ment from friends from all over Va., Ahoskie, Wake Forest, Co-

Gray, Henry A. Johnson and nal strength superb. Our congrat-

and other dignitaries at the for- ward Richmond, wired from Wel-

Charlie Gray, were pleased by the ulations to WIAM."

presence of Governor Kerr Scott WCPS, J. T. Snowden.

While the owners, Messrs. Jim report from Tarboro read, "Sig-

ing Company's station, WIAM, is there.

northeastern North Carolina.

**Recent Doings In** 

The Legislature

low Teachers To Retire

After Thirty Years

Raleigh-A "no-new-tax" reve-

nue bill got the half-hearted una-

nance Committee Tuesday after

The bill will bring in an esti-

The committee-chairmanned

thumbs down on every attempt

It has made a few minor chang-

The only amendment raising

sored by Senator Julian Alls-

Rep. Sam Worthington of Pitt-

quest for a public hearing on the ed were passed on by us.

Williamston student at Duke Uni- bershop here, suffered a painful

versity, has been named to Ivy, head injury in a fall at a sand-

sch lastic honorary society for wich shop on Washington Street

One of twenty Duke coeds elect- over-night stay in a local hospi-

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel | Tussling with his brother, Gra-

was defeated today despite a re-

amendment. It was killed, despite

plea for "at least the courtesy

"We haven't shown anybody

else any courtesy, why should we

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Local Student Named To

**Duke University Honorary** 

Durham.-Elizabeth C. Muse,

Based on a high "B" average

brok of Halifax, it puts a \$100 li-

"hold-the-liners"-has turned

12 weeks of bickering.

mated \$293,000,000.

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Special reports, telling that the

reception was perfect, were re-

ceived from Farmville, Emporia,

lumbia and Elizabeth City. The

SUNRISE SERVICES

The union Easter sunrise

service will be held in Wil-

liamston's Woodlawn Ceme-

tery at 6:00 o'clock Sunday

morning, it has been announc-

ed by the leader, Rev. Stew-

art B. Simms. All the churches

or participating and the pub-

Should the weather be un-

favorable, the service will be

held in the Memorial Baptist

Similar services are being

held in other parts of the

county, including one in the

Tice Community Cemetery in

**Grand Jury Files** 

Quarterly Report

**In Superior Court** 

County Home

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**Painfully Hurt In** 

Fall Last Evening

Guy Thomas, operator of a bar

ning. After treatment and an

fell and struck his head on a serv

ing booth, ripping a fairly sizable

Although he lost considerable

luck, the report reads:

Griffins Township.

lie is invited.

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### Pre-Induction Calls Eleven Divorce Answered In County

FINAL REPORT

Making a final report this

week, Hoke Roberson and

Wm. Gray, chairmen, stated

that a total of \$4,866.62 was

raised in Martin County for

the Infantile Paralysis Fund

Previously, the chairman

reported that \$4,672.59 had

been received, the last report

showing that the amount had

been increased by nearly \$200.

The amount, while slightly

under the announced goal, is

about the largest ever raised

in any one year in this county

On Stage for Many Of

Young Musicians

The band is trying to do espec-

nual concert a good one.

later in the week.

for the polio fund.

during the recent drive.

#### Sixty County Men At Pre-Induction Center Yesterday

No Official Report On The **Outcome Of Tests Could Be Had Immediately** 

Sixty Martin County young men most of them in the twenty and twenty-one year age bracket, answered calls to the army induction center at Fort Bragg yesterday. No official report on the outcome of the examinations could be had immediately.

The group, thirty-two colored and twenty-eight white, made the trip in two special busses, return- Green Wave Band ing here late last evening.

Three registrants, scheduled to Plans Concert For make the trip, were listed as delinquent. They are, John D. Williams of RFD 3, Williamston; William Robert Little, RFD 2, Williamston; Wililam Robert Little Will Be Last Major Effort RFD 2, Williamston, and John David Coffield of RFD 3, Williamston, and Philadelphia. The Federal Bureau of Investigation had agents here this week checking the delinquent list in this county.

