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Drunken Drivers In The County's Court Call for Review of Salary Schedule and Delay Schedu

POTATOES

While some are still debat-

ing the value of irish potatoes

as a stock feed, Martin Coun-

ty farmers have moved for-

ward in a big way to claim

some of the government sur-

plus spuds. It is understood

that orders have been receiv-

ed for ninety-five carloads in

Apparently few potatoes

have been declared surplus in

this section so far. According

to the best information to be

had, only two or three cars of

the surplus spuds have been

delivered to farmers in this

A Real Menace To

ly On Agencies To Con-

trol The Beetle

the Agricultural Extension Ser-

vice at N. C. State College, Ral-

This summer's war on Jap beet-

les already has gotten under way

in the vicinity of Mt. Olive, one of

a mixture of DDT, kerosene and

festation and which areas are in

The mist treatment is used dur-

this period they feed on fruit and

destruction when they exist in

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To Locate Here

Fred Hardison, Martin County

bachelor of science in civil engi-

Williamston, according to rehable

A son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J.

Hardison of Williams Township,

record, young Hardison starred as

ed here a few days ago.

Engineer Plans

eigh."

this county.

Fantastic Story By Defendant Is · Accepted Monday

Fines and Forfeitures Total \$370; Defendants Get Road Sentences

Working on what were described as narrow margins, juries in the Martin County Recorder's Court freed two alleged drunken drivers at the session of the tribunal held last Monday. One of the defendants offered a fantastic story, and it was accepted at its face value by the jury. A second defendant in a similar case came through with a safe hit even though two strikes were against Japanese Beetles

James Joseph Whitley, charged with drunken driving, told the court that he met Patrolman R. P. Narron on the highway, that he (the defendant) became so frightened that he reached down Farmers Advised Not to Reand drank one-half pint of liquor, throwing the bottle away. The defendant further explained that when he was carried to the Robersonville police station, he became "higher and higher." He was found not guilty by the jury.

Facing a similar charge, Mills Elwood Vann carried his case before a jury. He was well helped state did not build an air-tight agencies to check the invaders' dewith witnesses and possibly the case, but three arresting officers, said the man had been drinking. The defendant, it was reported, admitted he had had a bottle of beer about 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon of the day he lost control of his car and crashed into the Roanoke River bridge. Defense to cope with the problem. witnesses said the man wasn't gram," he continued, "will have to sinking in the Roanoke that afternoon but was rescued by Fisherman Barber. It was said at the almost turned over the rescue boat, and showed no interest in recovering the outboard motor from the proper methods may be obthe sunken boat. Soon after the tained from county agents or from accident, the defendant was seen in the middle of the highway putting on his trousers. The man was found not guilty of the drunken driving charge.

Serving on the juries were Mack L. James, N. C. Everett, Jr., Oscar the heavily infested areas, Bran-N. Roberson, J. R. P. Griffin, Asa non announced. A powerful mist-J. Hardison, Chas. Peel, F. W. Holblower machine is now in operaliday, Billie Peel, H. H. Holliday, tion there spraying roadsides with M. R. Gurganus.

A third drunken driving case, xylene. The U.S. Department of scheduled for trial before a jury Agriculture furnishes the machine Monday, was continued when it and operator, while the State Dewas ruled there was not sufficient partment of Agriculture supplies time to try it without a night ses- the labor and materials. sion. The case goes over until July 11. Lindsley Allen Poole is moved to the Pantego area and anthe defendant.

other one will be sent to the Ashe-The court, handling no record ville - Hendersonville sections, number of cases, was in session Brannon said. until about 5:00 o'clock that afternoon, and quite a few were pres- will get under way this month to determine the extent of beetle in

Other proceedings: Pleading not guilty of assaulting most serious need of treatment. his wife, Hess Manning was adjudged guilty and was sentenced ing the early summer, when Japto the roads for six months. The anese beetles are in flight. During road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs, leaves, and are capable of heavy and the defendant is to pay the prosecuting witness's hospital bill.

