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County Chapter

Plans are just about complete

ard announced this morning.

The five townships comprising

it has assisted many individuals

in various ways, and the national

organization has handled an ef-

fective work in disaster areas dur-

ing the past year. In fact, the na-

tional treasury has just about

been depleted in meeting needs of

disaster victims in almost half the

Only last year the organization

spent several thousand dollars

aiding the victims of a tornado in

Johnston County. It was report-

ed that Johnston had not met its

quota in the past two years, but

that the people there recognize

the value of such an organization

and that the current quota of

\$14,000 will be more than sub-

Mecklenburg County has a goal.

scribed.

states during the past year.

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Judge Has Thirty Cases In County Court This Week

Fines Collected At Session Amount To \$650 Without Speeders' Levies

Judge Chas. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson handled thirty cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court before recessing for lunch and the week at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Fines were collected in the sum of \$650. No fines were imposed on speeders for the first time in several years. If the practice of fining speeders had been in effect, the income from the record this week would have been boosted by \$165.

Proceedings:

The cases charging David Woolard and Bessie Williams with disorderly conduct and Leonard Walston with bastardy were nol prossed or dismissed.

At the conclusion of State's evidence in the case charging James Clark with aiding and abetting in larceny, defense counsel made a motion for a directed verdict of not guilty. The motion was allowed.

Pleading guilty of careless and reckless driving and speeding, Willie Aaron James was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$100 fine and costs.

Geo. V. Drones pleaded guilty of drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, and was sentenced to the roads for nine months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$125 fine and costs. His driver's license was revoked for a year.

Charged with drunken driving and resisting arrest, Wm. A. Cherry pleaded guilty of drunken driving and was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and lost his driver's license for a year.

Entering a plea of not guilty in the case in which he was charged with interferring with an officer in the performance of his duty.

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The mother, sister, nephew and nieces ct General Frank Armstrong were here last Sunday for the first showing in North Carolina of the picture, "Twelve O'Clock High," the story of which was based on General Armstrong's record in World War II. General

Attend Picture Premiere At Local Theatre

Armstrong, a native of Hamilton, made his home here with his grandparents, the late James A. Hobbs, Martin County Superior court clerk, and Mrs. Hobbs. In the picture are, left to right, Noah Hardison, theater manager; Officer W. F. Haislip, Mrs. Jesse Roberson in the ticket box; Mrs. Frank Armstrong, Sr., Miss Betsy Vallentine, Mrs. Itimous Vallentine, Miss Mary Hobbs Vallentine, and Itimous Vallentine, Jr.

World Day Of Prayer Will New Schedule Of Be Observed Here Friday Fines Tentatively **Adopted By Court**

World Day of Prayer, an inter- program of music broadcast from national institution, will be wide- the tower of Memorial Baptist ly observed in various churches in inis county at 4:00 o'clock on Fri-day of this week. Eleven Speeders Get By With Costs In County Court Last Monday

schedule of fines.

away by paying only the costs,

an hour will be required to pay

70-to-75 miles bracket are subject

miles an hour are subject to a

It is also pointed out that driv-

ers exceeding certain speeds are

subject to lose their operators' li-

There were eleven defendants

Most of the defendants pleaded

The names of the defendants

Woolard, L. R. Taylor, Guss Over-

ton. Lewis Syernheimer, J. R.

Vastine, Wm. Papas, Maurice H.

guilty, and those who maintained

censes when carried into court.

\$100 fine, plus costs.

Judge Moore Dies Reports Say Bridge Over Plans Go Forward Suddenly at Home Chowan Will Be Rebuilt For Annual Fund In Winston-Salem

least will be rerouted.

into a modern structure.

Funeral In Church of The **Advent Here Saturday** For Town Native

Judge Clayton Moore, Williamston native and former North Carolina superior court judge died suddenly this home in Winston-Salem this morning. Few details of his death could be learn ed here immediately, but one report said he had been suffering with an incurable ailment, that the family learned of his illness through a note

The son of the late James Edwin and Jane Sykes Moore, he was born in Williamston 61 years ago on April 29, 1888. After attending the local schools he studied law at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Receiving his degree there, he returned to Williamston and practiced law until he went on the superior court bench in 1927. During the meantime he represented Martin County in the State House of Representatives and the second district in the State Senate several terms. He figured prominently in civic, political and religious affairs in the county and section, serving on the Vestry of the Church of the Advent here for a number of years and as county at torney for several terms. Always maintaining close touch

with his home town, Judge Moore on his last visit here a few days before last Christmas told friends that he looked forward to his retirement from business and his re- just outside the northern limits turn to Williamston in about three of Williamston are to vote in a

years special election on the proposal Resigning his seat on the supto include that area as a part of erior court bench in 1936, he went with the legal department of the the town, the arrangements and R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company date for the election to be deterin Winston-Salem that fall, and mined by the Martin County moved his family there in May, Board of Elections.

