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Guard Unit About Two-Day Extension Daily Attendance Fourteen Cases Ready For Federal Inspection On 24th School For Farmers More Than 100 Men Signed Specialists From PUBLIC MEETING

Up By Organization; **80** Pass Physical Test

Martin County's newly formed National Guard unit is almost ready for federal inspection, leaders said early today. Coming here yesterday, Captain Henry V. Reid from Headquarters of the 252nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Group of the National Guard, said he was very much impressed with the organizational work so far, and voiced the opinion that the temporary armory at the old municipal water plant should meet government specifications. It was explained that the inspecting officials would be mainly interested in armory facilities and in the battery records. Work on the temporary quarters is progressing rapidly, it was learned.

So far 104 men have signed up for duty in the Guard. Eightyeight have taken the physical examinations and eighty passed the tests. Other young men interest- Prisoners Of War ed in joining the Guard are asked to contact Elbert S. Peel, Jr. At the present time there are no definite plans for further mass physical examinations, but if a sufficient number of additional that arrangements for another mass examination can be made before federal inspection.

Officers, named by the sponsoring committee, are awaiting Act of 1948. Unfortunately some nett will be in charge of the proorders today to report to State tomorrow for their physical examinations.

Several men have shown interest in the full-time job of ord- hands of Edgar Gurganus, Martin ing theme. The program that provide more spare time for nance repairman which is to be rreated when all equipment is made available. The job, how-

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Several Cases In

ustice Chas. R. Mobley hand-

A proposal to extend the town limits will be discussed at a public meeting in the county courthouse here next Monday night at 8:00 o'clock, and all interested citizens from within and without the town are invited to attend. ask any question and discuss the plan.

It has been reported that petitions have been circulated, calling for a vote on the proposal.

The people of the town and those just outside owe it to themselves to study the problems at hand and make certain how much longer already overburdened public services can be maintained and how needs vital to the health of all can be provided.

To Get Benefits that is certain to interest every

Martin County had quite a few, men who were held as prisoners discuss poultry problems. men are interested, it is likely of war in foreign countries during World War II and who are voted entirely to tobacco culture, under the Federal War Claims lating to the crop. Dr. R. R. Ben-

of the young men died before they gram beginning at 1:00 o'clock Guard headquarters in Raleigh could be liberated, and it is point- that afternoon. ed out that surviving relatives may be entitled to the benefits.

North Carolina Veterans Com- awarding of special prizes to winever, has not been filled and sist eligible claimants in prepar- test conducted by the Martin us much concern and who make costs. others interested in it are asked ing the forms at his office in Wil- County Yam Growers Association. up the great part of the list of reliamston.

onment on which the enemy fail. nation. The young man was a der certain conditions, civilian in- and the delay literally robbed him Justice's Court der certain conditions, civilian in-ternees may be entitled to \$60 for out of the championship title and

each month of their internment. a free trip to Chicago. Anyway, he is receiving special



The number of pupils absent each day on an average is almost number of cases the week before, large enough to claim two addi- the Martin County Recorder's tional teachers, Principal B. G. Court, in regular session last Large Crowds Expected for Stewart said this week following Monday, worked until late aftera review of the figures for the first four months of the 1949-1950 term.

Up until last week the local dropped to the lowest figureschools had enrolled 1,047 pupils. zens will be conducted in the Mar- From September 20 to the Christ-\$200-in many months, Comparatively few spectators were in the mas holidays, 21 pupils moved court. out of the school district and nineat 9:00 o'clock. Top specialists teen moved into the area. Since

in the various fields of agriculture Christmas seven others moved will conduct the discussions and away and nine moved in. large crowds are expected to at-At the present time, the schools tend the meetings, including one here have a membership of 1,019 Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. pupils, an increase of about 25 or Similar farm sessions held in 30 over the membership figures the county last year were well atrecorded a year ago. On an avertended, and much good was derivage, 958 pupils attended the

schools each day, leaving 59 un-Dr. W. C. Shaw of State College accounted for. The attendance Extension Service, will open the was only 94.2 percent of perfect. school Thursday morning with a Commenting on the absences, discussion on weed control, a topic Principal Stewart said that many of them were traceable to farms progressive farmer. Following where the little folks were held Dr. Shaw's discussion, Mr. Chick at home to help harvest the crops. Parrish, poultry specialist, will One-third of the absences were

To Address P.T.A.

