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ESTABLISHED 1899

John R. Ellison, Former Lo-

cal Man. Worked In

Suffolk Office

An old Williamston man re-

ently retired from the railroad

service in Suffolk, and Preston

Charles wrote the following story

Fifteen years ago J. R. Ellison,

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad

agent for Suffolk, was preparing

and he was getting on toward that

So, to supplement his pension

noney after quitting the railroad,

ne bought a piece of property just

cross the street from the ACL

station on East Washington, The

idea was to start a wood and coal

yard after he retired and arve

out a new career for himself in

But he didn't have to retire

after all. The Federal government

took over the railway pension

fund and put out a new ruling

the business world

under a Suffolk date line:

FAMILIES TWICE EACH WEEK

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Thirty Cases In **Recorder's Court** Monday Morning

Judge Chas. Manning Long **On Road Sentences** This Week

In a session lasting until about 1:00 o'clock Monday, Judge Chas. H. Manning reached into the bag and pulled out a number of road sentences. In addition to the 'time" sentences, fines were imposed in the amount of \$340.

Proceedings:

Continued and literally kicked around since last July 31, the assault charge against Harvey Lee Mooring was cleared from the calendar. The defendant was sentenced to the roads for three months, suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

Pleading not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Nymphus James was adjudged guilty and drew six months on the roads.

Robert Jones, colored, was fined \$15, plus costs, for an assault with a deadly weapon. He pleaded not guilty but apparently could not support his plea.

Pleading guilty of non-support. Willie O. Person was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs and \$12 a month for the support of his family. He is to reappear for further judgment the fourth Monday in October, 1951.

Caught twice in one day for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Eli Carr was doubly fined \$25 plus double sosts.

Joe Lanier, charged with an attempted assault, pleaded guilty and drew sixty days on the roads.

Charged with assaults with deadly weapons, Mary Glenn Taylor and Flossie Whitehurst were adjudged not guilty.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Prim Sherrod with an assault.

Adjudged guilty of an assault Williams was sentenced to jail for thirty days, the sentence to be Are Sold Locally suspended upon the payment of" the costs.



Harvest Festival Queen

Crowned queen of Williamston's third annual Harvest Festival, Miss Jean Carol Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Griffin of Griffins, is pictured with Mr. Al Sweatt, executive director of the Williamston Boosters, Inc., sponsors of the event. The queen received a dinner ring and other gifts.

Tobacco Market To Close Next Tuesday Oak City Cemetery. with a deadly weapon, Ernestine 9,640,624 Pounds STILL PENDING Liquor Traffic Contracts for the construc-

Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Thursday, October 26, 1950

Benjamin Johnson Call Eight Cases Died In Oak City In Justice Court In Past Few Days **Tuesday Morning**

Funeral Service Held There Yesterday Afternoon for **Prominent** Citizen

Benjamin Louis Johnson, prom-

Willie Moore, young colored neht county citizen and a leader in the Oak City Community for many years, died at his home there early Tuesday morning following a long period of declining health. He was very active in managing his farming operations until about two years ago when feeble health forced his retire-

the past five months and his con- Northern owed him a quarter, dition was critical for about ten knocked the one-legged man days, death being attributable to down, took his victim's pocket the infirmities of his advanced knife and left a 15-stitch gash around his head. It was also alvears.

The son of the late Joshua L. leged that Moore pulled \$3 from and Martha Daniel Johnson, he Northern's pocket. Murray Wallace, charged with was born near Gold Point in Robersonville Township 87 years ago assaulting his wife, was booked on May 26, 1863, and spent his by Justice Mobley for trial in the

early life on the farm there. In county court. Bond was arranged 1905 he located in Oak City where in the sum of \$100. he operated a mercantile business Justice R. T. Johnson heard the

for about ten years or until he following cases: found it necessary to be out of Charged with improper parkdoors much of the time on ac-

ing on the highway, Ernest C. ount of his health Mooring, Jr., was found not guil-Mr. Johnson, championing wor-

thy causes and exemplifying high Erah Ayers, charged with being ideals and Christian character in drunk on the highway, was taxed his daily walk through life, servwith the costs. ed his community in many ways,

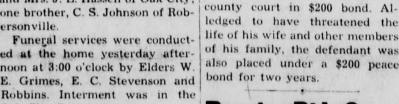
Jim Jarman was taxed with including years of service as a \$7.85 costs for being drunk on member of the local school board, the highway. and as a member of the Conoho

Charged with operating a motor Primitive Baptist Church the vehicle with improper equipment, greater part of half a century. Samuel Manning was found not In 1907 he was married to Miss guilty

Sallie L. Worsley who survives William Brown was taxed with with one son, N. W. Worsley of the costs for an affray. Oak City; two daughters, Mrs. Welton Arnold, charged with an

James L. Johnson of Washington assault, was bound over to the and Mrs. J. L. Hassell of Oak City; one brother, C. S. Johnson of Robersonville

Funeral services were conductnoon at 3:00 o'clock by Elders W. E. Grimes, E. C. Stevenson and Robbins. Interment was in the





District Legion Plans Big Retires After 62 **Years In Service** Armistice Day Event Here **Of The Railroads**

Robbery-Assault Case By Justice Mobley

been invited to attend the cele. bration which was set for No vember 10th so it would not con-10th, beginning at 2:00 p. m., it flict with Armistice Day Celebrawas announced this week. tions in local Legion Posts.

