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Choosing To Keep Property Free Of **All Encumbrances**

Value of Property Owned By The Aged Placed At \$457 Average

Rather than encumber their earthly holdings, quite a few pensioners in this county chose to surrender their claims to old age assistance, according to a report released by the Martin County Welfare Department this week.

The following report was released yesterday by Superintendent of Welfare Mary W. Taylor:

On October 1, 1951 the property lien law passed by the General Assembly of North Carolina became effective. This law creates a general lien upon the real preperty and a claim against the estate of any old age assistance recipient to the extent of the total amount of assistance paid such recipient from and after October

In Martin County 70 of the 371 old people who received assistance on August 1, 1951 owned property. Case Workers of the agency have been making home visits terpreting the law to the recip-

ty four (34) of the 70 property

a house which happens to be lo- missing. cated on a valuable or desirable Reports received here from the

taken to enforce the lien so long as such property is occupied as a homesite by the surviving spouse

* It is hoped that the good points of the lien law will far outweigh the bad ones. The intention of the law is to encourage sons and daucare for their own needy elderly services performed by its offiproperty owners to use all of their according to a report filed with as they will go-not to deter old ago. having financial as-

344 people receiving Old Age As- added \$241 to the amount. sistance in Martin County. The

average grant is \$23.13 per month. Firemen Called

Wililamston volunteer firemen were called out at 1:10 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when fire threatened the Hugh Leggett home about five miles from here

Apparently starting near a defective flue, the fire burned a hole through the kitchen roof and was rapidly gaining headway when passersby responded to a call for help. They were able to bring it under control before too much damage resulted and by the time Tokyo for a few days, he advised hospital for treatment, last reports The Fifst Highway Division the fire-fighting equipment reach- his wife who is making her home stating that his condition remain- brought 35 miles of new paving

RAINFALL

Following a dry period extending back to last June, the rains started falling more often last month with a good chance for a rainfall this month considerably above the average in this immediate

Rain fell in rather limited quantity on sixteen of the 31 days last month to total 2.78 inches. During the first six days of this month, 4.27 inches of rain had fallen, the precipitation in the first six days being above the normal for the entire month. On November 2, 2.03 inches of rain fell, followed by 1.95 inches last Tuesday.

Accuse Witnesses Of Lying In Case **Charging Murder**

Castannia Sutton Allowed To Give Bond At Hearing In Wilson

gro woman, charged with the killing of Alton Lee Sheppard near ients and their relatives. This was Parmele on the morning of Ocdone because the agency felt that tober 30, was allowed to give some of the old people would ac- bond at a habeas corpus hearing deprive themselves of held before Judge Henry Stevens food, fuel and clothing in order in Wilson Tuesday afternoon, Unto leave their home, sometimes able to arrange the \$1,000 bond almost worthless, to be a favored imediately, the accussed was returned to the Martin County jail.

After hearing the witnesses in owners had requested that their the case, Judge Stevens was said old age assistance grants be ter- to have expressed the opinion that minated. Some of these people they were lying. It is still the had been receiving their OAA opinion of officers that the wit checks since 1937 when the pub- nesses were so drunk they did not know what was going on the night Sheppard was stabbed today al-The property owned by the 34 legedly by the Sutton woman. recipients who requested termina- The ice pick used in the fatal attion in Martin County ranges in tack has made its appearance, but

value from \$55.00 for a house and the fellow who carried it away lot in the country to \$1650.00 for from the Sutton home is reported

piece of property in town. The special hearing in Wilson Tuesday average value of the property afternoon left the evidence still owned was \$457.00, according to in confusion. Deputy Sheriff Raythe latest figures on the Martin mond Rawls stating that all the witnesses were not agreed where Those persons who have only the fatal attack took place. Some a life time right to their property said it was in the Sution woman's are exempt from the lien law, bed rom and others say it was in However a claim is filed against the kitchen. Findings by officers the recipients estate within one soon after the attack seem to inyear after his death. The claim dicate that the man was killed in will be for exactly the amount the woman's bed room. No blood that the person received as old stains were found in the kitchen age assistance. No action will be where one witness says the at-(Continued on Page Eight)

or by minor dependent child of the County Gets \$4,772 From Fee System

Martin County received \$4,ghters and other able relatives to 772.05 from fees, fines, forfeit and relatives and for these elderly cials during the month of October, own available resources as far the county accountant a few days

sistance when need actually ex- \$3,869.40, including \$2,430 in fines and \$1,439.40 in costs. The At the present time there are clerk of court's miscellaneous fees

Sheriff M. W. Holloman turned into the treasurer \$210.25, fees received for serving papers and

handling other duties. The office of register of deeds reported \$451.40 received for issuing various certificates, marriage Leg Blown Off licenses and recording papers.

