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## THE ENTERPRISE

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**Association** Was

Formed In April,

**Forty Years Ago** 

Office of the Organization

**Traveled Around Quite** 

A Bit Back Yonder

Seven men, A. R. Dunning, S.

A. Newell, J. G. Godard, Chas. H.

Godwin, Warren Biggs, W. C.

Manning and J. W. Watts, Sr., met

on April 23, 1910, in the Bank of

sociation, a small and humble or-

ganization destined to become a

first four years. In 1914, the as-

with the new officers and direc-

tors the little business began to

gain momentum. From the min-

utes, it is found that the names

ty in later years.

were kept there.

Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Tuesday, April 25, 1950

## Reviews History Of Children Placed Wells-Oates Company Will In The Custody Reopen Lumber Mill Here Wells-Oates Company Will Plant Shortages The Building - Loan Of Mother Here

Father Ordered To Provide \$50 Monthly Support **And Pay Attorneys** 

were rounded-up and jailed temporarily here last weekend by local county and state officers. Three were booked for drunkenness, two for indecent exposure of persons, two for investigation, and one each for issuing a worthless check, attempted forgery, breaking and entering, no operators license, and one, a young woman, for speeding and drunken driving. Seven of the group were

**ROUND-UP** 

Martin County, now known as the Lawyers' Building, and subscribing to sixty shares of stock at white, including a female, and \$100 a share, founded the Martin the ages ranged from 16 to 42 County Building and Loan Asyears.

valuable institution in this coun- Jury Gave \$1,500 Unfortunately the minutes of the early meetings are not in existence, but it is known that lit-tle progress was made during the Suit Last Friday

> tled After Three Trials **In Superior Court**

The damage suit brought by of K. B. Crawford, John D. Biggs, Grover Peel, administrator, to re-A. D. Mizelle, J. H. Saunders, Alonza Hassell, C. D. Carstarphen, have resulted when his two-year-Sr., C. A. Harrison and Wheeler Martin, Jr., were among the direc- old daughter was fatally hurt when hit by an Atlantic Coast tors and officers of the reorganassociation. From 1914 to Line freight train near Dardens on wife declared that the defendant of the county, accepting a \$150 1917, the office of Wheeler Marsettled in the Martin County Sulin, Jr., was used for the association's meetings and all records perior Court last Friday afternoon said that he had assaulted her challenge. at 3:35 o'clock when the jury re-

rectors met for some years in lo- plaintiff \$1,500 damages. cal banks and business houses, or wherever the records were being kept at the time. Many of those meeting places no longer exist. The records were carried prolonged argument and a long witness, started when she answerto the Farmers and Merchants charge to the jury by Judge W. H. ed the telephone and did not say pared with the \$14,565,000 mini- office, the victim was released a Bank and were kept by J. C. An- S. Burgwyn that sent the trial into the "right thing". It seems the mum amount needed to carry on short time later.

Three small children, the old-An even dozen persons est not quite seven years of age, were placed in the custody of their mother, Frances G. Early, and Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, presiding over the second of a twoweek special term of the Martin

Superior Court, directed the father, Dr. Edward Early, Jr., to provide \$50 monthly support and pay his wife's attorneys \$500 in fees. Taken out of school, the oldest over to the mother in open court Monday afternoon. The judgment, coming in con-

sent form, after the plaintiff had offered its evidence in the court

sociation was re-organized and \$15,000 Case Finally Set-

Monday morning, climaxes nine years of stormy marital relations, according to the plaintiff who ought alimony without divorce. The litigants were virtually Williamston Has Raised agreed on terms before the case was ordered for trial, but the presiding jurist said such a proposal was contrary to the ways of civil-

she left him for the last time in

ization. The preliminary trems were not made public, but it was

support for herself or the chilcover \$15,000 damages alleged to that the defendant should help the drive. Williamston, on the the case aired in open court. Taking the stand, the doctor's \$500 quota. The colored citizens September 27, 1948, was finally charged her husband with brutal quota, reported \$35 in hand, and and barborous treatment. She good prospects of meeting the with his fists, sticks and pistol

After 1917 the officers and di- turned a verdict allowing the The trial of the case, first scheduled to last a little over a day, featured by extensive evidence, at that time, according to the ed today.