Williamston Parents-Teachers As-

sociation to be held in the Gram-

mar School building Monday eve-

Dr. Frank will talk upon the

ning at 7:30 o'clock.

due to sickness of the children. Thursday afternoon will be de-Commenting further, the prinnow entitled to certain benefits diseases and other problems re- their children in school unless the payment of the costs. there is a definite need for their help at home and on the farm or Depreast Staton was sentenced to

State College To

Lead Discussions

Two-Day Discussions Be-

ginning January 26

A two-day extension school for

farmers and other interested citi-

tin County courthouse beginning

Thursday morning, January 26,

ed from the discussions

a few parents who impose upon Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock, their children's education," the one of the most timely topics, Claims forms are now in the sweet potatoes, will be the meet- the parents kept them at home to support of the child. County service officer for the night is to be featured by the themselves. "It is these children guilty of operating a motor ve-One of the winners of the contest, peaters," the school man declares,

receive \$1 for each day of impris- sweet potato grower in the entire State \$100 a year each. ed to provide adequate food. Un-bit late in getting his records in, East Carolina Man

In Afternoon After handling a near record

noon before clearing its docket of fourteen cases. Two jury trials prolonged the activities, and fines

In the case in which William cording to a report just released

Quincy James was charged with by Building Inspector G. P. Hall. drunken driving, the jury delib- Building permits, representing eserated the greater part of one and timates except in those cases one-half hours before finding the where contracts were entered indefendant guilty. Fined \$100 and to, were issued to fifty-three home builders. Thirteen permits taxed with the cost, James apwere issued during the period for pealed to the superior court and bond was fixed in the sum of \$200. repairs to homes. Nine new com-Arnold Modlin, Enoch Gardner, mercial structures were either Wheeler Warren, Elwood Everett, completed or started in 1949, and Julius Manning and A. L. Smith permits were issued for repairs on served on the six-man jury. seven commercial structures.

Despite the addition of fifty-Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a license, William Clifton Lawrence was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. Pleading not guilty of speeding a premium.

forty miles an hour in a 35-mile speed zone, James Long of Williamston was adjudged guilty. cipal said, "Most parents keep Judgment was suspended upon residences. Charged with bastardy, Oscar

because of illness. We still have the roads for six months, the court suspending the road sentence upmately \$22,000 on the payment of the costs and

principal said, explaining that \$3 a week for two years for the and those who remain at home hicle without a driver's license,

> Charged with violating the lijury and were found not guilty. It was reported that the defendants had a mighty close call, that

only an all-night wedding feast 000.

Fifty-Three New **Homes Are Built** Here Last Year overpayments of national life insurance by members

Nine Commercial Structures Built in Period Cost About \$117,000

Williamston's building boom. starting in the first postwar year, maintained itself and went on to set a new record last year, ac-

the owner "salted it down" with a ton of salt. The checks are coming into the county at the rate of about a dozen each day, the last being scheduled for delivery about next June.