Local Young Man **Earns Promotion**

Sgt. Roy Hudson, local young tion reaching here. man, who has seen much action in Korea since last January 15, was recently promoted to 'sergeant, first class, according to information just received here.

here while he is overseas.

The \$140 In Fines Collected Smallest Amount In Many Months

Handling twenty-two cases, the Martin County Recorder's Court maintained a normal business volume, but its actual income was reduced to the smallest amount collected in many months. The last Monday session assessed fines in the amount of \$240, but one defendant appealed, the action reducing the actual fine collections

Comparatively few persons are attending the sessions, but the court officials, bar members, defendants and witnesses all go to County Marriages make a fairly sizable crowd.

nnocent, Robt. V. House was his driver's license revoked for a year for alleged drunken driving. He appealed to the higher courts and bond was required in the sum of \$200.

George Barber, charged with an assault, was adjudged not guil-

Charged with neglecting her children, Viola Smith pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, she was sentenced to serve six months in Woman's Prison, but the prison term was suspended. The defendant is to keep her house clean and allow inspections of her home by representatives of the Martin County Welfare Department. She s to conduct herself in a "circumspect manner.'

R. B. Speller and Vance Whitey were both charged with bastardy and both were adjudged not guilty. And the same prosecuting witness was in both cases

Charged with non-support Matthew Keys, pleaded not guil ty for six months, the court suspending the road sentence upon the payment of the court costs and on condition that he provide adequate support for his family.

The case in which W. G. Sutton was charged with non-support, was nol prossed.

Wilmer C. White with drunken driving, was adjudged not guilty.

James Smith, James Earl Mizelle, Allie Mack Smith, Magoline Turner and James Arthur Little, all charged with violating the liquor laws, pleaded not guilty. The cases against all but Magoline Turner were nol prossed, and she was taxed with the cost when

the court adjudged her guilty. Bozo Perry, pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$25, plus costs. When detained by officers, Perry impersonated his brother by displaying his bro

ther's driver's license. Pete Wilson was fined \$35, plus costs, for operating a motor veicle without a driver's license. Pleading guilty of operating

cafes without permits, Jimmie Bell and Thomas Clay were each fined \$10, plus costs. Pleading guilty of violating the

liquor laws, Bennie Wilson was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs J. Whitley was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs for carrying a concealed weapon.

Randolph Bunting, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was adjudged not guilty.

Pleading innocent, William Stokes was adjudged guilty of an assault, and drew sixty days on the roads, the court suspending Completed More the roads, the court suspending the road term upon the payment (Continued on Page Six)

In An Explosion

Mr. Gus Briley of Stokes had nis left leg blown entirely off in an explosion in Greenville last tion; From Chitlin Swith to N. C. Saturday, according to informa- 125 west of Williamston, 3.9 miles;

ther, George Briley, he was seat- of Williamston northeast across ed near a laundry heater which Sweetwater Creek to paved counexploded. In addition to losing his ty road, 2.2 miles; From Lilley's leg, the victim was badly burned. Store east 2.2 miles to paved The young man is resting in He was removed to a Greenville county road.

Postal receipts at the local of- | for either of the first two quart fice in July, August and Septem- ers this year, and nearly \$2,000 ber of this year broke an in the third quarter. While most of for a third quarter in the history, the gain is possibly traceable to Postmaster W. E. Dunn announc- increased business activities, ed this week. Pesent indications some of the gain is traceable to now point to the biggest income servicemen's mail, quite a bit of year in the history of the post which is now going overseas.

office here, the large gain hav-While stamp sales were booming ing come even before rate in- to a new record high, the money order business decreased last Last quarter the stamp sales quarter by about \$1,500 hundred amounted to \$11,396.45, meaning dollars. The office handled monthat well over one-third of a mil- ey orders during the three-month of Sheppard near Parmele early lion three-cent stamps were sold. period this year valued at \$76, The sales for July, August and 341.00 as compared with a \$77. September were more than \$1,000 827.74 handled in the correspondgreater than the income reported ing period last year.

