings by colored owners drop- ground, the municipal swimming Jamesville; Willie Lee Williams, RFD 1. Williamston: Wannamaker The swimming pool opened yes- James, 404 White St., Williamston;

The largest single increase is terday afternoon, the recreation Tom Brown, Jr., RFD 2, Robersontraceable to the pulp company in center will continue to operate on ville; James Henry Wiggins, Jamesville Township where the Friday, Saturday and Sunday eve- Jamesville; Lester Williams, RFD total gain for both white and col- nings and the playground will be 2, Box 34 A, Robersonville; Wilored exceeded \$600,000. Williams- opened just as soon the union Bi- liam Berry, RFD 2, Robersonville; Octavius Roberson, 118 Elm St., of well over half a million dollars. Assistant director and life guard Williamston; James Alphonsa The over-all increase; that is, at the swimming pool will be Bill Ward, 611 W. Main St., Williamsgain in personal and real proper- | Corbett of Zebulon. Louise Griffin | ton; Calvin Jones, Parmele; John ty values as listed by both white will have charge of the baby pool Ben Roberson, Oak City, RFD 1

and colored owners, follows by and the recreation center at the and Earl Benjamin Forbes, RFD 1, Legion Hut with Rachel Chesson Box 220, Robersonville.

> Emphasis is again begin placed on the fact that those who purand a man ticks to to the series

(Continued on page eight) Williamston are planned by the Athletic Letters Issued In School it was announced yesterday by the group's executive secretary,

Al Sweatt. -The following received awards To serve on the committee with

and Jimmy Harris. Plans are tol Girls: Nancy Roberson, Jean be completed shortly and detailed Mr. Sweatt also announced that

name of Williamston on the air re-School, one of two such schools in Boys: Landy Griffin, Bobby gularly. The program is being Rogers, Guy Carrow, David Gur- broadcast over station WRRF in

Mr. Suggs plans to move his ganus, David Carson, David Mc- Washington each day. Monday

son, Jack Ross and Shelton Bailey. strong and solid promotion group. \*Denotes loss instead of gain.

Set for June 23-25

Three special promotion days in

April 4 session, withdrew his ap- and affiliate of SKF, the Swedish peal to the higher courts and ac- ball-bearing combine. is no immediate danger of a call to actual service, it is believed

not guilty.

is to pay \$8 a month for the sup- mended that three men responsiport of his child during the next ble for this sabotage of United Bet Scott, both of Hamilton. reporting to the board more from two years except during the States policy be fired. It named months of September, October, Richardson Bronson, chief of the dy, both of Robersonville.

Life Saving Course

Begining on Monday, June 20, a Red Cress Life Saving Instruction retary of the Army, first charted ville. course will be conducted at Cole- that soft policy on cartels.

The course is open to any per- flagrant reprisals against subordiof age. Anyone interested in at- the Ferguson committee at its in- ton. tending the course is asked to con- vitation. Wilkinson brazenly detact Dr. Jim Edens in Williams-

ton for further information.

cepted the April 4 judgment. He In effect, the committee recomed couples, as follows:

November and December, when decartelization branch of AMG; Earnie C. Mobley and Helen First-year home economics Very few meetings of the coun-Lawrence Wilkinson, his economic Marie O'Neal, both of Jamesville. award: Doris Peel. adviser; and Philip Hawkins, de- Robert Graham Leggett and

puty to Wilkinson. Hawkins, in- Helen Louise Morris, both of ley, student making the highest a dozen or more petitions are pre-Offered At Colerain cidentally, is the son-in-law of Windsor. Gen. William H. Draper, Jr., New Marvin Winberry and Peggy amination. York banker, who, as Under Sec- Lois Roebuck, both of Roberson-

rain Beach for two or three hours These men have not been fired. and Verna Lee Leggett of Wil-Dewey Paul Asbell of Windsor the club during the year. Instead they are now carrying out liamston.

Maurice S. Moore, Ji., and Jane son, man or woman, over 18 years nates in AMG who testified before Johnson Goff, both of Williams-

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1948 and 1949 Property Valuations In Martin County

Listed below are the assessed property valuations exclusive of corporation listings for 1948 and 1949 in Martin County, showing gains and losses by townships for white-and colored owers Corneration listings last year were \$2,143,879 and it is expected they'll be about the same for 1949. The total property valuation as assessed for public taxation will go on the books this year right at \$21,-520,090, the highest figure on record.