Department Legion officials ex-The program includes a recepman, was placed under \$750 bond tion for distinguished guests, pub- pected to be present include Comby Justice Chas. R. Mobley here lic speaking, banquet free to all mander Hugh Alexander, of Kanlast Tuesday in the case in which Legionnaires holding 1951 mem- napolis and Department vice comhe was charged with robbing and bership card, and a mammouth mander J. C. Lamm, Jr., of Wil-

Legion Posts included in the bond, Moore was returned to jail bands and firing squads taking Third District are located at Hamto retire. The ACL said every emto await trial in the superior court part. The festivities conclude with ilton, Robersonville, Williamston, ployee had to guit work at 70. ment. He was confined to his in December. It was alleged at a dance with the public invited, Creswell, Plymouth, Columbia home most of the time during the hearing that Moore, claiming Music will be furnished by an out- and Oak City



On November 17 It is impossible that new bids will be asked, or the of-

Selective Service machinery, ficials will consider private bids. It could be the authorimoving along in low gear for ties will consider altering the months, is being speeded up rapspecifications. It is fairly defidly in this county. Calls are pil- was a boy of 20. He went to work inite that every effort will be ing up, including two for final in- as a check and transfer clerk for made to relieve the present duction and one for pre-induction the Norfolk Southern Railway at condition, that some plan can examinations

Twenty-five Martin County young men are leaving tomorrow the NS at Centerville. morning at 6:00 o'clock for final Bragg.

Archie Lee Revels, RFD 1, Wil-

Eli David Harrison, RFD 2, Wil-

William Marvin Martin, James-

Colored

Gaston Alexander Carr, RFD 2

Crawford E. Lane, White Street

James Hudgins, West Main

Willie Isaac Latham, RFD

sonville, and Willie Crandall, Jr.,

Willie Crandall, Jr., RFD, Rober

from this county since late 1945

Only one registrant has answered

a draft call since the end of World

The group of twenty-five is the

RFD 2, Robersonville.

he was delinguent.

sonville.

To Meet Monday rip are: Final details for the member iamston.

ship campaign of the Martin Willie Elwood Revels, RFD 1, County Community Concert Asso-Williamston ciationto be held beginning Mon-

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Street Williamston day, October 30, are complete ac-

A few years of that was enough. Dalton Staton Jones, RFD 3, "I decided I liked three meals a Williamston. day and sleeping home nights," Garland Bunting, Oak City. says Mr. Ellison. So he took a job Harper Marshall Peel, Jr., Ham that would fill the bill. It turned Hallet Swinson Davis, RFD 1, out to be the post of agent at Suffolk. That assignment started April 1, Vance LeRoy Peele, RFD 3, 1904, and it never ended for him until he retired. That is, except David Aaron Boyad, Hamilton. Charlie Hoell, Jr., 111 Pine for one month he spent some years ago as agent at Petersburg. Street, Williamston. "I took that job," he explained Jesse Elwood Everett, Hamilton. Pearlie Bennett Lilley, Jr., RFD in an interview, "on the condition that they'd keep an extra man on here a while so if I didn't like it I Henry Brown Winslow, RFD 1 could come back. I didn't, so I Robersonville.

any railroader who was willing and able, and his work was satisfactory, could stay on as long as he liked. So Mr. Ellison stayed on as agent here, not to retire until September 30, 1950-at the age of 82-a little over 62 years after he

first started working on the rail-

His career as a railroader, incidentally, began 1888, when he Williamston early that year and a year later was made agent for

His first job with the ACL induction into the Army at Fort was at Williamston, N. C., his home town. He was taken on there Those scheduled to make the as clerk-operator at the handsome stipend of \$30 a month. He Alton Fay Peelc, RFD 1, Wil- served successively as agent at

Jamesville and Parmele, then in 1898 or 1899, he isn't sure which he got a transfer to the transpor-James Walton Ward, Main tation department and became a

conductor

assaulting "Peg" Northern with street parade with Military units, son intent to kill. Unable to arrange Legionaires, several high school



Man Placed Under Bond In rally and Armistice Day celebration here on Friday November

Pleading not guilty, William Henry Bryant was found guilty of bastardy and was sentenced to Income More Than a Milthe roads for six months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of the court costs and \$3 a week for the support of his child.