Move To Market Sweet potatoes are moving in

quantity from the local market three new homes, living condito several of the big centers, retions are still a bit crowded, and ports stating that the homes and apartments are still at packed under the trade name The value of the fifty-three "Drippin' Honey',, are meeting

new homes was estimated at with favor, and that repeat orders \$253,500, the estimates ranging are being received. The brand is from a low of \$1,500 for rental matching those established on units to \$14,000 for individual several of the big markets years

Repairs to thirteen homes were estimated to cost \$45,700, the cost ranging from \$150 to approxi-

The nine new commercial structures were estimated at \$117,650.00. Most of that amount is represented in the new hospital now well under construction mission, and he will be glad to as- ners in the 1949 sweet potato con- due to lack of interest who cause was fined \$25 and taxed with the on Liberty Street. Other buildings figuring in the commercial was stated. group are a storage house for the Marvil Package Company, and a Former prisoners of war may it has developed, is the champion adding that repeaters cost the Biggs carried their cause before a shipping center for the Martin County Yam Growers Association on Washington Street. The cost ranged from \$600 to around \$100,-

> next door saved them. Officers Repairs to seven old commerc- Peanut Company plant. found several gallons of liquor in al structures were figured at

Officers Wrecked Number of Liquor **Plants Recently Iwo Large Copper Kettles** Are Found In One Dis-

trict Last Week

Thought to have suspended operations right after the holiday season, manufacturers of illicit liquor are resuming their work on a fairly large scale, according to reports coming from the county's enforcement division headed by Officer Joe H. Roebuck. The officer would not comment on business prospects on the illicit liquor front, but he admitted that the operators were off to a fairly good start. Unofficial reports indicate that the price continues downward, that demand is weaker as a result of a general tightening-up

on the general economic front. After failing to register any success in their raids conducted the first few days of the new year, Officer Roebuck and his assistant, Deputy Roy Peel, scored on the 6th when they wrecked a 50-gallon capacity oil drum still in Hamilton Township, There was no mash at the plant, and business had the appearance of

being "rotten" there Resuming their operations on Tuesday of last week, the officers found and captured a 100-gallon capacity copper still in Bear Grass Township, not so very far from the Sweet Home community. They wrecked six fermenters and poured out 600 gallons of su-

Progressive citizens of James-

ville and community are pushing

a general improvement program,

late reports declaring that much

progress already has been made.

Given the land by Mrs. J. E.

ing a 90-plot cemetery near the

southern town limits, near the

Gaines and Kirkman Mill on

Highway 171. A deed to the pro-

perty was reported to have been

Recognizing the need for better

fire protection in the town and

community, members of the Ruri-

tan club and others are receiving

donations to finance the purchase

the rural areas. Donations are be-

Badly Hurt In

Fall From Auto

Gary Stalls Joyner, two-and-

one-half-year-old son of Mr. and

Mrs. Edward E. Joyner of Birm-

executed yesterday.

While several of the markets gar mash. continue dull due possibly to the Returning to the same township unusually warm weather, the dethe following day, the raiders capmand for Martin County yams tured another 100-gallon coppet continues fairly good. Shipments kettle and poured out 200 gallons are moving from the local marof better-thap-average mash or ket to Philadelphia, New York, beer. Bridgeport and Providence, and The next day, the raiders went other shipments will start moving through the same township to into the Middle West shortly, it

FIRST CHECKS

First checks, representing

of the armed forces during

the last war, were received

in the county early this week.

The first voucher, amounting

to approximately \$250, went

to Pete Fowden in Williams-

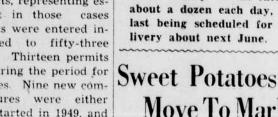
ston, his co-worker, "Pud-

din'" Cooke, declaring that

wreck an old oil drum still and pour out 200 gallons of rot-gut Arrangements are being combeer along the Beaufort-Martin pleted for handling potatoes for boundary line.

individual farmers, and those in-Switching back to Hamilton terested in shipping are directed Township on Friday, the officers to contact the organization offic- tore down a plant equipped with ials at the shipping center on a 30-gallon oil drum still and Washington Street near the Dixie three fermenters. The plant was

located about three miles north of Hassell. The officers reported



led six cases in his court here during the past few days.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Lafayette Pearsall was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$100.

H. C. Spruill, drunk and disorderly, was taxed with \$8.85 costs.

Charged with false pretense, Ivey James was required to reimburse the Employment Security o'clock. Commission \$12.50 and pay \$5.85 costs.