1937 During his residence there. In special meeting of the town he figured prominently in the af- officials last Monday night it was fairs of his adopted city, and rose decided to call the election, one of to the top of the company's legal the commissioners explaining that it possibly would be advis-

In early manhood he was mar- able "to get a record vote in case ried to Miss Jennie Swanner of something should come up later." Washington. Surviving besides The official did not elaborate on Mrs. Moore are three children, a his statement, and its full purport son, Clayton Moore, Jr., of Winor meaning was not revealed.

enough for vehicles to pass on the

could not be had immediately as It is likely that most of the to dates and traffic routing dur- concrete piling under the present for launching the annual Red The reports indicate that the be ripped away.

proaches which include every- spections showed that it was safe to get behind the movement and thing except the draw span will for light traffic. Some of the help reach the \$2,372 goal withcost right at \$930,000. The draw concrete piles were rotting away out delay. span will cost \$250,000, it is esti- at the water line, but repairs mated, a report stating that the were made to check deteriation. the chapter are being asked to



of more than \$100,000, while the quota in this chapter is among the smallest in the State Judge Clayton Moore, Wil-

Burned at Home

Dimming Lights

Sunday will be Red Cross Day liamston native, died suddenin the various churches, and minly in Winston-Salemn this isters are being asked to appeal morning at 8:00 o'clock. Futo their congregations for supneral services will be conport of the fund drive. ducted in the Episcopal church here Saturday.

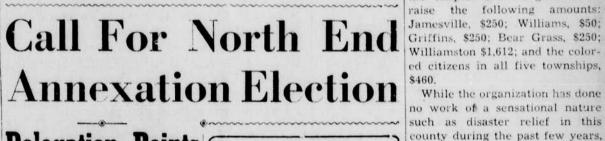
Chairman Woolard will announce his township chairmen and canvassers within the next day or two, and the public is being asked to support them in every way possible.

Drive In County The Chowan River bridge, clos- | federal government will share in ed to heavy traffic for months, is the cost on a fifty-fifty basis. The bridge, now hardly wide **Ouotas** Assigned the Varito be rebuilt, according to unofous Townships In Martin

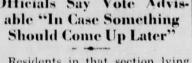
ficial but reliable reports reach- bridges, is to be 24 or 26 feet wide. ing here. Detailed information It is to have a concrete deck.

ing the construction period, but bridge can be used, but that adaction is expected shortly and it ditional ones will have to be driv- Cross fund drive in the Martin is likely that through traffic, at en to take care of the increased County Chapter on Wednesday of width. The old wood deck will next week, Chairman G. G. Wool-

battered old bridge will be made Highway engineers were about Township chairmen are being to close the bridge to all traffic contacted today, and an appeal is It is estimated that the two ap- some months ago, but detailed in- being directed to all the people



Delegation Points Out That Proposal Will Be Defeated Officials Say Vote Advis-



Should Come Up Later" Residents in that section lying

Many Applicants • For Census Jobs

Unofficial reports indicate that there'll be an ample number of applicants for census jobs in this county this year. Heretofore, the number of census workers was hardly sufficient to handle the task in this county

At least thirteen applicants for the two crew leaders positions went to Washington Tuesday from this county to take the examinations, one report said. Included in the list were, H. H. Cowen, Jr., O. S. Anderson, Mrs. Eloise Bennett, Mrs. Evelyn Manning, Frank and C. D. Carstarphen, John D. Lilley, Mrs. Sarah Copeland, Mrs. Oswald Stalls, Mrs. Parker Peel, Evan Griffin, H. M. Ainsley and Clarence Stallings.

Thirty-one questions were asked, and those applicants answering 20 will be eligible for crew leaders and others answering ten or more will be eligible for the enumerator jobs. An examination for enumerator jobs will be held some time next month, it was learned.

Census takers are to start their work in early April, either on the first or third.

PAVING

Awarded a contract last fall, the Nello Teer Company of Durham, is expected to start resurfacing Highways 64 and 17 within Williamston's town limits and surfacing of several blocks on North Smithwick and on Liberty Street here within the next week or ten days, possibly sometime next week, according to information reaching here today.