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STOP LIGHTS

Williamston's two stop lights, out of order for the past several weeks, will be back in operation the latter part of this month, the commissioners were advised at their meeting last Tuesday

evening. A new light on order for months, is to be shipped next week for the Haughton-Main intersection, and repairs for the signal at Watts and Main are to be made just as soon as parts are received, it was ex-

Couple Bow Out

Appointments

Williamston's town commissionterm last Tuesday evening and this month. there was little doubt but the entown is certain to have a progressive government continued.

Retiring from the board, Ben D. Courtney was out of town, but John H. Gurganus, another retiring member of the board, worked to clear up some old business, gracefully bowed out after explaining that he had worked in what he thought was the best interests of the town during the past two years and wished the new board success.

W. O. Griffin and Leman Barnhill were sworn in as the two brand new members, David Moore having been appointed a short State Agriculture time ago to fill the position made vacant by the death of Commissioner G. H. Harrison. The three men subscribed to the oath of office along with N. C. Green and K. D. Worrell who survived the recent primary. Robt. Cowen succeeded himself as mayor, and the Japanese beetles have become oaths of office were administered such a menace in some sections of by Justice John L. Hassell, former North Carolina that farmers and mayor who wished them a successother property owners in these ful administration.

areas were warned today to exer-The closing of Gurganus Street cise their own control measures from Broad to Rhodes Streets, the instead of relying on public adoption of a taxi ordinance and a brief discussion of the mayor's salary was the last order of business County Leader C. H. Brannon, head of the Enfor the old board. The street was tomology Division of the State Delegally closed and the tax ordipartment of Agriculture, said that nance was adopted, but action on infestations have become so widethe mayor's salary was held in spread that the point state-federabeyance to be given consideraal control program is insufficient tion later. The mayor is paid a commissioners receive \$10

concentrate this year on reducing Mayor Cowen, after the books infestation at loading points and were closed on the old administrapreventing spread of the insects to new areas. Farmers and other the retiring members of the board food of greater values, the report time that Vann and his companion individual control measures for their unselfish work and inindividual control measures to terest advanced in behalf of the The 36,106 pounds of food concombat the beetles on their own town and its people during the tributed by the farmers, housepast two years.

After subscribing to the oaths of office, the new board buckled down to work and perfected its gram is shown in bold relief when organization in part, K. D. Worrell was elected mayor protem to succeed himself, but the appointment of a clerk and heads of other departments, including police chief, fire chief, attorney, superintendents of water and streets was delayed for a while. A schedule of salaries for all town employes was called for by the new board as its first official act.

Cooperating with the Boosters Club, the board ruled out the use of parking meters during "Promotion Days" on June 23, 24 and 25. The mist-blower later will be Parking will be free for the special event.

A contract for the annual audit was let to F. E. Butler, CPA, for Fix \$1,000 Bond A large-scale scouting program

The tax collector reported that 98.25 OR of the terations levy for 1948 had been collected, that all paving assessments were paid up to date.

The commissioners will meet in special session next Tuesday evening when preliminary budget figures will be reviewed. No preliminary estimates have been offered for the next fiscal year.

Little Change Reported

A patient in a Washington hossame. He was given a blood transyoung man who was graduated fusion earlier in the week and he that, but last reports state that he several weeks and was only able Sandy Point Church, \$1.50; Dt. neering, is planning to locate in was not feeling so well.

but unofficial information receiv- Mr. Daniel Suffers A Stroke at Everetts Home

Mr. Oscar Daniel, prominent the young man has fully equipped Everetts citizen, suffered a stroke cases in his court this week. Wood- \$1.54; Cross Roads School, \$2; Bohimself for civil engineering. In of paralysis at his home last row Latham and Bell Cherry, both wers School and coin boxes, \$1.46; few days ago for an absolute diaddition to his excellent scholastic Thursday. Late reports from his charged with being drunk and Parmele School, \$10.90; Whichardhome indicate that his condition is disorderly, were each fined \$10 James School, \$4; Jones Schools, tion is based on two-year-separa- to the pairons and the operators, a member of the football team. satisfactory.

