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### Carolina Company · Asks For Another **Boost In Charges**

Telephone Firm Says Higher Rates Needed To Finance Expansion

months, the Carolina Telephone

In an application to the State three or four weeks. Utilities Commission, the Tarboro firm asked for rate hikes big enue by \$900,000 a year and to cover salary and wage increases es by \$115,300 since January 1. Further increases amounting to around \$78,000 are planned for the remainder of the year, it said.

Carolina Telephone, whose exchanges serve a large portion of Eastern North Carolina, won its last rate hikes from the commission in April, 1949. The increase then amounted to \$603,958 in gross revenue annually. The hikes in residential rates ranged from 25 cents to \$1 a month, and in business rates from 25 cents to \$1.75. At several exchanges, rural rates were hiked 25 cents.

The firm proposed no specific rates in yesterday's application. It said it was leaving up to the commission the setting of new rates for the various exchanges and types of service.

It asked a hearing at the earliest possible date. The commission did

The company said it needed the additional money to continue its

big expansion program. Its earnings for last March, figured on an annual basis, were approximately four per cent on the company's gross investment and about five per cent on its net in- Veterans Make vestment, said the application. "The earnings have steadily declined since the granting of the last adjustment in rates by the

commission (on April 30, 1949). "Petitioner feels that the continued decline in rate of return on its investment will make it difficult to raise the necessary demands of the public it serves."

The additional \$900,000 a year In gross revenue, plus the amount of pastures were visited and each the record had been claimed by of the wage and salary increases showed excellent results are be- the Lexington, Ky., market on

680,000 since November. 1948. It portant factor in growing a good now totals around \$23,000,000. pasture is in the fertilization.

The improvements and expanced by short term bank loans "which will necessitate perma- Standard Fertilizer Company. Al- ford writes, "grow more tobacco Professor Butler declared after nent financing in the future," so as an experiment a demon- per farmer than the farmers at the show that it was worth it, and

gain required the installations of determine the increased grazing Destroy Plant In moved and replaced during the Pastures visited those of James period. Unfilled orders totaled a- Smithwick, Marvin Jones, Julian round 13,000 last April 30, or Hosea Fagan, Grady Davenport, increase of 1000 over December John D. Lilley, McDonald Hardi-

# Sale Of Poppies

City, \$22.90; Mrs. M. L. White, tilizer Company. Hamilton, \$10.50; Mrs. Raleigh Harrington, Jamesville, \$24.50 and Mrs. Taylor, Williamston, \$283.15 Mrs Taylor expressed her sincere appreciation to all who helped make Wear-A-Poppy Memorial this morning when a refrigerator not far from the Foreman Fire The young fish were secured Day a sucess and stated that the motor caught fire and smoked up Tower. A 25-gallon copper kettle from a hatchery near Fayettethat a few donatinos were still and owned by Mary Gray on cation and was being set up for he fish averaged about two inches coming in.

## Work On Drainage Project Hundreds Attend Replica Of Old Going Forward In County

While major projects are tied they were well pleased with the age program is advancing rapidly ed improvement in drainage. in Griffins Township, late re-For the Second time in 15 ports stating that approximately fully handled in the county durand Telegraph Company has peti- Roberson swamp or mill pond jects are being considered on a tioned the State for sizable rate had been drained, and that the limited scale. increases over the big territory it project in all probability, will serves in Eastern North Carolina. be completed within the next still going forward for drainage

cumventing drainage district tar- tant work will go forward rapidnough to increase its gross reve- ation, put up voluntary contri- ly just as soon as the value of the butions to finance the project es- work is proved. timated to cost \$5,000. Present being made this year. The com- plans call for about two miles of in the Robersonville areas there pany said it already has upped the drainage work. The Hill Con- this evening at 8:00 o'clock to dissalaries and wages of its employ: struction Company is handling cuss plans for a Collie Swamp the project with a drag line.

week, property owners there said launching similar projects.

up in legalities, work on a drain- work, that there had been mark-

Quite a few individual drain age projects have been successone and one-half miles of the ing recent months, and other pro-

During the meantime plans are projects on a district basis, and Citizens in the community, cir- reports indicate that the impor-

Property owners are meeting drainage project and others are Commenting on the project this studying the advisability of

Herman Crawford Of Ever-

etts There With Five

Other Carolinians

where six Tar Heels are employ-

That word came from one of

the six. Herman Crawford of

The Salisbury market in South-

the sales season ends in October.

according to Crawford, previously,

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Flat Swamp Area

Operating with ABC officers

from Beaufort and Pitt Counties,

ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and

Deputy Roy Peel wrecked a large

illicit distillery in the Flat Swamp

The plant was equipped with a

300-gallon capacity submarine

type still. The officers wrecked

nineteen 50-gallon fermenters and

Thurman Roberson, of Rober-

and was booked for trial at the

sum of \$300.

area last Friday afternoon.