Two men were transfered here for their annual Spring concert from other boards and made the which has been scheduled for trip. They were Maxie Kelly, col- Thursday evening, April 5, in the ored, from Greenville, and Clar- high school auditorium. ence Bullock from Washington:

The following ten men, all col- rehearsals and group practices are ored ,were transferred as follows: in progress for the big event. This Calvin Jones to Norfolk, Andrew year's concert will be much more Fields, Leodus Whitehurst, Ver. ambitious musically than in the dell Yarrell, Thermon Lee, Ce- past. It will include a program phus Edward Keys and John Ash- of classical, modern and popular ley Bryant to New York, Mar. music as well as being spiced by vin Rudolph Williams to Leban- several good marches. on, Pa., Lawrence Edward Baker to Baltimore, and Robert Lee ially well this year since many of Powell to Philadelphia.

The following sixty men made and they want to make their anthe trip to the army center yester-

White John Linwood Cherry, Wil-

Kenneth Wilbur Leggett, Ham-

Clivert David Whitaker, Jr., RFD 2, Williamston.

. Robersonville.

Nathan Russell Roberson. Jr., Robersonville.

John Duffy Hines, Williamston.

Noah Samuel Bennett, RFD 2, Williamston.

George Washington Ayers, Jr. RFD 1, Oak City.

Edgar Ferrell Smith, Roberson-

Billy James Crawford, RFD 1, Robersonville. Melvin Hyman Griffin, Wil-

John Herman Beach, RFD 2.

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#### Suffers Injury In Freakish Accident

John Robert Bland, farmer of West End, suffered several broken ribs and bruises about the body in a freakish accident on the Clark farm last Tuesday about

Mr. Bland was taking the harness off a mule when the animal became frightened and dashed away. The plow line caught the farmer around the leg and he was dragged about seventy yards. When the mule turned his head and momentarily stopped, Mr. Bland was able to catch the rope with his hands and free himself.

The animal made a second dash and went into Highway 64 about one mile west of here and struck a car, battering a fender, damaging the radiator and hood and knocking out the windshield. Mr. Whitehurst, driver of the car, and comes here on Friday of next minimum needed. members of his family riding with week.

to his home shortly.

# In The Courts

All Actions Based On Tworeceiving favorable comment Year Separation Grounds; from far points and encourage-Several Contested

Eleven divorce cases have been placed on the calendar for trial during the second of the twoweek term of the Martin Counv Superior Court beginning next and Congressman Herbert Bonner Garland Woolard traveling to

All of the actions are based on mal opening Monday afternoon, don," . . . proud to let you know grounds of two-year separation, they were greatly impressed by our station WIAM is coming Several of them are being con- the courtesies expressed by word through strong. Congratulations.' tested. The fate of at least nine- of mouth, in floral offerings and Reaching Emporia a short time teen children are directly or in- applied cooperation. Flowers from later and still on the beam, Wooldirectly involved in the cases, the well-wishers crowded the place, and wired, "Now in Emporia. Stalitigants, in some cases, claiming and after using them for decora- tion still coming in good." The that each is supporting their off- tion purposes for two days, the program followed him just about spring. No official finding has owners distributed them to the all the way to Richmond. been released, but it has been suggested that some of the children are having to look to others Brief Review Of for care and support. Several of the cases have been pending in the courts for some time.

In the case of Phillip Purrington against Carrie Dell Purring-Thursday, April 5 ton, plaintiff says they were married in August, 1936, and separat- House Measure Would Aled by mutual consent in September, 1943, and that no children were born of the union. The defendant, contesting the action, says the plaintiff left her with-Members of the Williamston out' provocation and without High School Green Wave Band means of support. She asks that nimous approval of the Joint Fithe relief demanded be denied are busily at work in rehearsa! and that she be allowed support. Jonie Clemons, in his case

against Olivia Clemons, says they were married in March, 1946, and separated the following month, by and predominately composed Full band rehearsals, sectional that no children were born of the of In her case against James to revise any taxes upward.

Dickens, Lorraine Dickens says they were married on July 12, es, but they practically all are 1945 in Elton, Maryland, and liv- administrative changes won't afed in Philadelphia until their sep- | fect revenue enough to even menaration in August, 1948. The two tion. children born of the union are in her custody and are supported by any new revenue was one that afher without aid from the defen- fected out-of-state people. Sponits members will graduate in May dant.