Jury Frees Alleged Old Town Board Crop Compliance Surveys Graveside Service In Cemetery Here In Cemetery Here Moeting This Wook

Measurements for checking to- around four cents a pound.

tire group realized there was with acreage quotas, a representa- quirement there is little doubt but what the only a few had exceeded their to- of their quotas. bacco quotas.

it has been proposed to tax the farmer still has the privilege of plot. quota excess at about 40 percent acting on his own and destroying He was born in Tarboro twentybased on the 1948 figure, would be do so.

bacco and peanut acreages are go- It has been reported that excess agent announcing yesterday that pound, and the farmer who exhardly more than 200 of the 1,650 ceeds his quota will not be allowed farms had been checked to date. to participate in the support price ers, two of them reporting for The work is tentatively scheduled program, except to the extent of in Woodlawn Cemetery here Suntheir first meeting, began a new to be completed by the 24th of 60 percent on the excess. Briefly day afternoon at 2:90 o'clock for stated, farmers can't make a go of Pfc. John Green Stalls, Jr., who

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on Martin County highways last week made a safety record compared with their activities in the corresponding week of last year.

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. 22nd Week

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 1949 2 0 0 \$ 100 1948 4 0 0 Comparisons To Date 1949 49 24 2 \$12.205

1948 60 22

According to a recent report released by Rev. Wayne McLain, di- liamston for several years, movamong the leaders in supporting farmer, he was active until de-"CROP" (Christian Rural Over- clining health forced his retire seas Program) last December. On- ment about two years ago. tion, expressed his appreciation to ly seven counties offered more

were valued at \$2,566.68.

Martin County's part in the proreported by such large and wealthy counties as Mecklenburg which gave food valued at \$2,278.

Thirty counties offered nothing at all, while the other seventy gave food values well over \$150,-000, but some of that group gave as little as \$6.00.

project has been completed, that many persons were kept from China and parts of Europe, that possibly a similar project will be undertaken sometime this year.

In Assault Case Fund Boosted By

Willie Moore, charged with critically stabbing Alec Bunch, was placed under a \$1,000 bond for his appearance in the superior court colored schools and colored citiweek after next by Justice R. T. zens boosted the Cancer Fund toSmith, Jerry Nicholson, Mary be in force for the operation of own expense, it would seem only Johnson at a preliminary hearing tal to \$1,711.90, an amount about Alice Warren, Michael Edmond- local taxi cabs, in accordance with fair for those who do have the bond he continues in the county signed the county, Mrs. Chas. I. Lilley, Richard E. Raynor, Betty meeting of the commissioners last commissioners commented. No fee

Entering into a minor argument this week. In Sheriff's Condition with Bunch at a hot dog counter | Contributions amounting from Duke University with the showed some improvement after victim was hospitalized here for Creek school, \$3.04;

> Johnson fined Luther W. Respass Gold Point School, \$5.50; Biggs Divorce Action Filed \$5 and taxed him with \$7.85 costs Schools, \$3.63; Salsbury School, on a drunkenness charge.

Justice J. L. Hassell handled two boxes, \$3.04; Hamilton School, and taxed with \$6.50 costs.

Cov L. Norris Dies At His Home Here Pembroke, N. C., and lived there After Long Illness

terday At Church In **Washington County**

Cov L. Norris, retired farmer early Tuesday afternoon followabout two years ago, and had suffered with a heart condition since serious for about three months.

The son of Joseph and Mary Howell Norris, he was born in the Spring Green section of this county 58 years ago on November 11, In "CROP" Plan 1890, and lived all his life in this county except a few years spent 1890, and lived all his life in this in Tarboro and Lenoir County. ing here from Bear Grass Town-

When a young man he was mar ried to Miss Allie Browning, and his second marriage was to Miss Naomi Lee, both of this county. Surviving the first marriage are two daughters, Mrs. Oscar How- Club Members Go wives and others in this county ell and Mrs. Bernice Council, both of Williamston, and a son, Charlie Warren Norris, also of William compared with the contributions ston; and by his second marriage, Norris, of the home; a foster daughter, Mrs. E. Van Welton, of Williamston; a sister, Mrs. J. F. Cox, of Plymouth, and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Norris was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church for more than thirty years, joining at The report declares that the Cedar Grove near his boyhood home and changing his membership to the Mt. Olive Church in starving. It also declared that the Washington County when he need for food is still great in India, made his home in the Angetown section. His pastor, Rev. Duffy Toler, conducted the funeral in afternoon and interment was in

Late Donations

Late contributions made by the Harris, commander, announced Lou Griffin, Jack Woolard, Re- Tuesday evening.