#### Young Man From HAPPINESS WEEK County Describes

Manchester, England A city suburb is to hold a Happiness Week from June 17-14 in which people must smile and be happy "Wheththey like it or not."

Levenshulme, Manchester is to hold this first civic week of happiness, and the organizers, hope that other places will follow suit and arrange nationwide weeks with smiles completely off the ration.

Householders and shopkeepers are being asked to fly bunting and flags to hid any grimy buildings

Festivities have been arranged at which people will be told: "Forget your income tax and domestic problems for a week."

# Pasture Tour

Seven permanent pastures were visited by members of the Jamesville Veteran Farm Training Program on a tour last Tuesday chant. capital to carry on its present afternoon. The tour was conducted and proposed plans to improve as a part of the training program ern Rhodesia expects to sell 108,and expand its plant to meet the for the veterans enrolled in the 000,000 pounds of tobacco before Jamesville school. Several types and corresponding expense, "will ing obtained from the different the burley belt, where 107,000,000 be required for a reasonable rate mixtures seeded. The mixtures seasons. of return on its present plant included Ladino clover and fes- | Crawford writes that tobacco cue; White Dutch clover and sold on two huge warehouse floors mainder of this year will run to clover and Redtop grass; Bermuda and Southern Rhodesian tobacco. about \$3,000,000. "Consideration of grass and White Dutch clover; and

In addition to the pasture tour sales by "many million pounds perfect. sion program now is being finan- a demonstration on irrigating weight." pastures was conducted by the The firm said it had increased fertilizer through the irrigating grows 750 acres and the smallest are a grand bunch of kids'." its phones by 20 per cent, or more system on trainee John D. Lilley's than 14,900, between December 1, pasture. The results of these dem-1948, and April 30, 1950. This onstrations will be checked to

son and Hugh B. and J. T. Griffin. All are members of the veteran program with the exception of Marvin Jones.

Those making the tour other Amounts to \$354 Those making the tour other than members of the veteran program and Young Farmers Club Mrs. Jimmy Taylor, county included T. B. Elliot, District Supchairman of the American Legion ervisor of Vocational Agriculture; Auxiliary Poppy Sale, reported E. Y. Floyd, Director of the Plant vesterday on the amount of money Food Institute of N. C. and Va; taken in by her co-chairman and T. B. Brandon and Sam Tuten of co-chairwomen through the sale the Extension Service; H. F. Mc- ten gallons of fuel oil and oil Knight and Davis VanNortwick Collections were: Mr. Phillip of the Soil Conservation Service; Keel, Robersonville chairman, and T. W. Crockett and J. H. \$13.75; Mrs. Hassell Worsley, Oak McBrayer of the Standard Fer-

> Refrigerator Motor Burns In Home Here

Firemen were called out here small plant in Griffins Township ville last Friday. above reports were not complete; the home occupied by Lillis Hands had just been moved to a new lo- ville and according to Bullock South Smithwick Street.

# Concert Here By **Green Wave Band**

High School Musicians Tra- Bell Being Brought Here In vel to Charlotte Sunday For State Test

Close to a thousand friends and Williamston High School Green Wave Band which had just completed the big step in their prepvention in Charlotte on Monday today. afternoon, June 19.

It was a big night for the band which gave an excellent account of itself and it was also a big one for the Williamston Lions' club Lions had over \$700 as a direct result of the concert ticket sales and bell. with the \$150 the club had set Crop In So. Africa passed with a margin.

Not all the tickets were sold in Williamston, as there were spec- the United States Treasury De- der \$5,000 bond, is charged with tators from as far as 65 miles, in- partment is conducting a national on May 28, "with malice and forecluding Washington and other stimulation bond drive to increase thought did kill and murder one nearby towns.

The following article appeared on such a scale, with a rousing future. Monday in the News and Observer march, "Men Of Ohio", by Fillalong with a picture of the six North Carolinians on the tobacco more. Then came an excellent W. Snyder announced that the ington, D. C. Attorney Robt. L. market in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. The men pictured were erture by Grundman, "Two would be symbolized by the Lib-dead woman's father, Rev. Ral-Herman Crawford, auctioneer, of Everetts; R. G. Ruffin, buyer for in as a relief was next in line, "I'll per producers volunteered to Imperial Tobacco Company, of Dance at Your Wedding.