Mildred Graham was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. Charged with violating the liqour laws and being publicly drunk. John Rawls, RFD 2, Williamston,

costs.

George Spruill pleaded guilty of roads for six months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$15 a month for the support of his child during the next two years.

Kelly Moore was fined \$25. plus costs, for being publicly drunk. He pleaded not guilty.

Charged with violating the liquor laws and being publicly drunk, Joe Bland was found not guilty.

James A. Warren appealed to the higher courts when he was fined \$50 for allegedly violating the liquor laws. Bond was required in the sum of \$100.

Raymond Albritton was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license

Charged with the possesion' of (Continued on Page Eight)

LITTLE NOTICED

The United Nations' fifth anniversary was little noticed here last Tuesday. No program was planned and if there were any prayers, they were silent ones.

A lone United Nations flag waved from a short pole in the yard of the county agriculture building, but rain kept it inside most of the day. The American flag waved proudly along the main street, but alone

lion Dollars Greater Than In 1949

So Lar Tuis Tear

Williamston's tobacco market will close the current season at the end of sales next 'Tuesday October 31, it was announced by the Tobacco Board of Trade vesterday And it goes without saywas found guilty of being public- ing that the market is closing one ly drunk and was fined \$25, plus of its best, if not the best, seasons in all its history.

After handling more than 100 .bastardy and was sentenced to the 000 pounds on Monday of this week, the market reported only small sales Tuesday and yester-day, the warehousemen explain- Native Of County ing that by next Tuesday all farmers in this section will have marketed their crop.

Through yesterday the market here had sold 9,640,624 pounds for \$5,528,099.96, an average of \$57.34 per hundred pounds.

Last year the market sold 8,-910,898 pounds for \$4,371,162, an average of \$49.05. The total money received this

year, exceeding last year's receipts by \$1,156,937.96, is believed (Continued on page six)

Club To Sponsor Halloween Party a member of the Roberson Primitive Baptist Church.

Williamston's Woman's Club will sponsor a big Halloween party in the Planters Warehouse here Saturday night, beginning at 7:00 o'clock, it was announced to-

dav Extensive preparations are being made for the event and hundreds are expected to attend and participate in the special program.

There'll be bingo, fishing, apple bobbing, fortune telling, penny pitching, a cake walk, doll show and quite a few surprises. The

Christopher Crittenden, director club members will maintain a food booth. Prizes will be given Department of Archives and Hisfor the best costumes. A 10-cent toary, Raleigh, will make an officadmission fee will be charged. ial visit in this county next week.

Stokes.

school building here, an addition to the local white school and a gymnasium in Robersonville are still pending, it was learned today.

Considered too high, the bids received some months ago are being held in abeyance until changes can be made to bring the costs in line. Representatives of the county board of education were in Raleigh yesterday to discuss the proposed changes, but approval was delayed by the illness of a representative of the State Planning Com-

mission.

Dies In New Bern

Mrs. Della Coltrain Perkins, native of this county, died in the **Neuse Forrest Convalescent Home** near New Bern Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock. She had been in lon box. declining health for months.

Mrs. Perkins was born in Williams Township, this county, 79 years ago, the daughter of the late John and Nancy Griffin Coltrain. She married in 1892 to Dave

Ayers, and interment was in the

Perkins family cemetery near

Surviving are a son, Church L.

Perkins of Greenville, a daughter,

Mrs. J. R. James of Stokes; one

grandson; two brothers, Ira Col-

train of Jamesville and James H.

Coltrain of Williamston; and two

sisters, Mrs. Walter Mobley and

Mrs. A. F. Lilley of Williamston.

TO VISIT HERE

gallon copper kettle. The raiders R. Perkins who died in 1924. She poured out approximately 1,600 had made her home in Pitt Coungallons of mash and twenty galty for about forty years, and was lons of white liquor. One of the member of the Robersonville plants was extensively equipped with equipment and materials. The funeral service was held

at the home yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Elder A. B.

tions.

HIGH RATING

Volunteering for service in the U.S. Navy a short time ago, Elwood Ray Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Boyd of Hamilton, made the highest score ever made in a qualification test in this district, the recruiting officer announced here yesterday.

Making a perfect score, the young recruit left last Wednesday to enter the electronics field in San Diego. He was accompanied by Fritz Woolard, Jr., another recruit from Aulander.

There is an apparent increase

in the illicit liquor traffic in this county, it was announced follow- ute check-up of all preparations Jamesville. county, observers pointing out that part of the decrease in legal beverage sales is being offset by a greater consumption of the home-made brands.