on Washington Street here, Moore, \$89.27 made by the colored citi-Raymond Bennett, Anne Speight turn, free parking space will be his knife open, waited for his prey zens and not previously reported, Whitfield, Janyce Whitfield, Joyce provided the taxis at the bus terpital since May 23, Sheriff C. B. just outside and drove his knife follow: Eastern Star Lodge, \$5; Whitfield, Vivian L. Pate, Gordon minal. A uniform fare of 35 cents Roebuck continues about the into the man's stomach. Bunch Household of Ruth Lodge, \$5; Wil- Hopkins, Lester Earley, Elizabeth anywhere within the town limits turned and ran, and Moore follow- liamston School, \$15.89; Roberson- Donald, Helen Waters, Thelma was fixed for one or two persons ed, stabbing him in the back. The ville School, \$5.09; Smithwick Gurganus, Buzzy Worsley, Joseph and ten cents for each additional

this week to attend the hearing. | Elk Lodge, \$5; Rogers School, \$3; Handling one other case, Justice White Oak Springs School, \$2 \$2.01; Dardens School, \$4; Coin \$4; and Everetts School, \$3.40.

October 10, 1943

Graveside services will be held Commenting on compliance it unless they are within the re- was killed in action in Italy on October 10, 1943. Rev. Stewart B. tough and difficult sledding shead tive of the office said that quite a It has been suggested that the Simms, pastor of the Memorial for the next two years. However, few peanut growers had planted support price be denied those far- Baptist Church, will conduct the a spirit of optimism prevailed and in excess of their allotments, that mers who plant peanuts in excess service, and full military honors will be accorded the late soldier The PMA or old Triple A has no by a detail from the John Walton A penalty on excess peanuts has authority to advise farmers to de- Hassell Post of the American Lenot been officially announced, but stroy surplus acreages, but the gion. Burial will be in the family

of the established price, which, the excess acreage if he wishes to six years ago in September, 1922, the son of John Green Stalls and Bettie Brown Stalls, both natives of this county. When quite a until he entered the service at Fort Bragg on October 30, 1939. The young man, anxious to serve his country when war clouds first Funeral Service Held Yes- started spreading over Europe, came here to get his mother's per mission to join the army.

After completing his training and just before going overseas he and respected citizen, died at his was married and his widow, Marie heme here on South Biggs Street Stalls Hammons of Brookhaven, Mississippi, survives. Others suring a long period of declining viving are, his father of Leggetts, health. He suffered an attack N. C., a sister, Mrs. Bill Gardner of Charlotte: two brothers. Cullen Stalls of Portsmouth and formerthat time. His condition had been ly of Williamston, and Willie Stalls of Portland, Oregon.

At the time of his death he was attached to Battery B Observation Battalion, Field Artillery. Details of his untimely passing could nev- Mobley, George W. Taylor and H. er be learned definitely, but it is believed he perished along with several others when they were ministered by Justice C. B. Rid-He had made his home in Wil-struck by a German aerial bomb, dick, the retiring mayor, death fellowing almost instantly.

burial in native soil

day afternoon from the Brooklyn it was announced. Depot and will lie in state at the Biggs Funeral Home until time for the service Sunday afternoon.

To Camp Monday

Sixty-one Martin County 4-H Club members and their supervisors plan to leave from the county agricultural building next Monday morning not later than 10:00 o'clock for a week's outing at Camp Manteo on Roanoke Island. The camp will be closed the following Saturday.

The campers are: Sarah Harrison, Cynthia James, Joan Manning, Linda Bullock, Jeanette Moore, Emma N. Everett, Betty J. Green, Ester Tyler, Kenneth Harris, Patricia Bowen, Betty J. Ter-

ry, Patricia A. McLawhorn, Wayne Ezelle Briley, Rebecca the Mt. Olive Church yesterday Jean Goodrich, Patsy Barrett, Joan Carrol Coltrain, G. H. the Ange Cemetery in Angetown. Forbes, Jr., Barbara Jean Bullock, Margaret Andrews Mizelle,

Barbara Harrell, Emma G. Pad-gette, Barbara Martin, Johnnie Price, Ross Knowles, Jimmie Knowles, C. A. Martin, Julian Mae Leggett, Johnny Leggett, Gloria Taylor, Darrell Tyre, Caroline Wallace, Janie Cox, Wallace M. son, Lewana Edmondson, John becca L. Haislip, Harvey Williams, A privilege license of \$50 for Glenda Faye Wells, Janie Cherry, each taxi was imposed. In re-Williams, Corrone Bryant, A. D. fare over two. Coltrain, Billy Edmondson, and The business will be under James Taylor.