Farmville; Graham Day, auc-Dedicated to the recently formtioneer, Timberlake; Lloyd Mills, ed Williamston unit of the Nationsales starter, of Greenville; Rus- al Guard, the next number was sell Bullock, auctioneer, of Vass well received. It was, "There's Something About a Soldier," arand Eddie Edwards, auctioneer, of ranged by Yoder. Newest claimant to the title of

Following a light number, "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree," cates and assert that because of World's largest Tobacco Market" is Salisbury, in faraway Rhodesia, arranged by Teague, the band this exact similarity of structure presented one of its favorite to the original bell, the sound is marches, "The Billboard", by the same as that heard in Phila-Klohr. Then came "Tea for Two" delphia in 1776. and a waltz, "Memories". The re-Everetts, an auctioneer who sells the tobacco with a North Carolina the ever popular number, "Red for your Independence" when the en place last March 22. He is at North Carolina the most out-

Because they still had a lot of playing and marching to do in the drill and maneuver program, Director Jack Butler restricted encores to one number, "Goodnight Medley."

Following the concert, a fifteen minute break was taken to get the band ready for dress parade and The firm said that further addi- Dallis grass; Ladino clover, Rye in Salisbury will include fire- inspection by two sergeants and tions to its facilities for the re- grass and fescue; White Dutch cured, Northern Rhodesia Virginia a civilian who judged the music during the drills.

The band was given a superior Another record Salisbury will this additional investment of rates Ladine clover and Orchard grass. be shooting at this year will be rating by its critics, only one or One important thing was noted one held by Wilson, in Eastern two very small defects being noton the tour, that regardless of the North Carolina. Wilson holds the ed for correction in later practice ment had increased by about \$4,- type of mixture seeded, the im- record for sales of flue - cured sessions before the Charlotte trip. Virginia type tobacco. Salisbury The cadence, except for one brief boasts it will eclipse the Wilson instant, was reported as virtually

Working and worrying and "The farmers cut here," Craw driving these past two weeks, stration was given on applying home. The largest tobacco farmer said, "You can quote me: 'They

The band marched down the field, countermarched, turned left and came across just on the grass gram. back of second base and turned right to come up the first base hine, stopping still at the very instant they ceased playing. They received warm applause from the stands. Then they turned and marched at an angle across the field, the last part of this being a silent march during which the crowd was so still the footsteps of the marchers was plainly audible and in perfect time. Coming back

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# three large coolers, and confiscat-Gardner's Creek

sonville, was taken into custody Cecil Bullock and Oscar Taylor, employees of the game and fish next term of Pitt County Superior division of the North Carolina Court. Bond was arranged in the Department of Conservation and Development, placed 10,000 large Last Monday afternoon, Offic- mouth bass in Gardner's Creek ers Roebuck and Peel wrecked a between Williamston and James-

# Liberty Bell To

Interest Of Independence Savings Bonds

An exact duplicate of the famous supporters left the Williamston old Liberty Bell in Independence In Superior Court ball park last night proud of the Hall, Philadelphia, said to have the same tone as the original bell will be displayed in Williamston arations for representing Wil- June 24 beween the hours of 3:00 liamston at the State Lions Con- and 5:00 p. m., it was announced

Messrs, D. V. Clayton and H. A. Bowen, co-chairman of the Independence Savings Bond Drive in this area, explained that the bell which had just topped its goal of in connection with the current \$1,000 to defray the band's ex-bond drive. They added, however, penses to the Queen City., The that no bond selling will be advanced during the visit of the over the mixed term.

"We are using the bell merely the chairman explained.

concert, the first it has ever held portunity of investing for the

rendition of that well known ov- Independence Savings Bond Drive manufacture and donate fifty- two replicas of the old bell to highligt the drive ending July 4.

At the conclusion of the drive, the bell now touring this State will be given to North Carolina, it was explained.

Bellmasters throughout

All citizens are urged to see the gular concert program closed with bell and hear the message "Save leged attack was said to have tak- shown the calm judgement and Rhythm Valley," as arranged by bell visits Williamston on Satur- liberty under \$500 bond.