The case was first tried last

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**Out Three Times** 

Williamston volunteer firemen

The first of the calls came Sat-

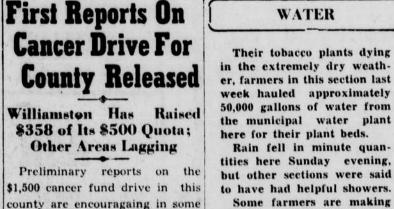
firemen, the small home would

have been burned. Furniture was

Serious In Many Idle for the past sixteen months, haven. Those plants burned down he large lumber plant on East a short time ago, and the opera-Main Street here is being reopen- tions here were said to have been ed by the owners, Wells-Oates planned to relieve the emergency Company, this week. No details One report stated that present were officially announced, but plans call for the operation of the workmen, reconditioning the ma- plant here for about two months,

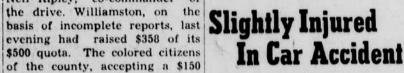
chinery, said late yesterday that that the company has announced steam likely will be raised in the no plans for the future. It is posboilers late this afternoon, that sible the plant here will be contests would follow possibly to- tinued in operation or plants at the Department of Agriculture. the other two locations will be re- The plant scarcity is most evident morrow morning.

The plant is being forced into built to supplant the activities operation here to take care of now getting under way here. more than a million feet of tim- The plant will employ about ber that was scheduled to have twenty workers here, but several, be this year in time to do any been manufactured into lumber at if not most of the needed workthe company's plants in Cove ers, will be imported from Belof the three children was turned City, near New Bern, and at Bel- haven.



WATER

Some farmers are making plans to start transplanting their crops the latter part of this and early next week.



Joseph Fernando Griffin, 37 vear-old taxi driver of 1346 W 37 Street, Norfolk, suffered a slight Continued progress in cancer and threatened her life, that when control is dependent on success of back injury when his 1940 De the 1950 Cancer Crusade now Soto went out of control and April of last year, he said he was under way, C. B. Martin of Rob- turned over on "Dead Man's going to show the people how ersonville, American Cancer So- Curve", just this side of Gardner's developed into a three-day event much he hated her. The trouble ciety campaign chairman, declar- Creek, on Highway 64 last Saturday morning about 8:30 o'clock.

"Our quota is very small com- Treated in a Williamston doctor's

Man Is Fined \$250

**In Federal Court** 

John Lee James, Martin Coun-

ty man, was fined \$250 and plac-

ed on probation by Judge Don-

Washington yesterday for violat-

Another defendant, a man by

the name of Whitehurst, was

the court, but he did not report.

ing the liquor laws.

this county.

**Mold Treatment** The tobacco plant situation is serious in many areas of the state, according to a recent survey by

in the eastern sections because it is now clear that the present stand on the beds is all there will good. County Agent T. B. Brandon says that there are some farmers here and there who will have enough for their own needs but the section around Whiteville is the only one he knows which is in fair shape with regard to plant supply

He points out that every effort should be made by the growers to nurse and protect the plants they have left against dry weather, blue mold and insects.

As to what should be done now **Plans Go Forward** the following is listed by the experts:

Water beds where the plants are small or just coming up at least every other day. The equivaleast every other day. The equiva-lent of 1-4 to 1-2 inch of water at Stock Show - Sale each application is fine on beds at this stage. Plants that are well set should be watered two or three times per week with 1-2 to 1 inch of water to keep the plants

ty-Two Baby Beeves growing. (It will take a little over Plans are just about complete 5 barrels, 280 gallons of water, to for holding the county's annual supply 1-2 inch to 100 square fat stock show and sale, Assistant

yards). Apply water just ahead of the blue mold treatment inso- County Agent Sam Tuten said first trip to Williamston, will infar as possible. Many growers this week.

have underestimated the dry con-The show, the seventh of its ditions of the soil with strong kind held in this county, will open eral plant inspection program. in the New Carolina Warehouse However, no official announcewinds taking the moisture up immediately after each shower. In Williamston, on Thursday, May 4, ment could be had immediately in many cases light showers fell im- followed by the sale the following that connection, the officials busymediately after the seed were day. Farm Bureau day is to be sown and some of the plants came observed on Friday, May 5. up, others that were sprouted Nineteen club boys and girls

dried out and died. will exhibit twenty-two fine baby Blue mold has been unusually beeves, and forty-five boys and plant, declared this morning that Bank and were kept by J. C. An-derson for a time. Later, Mr. An-derson left the bank and carried the books with him to Anderson and Crawford Company. It is re-and crawford Company in Pennsylvania