Jesse Lee Daniel, in his suit for divorce from Magnolia Daniel, cense fee on jobbers and peddlers As a special feature of the pro- says they were married Novem- from out of state who sell in four gram, Miss Sarah Manning, first ber 15, 1932, and separated Oc- or less North Carolina counties. the superior court this week, chair solo clarinetist, will play a tober 1, 1944, that four children If they sell in more than four clarinet solo accompanied by the were born of the union. Con- counties, the fee is \$25 per counband. She has been concertmistesting the action, the defendant ty. This amendment passed only tress of the band for four years. says that her husband's cruetly after it was pointed out that it Plans for ticket sales are going caused the separation, adding that was not a new tax on North Carforward and further information he beat her and would not sup- olinians. Carroll Bernard Copeland, RFD on this and other features of the port her, that she was forced to An attempt to lower the tax routine. concert program will be released leave him and support herself and on small theatres—sponsored by children.

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### To Observe Easter Monday As General Holiday Here

Easter Monday will be observed day that no session of the tri-William Clarence Brewer, Jr., county, according to reports re-

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to be in evidence, but it will be are observing the day as a holi-liamston. displayed individually as no pa- day. rades have been announced.

perior court, announced yester-twas announced

as a general holiday in Williams- bunal would be held next Monton and several other towns in the day, that cases scheduled for that day will be heard Tuesday and so

The day will be observed as a As far as it could be learned no general holiday by local stores, special programs are being plan- business offices, garages and town ned other than in Jamesville and county offices, it was anwhere a fish festival is being nounced. The day is not a holiday freshman girls, Woman's College shortly after 6:00 o'clock last eveplanned for the day. Thousands for federal agencies and the post officials announced today. are expected to visit the fishery ofice will remain open and mails there that day, weather permit- will go as usual in the town and ed to the honorary, Miss Muse is tal he was able to be out. rural communities.

Easter finery is almost certain All the schools in the county Muse, 315 Church Street, Wil- dy, in the sandwich shop, Thomas

The local P.-T. A. meeting made during the Fall Semester, hole in his scalp. Judge W. C. Harris, presiding scheduled for next Monday has elections to the group were anover the current term of the su- been postponed until April 2, it nounced this week at Woman's blood, he continued on his feet

port of the bloodmobile plan will teered to donate a pint of blood at ican Red Cross for more blood do-ing that possible more persons the chapter any amount of blood

needed if the quota is to be met mighty slow, that the volunteer have been given locally in the A few are a bit hesitant in signwhen the regional bloodmobile count is just about 100 below the past and in quite a few instances ing the pledge cards, but they are considerable difficulty was ex- assured that no blood will be ac-Plymouth, Windsor and other perienced in getting the right type cepted until after a doctor checks him were not hurt, according to Time for completing arrange- towns between here and Norfolk at the right time. All types of the donor and sees that he is all unofficial information. The mule ments for the bloodmobile visit have met their blood quotas with blood can be made available and right. There are people right here was only slightly hurt, it was is short, and the recruiters are very little trouble. Mr. Spivey be- without delay if our people sup- in Williamston who have given anxious to get all pledge cards in lieves the people in this chapter port the bloodmobile program. It several gallons of blood to the date, and \$1,468.00 has been re-been reached. Mr. Bland was removed to a not later than Saturday of this will come through with a surplus can definitely eliminate a lot of sick and dying, and they are apported as coming from local buslocal hospital and is responding week. To keep the bloodmobile to spare, but he admitted that the trouble and worry and possibly pealing to others to come in and iness firms. to treatment. He plans to return functioning smoothly, appoint- outlook just now was not very en- mean the difference between life help distribute the load by sup- Jamesville, in a fairly complete reports in by the early part of Bn., 187 R. C. T., APO 301, Care porting the bloodmobile plan.

### Cases Pending Comments From Far Points On Civil Calendar The Martin County Broadcast- two hospitals to cheer up the sick

Several Damage Suits, Involving up to \$10,000. Are To Be Tried

Twenty-six cases, exclusive of the eleven divorce actions, have been placed on the civil calendar for trial in the Martin County Superior Court next week. While there are several damage suits. the amounts ranging up to \$10,000 the procedings in the court next week are expected to attract very little attention. Quite a few of the cases have been pending trial so long that they are worn with age.