Proceedings: Adjudged guilty after pleading Below Normal For fined \$100, plus costs, and had Month Of October

creases were made effective.

Sixteen Licenses Are Issued In This County During The Past Month

The downward trend in the number of marriages in Martin County maintained itself again last month when only sixteen licenses were sold in the office of Register of Deeas J. Sam Getsinger. The issuance last month was six below the average for the past twenty years. So far this year only 172 marriage licenses have been issued in the county. Unless Cupid's business shows a marked increase this and next month, his books will show a big decrease for the year. On an aver age, 232 marriage licenses were sold each year in the county during the past twenty years. Since 1946 when there were 355 li-212 last year.

White

Perlie Bembridge, Jr., of Jamesille and Flodie Mae Hardison of Williamston.

Henry Daniel Wobbleton and A. M. Lou Ray Lilley, both of Williams-

Woodrow Jenkins of Robersonrille and Lena Bland of Hassells. Harry Lee Rogerson and Nellie Harrison, both of Williamston. Jesse Hopkins and Peggy Stalls, both of Oak City.

Colored

Robert Lewis and Annie Louse Riddick, both of Williamston. James Norman Davis of Oak City and Janie Bonds of Hamil-

Walter Beech and Minnie Riddick, both of Williamston. Willie J. Rogers and Lenora

lones, both of Williamston. William Hopkins, Jr., and Annie Bell Lilley, both of Williamston. Fred Gardner and Louise Jencins, both of Robersonville.

Brown, both of Robersonville. both of Oak City.

James Clark and Beety Owens, both of Williamston.

Jesse Jr., of the D Robersonville, and Beulah God ard, of RFD 2, Williamston.

Roads In County

Martin County had 9.5 miles of new paving completed in October, Chairman H. W. Jordan of the State Highway Commission announced today.

The newly-surfaced roads are: From N. C. 44 south of Oak City 1 mile to county road intersec-Main Street in Hamilton, 0.2 mile; Visiting in the home of his bro- From U. S. 17 three miles south

to completion in October.

LIMITED HOLIDAY

to close here for the day.

office will be closed. Howand dispatched, as usual.

Native Of County

W. O. Bilbro died in Neuse Forest Convalescent Home in New o'clock. He suffered a cerebral several months.

censes issued, the business has and Hettie Reid Bilbro, he was cers questioned him vesterday been declining, reaching a low of born in Martin County January and he was ordered held in \$300 Marriage licenses were issued lived in Middlesex before mov- able to arrange bond immediate n this county last month to six ing to Greenville in 1915. In par- ly, he was detained by the sherwhite and ten colored couples, as tnership with his four sons, he iff's office. Company in Greenville.

of Pitt County who died on Jan- nie Sutton. uary 8, 1949, Mrs. Bilbro was the sister of the late J. C. Smith of Robersonville.

Surviving are four sons, Cecil Greenville, R. Bruce Bilbro of grandchildren, and a brother, Archie Bilbro, of Charlotte.

Funeral services were conducted from the Greenville Immanuel Bautist Church Tuesday by the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Neilson, and interment was in Greenville's Greenwood Cemetery.

SHIPPED

Radiators, holding up the moving of the Martin County Health Department to its new home on Grant Anderson and Earlene Ray and Harrell Street for two months, have been shipped, and Eddie Ward and Emma Green, the opening of the health center is now tentatively scheduled for December 1.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . .

While it is nothing to be proud of, Motorists on Martin County highways last week almost duplicated their record of the previous week. There were six wrecks, three injured and none killed in each of the past two weeks the more recent one listing a property damage \$10 in excess of the total for week before last.

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.