### **Commencement on** Friday For UVBS

The Union Vacation Bible School will hold its fourteenth continues in jail. commencement on Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the sanctuary of the Memorial Baptist Church. Well attended by youngsters between the ages of 4 and 12 the school this year has been a successful one and the leaders are urging the public to attend the exercises and see how much the children have learned during the

There will be exhibits of hand work and other items which have been prepared under the direction of Mrs. M. L. Peel, Jr., who took over after Miss Margaret McDaniel was taken ill during the early part of the school. Bill Spivey has been in charge of the boys' activities and recreational pro-

short period of study.

#### THE RECORD SPEAKS .

Possibly they are not trying quite hard enough to attain perfection, but motorists on Martin County highways and town streets have not traveled through a single week so far this year with a record clear of accidents. In the 23rd week of last year, such a record was entered in the files. This year three more were added during the corresponding week.

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. 23rd Week

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 3 1 0 \$ 235 1949 0 Comparisons To Date 1950 69 35 0 \$15,750 1949 49 24

# Early Murder Trial Be Here June 24 Set For Wednesday

# Twenty-five Cases Slated For Trial

Private Prosecution Hired In Murder Case Against Negro Doctor

Twenty-five cases have been placed on the criminal docket for trial during the one-week term of the Martin County Superior Court, beginning next Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock.' Judge Q. K. Nimocks of Favetteville is scheduled to return and preside

The murder case against Edward L. Early, Jr., Williamston aside for the project and \$150 set to point out the importance of Negro doctor, has been set for aside by the town the goal was investments in savings bonds," trial on Wednesday, June 21, and it is certain to attract much at-The Savings Bond Division of tention. Early, now at liberty unpublic participation in the bond Odelsie Keyes with a .38 calibre The band started its outdoor program and to point out the op- pistol." The defendent, paying \$500 for a bond, left the county shortly after his release and is re-When Treasury Secretary John portedly with relatives in Wash-Coburn has been retained by the Moods." A little pop tune thrown erty Bell, six of the nation's cop- eigh Keyes, to assist Solicitor George Fountain in prosecuting Appeals to Prejudice Insult the charge against the killer.

Early, shortly after the fatal attack, declared they were playing, that the pistol was fired accidentally. The victim died in a hospital early the next morning without are falling flat in the senatorial regaining consciousness.

uled for trial next Monday, as fol- Frank Graham, reported today.

Walter Wiggins is charged with causing her bodily harm. The al- he said. "Once again they have

Ananias Thompson is charged with the temporary larceny of a car from J. D. Carr. Charged with taking the car on May 14, Thompson was released under bond.

Johnnie Haynes is charged with having forged the name of Thomas Stevenson to a check on April est opponent. 20. Unable to arrange bond he

Marvin Brantley, alias C. B. Wilson, is charged with false pretense. He is said to have passed \$15 each on Roberson's Esso Station in Williamston and Thurman Stalls' Esso Station in Robersonville.

Zeno Brown is charged with the larceny of two cars, one from Jim Taylor on March 29, and one from Ollie Page, Jr., on April 6. Bond was required in the sum of \$1,000. Harold Asby is charged with assaulting A. T. Lilley in the Lilley

home in Williams Township on May 3 and taking \$500 in cash. James L. Morrison, alias Walter C. Rogers, alias June W. Gibson, is charged with obtaining goods ed faith in the North Carolina and money under false pretense program of mutual understandfrom three firms in Williamston,

and Palmyra. The victim, shot in history." the legs, recovered. The defendant arranged bond in the sum of

Charlie Phillips, Jr., England Andrews and John Smith are alleged to have broken into and stole merchandise valued at less than \$50 and \$2 in cash from Luke Chance's store near Parmele on May 3. They arranged bond in the sum of \$200 each.

Bond was arranged in the sum of ing within the next few days.

William Alfred Wiggins is alleged to have broken into the home of Gabriel Wiggins on the night of learned. May 27.

Clarence Lay and Louis Grant (Continued on page eight)

### CORRECTION

The Dixie Motor Company explained today that it was not in the tractor or farm implement business, that it was featuring cars, trucks and repairs in the automotive field.

It is possible that some misunderstanding resulted when is was announced that new tractor and farm implement dealer would use the Dixie showroom to display its equipment while a building was being constructed. "We are willing to cooperate in any way possible with anyone for the advancement of the town and county, and explained to the new firm that we would be glad to house in our shop a tractor at night while the company's new building is under constructtion, but we have no other interest in the new business," Mr. Wm. Everett, manager, said this morning.