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**ESTABLISHED 1899 Open New Chemical** Sections Of State Plant Here Today

Suggested That Farmers In **County Continue Blue** 

> Experiencing ill luck season after season for several years, operators of the fishery at Jamesville were said to have hit the jackpot last Friday and Saturday when large catches were made. One report said as many

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as 18,000 herring were taken in a single haul, that shad catches have been larger this season than in several years. The big herring run disappeared over the week-end, and only a few hundred were being taken at a haul yesterday. However, rock were plentiful, the catches running up to about 75 per haul with the weight varying from about three to 25 pounds per fish.

For County's Fat

Nineteen Club Boys and

Girls To Exhibit Twen-

**Company Officials From Home Office Here For Opening** Insecticide Plant of Stand-

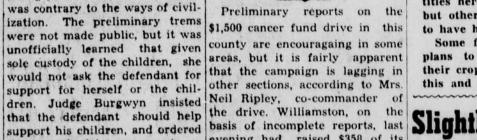
ard Fertilizer Company Is A Modern One

Acting to meet a growing agricultural need in this section of the country, the Standard Fertilizer Company is opening a modern insecticide mixing plant here today for operation along with its extensive fertilizer business on Roanoke River. The event is attracting officials of the Mathieson Chemical Corporation who left the home office in Baltimore by special plane yesterday and continued to the district plant here from Rocky Mount early today.

Making the trip down from the home office are, John C. Leppart, executive vice president; Dr. Carl F. Prutton, vice president and director of operations and research; S. deJ. Osborne, treasurer; S. L. Nevins, vice president and director of agricultural chemical sales; and D. R. Stoneleigh, director of agricultural specialties division for the parent company, Mathieson Chemical Corporation.

Although coming here especially for the opening of the new chemical mixing plant, the officials, most of them making their spect the entire plant with the possibility of inaugurating a gening themselves with plant inspections and getting acquainted with the personnel and town.

Engineers, discussing the new ed by the nation's foremost authorities on pest control. With an hourly capacity of about two tons, the mills is equipped with a storage, pre-mixer, blender and conditioner, the materials going into bags on conveyors where they are automatically weighed and the bags automatically sealed. Chemical engineers point out that proper mixing is the secret to effectiveness of insecticides. Some of the ingredients are so potent that the mix ratio runs in some instances twenty to five. If the mix is not thorough, some of Mrs. Lamina Baker's First Grade the dust will have a concentrated poison.



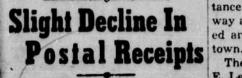
ported that around 1920, Mr. J. E. Testimony was continued Thurs-Pope took charge of the books day morning and a brief time was and they were carried to the Mar- spent in rebuttal before Attorney tin County Savings and Trust Co. H. S. Ward opened the argument In 1922, A. D. Mizelle took charge for the plaintiff. Judge Burgwyn and all records were kept at the started his charge to the jury Fri-Dennis Simmons Lumber Com- day morning after Attorneys Rodpany office which was located man, Coburn and Junie Peel carwhere Attorney Hugh G. Horton ried additional argument to the has his office now. Mr. Asa Tom jurymen. Taking the case at 10:45 Crawford, one of the bookkeepers o'clock Friday morning, the jury for the lumber company, became deliberated the issues about three the keeper of the records a few and one-half hours before reachyears later when Mr. Mizelle left ing a verdit. Williamston.

In 1926, Mrs. Vella Andrews September when a \$6,000 judg-Wynne took charge of the books ment was awarded the plaintiff. and was later elected treasurer of Judge Leo Carr, presiding over the association, a position she has the term, sat the verdict aside as held to this date. When the being contrary to the weight of

Branch Bank and Trust Company bought out the Farmers and Merchants Bank and moved into the old People's Bank building, Firemen Called an office was established there. Then, later when the Branch Bank moved into its new building, the association followed and opened an office there.

were called out three times during the trouble blew over and she re-From the minutes it is shown that the association financed the the week-end, the fire-fighters first electric light plant in Wilgoing out of town twice. liamston. It also financed the urday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock old S. R. Biggs Iron and Motor when fire got away from a group come tax report. She escaped by