For J. G. Stalls, Jr. Meeting This Week

NO BIDDERS

Martin County bought in all the real estate offered for sale at public auction this week for unpaid taxes. One or two individuals inquired about several tracts of land, but they did not bid, one report stated.

It is understood that foreclosure proceedings will be in order from 12 to 18 months after the first sale, that where the property was offered for sale a second time this year, tax foreclosure suits will be instituted within the next few

Officials Effect Organization In **Everetts Monday**

Town Tax Rate There Fixed At \$1 on \$130,000 Assessed Property Valuation

Holding their first meeting, Everetts' newly elected mayor and ning in a meeting held in Ayers' and water departments to make handled much business during the course of a two-hour discussion.

Woolard Peel, mayor, and Jesse Keel, H. S. Hardy, Johnnie E. scribed to the oaths of office ad-

His body is the thirty-first to the meeting named Commissioner superintendent was also instructsalary of \$50 a month while the rector, Martin County was listed ship. A diligent and dependable have been brought to this county Ayers clerk to the board, and a from battlefields overseas for final treasurer will be appointed at a

A committee was named to employ a police officer for the town. and a report is anticipated at the special meeting, Commissioner Ayers said this week.

Reversing the policy calling for little activity on the town's governing front in past years, the newly elected board plans a constructive program during the next two years. One of the first orders unanimously supported by the new officials calls for a general clean-up movement. An ordinance was passed making it unlawful for anyone to dump trash or refuse in the backlots.

To finance its operations, the town is adopting a \$1 tax rate on before the board, the meeting tion. Based on a valuation of approximately \$130,000, the new rate, 40 cents higher than the old emergency except in case of a one, will raise about \$1,300. The power failure. It was pointed out tax revenue will be supplemented by income from other sources, and pacity tank is needed, that the give the officials about \$2,000 to finance the town's operations. Ef-

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Regulations For

strict regulations adopted and approved by a board committee and representatives of the taxi opera-In the Superior Court tors. Licenses are subject to be Annie H. Ewell turned to the revoked for several causes, includ-Martin County Superior Court a ing the violation of the liquor vorce from Willie Ewell. The ac- expected to prove beneficial both

Tentatively Map Program For The **Next Two Years**

Paving Project Requirements Are To Be Given **First Consideration**

Holding their first meeting last Tuesday evening, Williamston's town commissioners briefly discussed a tentative program for the next two years. The meeting was one of orientation for the new members, and the big headaches will come at a special session to be held next Tuesday when budget problems will be tackled.

In discussing an over-all program of action for the future, the new board took immediate action to meet paving project requirements, temporarily, at least, shelving the pressing garbage problem, the solution of which the Woman's Club has pleaded for during re-State Highway and Public Works Commission had agreed to pave those streets over which school ed the superintendent of the street store effected an organization and plans for laying water and sewer Presided over by Mayor Peel, commodate that and all other ed to circulate petitions among it is believed that property owners will agree to accept the cost of the

In connection with the project calling for the laying of sewer lines in the two streets, the board proximately \$25,000 to extend the sewer lines to that area where it is proposed to build a hospital. Litage disposal system to meet the expanded needs, but the board advanced the opinion that provisions

agreeing that the ground supply is sufficient to meet most any that a quarter-million gallon caprice, based on quotations submitted about a year ago, would be around \$75,000.

Recognizing the nexts financial situation of the town, Taxi Operators discussed the adoption of a sewer rental fee. "There are so many who do not have the service and Effective July 1, regulations will have to install septic tanks at their

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'SURE'

In a radio interview last week, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan was asked whether his new plan to help both consumers and farmers, by holding farmers' income up and prices of their products down, is a plan to prevent "depression."

Brannan answered with one short and simple word: "Sure."

Opponents of the plan will get no aid or comfort from that reply.