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Superior Court To School Astivities County Board Belave School Special Bill For Junyes Offered in = Goal of \$4,000.00 Problem Until Next Monday The Legislature

Another Bill Would Onnay **Palmistry and Stream Pollution In State**

By Scott Sumners

Health Building

Can Finance the Proposed

School Project Without

General Bond Issue

Holding their first night ses-

Commissioners approved a new

nance the remainder of the cost.

the project with not more than

favorable vote followed.

tion in the architect's fees.

or \$36,319.00.

A bill that would put muchpublicized ex-Superior Court Judge Luther Hamilton of Morehead City back on the State payroll was introduced by nine senators Tuesday

The bill did not mention Judge Hamilton, but one of the introby Samuel Hardison while James sion in years, the Martin County ducers said it would have the effect of putting the Morehead City jurist back on the retired list, health center for the county and giving him the back pay that was month as a retired judge of su-Discussing for an hour and a perior court.

Heading the list of introducers were Dunn Frink of Brunswick A hearing has not been definite- agreed to participate up to \$18,- introducers were Rivers Johnson publican), J. R. Young of Harnett, Donald Banks of Yancey (Re-Commissioner C. C. Martin publican), and Zeb Weaver, Jr., made the motion to go ahead with of Buncombe.

Noticeably absent from the list of co-signers were the names of \$18,481.85 to come from county funds. Commissioner W. M. Har- Senators John Larkins, Jr., of Jones and Carl Hicks of Greens--rison seconded the motion and a senators from Hamilton's own Seventh District. The action was taken only af-

The bill states simply that when ter costs of the projects had been reduced by approximately \$4,500, any justice of the Supreme Court cutting the entire project cost to or any judge of the Superior approximately \$54,500. Approxi- Court (regular or special) "heremately \$2,500 was lopped from the tofore has retired, or hereafter general contract, \$1,200 from the may retire such judge shall electrical contract and \$500 from be entitled to receive the retire-Induction Monday the plumbing costs, plus a reducsets out that the pay shall con-Clearing the health center protinue even if the judge cannot be ject, the commissioners heard asigned to hold terms of court representatives of the Martin "by reason and cause of the na-County Board of Education. After ture and cause for his retirement."

reviewing the school program as The bill immediately was la-Sixty-nine Martin County men planned and approved by State beled the "Hamilton Bill" by the left Wednesday for pre-induction school authorities, the representa- press. Hamilton was retired on totives explained that the county tal disability and subsequently education board had approved held court. The Supreme Couri Fort Bragg. They returned late contracts for the construction of ruled he could not legally hold sonville, leaving approximately lan ordered Hamilton's retire-

It won't be long now before Williamston's radio staair. However, no definite date ed, the management explaining that a few more techni-

tin County. There has been considerable discussion among growers both for and against a return to pre-control or increased acreage. This observer has heard arguments on both sides. This artiwas learned; cle, in part, is an attempt to sum-

are deciding how much cotton to Most growers agree that there is a real need for increased cotton production. Enough cotton

must be produced to make up for losses suffered last year and to supply increased defense needs, of the Williamston schools, and There seems to be little doubt especially to certain departments about demand for the 1951 crop. of it, will be taken up at the busi- in early 1949, several respondents Also growers are confident that Martin County can produce its part of the national quota profitably if, and this seems to be the big question, boll weevils can ience

marize the opinions of those who

plant this year.

Fewer boll weevils are expect- ject, "Character and Spiritual ed to survive the colder weather Education.' possible.

We don't have to go outside of pointed out today. the county to find someone who 482, 534, 512 and 486 pounds. The be effected, also.

tion. WIAM, will be on the The removal of controls from cotton production and the anfor the opening has been fixnouncement of a U.S. goal of 16,000,000 bales of cotton for 1951 have affected the plans of practicalities must be cleared before cally every cotton grower in Marthe formal opening. The transmitter tower has

Old Boll Weevils Hear Drainage Case

WON'T BE LONG

been completed near the river. A United Press teletype machine has been installed and the studios are ready, it

Vital Meeting Of

Problems vital to the very life ness session of the Williamston have joined the petitioners, and

orium Monday evening at 7:30 be controlled. Of course, no one A program following the busi- ten respondents are opposing the can say yes or no at this time. So ness session will feature an ad- project, and two other parties, a decision must be made at this dress by Dr. Fred West, dean of Luther Harris and Lillie Wynne time on the basis of past exper- Religious Life at Atlantic Chris- are appealing from the land clas-

year. Mr. Hassell Warren, Rob- cation are threatening to cost the mendable cotton production pro- quired agricultural and vocationgram on his farm near Gold Point. al department, according to some acre, making a total of \$72,886. le produced six bales on five observers and it may be that acres. Gin weights were: 582, 594, other curtailments will have to expenses at \$76,836.35, the peti-

total weight is 3190 pounds which

Judge W. I. Halstead To

project.