An asphalt plant is being erected between here and Windsor this week to handle the projects here and others in Windsor and also on the indernate and some Highway

day of this week. Mrs. Henry Griffin is leader for Services in Williamston will be the service at the Church of the Eleven speed law violators. held in the Church of the Advent Advent. Mrs. Nora Cherry Slade carried into the Martin County and Williams A. M. E. Zion Chap- will conduct the service at Wil- Recorder's Court last Monday, get 4-H Council In liams' Chapel A. M. E. Zion.

The same program, with varia- The offerings will be used in but it has been pointed out that tions, will be used in all the meet- the work among foreign students the court still holds no brief for ings around the world. It was in American colleges, in colleges speeding and that the levying of prepared by Michi Kawai, gradu- in oriental countries, to distribute fines is still discretionary. Howate of Bryn Mawr and leader in Christian literature in foreign ever, since the court costs in founding a national Y. W. C. A. lands, in work with American In- speeding cases are fixed by statdians, share-croppers and agri- ute at \$22.05 in this county and in Japan.

There will be a fifteen minute cultural migrants.

Mr. Robert Rawls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rawls of Bear Grass, sailed Wednesday, February 15, from Brooklyn, New York for a trip to Naples, Italy. He expects to return about April

TRAVELER

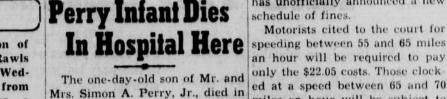
Mr. Rawls, who holds a civil service position, has made several trips overseas, including six trips to Japan and seven trips to Germany.

Open First Aid

Colonel C. R. Tolar of the patrol

along with Red Cross workers nounced. and others, including patrolmen.

The public is invited. All members of the patrol are now qualified to render first aid



day morning.

in Griffins Township. The mother is the former Miss Daisy Maude caught traveling faster than 80 Lilley of Griffins Township.

Hassell Observing Station Tuesday World Prayer Day

The Martin County Chapter of The annual World Day of Pray- in speed law cases before the the American Red Cross will open er will be observed at Hassell court last Monday, and all of them

an emergency first aid station at Christian Church Friday after- were required to pay only the the WANI Highway Patrol Radio noon at 3:30. The Everetts and costs. headquarters near here next Oak City groups are participating

Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock. in this program. The program will be brief, but innocence were found guilty. and Jeff B. Wilson, director of the rich in thought and fellowship. The public is cordially invited, include: Jos. E. Andrews, Arthur

State Highway Safety Division, will attend the formal opening Rev. Olin Fox, the pastor, an- J. Edwards, Wm. S. Taylor, E. R.

Top Rate Pictures Booked By Theaters Barber and Gradis Hines.

Local theaters currently are in emergencies, and the Red showing quite a few of the top Cross chapter is equipping the rate pictures, their schedules folstation with first aid kits and lowing closely the releases in the other materials. large cities.

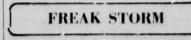
John E. Pope of Williamston, was The chapter is in need of, sev- Early this week four-star piceral army blankets, and anyone tures were on the screens at the one of thirteen graduate students having a surplus blanket is asked Watts and Viccar Theaters, and at New Mexico A & M to make a to contact the secretary, Mrs. Ed- other widely acclaimed films are perfect scholastic record during na L. Bondurant at the office in booked, including 'Battle Ground' the fall semester recently ended, the City Hall or Chapter Chair- at the Viccar, beginning Sunday, it was announced this week by mailing a string into a senses The U. H. Could make a second and school de de server and

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day evening in the American Legion Hut here. The program was since those costs appear to some Life and Jamesville, and was apary. The council voted to put a Motorists cited to the court for display in the window of the emspeeding between 55 and 65 miles ployment office during National

theme of the display will be safe-Mrs. Simon A. Perry, Jr., died in ed at a speed between 65 and 70 ty. The council also voted to put Mrs. Simon A. Perry, Jr., died in miles an hour will be subject to the local hospital early last Tues. a sign on highways seventeen and sixty-four welcoming tourists or plan. a \$15, plus costs. Speeders in the sixty-four welcoming tourists or plan.

speeders clocked between 75 and were served.