The manufacturing front is official statement has been reshowing new life, enforcement officers stating that the Free Union Section, after slowing down for a period, is stepping up its opera-

A short time ago, ABC officer ev's Cross Roads J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy A previous bid on the project Peel wrecked a 150-gallon capaciwas rejected when the commission ty copper kettle in that area. This ruled it was too high. week the two officers wrecked Bids on 35 projects were re-

three plants there and confiscated ceived by the commission this two copper kettles, one with forty week. The total was \$2,818,179.97, gallon capacity and the other with an amount \$114,220.08 below ena capacity of 100 gallons. A third gineers estimates. plant was found within 500 yards

of the first, but no kettle could **Draw Jurymen for** be found there. The officers poured out more than 1,000 gallons of sugar mash at the three places **Recorder's** fermenters ,including a 400-gal-

Waters.

Last week the officers raided in Bear Grass and wrecked two in the recorder's court next Mon- a list including the most celebrat- Street, Williamston. plants. One was equipped with a day when John Hayman will be ed names in the music world. The 200-gallon capacity submarine tried for assaulting his wife and cost of the memberships will be type still and the other had a 100- H. L. Roberson will be booked the regular \$5.00 plus tax for on a drunken driving charge.

Names of the jurymen are:

Griffins Township: H. Thomas Daniel, N. S. Roberson, Carlyle Manning and Aubrey H. Gurgan- Guard Building

Bear Grass: Jos. S. Holliday, Collins H. Gurganus and Warher Bailey. Williamston: U. V. Bunting,

Heber T. Selby, W. H. Harrison, R. A. Critcher and Horace A. Ray.

Critically injured in an automobile accident early last Sunday ing on the Washington Highway afternoon near Hassell, Mr. James and the other in West End. Henry Lilley was reported to be The site is to be purchased by getting along fairly well in a local local units, and the federal and hospital this morning. His condi- State governments will improve it the authorities at the receiving tion is much improved, one re- and construct the buildings, it was port stated.

Company of Washington was low the Association and the dinner bidder on a road project in this chairmen are making a last-min-

ident of the Association.

and will be worked out.

Concert Group

ing a meeting of the North Caro- and attendance at the dinner lina State Highway and Public meeting to be held at the Woman's Washington. Works Commission in Raleigh Club on Monday night, October Tuesday. The company submitted 30 to insure that the drive will be

a bid in the sum of \$56,449.40. No a complete success. A number of reservations for leased, but the bid calls for the the dinner have been made and a grading of the road leading from 100 per cent attendance is expect- 1, Williamston. a point a short distance from Eve- ed. The difiner will also be atretts about eight and one-half tended by Mrs. Marjorie Lee, repmiles through Bear Grass to Cor-

resentative of the Community Concert Service, who will address the meeting and be present the entire week to assist in liamston. the campaign.

The gathering will be entertained by a musical film of about 20 - minutes length, in which famous stars of the concert world Edward Earl Mobley, Hamilton. have been especially filmed with sound for this purpose.

The campaign will close the following Saturday, November 4, after which no more members can Court be taken. The artist committee will meet immediately after the

Thirteen county citizens were final results have been listed and drawn this week for jury duty choose the series of concerts from

Williamston. Norman Harris, colored, was adults, and \$2.50 plus tax for the transferred from Baltimore to the students. One membership entitles board in this county for induction. Jamesville Township, R. L. the holder to attend every one of William Berry, RFD 2, Rober-

the concerts.



A site for a National Guard housing project, including modern War II and he was called because

On Thursday of next week, No

came back.' Dixie Elliot Greene, Roberson-What was wrong with the job? , It wasn't the job so much: it was

being away from Suffolk. "I've never lived in a place I liked half as well as Suffolk," he declared. "And I've never seen a place, either, that would suit me

as well.' Like most any veteran railroad Ernest Saunders Wynne, RFD man, Mr. Ellison declares he loves the work. But unlike most, he Asa Thomas Whitley, Jr., RFD isn't at all sure he'd go into it if

he had it to do over again. He went into it because it seem-

ed like a good job at the time, and he had learned telegraphy already from an operator at Williamston. So from then on, it was railroading for him.

All the same, if the choice of work his anything to do with health, railroading has done all

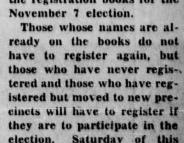
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FEW REGISTER

Complete reports could not be had immediately, but judging the trend in those pre cincts where reports were released, less than a dozen new names have been added to the registration books for the November 7 election.

Those whose names are already on the books do not have to register again, but those who have never registered and those who have registered but moved to new precincts will have to register if they are to participate in the election. Saturday of this

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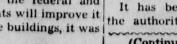
explained.

was learned today.

armory at a later date, has been

tentatively approved by a representative of the U.S. Army, it

vember 2, twelve additional men are scheduled to leave this county The Army colonel eliminated all but two sites, one of them be-



for final induction. On Friday, November 17, fortyfive other men are scheduled to report for pre-induction examina-

week is the last day to regis-

Victim Of Wreck Is Reported Improved