P.-T. A. Planned The petitioners, numbering about 128, are in earnest with their sup-

Parents-Teachers Association in others chose to file no answers, it the Elementary School audi- was learned. As far as it could be learned. tian College, Wilson, on the sub- sifications.

this winter however, even of Faced with a curtailment of S. C. Cowin, Edmond Harris, J. they do emerge in large numbers its program, the school needs the W. Leggett, B. A. Rogers, J. D. and weather conditions are un- attention and help of every citi- Wynne, A. D. Terry and Chester favorable in July - control is still zen in the community and school Taylor district, officials of the P. T. A.

Recent changes in the building acre, 302 acres of "B" land at \$22 Preliminary estimates placed the

tioners explaining that potential savings would possibly hold the

Preside Over Special One-Week Term With a special judge presiding over a special one-week session some for \$50.00 and \$25.00, the in- early Monday morning. of the Martin County Superior dividual contributions of small amounts were responsible for the Court, a settlement is expected in

Many Petitioners

Already Met The

First Assessment

fund passing the final mark. the Turkey Swamp-Bear Grass Chairman Davis said the re-Drainage controversy next week While the proposal has developed a controversy, it has not materially affected personal relations. off to a flying start, the contribu-The petitioners, numbering about tions started moving in and provided the rest of the needed cash. port of the project while the ten The vehicle has been ordered or twelve respondents are strongand there is now sufficient money ly contesting the value of the to take care of taxes and insurance and possibly add a heater Since the action was launched later

"The Bus Fund Committee," Mr. Davis said, "wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the contributors listed below, whose generosity made the undertaking success.'

Dus Fund Passes

airman David Pavis Re-

ports Fund Now Stands

At \$4010.00

Davis yesterday revealed that the

The donors:

Dixie Motor Co., B. S. Courtney The respondents include M. D. and Son, Williamston Band Par-Taylor, B. W. Leggett, Z. S. and ents Club, Harrison Oil Co., Harrell Everett, Chas. H. Jenkins Co., Town of Williamston, Mrs. J. G. Staton, Martin Elliott Co., Davis Pharmacy, N. C. Green, Belk-Tyl-

The assessments, based on 217 er Co., Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Sr., W. I. acres of "A" land at \$27.50 per Skinner Tobacco Co., Employees of W. I. Skinner Co., King Tobacco made a good yield of cotton last plans of the county board of edu- per acre, 267 acres of "C" land at Co., W. H. Ross, Roy Ward, Wi-\$16.50 per acre, 636 acres of "D" liamston Lions Club, Williamston ersonville carried out a very com- Williamston school its recently ac- land at \$11 per acre, and 8,886 Kiwanis Club, Martin County acres of "E" land at \$5.50 per

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In Recent Assault Cases For New County A report from Chairman David High School Activities Bus Fund No official information has Accompanied by James Hardison, has reached \$4010.00, passing the been released, but it was learned Meredith Cherry, Rachel Lee original goal of \$3,750.00 by a nice today from reliable sources that Bailey, 14 years old, and the vicmargin and even going over the new developments are pending in tim of the alleged attacks, were revised goal of \$4,000.00. While a the case in which a 15-year-old returning to Fort Bragg when the

number of donations for \$100.00 county girl was allegedly attack- 15-year-old girl was claimed to

special tag sales had sent the drive formally charged with attacking seen immediately. the girl, but it could not be learnwarrant is drawn.

was referred to as an army buddy sibly it would be held either Fri- health center, leaving the State Hanover, Wesley C. Watts of Rob-

county for a visit last week-end. public. Sixty-nine Men Take Roanoke Chevrolet Co., Woolard Furniture Co., Margolis Brothers, Pre-Induction Tests **Twenty Others To** BANK HOLIDAY **Report For Final** Local banks will observe tomorrow, Friday, January 19, as a holiday in commemoration of that great Southerner,