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After showing fairly consistent from here on the Prison Camp gains over a period of years to go Road. Centered in the attic of into the first-class division, the the one-story home, the fire did local post office last quarter exconsiderable damage before it perienced a slight decline in its was brought under control. Had receipts, according to Postmaster it not been for effective work on W. E. Dunn. the part of neighbors and the

The January business dipped a little, but February stamp sales dropped from \$3,211.42 in 1949 to damaged some when it was mov-\$2,968.88 in the same month this ed hurriedly from the house. No year, the report for the quarter estimate on the damage could be showing a drop from \$9,708.51 in 1949 to \$9,121.67 for the corresponding period this year.

the first three months in 1949, noon at 5:40 o'clock. Firemen leigh hospital. this year, a decrease of \$4.882.04. ] a very small area.

ing the past five years. teen times since they were mar-

ried in July, 1941. She declared that he had been critical of her ever since she came here in September, 1943, that he did not like 2) the greatest peacetime research Patrolman John T. Rowe who her cooking, the plaintiff explaining that she did not know how to effort in history; 3) the beginning made the investigation. "cook too good", that she was not of a program to alert people to

cancer while it is still curable. experienced. "From 1945 to 1949 inclusive, The witness said that she had American Cancer Society raised told her husband he could not go with the office girl and treat her by public subscription about \$53,-(office girl) nice, and treat her 000,000 compared with only \$2, 000,000 given by the public dur-(plaintiff) bad.

She told how he had forced her (Continued on page six) into the car and carried her to a lonely spot in Bertie and knock-

TAX SALES

In accordance with the law. county and town tax collectors are preparing the names of property owners delinquent in their tax payments for advertising the early part of May for sale in June.

While the list does not compare in size with those in years past, there are several hundred delinquents in the county, the collectors said.

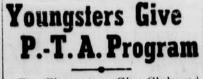
mold will need to be intensified. America members, adult farmers ed, skidded into a ditch bank on Mr. Martin pointed out that the left side of the road and Many growers have confused cold will exhibit 198 choice hogs, but according to specifications preparprogress had been in three direc- turned over, rolling to a stop 87 injury with blue mold and have will not be in competition with tions: 1) the building of a nation- feet farther away. Damage to consequently been discouraged in those exhibited by the club memwide machine for cancer control; the car was estimated at \$500 by continuing the treatment. bers. Good results with Fermate Di-

nell Gilliam in federal court at pecially when conditions are fay-

ment.

The steers will be in place by thane Z-78 and Parzate are in evinoon on Thursday of next week, dence everywhere that the growand the hogs are to be in their ers are applying the treatment lipens by 6:00 o'clock that evening. berally, carefully, frequently en-Sam Buchanan, animal husough and with the right equip-

(Continued on page six) ment. Growers are strongly urged to continue their blue mold



The Elementary Glee Club and

The midge and crane larvae, James was alleged to have been flea bettle and white grub have last night presented what was amount of poison while other portransporting one-half gallon of illicit liquor and to have had about contributed to poor stands in generally acclaimed the top pro- tions will be without effective many cases. They are still active gram of the year before the Wil-900 gallons of bree-mash in his in certain areas. The midge lar- liamston Parents-Teachers Assopossession for the purpose of manufacturing illicit liquor when he vae, flea beetle, and crane fly lar- ciation in the Grammar School was arrested by ABC Officer J. vae can be controlled with DDT, auditorium.

Wearing green vestments with H. Roebuck and ATU agents in The white grub can be controlled white trim, Mrs. Beecher Patterwith the use of Parahion (observe) precautions in applying this). son's young singers, nearly half a Keep a close look for the vege- hundred strong, gave a good ac-

youngsters.

scheduled to have been tried in table weevil worm that feeds on count of them selves in the opening half of the program when they the leaves and apply DDT for control. Keep on the look out for sang several numbers with clear-

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control program, strive to get the

best coverage possible and use li

beral applications of material, es-

orable for blue mold develop-

**Shooting Victim Leaves Hospital** 

K. D. Smith, young Pitt Counbadly beaten near Cross Roads in this county on Easter Sunday, left

a Greenville hospital for his home near Grimesland Monday after-Easter Parade was next depicted noon. In a cast, he will have to continue in bed for four weeks or more.