Judge W. C. Harris, presiding over the criminal trials in the court this week, is slated to return Tuesday, the court having announced that Monday will be observed as a holiday. It will not be necessary for jurors, witnesses or litigants to report until Tuesday, March 27.

Cases calendared: Boundary line controversies are involved in the cases of Cowen Estate against Willie H. Modlin and Dennis Modlin.

C. E. Moore is suing J. B. Andrews to recover on an account. In the case of Harrison Oil Company against J. D. Harrison, Jr., the defendant is asking a judgment in the sum of \$551.95, plus interest from January 20. 1948. Answering the complaint the defendant says when he gave up the station he surrendered a stock of goods valued at more than the amount he owed.

Edgar Harrel is suing Isaac Blango for \$150, the plaintiff saying that the defendant ran into and killed one of his mules on Highway 125 October 18, 1949. Blango was driving Beulah Moore's car, and in a countersuit she is suing Harrell for \$350 damages allegedly resulting to her

**Body Recommends Minor** P. L. Salsbury is suing Lemon Repairs Be Made At The Strickland for \$1,946.30 under the terms of a 1949 farm contract. E. C. Winslow is also a defendant in Filing their quarterly report in the suit, the plaintiff alleging that he recovered three mules from Strickland. In his answer, Winsmembers of the Martin County low says he held notes against Grand Jury recommended that the animals.

minor repairs be made to the In the case of Charlie Duggar county home. Other than the one against Joe H. Mizelle, the plainrecommendation, the report was tiff says he bought a mule from the defendant who said there Signed by Foreman James Bul- were no encumbrances against the animal. James E. Mizelle, repre-"All bills of indictmert presentsenting the estate of his mother, claimed and took the mule, and Duggar is seeking to recover \$200. "The reports of the justices of

the peace were checked and found the amount paid for the animal. of a hearing" after Senator Har- filed with the Clerk of Court and Dr. John Allen Davis in his vey Morris of Mecklenburg noted: all fines paid to the County Treacase against P. L. Salsbury is askng relief from foreclosure proceedings on certain property in Florida secured by a note.

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### SPEAKS TONIGHT

Easley Jones, head of civilian defense in North Carolina, is addressing the regular meeting of the Lions Club and invited guests in the Woman's Club here this evening at 7:00 o'clock, it was announced by Club President James Bulluck.

Mr. Jones will speak on civil defense,

### Radio Station WIAM Gets Twenty-Six Cases Killer Draws 10-20 In Superior Court Years In Court Here

REGISTRATION

Registration books for the April 16 municipal primary election will be opened on Saturday of this week and will remain open on the following two Saturdays, March 31 and April 7. Saturday, April 14, has been set aside for the challenge of any names on the books.

No new registration has been ordered, meaning that all those citizens who have registered for previous town elections will not find it necessary to register again, it was explained by Registrar John E. Pope.

So far no candidates have been advanced for the positions of mayor and town com-

### **Bills Proposed In** The Legislature In Past Few Days

Victory In Finance Committee Report

Raleigh-The General Assembly marked time early this week, awaiting reports from its spend-The House passed bills allowing

teachers to retire after 30 years service and permitting municipal and county employees to come under the social security act. Also approved by the House were bills

Authorize a justice of the peace to hear and try cases anywhere in his county.

Eliminate special registrations es or issuance of bonds by municipalities

Authorize landscaping and maintenance and construction of oadside parks by the Highway Commission.

Raise fees for impounding live-(Continued on page eight)

## **Boy Writes From**

In one of the first letters com-Pfc. William J. Mobley tells about if he violates the conditions of sectors there. The local boy said they took a

hill and that night the enemy counterattacked and retook the position. United Forces challenged the action and routed the Chinese the next day, Pvt. Mobley explaining that there were dead Chinese all over the place, including the cook who had just brought up a 25-gallon cauidron of rice.