1949 Personal 1948 Personal Gain 1949 Real Est. 1948 Real Est. Gain 1.817.955 2.342.470 524.515 1,091,039 1.022.242 145,889 139,930 5,959 322,918 294.718 400 289 377 725 22,564 544,155 492,890 341.733 329.732 12,001 556.158 500.558 1,915,356 2.026.845 111,489 2,768,045 2.361.005267,471 230,148 37,323 544.886 493,589 1.323.707 1 393.365 \*69,658 1,809,798 1,608,682 163.917 151,869 12,048 308.501 277,504 402.724 374.352 28.372 809,660 724,291 472,811 427,965 44,846 982,840 892,907 7,158,397 9,738,000 729,459 8,668,386 1,069,612 69.060 63.935 5.125 136,242 124.074 15.385 17,046 \*1,661 42,575 38.864 23.225 19,554 3.671 15.666 13.290 29.397 32,737 \*3,340 27,949 25,493 142.539 136,019 6.520 297.842 263,114 22,629 16,401 6,228 36,503 31,470 142,781 151,461 \*8.680 209,545 179,954 12 944 12.855 89 6,237 6.670 101.599 89,040 12,559 103.785 88,114 119,556 \*4,333 199,230 174,156 TOTAL \_\_\_\_ 674,782 658,604 16,178 1,075,574 945,199 130,375 7,817,001 745,637 10,813,574 9,613,589 1,199,987

others. The school congestion can Licenses were issued last month. Seventh grade scholarship seven to white and eight to color- award: Wilber Stewart. be relieved.

Dramatics medals: Julia Laugh- If the program is rejected, the inghouse, the senior giving the county can expect little relief for Floyd Wilson Bland and Annie best performance in senior play roads, and the county will have and class exercises. Jessie Melson, to float bonds of its own to fin-Wayne Leggett and Edna Har- junior giving the best perform- ance badly needed school addiance in class play. tions.

ty commissioners are held but French medal: Elizabeth Whit- what one, two and sometimes half • • • score on the national French ex- sented to the authorities, pleading with them for better roads. The Glee club medal: Lilybet Muse, program, as outlined by State student rendering most service to leaders and others, offers about the only solution to the problem. Last appeals are being directed Science medal: Lilybet Muse, student doing the most outstand- to the people to get out and vote in the Saturday referendum. No In the miscellaneous awards matter how one stands on the prolist, the following were remem- gram, he should participate in the voting. The polls will open at 6:39 Books: Julian Mason and Sallie o'clock that morning and remain Hardison, based on leadership and open until 6:30 that evening. During those twelve hours the people

Senior class president medal: of North Carolina will decide if they want to continue along with High school scholarship medal: an inadequate road-school system or "Go Forward."

The bond issues this week re-A year's subscription to the Reader's Digest went to Julian ceived the endorsement of J. Y. Joyner of La Grange.

Billy, Boh Pesl was recognized for his public speaking, and Julian Destroy Several tion for his work on the student **Plants In County** 

New Beta club members in-While ABC Officer J. H. Roeclude: Jean Bailey, Bobby Clayton, Helen Louise Corey, Eliza- buck was ill at his home a few beth Griffin, Betsy Horton, Bar- days last week, Deputy Roy Peel bara Jackson, Mary Carolyn Leg- teamed up with Beaufort County gett, Verle Leggett, Jean McLaw- ABC officers and maintained the horn, Sarah Manning, Alice Peaks, relentless attack on illicit liquor Rhoda Faye Peel, Ruby Savage operations in this county.

Raiding along the Beaufort boundary in Griffins Township last Thursday, the officers wreck-Bear Grass Ruritans ed a submarine type still and poured out 600 gallons of sugar

17,293 District Highway Commissioner beer. Accompanied by Capt. A. 2.050 Henry Gray Shelton of Tarboro, H. Sessoms that afternoon, the de-6.047 will speak to the members of the puty destroyed a 50-gallon oil \*884 Bear Grass Ruritan Club Monday drum still in the Gold Point sec-41.248 tion of Robersonville Township night, June 6th. 11,261 This will be the second speak- and poured out fifty gallons of 20,911 ing engagement he has filled in filthy slops.

\*344 Martin County since his appoint- Returning to his work Monday, 28,230 ment to the state roads body. He the ABC officer with Deputy Peel 20.741 addressed the Williamston Lions captured a 50-gallon copper kettle last week to explain why he fav- complete except for the cap and 146,553 ored the roads-school bond issue poured out 100 gallons of sugar 1,945,624 to be voted on this coming Satur- beer. The plant was located in Cross Roads Township.

Williamston Boosters, Inc., under White the chairmanship of Ernest Mears. Jamesville for three days, June 23, 24 and 25, Williams Griffins Bear Grass Williamston Cross Roads Robersonville Poplar Point Hamilton **Goose Nest** TOTAL \_\_\_\_7,887,856 Colored Jamesville Williams \_\_\_\_ Griffins \_\_\_\_ Bear Grass Williamston Cross Roads Robersonville \_\_\_\_\_ Poplar Point \_\_\_\_\_ Hamilton Goose Nest \_\_\_\_\_ 115,223

Grand Total 8,562,638