Smith, asked about the payment of an. old \$10 debt, shot George Henry Ward, and Ward returned the fire, striking him in

fore press time. the hip and knocking him down. man and stomped him, breaking held on Monday night, May 15. shoes compared with those found

All the participants in the attacks are colored. They will be Sheriff Holloman said yesterday. at the same hour.

Several carloads of ingredients have been placed in the plant,

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## **Charge Man With Entering Home**

Johnnie Savage, young colored ness and harmony that bespoke excellent and careful training on man, was arrested in the upper the part of their instructor and part of the county last Saturday patient work on the part of the night and jailed for allegedly entering the Francis Worsley home

But it remained for the first near Oak City a short time earlgrade pupils of Miss Baker to take ier.

No members of the family were not only the attendance prize but the hearts of all those present as ty colored man who was shot and the hearts of all those present as the diverse badly baston man who was shot and the badly baston man charge Beach is around the Easter theme. Opening over a fence, and they found a with church services as realistic as light burning in the kitchen, but it possibly could be made, the nothing missing.

Deputy Sheriff Raymond Rawls and finally "Easter Bunny" came and Captain John Delbridge and "hippity-hopping" along with his bloodhounds at the prison Easter eggs and there was a solo, camp were joined in Oak City "Alice Blue Gown." There was by Officers Wiley Craft and Garnot time to list all the names of land Bunting and they started a the performers this morning be- search. The dogs picked up a trail where the man was report-It was announced that the next ed to have jumped over the fence P.-T. A. meeting, and the final and followed the track to the one for this school years, will be Savage home. Tracks of his

Committees were named to help at the Worsley home. with the pre-school clinics at the Investigating the case further, given a hearing just as soon as Grammar School on Monday, May officers considered the evidence

To Send Band To Charlotte though the committee has made it "On to Charlotte!" Having sent the Williamston clear that any help will be appre-High School Band to Goldsboro ciated from any quarter and the more money that is raised the

Lions Begin Work On Plan

the district Lions convention re- Charlotte. cently, the Williamston Lions A minimum of \$1,000 is being Club and other friends of the sought as it will take this much Green Wave Band have begun to finance the two large busses efforts to raise enough money to which are needed to take the

send the band "on to Charlotte" band to Charlotte. for the State Lion's convention in In connection with the drill and

concert, Professor Jack Butler, di-June. A finance committee last night rector of the Green Wave Band. virtually completed arrangements said last night that preliminary for financing the promotion, the plans for the program included Ward with his two brothers, John main source of the funds expected the performance of all the nation- and George Ward, sailed on the While the stamp sales last quar- Thigpen property just off East this county, were reported yes- to be the sale of tickets to a drill al requirements for a high school and concert in the Williamston parade band as well as the con- the man's hip. Athletic Park on the night of cert which will include a number

June 13. If the sales of these of popular pieces. from \$66,160.31 in 1949 to \$61,- town water system and checked provement, they are expected to tickets reach the expected pro- Further details of the proposed 278.27 in the corresponding period the fire after it had burned over leave the hospital within the next portions no other sources of rev- trip and arrangements for it will Smith is able to attend court, 1, at 9:15 and on Tuesday, May 2, insufficient to hold the man, and enue will have to be touched, al- be announced as they develop.

where it picked up first prize at larger will be the group going to

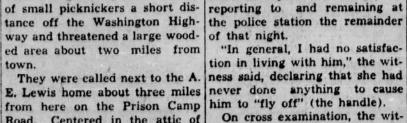
Wreck Victims Are Improving

Injured in a bad automobile accident between Wake Forest and Durham three weeks ago, Mrs.

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had immediately. Two of three small boys, play- Jesse Lilley, Mrs. Ben Roberson ing with fire, started a fire in the and Mrs. Marvin Coltrain, all of ter were \$586.84 below those for Academy Street Sunday after- terday to be improving in a Ra-

the money order business dropped were able to connect with the If they continue to show imweek or ten days.



ed her down.

Telling about another break in

family relations during Thanks-

giving, 1948, the witness broke

and cried, but soon regained her

composure and continued with her

story. She told how she jump-

ed out of his moving car near her

mother's home in Edgecombe

County, fell into a ditch and found

refuge in a farm home. She re-

ported to an Halifax officer, but

turned home where peace reign-

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