#### Court Is Recessing Today Until Next Tuesday Morning **Numerous Cases Continued**

For One Reason or Another Until June

Clearing quite a few cases from the docket and continuing many others, the Martin County Superior Court is recessing today until next Tuesday morning when it will handle the first of thrityseven cases on the civil calendar. The court will observe Easter Monday as a holiday, it was an-

Most of the cases continued involved drunken driving. Solicitor George Fountain explaining that two were continued for Attorney Horton who is in the legislature, several others on account of illness and others because the state's witnesses were not avail-

Norman Worsley, 38-year-old colored man, who allegedly murdered Lawrence Andrews in Parmele on December 23, 1948, after 'Hold-the-Line' Boys Score allegedly raping Andrews' granddaughter, pleaded guilty of manslaughter and drew ten to twenty years in State's Prison. Opening the trial Wednesday morning, Solicitor Fountain said he would not ask for a verdict of murder in the first degree. When the ng and taxing committees which State concluded its evidence, are expected to provide fuel for counsel Robt. Cowen announced legislature tempers before the for the defense that a plea of guilty of manslaughter would be entered. The plea was accepted, the solicitor announcing that the case alleging rape in Edgecombe County, would be nol prossed or dismissed. Worsley escaped from the county and spent almost two years in New York before he was apprehended and returned to the county last December.

Willie Andrews, pleading not guilty of violating the liquor laws, was adjudged guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months, Adjudged guilty in the county court a short time ago, Andrews was sentenced to the roads for four months, the appeal costing him two additional months of his time.

At the conclusion of the evidence in the case in which Elmer Rogers was charged with forcible trespass, the court directed a verdict of guilty of simple assault, He was sentenced to the roads for Korean Frontline twelve months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of costs. Rogers was placed ing from the Korean War front, on probation for three years and some "hot" fighting in various probation, commitment is to issue without further ado.

> The case charging Walter Barnes with non-support was con-Continued on Page Five)

#### **County Boy Tells** Of War In Korea

Entering the service in June, The soldier said there had been 1948, Cpl. Howard (Butch) Bensome nip-and-tuck fighting over nett traveled around quite a bit before literally jumping into the fight in Korea. He took his basic at Fort Jackson, and fellowing an eight-day leave spent at home, he moved to the West Coast and on to Japan, taking training in various fields, including airborne maneuvers. He became a first-1948, and returned to this county try in 1949. In August of last year he started the trek back to Japan and a few days later he loaded with others on a big transport for The soldier admits he was

'plenty scared", adding that the mission was accomplished.

Cpl. Bennet said he was getting several other Martin County boys in his outfit, including Pfc. James comed, and listed his address as complete the drive and have all Bennet, 14282246. Hq. Co., 2nd Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif."

### Urgent Call Issued Today For More Blood Donors

An urgent call was issued to-cruiters plan to handle the task. It has been pointed out that supday by representatives of the Mar- during the week-end. tin County Chapter of the Amer- Recruiter Spivey said this morn- make available to the people of the American Legion Hut here

ments will be assigned and the re- couraging.

nors, Recruiters Bill Spivey and than are actually needed had said needed and without cost, that March 30, is asked to contact Re-Wheeler M. Manning explaining they would be glad to donate a some will be channeled into the cruiters Bill Spivey or Wheeler that approximately one hundred pint of blood, but he added that armed services. additional volunteer donors are the pledge cards are coming in Hundreds of blood transfusions fice in the town hall at once.

Manning or call the Red Cross of-

Toward Goal In Chapter The Red Cross Fund Drive is Bear Grass has contributed class parachutist in December, oushing on toward its \$4,057.00 \$185.00 to date. goal in this chapter, according to Principal E. J. Hayes, heading

Red Cross Drive Pushing

report, has raised \$245.46 and next week.

a report released late yesterday the drive among the colored cit-

by Chairman John H. Edwards, izens in Williamston, is to re-"If the pace can be maintained port late today and he is believed throughout the chapter, the goal to have met with success, one re- a jump into Korea. will be reached," Mr. Edwards port saying his canvassers had raised between \$400 and \$500.

Up until late yesterday, a total No report has been received of \$2,426.40 had been turned over from either Griffins or Williams to the treasurer. Mr. Edwards, Townships. Few of the colored along all right, that there were assisted by Co-Chairman H. P. schools have reported so far. Mr. Mobley, stated that approximately Edwards is of the opinion that \$200 more was expected from the when the two townships and all D. Roberson and Sgt. Raymond business and white residential the colored citizens complete their Whithurst. Bennett explained that areas have reported \$528.00 to campaigns, the goal will have mail from home would be wel-