### Phony Race Issue Rejected By The Voters In State

To Intelligence Of The People

Raleigh. Appeals to prejudice and ignorance on the race issue campaign, Jeff D. Johnson, Jr., Eighteen cases have been sched- campaign manager of Senator

"The people of North Carolina once again demonstrated that they having carnal knowledge of a fe- cannot be swayed by trumped-up male, Angeline Cromwell, 16, and efforts to array race against race, North Carolina the most outstanding and progressive State in

the South." Johnson pointed to the tremendous total of over 303,000 votes which Graham received in the May 27 primary and his lead of over 53,000 votes above his near-

"The people have spoken clearly," Johnson declared. "They like Frank Graham and the constructive program he stands for. They resent appeals to ignorance and worthless checks in the amount of prejudice because they consider such appeals an insult to their intelligence.'

Meanwhile, Senator Graham expressed appreciation for the fact that the attorneys general of all the Southern states used his arguments against compulsory abolition of segregation in presenting their case to the Supreme Court in the Texas and Oklahoma segregation issues.

"I still oppose, as I always have opposed, the Federal Government forcing non-segregation on states or regions," Graham de the Wear Right Shop, Ann's Spe- tween the races, under which both fendant was last heard from in cialty Shop and the Proctor Shop. races have made the greatest pro-On April 3, James Savage is algress in the last several decades leged to have waylaid and shot of any dissimilar groups in any divorce from Cherrie Vick Cotton, Gadis Harris between Hamilton one area in a like period of human says they were married on July Johnson said the race issue

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# Will Build New Filling Station Officers Raided

Plans are about complete for the construction of a modern fill Jesse Outterbridge, according to ing station on the corner of the warrant, about the middle of Haughton and Railroad Streets. last February did carnally know The builder, Jesse Whitley, is or abuse Daisel Jones, female over clearing the site and plans to start 12 and under 16 years of age. construction on the modern build-

No official announcement was made, but the project will cost approximately \$15,000, it was

To be leased for the sale of Texaco products, the filling station is to be operated by Pete

### Violators Of Dog **Vaccination Laws** In Local Courts

Few Other Cases Handled By Justice Of Peace In Past Few Days

The drive to account for all dogs

under the anti-rabies law is still going forward in this county While no late report has been released by Inspector Dennis Roberson of Robersonville, it was learned that several alleged violators of the law had been cited to the courts. According to one report a goodly number of dogs have been killed in the county where ownership could not be established. Others who were careless about having their dogs immunized against against rabies. are taking action and indications now point to a successful drive Six persons were in Justice Chas. R. Mobley's court a few days ago, and eight other cases, charging violations of the dog vaccination law are pending, the

The case charging Charlie Brown with failing to have his dog vaccinatetd was not prossed. It was explained that the dog charged to Brown had been killed in accordance with instructions from the inspector, that the warrant was issued in error.

justice said vesterday

In four other cases which Orange Peel, Nathan Cowan, D. G. Godard and John Leggett were defendants, the court suspended judgement upon the payment of \$5.85 costs each. It was explained that the dogs had either been vaccinated or killed, but that the action was taken to late

Other cases handled recently by Justice Mobley follow:

Drunk and disorderly, Jesse Whitley, colored, and Joe Dowdy were each sentenced to the roads. for thirty days, the court suspending the jail term upon the payment of \$5.85 costs.

Frank Cross was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost for being drunk and disorderly, the court suspending a 30-day road sen-

Charged with improper parking, Roosevelt Taylor was taxed

Nathan Howard, charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, was required to pay \$6.85

### **Add Divorce Cases** To Court Calendar

A last-minute bid for marital freedom was made this week when three plaintiffs placed divorce cases on the calendar for trial in the Martin County Superor Court next week. Nine divorce cases had been placed on the calendar previously.

Suing Elmo Privott for divorce, Carolyne Privott said they were married on August 5, 1946, and separated about six months later in February, 1947, that no children were born to the union.

In her divorce action against LeRoy Salsbury, Mozella Salsbury says they were married on December 25, 1937, and separated about ten years later in September, 1947, that no children were ing, respect and cooperation be. born of the union and that the de-

Joseph Cotton in his suit for a 7, 1933 and separated in April, 1934. The one child born of the union has been in the custody of and cared for by the plaintiff's father. The defendant is now a resident of New York State.

# **Home In County**

Raiding the home of Minnie V. Gaynor in Robersonville last Saturday afternoon, Sheriff M. W Holloman, Deputy Raymond Rawls, Deputy Roy Peel and Officer Wade Griffin confiscated about one gallon of white liquor and a number of glasses allegedly used in retailing the spirits. Given a hearing before Justice

H. S. Everett, the defendant was booked for trial in the Martin County Recorder's Court.