General Robert E. Lee. No other business houses or offices will observe the day as a holiday here, it was learned

No Report Available On the Number Accepted Or **Rejected Wednesday**

examinations at Fayetteville and

New Developments Pending Approve Contract

It was also reported that spec- half the health center project, the ed if or whether a warrant would ial agents of the army were in cost of which has increased apbe drawn against McCool or what the county investigating the case, proximately \$9,000 above prelimi- and Junius Powell of Columbus, the charge is or would be if a but they could not be contacted. nary estimates, the commissioners 10th District senators. Other co-McCool is the young man who ly scheduled, one report said pos- 481.85 in the cost of the proposed of Duplin, Alton Lennon of New

and who accompanied Samuel day night or Saturday, that likely and federal governments to fi- eson, H. P. Eller of Wilkes (a Re-Hardison from Fort Bragg to the it would be closed to the general

each were received and there were ed late 'last Sunday night and have been attacked near Wilson Martin Deputies Raymond held her in the front seat. Rawls and Wiley Craft returned It was reported that the Bailey Samuel R. Hardison and Clarence girl's family was preferring char-McCool from Fort Bragg late yes- ges, similar to those embodied in delayed action on a fund request stopped last month and allow him sponse to the drive was excellent terday afternon. Hardison along warrants against James and Sam- for schools in a special meeting to continue collecting \$550 each and after the Plymouth game and with his brother, James has been uel Hardison. No copy could be held last night.

figures out a little better than ne and one-fourth bales per acre. Report On Boys ligures out a little better than (Continued on page eight)

Financial Report On Paralysis Fund

Martin County's Infantile Paralysis Fund has been depleted and more, Treasurer W. Clyde nothing. Let, them find out the Griffin reporting this week that the fund has a bill of \$275 with only \$162.52 in the treasury.

At the beginning of last year, the fund had \$3,107.18 on hand. Hospital and professional care of two patients who contracted polio fine, except for being a little during the year called for expenditure of \$2,548.05. Ambulance services, including the transfer of get over that in time," Sgt. Jenthe victims and suspected vic-

tims, cost \$162.50. Expenses of post polio cases amounted to \$175 Building and Loan Group and miscellaneous expenses were \$59.11, making a total expense for the year of \$2,944.66. On the first day of this year, the fund had tin County Building and Loan As-\$162.52 with a bill payable in the sociation stockholders will meet amount of \$275.00, leaving the in Attorney Wheeler Martin's of- tion of the Williamston Hardware

fund overdrawn by \$112.48. One of the victims was a small at 11:00 o'clock. Elections will be colored child of near Oak City, held and other business is to be the firm from Mr. Harris. and the other victim was a small handled at that time, it was anchild of Cross Roads Township." nounced today.

Reviews Need for Drainage **On Farms in MartinCounty**

kins said.

Speaking before a farmers' So far, approximately five and Speaking before a farmers' So far, approximately five and Badly Hurt In meeting in the courthouse a few one-half miles of open canals have days ago, Howard F. McKnight been dug, and nearly one-half of the Soil Conservation division, million feet of farm drain tile has reviewed the drainage problem in been laid, Mr. McKnight told the Martin County. meeting.

While much progress has been Losses, especially where tobacmade to improve the drainage co production is concerned, have situation, far more is yet to be been greater in a single season Price slipped and fell about ten done before the problem is solv- than the cost of some drainage ed according to the conservation- projects. Mr. McKnight suggests floor, injuring himself badly

Engineers have estimated that and the program extended from close cuts on his head and fore-100 miles of open canals are ne- that point. cessary under a modern and ade- He explained that assistance is jury, possibly a fracture, and quate program. In addition to the available, that machinery for lay- bruises about the body. canals, possibly nine million feet ing the drain tile and digging the His daughter, Mrs. James Jenof farm drain tile are necessary canals is right here in the county, nings, had him removed to a local to provide adequate drainage for that now is a good time to push hospital for treatment, last reports | tered busses and was accompanithe county. the drainage work.