Drunk and disorderly, John Rawls of Beaufort County was required to pay \$9.85 costs.

Jesse Rascoe was taxed with \$7.85 costs for being drunk and down.

Stella Andrews, charged with dollar organization. false pretense, was required to refund \$8 to the Employment Security Commission for Compensa-tion Drops Dead While tion unearned and pay \$5.85 costs. A third defendant, charged with false pretense, died some time ago, scoring a victory in death over the law.

Local Lions Will **Invade Goldsboro**

Williamston Lions are making the clubs in this district hold their follow there. mid-winter convention in the Wayne capital.

Forming a motorcade, the Lions four children. are leaving here that morning at 7:30 o'clock, accompanied by the Williamston High School Band, Miss Angela McLawhorn, who is to represent the club in the district beauty contest, and Miss Letitia "Tish" Welch, who will ride the local club's float in the big parade, beginning at 10:00 o'clock. The motorcade, with escort, is to include a special bus for the band, truck for the band instruments, and a goodly number of automobiles.

Special Lion club emblems are being prepared for the band members to wear on their caps.

a free trip to New York. Mr. H. An address by Dr. A. D. Frank, Building and Loan a free trip to New York. Mr. H. An address by Dr. A. D. Frank, M. Covington, a recognized auth-chairman of the Department of ority on sweet potatoes, will be Social Studies at East Carolina Stockholders Meet in charge of the program that Teachers College, will be a featevening. He will show pictures ure of the January meeting of the

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Martin County Building and Loan Association will be held here in the office of Wheeler Martin, secretary, Monday morning, January 23, at 11

Stockholders of the organization have been given a special invitation to attend the annual criminally attacking Janet Bow- section of the state. He is a vetermeeting of the institution and ers, 17-year-old Bethel High an of many years of teaching and participate in the election of of- School girl, will be given a pre- lecturing at the college at Greenficers and hear a report of the liminary hearing in Greenville ville.

has now grown to be a million o'clock, according to information Commission Case

Side Inn about 10:00 o'clock last for her.

tributable to a heart attack, much attention in this section, re- Campbell, field representative of

Annie Rooney,

Popeye,

Blondie,

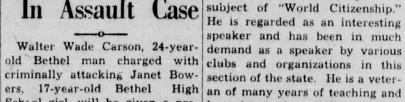
and Little

Miss Muffet

join the

March of Dimes

former Madeline Simmons, and Washington would assist the pro- Jennie Manning of Bethel and Mount hospital yesterday mornsecution



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Hearing Friday

condition of the association which tomorrow afternoon at 2:00

The assault is alleged to have Workers In Meet taken place near Greenville on the night of January 7. Carson

Field representatives and case Working In Yard surrendered to Pitt County offic-ers the early part of last week workers for the Commission for and continues in the Pitt County the Blind in this district are con-John Simmons, 49 years old and jail. The victim was treated in a cluding a two-day meeting here

a well-known painter here, drop- Tarboro hospital, reports reach- today. Mrs. O. S. Anderson, field ped dead while working in his ing here stating that at least two representative for the commission yard across the road from Sunny blood transfusions were necessary in this district, is in charge of the program.

Tuesday morning. Death was at- The case is already attracting Those attending are Mrs. Mae

County Coroner S. R. Biggs said. ports stating that Attorneys Clif- Wilmington; and the following Continues Quite III Funeral services are being con- ton Everett of Bethel and Bert case workers, Miss Winona Graextensive preparations for invad- ducted this afternoon in the Black James and Albion Dunn had been ham of Roanoke Rapids, Miss Iming Goldsboro next Tuesday when Swamp Church and burial will employed by the defense, and that ilda Townsend of New Bern, Miss Attorneys Elbert Peel of Wil- Bernice White of Elizabeth City, continues critically ill today fol-

Mrs. Miller of Williamston.

\$19,940.00, Inspector Hall said the Biggs home on the old Staton farm near Williamston, but the his report.