Sweeping out of the west a freakish wind storm causright much damage in this area shortly after 8:00 o'oclock this moraing. A complete report could not be had immediately, but an out-of-state car was blown off the highway near the river, and a garage belonging to Geo. Harris, Sr., was blown down on East Main Street. On Grace Street, chimneys were blown off even with the roof on the Gurganus and Roberson homes, and Hoke Kober-

son's tin garage was blown off its foundation, the roof flying into the yards of Herbert Whitley and Chas. Manning. One piece of tin went several blocks. Chimneys also were blown from the B. A. Critcher and H. E. Harrington homes on Watts Street, and the B. S. Courtney garage on School Drive was damage, locking the car in the build-

ing.

Many tree limbs were torn away during the ten-minute

It is now fairly well understood that the town is not trying **Child Is Fatally** to high pressure any group to gain support for the annexation plan. It is now fairly clear that the of-Meeting Monday ficials contemplate a progressive Shelia G. James, four-year-old program and that they want to

The regular meeting of the 4-H know if the areas just outside the daughter of Joseph and Lucy County Council was held Mon- present limits care to participate. Hooker James, was fatally burn-While the meeting Monday ed at her home here on East night had no direct bearing on the Main Street last Thursday, dying given by the 4-H Clubs from Farm outcome of the annexation plan, about ten hours later in a Washa fairly large delegation appear- ington hospital. Although most be at the Williamston Methodist has unofficially announced a new propriate to the month of Febru-has unofficially announced a new propriate to the month of Febru-ed before the commissioners. Sev-of her clothing and hair on her church to talk on, "Boy and Girl eral of the group, while voicing no head were burned away, the litopposition to calling an election, the girl remained conscious until a discussion period in which the declared that such action would a few minutes before she died, boys and girls may ask questions. 4-H Club week, March 4-12. The be useless and a waste of money. friends stating that she called to One delegate suggested that 99 her daddy almost until the end. percent of the people in the area Taking a chair, the child climb-

"We don't want to pay any more room while her mother was athalf of the 4-H Clubs. After a re- taxes," Delegate Perry pointed tending to another child in the Gurkin Cemetery at Lilley's Hall is fixed at \$50, plus costs, for wore conved the meeting, and the commission- A few seconds later the child ran ers said they would not inject any to the mother, her clothing and issues into the proposal, that if hair in flames. The mother burnthat was the way the people ed her hands badly trying to beat from 3:00 to 5:00 (for children); wanted it, there would be no high- out the fire.

A few days before the tragedy, powered salesmanship applied, the mother had reprimanded her that they would let things take daughter for playing with matchtheir course. es and firing a lamp shade.

It was reported that some of The child's death was the secthose in the delegation appearing ond of three reported in the fambefore the last Monday night ily in recent weeks. The father's meeting favored annexation, but son by a former marriage, died in they made no comment, all agree- a New York hospital a few weeks ing that an election would be the ago, and James' mother, Mary proper way to settle the matter ~~ (Continued on page four) fairly.

At the moment there is no chairman of the Martin County Booked For Not Board of Elections, but the town officials are planning to contact one of the two or both the present members of the election board

O. D. Woolard, young man, was and ask them to go ahead with taxed with \$5.85 costs when he the arrangements for holding the appeared in Justice R. T. Johnelection. Notice of registration son's court here Tuesday night on must be given thirty days before a charge of failing to dim his car the books are opened. The regislights.

tration is to be limited to those While it is unlawful not to dim citizens living within the affectvehicle lights when meeting veed area. It is possible that a vote hicles, quite a large number fail can hardly be arranged within the to obey the law. Possibly some next two and one-half or three are unmindful of the small oblimonths. gation to the safety of others and

West End, where a similar prothe mandates of the law, while Litter in ignore the law. (South Bear on past dignt)

Youth Meeting **In Church Here**

Sunday evening, Feb. 26, at 6:00 clock, Rev. C. F. Hirschi will Friendships." There will also be Every young person in town from the age of 15 to 23 who is not in a youth meeting at that

Rev. Mr. Hirschi is a very young man himself and is fully aware of the problems of youth and wholly sympathetic with them.

The youth center will be open this week on Friday evening from 8:00 to 11:00; Saturday afternoon Sunday evening from 9:00 to 10:30 o'clock.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on Martin County highways are gradually aggravating the accident record as compared with the cold facts and recordings of a year ago. The record is being aggravated in every one but one of the four columns, and in that instance the score is even at zero.

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.

7th Week

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam're 1950 3 4 0 \$ 800 1949 3 2 0 Comparisons To Date 1950 22 11 0 \$ 3,390 10.10

Makes Perfect Scholastic Record In New Mexice Warren B. Pope, son of Mr.