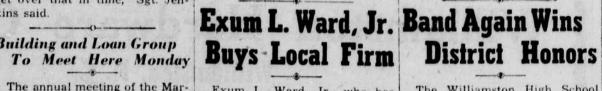


Sidney Beacham, elected for three years; H. M. Ayers, elected Visiting several Martin County for two years, and Arthur Peaks, boys in Fort Jackson a few days elected for one year. ago, Sgt. C. E. Jenkins, Jr., asked

It is understood that many of if they had anything to tell the the 128 petitioners have already boys back home. Harry C. Ayers met their initial assessments, and was quoted as saying, "Tell 'em if favorable action is obtained in the courts next week, possibly ac-

hard way as I am doing." tual work on the project will get Sgt. Jenkins, who is stationed under way within a short time. at the Fort, said he sees most of A contract has been entered into, the boys from home often, that he subject to the action taken by the had just talked with Recruit Ayers, Dillon Cherry and Buster

In an answer filed July 4, 1949, Modlin. "All the boys are doing several of the respondents denied homesick at times. But "they'll (Continued on page eight)



Exum L. Ward, Jr., who has been associated with Mr. George Green Wave Band again won the ket carrying several jury trials Shelton Roberson, Clayton Earl The Williamston High School Harris since 1943 in the opera- first place prize at the 5th annual and two or three long, drawn-out Manning, David Ray Gurganus, mid-winter convention of Lion fice here next Monday morning Company on Washington Street, districts 31E and F at Wilson on announced today the purchase of Tuesday afternoon.

This is the second time that the Mr. Harris, who purchased the Williamston band has won first, hardware store from the Whedplace honors and in its third apbees of Ahoskie in 1939, will de-pearance came home with a tie for second place. Among the bands participating were those of Rocky Mount, Goldsboro, Tarboro, Wilson and Greenville. The Greenville band won honorable

honor to Williamston was the

unusual routine given by the While working on his'daughter's band in front of the judge's stand. home near Jamesville late Tues-The Williamston Lions also had day afternoon, Mr. William R. decorated convertible in the feet from the second to the first parade. President James Bulluck Secretary Charlie Hamilton, Hothat tobacco land be drained first, Eighteen stitches were required to mer Barnhill and James Bailey Peele were in the car. A large number of Williamston

head. He suffered a shoulder inpeople attended the parade and the local club was well represented at the two-day convention.

stating that he continues quite ill. ed by several local cars.



Officials Inspect New Texas Company Terminal

P. M. Isbill, assistant manger of the Texas Oil Company of Ne York, R. B. Allen, district mana- Raymond Johnson ger for the Norfolk Division C R. Frohlin, assistant credit manager of Norfolk, and W. L. Lee. manager of the company's operations in North Carolina, were here this week inspecting the

The band traveled in two char-

company's new terminal. They were said to have been well pleased with the new plant and the operation set-up.

Twenty-two Cases Handled By Judge

Fines, Including \$200 For that about eight were held over Speeding, Amounted To \$770.00

In an all-day session the Martin County Recorder's Court last

> docket and made ready to give for the white group, it was learnway for a special term of the su- ed.) Henry Gray Corey, Daniel perior tribunal, beginning next Ray Wynne, Alfred Hollis, Mac reaching a decision, the board up- Revels of Williamston, Harper M. Monday.

handled twenty-two cases before Bembridge, Jr., Marvin Holliday.

higher court. Proceedings.

was fined \$100, taxed with the Lilley, Winslow Morton Critcher, cost and lost his operator's li- James Darrell Wynne. cense for a year.

I. G. Whitley pleaded guilty of transferred from the draft board violating the liquor laws and was in Elizabeth City. sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a Wake County.

\$25 fine and costs. The defendant is to violate no liquor law during the next two years.

Pleading not guilty, Eddie Modwith a deadly weapon, and was Wilson, Jr., Prince Lynch, Almer

later withdrawn.

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last night, but no report could be a new Negro school in Williams- court after such retirement, and had on the number accepted or ton and a gymnasium in Rober- Attorney General Harry McMulrejected.

The group, including thirty \$50,000 for a proposed addition to white and thirty-nine colored, the Williamston High School vas the largest to move out of building. The residue from the was the largest to move out of building. The residue from the **Transfer County** Army started calling men after short of the amount needed for the project, excluding \$73,000 ear-World War II. Peturning here about 12:30 marked for a new Negro High

o'clock last night, one of the boys school building in Oak City. aid he understood that right. The representatives of the many of the group were rejected, board explained that all but \$30,- right even though not altogether for futher examination.

the following: White

Johnny Franklin Scott, John nanced by other means, and at ferred from Camp Rucker, Ala-Haywood Rogers, Robert Saund-Monday just about cleared its ers Rawls, (Mr. Rawls was leader sioners took over.