The year possibly recorded the defendants declared that the celelargest construction volume than brants at the wedding feast carany other period in the history ried the liquor there to support, the spirit of the occasion. Jurors of the town, equalling that in sevserving in the case were, Julius eral towns two to three times Manning, Jimbo E. Newsom, El- larger than Williamston. While 1950 will hardly see the

wood Everett, A. L. Smith, Willie building boom maintained on J. Knox and Arnold Modlin. Pleading guilty of bastardy, such an extensive scale, it is ex-Eugene Council was sentenced to pected that home construction plant on East Main Street here the roads for six months. The will go forward, reports stating yesterday afternoon at 2:45 o'road sentence was suspended up- that a goodly number of families clock. on the payment of the costs and plan to build their own homes the payment of \$6 a week during during the year.

twenty weeks for medical services and support of the child. After Two Young Boys to be made at the rate of \$3 a week for the child. Neither denying or admitting

his guilt, William Henry Harris, Engineer M. H. Richardson of charged with entering and receiv- Portsmouth and Fireman J. M. ing, was sentenced to the roads Bailey of Hobgood were fired for six months, the court susupon by a young boy when they pending the road term for two drove a Coast Line freight train

Dixon was directed to appear be-

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ing

sonville, the trainmen reported the attack to police there, and Surviving are his widow, the liamston and Clay Carter of Mrs. Esther Stone of Wilson, Miss lowing an operation in a Rocky they with county officers started an investigation. No arrests had bee nreported early today.

Chicken Brooder that they poured out 150 gallons of beer there. Wrecked By Fire **Jamesville Works** Starting when a three-burner For Improvements

oil stove, fire wrecked a chicken coop and burned up a number of biddies on Thelma Street near the Wells-Oates Lumber Company

The fire was burning rapidly when discovered, but firemen Smithwick, the town is developbrought it under control in a matter of minutes.

The loss was negligible, firemen reported. **Attack Trainmen**

No Report Received **On Alexander Autopsy**

Performing an autopsy in an effort to determine the cause of Mr I. L. Alexander's death near Jamesville the early part of this of a fire truck suitable for use in month, Dr. Strauss, Norfolk pathologist, yesterday had not an- ing made by property owners nounced his findings, it was learn- within and outside the town, it ed here today. Asked about the was explained.

report the pathologist in a telephone message said that he had not completed all the laboratory tests and mentioned no definite time when the report would be made available.

NEW YORK TRIP

Walking away with top honors in the 1949 sweet potato conest conducted by the Martin County Yam Growers Association, five young county farmers are leaving Monday, January 30, on a free trip to New York City. The trip winners are, Lewis Gurkin, Dallas Cox, William Hardison, David Gurkin and Jack Woolard.

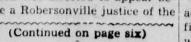
Other winners in the contest will be awarded prizes during the special extension school in the county courthouse on Thursday, January 26, it was announced.

ingham, and grandson of Mrs. Evan Woolards of Williamston, was badly injured Sunday afternoon in a fall from a moving car driven by Mrs. Woolard. Mrs. Woolard, Mr. and Mrs. Joyner and their young son were driving to Plymouth to attend the funeral of Mrs. Joyner's father, Mr. J. A. Stalls. Just this side of Dardens, the back seat door of the car came open and the small boy

fell out. He was carried to the Plymouth Clinic, and, after an examination there, he was removed to a Rocky Mount hospital. Still a patient in the hospital, the little victim was said to have suffered a brain injury.

window beside the engineer and missing the man by a matter of a few inches.

Using a bullet rifle, the youth, fore a Robersonville justice of the accompanied by another boy, fired on the cab, breaking the



Following Operation

Mr. W. H. Williams, local man,

Stopping their train in Rober-

years, and the defendant is to vio- over the highway crossing on U. late no criminal law during that S. Route 64 between Robersonville and Everetts about 2:30 o'-Withdrawing his appeal, Levi clock yesterday afternoon.