Edwin Manning, Dennis Raymond on a motion at that time, agree- Peel, Jr., and David Boyd of Ham-

calling it a day Monday, the doc- Chester Emmett Mims, Tommie cases. Fines, including \$200 for Coy Lee Bryant, Marvin Henry speeding ,amounted to \$770, but Leggett, Jr., Tommy Rogers, Perpayment in several cases is pend. lie Monford Ange, Jr., Jesse B. ing the outcome of appeals to the Edward Green, Carl Hugh Spruill, Jr., Clayton Grant Savage, ----Lathers inders Clark, Bill Rob-

Pleading guilty of drunken erson, Kenneth E. Johnson, Raydriving, Manuel Edward Harris mond Gray Modlin, James David

Raymond D .Davis, Jr., was

William Robert Harris of RFD 1, was transferred to a board in

> Colored Cary Flowers, Jr., Leon Roose-

velt Williams, Benjamin Frank lin was found guilty of an assault Williams, Paul Williams, Thomas

sentenced to the roads for six Brown, James Arthur Gorham. months. The term was suspended, Arnard Lyons, Joseph Curtis, for two years upon the payment Odis Clark, James Edward Has-

Charged with an assault with a Alge Lee Wallace, James Rawdeadly weapon, Linwood Rhodes leigh, Zebedee West, Surry Mack was found guilty of trespassing Whitaker, James Bell, Larrie and disorderly conduct, and was Dickens, Sherman Cecil Andrews, (Continued on page five)

Boys To Indiana

Declaring all were doing all 000 of the needed \$65,000 could be satisfied, Rct. Harper M. Peel, Jr., financed from capital outlay in a special communication to Those making the trip include funds and by borrowing. The The Enterprise this week, said finance problem then narrowed that quite a few of the Martin itself down to \$35,000 to be fi- County boys were recently transthat point the county commis- bama, to Camp Atterbury, Indiana

They discussed the problem un- Included in the transfer were, til after 11:00 o'clock without Rets. James W. Ward and Archie Judge Raymond T. Johnson Peel, Archie Allen Lilley, Perlie ing to recess until next Monday ilton, Dixie Green and Henry evening at 7:30 o'clock when the Brown Winslow of Robersonville, Ernest Wynne of Bear Grass, During their meeting last night, Garland Bunting of Oak City, the commissioners virtually ruled William Martin of Jamesville, out the possibility of a bond issue and Asa T. Whitley of Griffins. for financing the project. It was Rets. Peel and Ward were in considered possible that the Indianapolis last week-end for a amount could be provided by a special piano concert given by a general tax levy ranging from ten group of misplaced Latvians who to about fourteen cents on the have track shire country only a

(Continued from page five) short time.

discussion will be reopened.

March Of Dimes Drive Off To Good Start In County

The March of Dimes fund drive | county would be necessary.

was off to a good start in most Perfecting a working agree-

parts of the county on Monday ment with the town of Williamsof this week, according to a pre- ton whereby dimes could be colliminary report released by one lected in parking meters and turn-Bennett, Henry . Brown, Rascoe of the fund chairmen this morn- ed over to the paralysis fund, the chairmen said that the plan is being. Sending out 2,000 direct mail ing widely accepted.

appeals, the chairmen said that After reviewing the plans forthe early response was encourag- mulated for the drive, the chairing. All of the schools in the coun- men explained that liberal donaof a \$50 fine and costs. Notice of sell, Roosevelt James Russell ty have been contacted and the tions are necessary if the \$6,000 appeal to the higher courts was Woolard, Arlander Stokes, Char- principals promised their best ef- goal is to be reached.

lie Bullock, Jr., Lester Cotten, forts for the drive. Nearly 200 "We are convinced that the goal coin collectors have been placed should be reached, and we earnin business establishments estly hope that our people, white throughout the county. The chair- and colored, rich and poor, will men expressed the hope that no take a prominent part in supportpersonal solicitation for contribu- ing the drive," Chairmen Bill (Continued on page eight) I tions from business firms in the Gray and Hoke Roberson said.

mention for its part in the parade. A cash award of \$10.00 was given the Williamston Lions Club for having the best band in the parade. A big item in bringing the

ed by Mr. Ward to assist in the direction of the store