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 1951 6 3 0 \$ 1,525 1950 7 2 0 Comparisons To Date 1951 211 109 5 \$48,535

1950 146 60

44th Week

Only a few places of business will observe next Monday as a holiday. Armistice Day falls on Sunday ,but the following day will be observed as a national holidayt However, only the post offices and banks are planning

There'll be no mail deliveries and windows at the post ever, mail will be received

Died Last Sunday

24, 1877. He located in Ayden and bond as a material witness. Un operated the Bilbro Wholesale Palmer said that on the night of Edwin Hardison of Mr. Bilbro was a member of Eddie Carr and a woman whose

Jamesville and Ruby Griffin the Immanuel Baptist Church, a name he did not know. As they deacon for thirty years, and was were passing the Sutton home he on honorary deacon for life. He heard a lot of noise, stopped his was a member of the Greenville car and went into the house Masonic Lodge No. 284, A. F. and where he saw Gus Andrews, Jus-

> O., and A. Tyson Bilbro, of ter, Gus Andrews pulled Shep-Washington, and Lt. William T. the Sutton woman's bedroom, that Bilbro of Maxwell Field, Ala.; six | while Andrews was holding Shep-

preliminary hearing last week.

It is now apparent that the witicss, Margie Andrews, was sleeping all the time she claimed met last Monday, and a turkey supper was enjoyed by all. New to be, that she and the other two witnesses Gus and Justus Anofficers were installed for the drews, had the facts all tangled coming year, as follows J W

Destroy Liquor Still In County

ed a large illicit liquor plant.

county in some time, the plant was equipped with a 150-gallon capacity copper kettle and a modern oil burner. The officers pour- Heavy rains have fallen this her recovery is expected even ed out fourteen barrels of beer and three gallons of white liquor.

blast and the liquor running.

Old-Agers Withdraw Twenty-two Cases Called Monday In The County Court The County Court Twenty-two Cases Postal Receipts At Local Office Break All Records Named in Parmele Murder Yesterday Second Defendant Named in Parmele Murder Yesterday Of Season Yesterday

PEANUTS

years, the peanut market in

to reflect much activity be-

fore sometime next week. A

few small lots have moved to

market here, but there is lit-

tle interest in the operations

Heavy rains this week have

delayed picking operations

and, warned that no goobers

with more than 10 percent

moisture will be acceptable,

farmers are making certain

their crops are dry before go-

ing ahead with the harvesting

Thirty Men Are

Called For Jury

Duty Next Month

Judge Henry Stevens Will

Return To Preside Over

Term Of Court

Thirty Martin County citizens

November meeting for jury duty

vomen were drawn for jury duty.

and Dennis Mizelle.

Moore.

Gurganus.

D. James.

seph Wynne.

eridge, Dallas V. Purvis and Jo-

Goose Nest Township: B. Jas-

Installs Officers

r, and E. C. Harrison, chaplain

Boy Scout Hut would be resum-

UNCERTAIN WEATHER

Uncertain weather has prevail-

er Grass Ruritan Chil

Bear Grass Club

at this time.

and marketing.

Held Man While Woman Stabbed Him

Working on meager information, the sheriff's department yesterday develope I new leads in the Alton Lee Sheppard murder case, and Gus Andrews, listed as a state witness, is now in jail, charged with aiding and abetting Castannia Sutton in the fatal stabbing in the morning of Sunday, Octo-

Given a hearing yesterday afternoon by Justice Chas. R. Mobey in the courthouse, Andrews, without counsel, pleaded not giulty. Finding probable cause of guilt, Justice Mobley required bond in the sum of \$5,000. Unable to raise the amount, Andrews was placed in jail to await trial in the superior court next month. During the meantime, Judge

Henry Stevens who held a habea corpus hearing for the woman in Wilson Tuesday afternoon, increased her bond from \$1,000 to \$5,000. She, too, continues in jail in default of bond. Judge Stevens was advised of the new developments and ordered the bond in creased.

The case took a more serious turn when officers, recovering the ce pick, learned there was another eye witness, Jack Palmer, who for some reason, Andrews or other witnesses said nothing about at the preliminary hearing held last

It now develops that Palmer, a Bern Sunday afternoon at 3:55 Pitt County colored man, was at hemorrhage seven months ago cost Sheppard his life. He took and had been critically ill for the ice pick, delivered it to Robersonville, and then went to New The son of the late Rev. W. L. York for a short vacation. Offi

October 28, he was riding with tus Andrews. Margie Andrews. He was married to Annie Smith Alton Lee Sheppard and Castan-

Palmer declared that he saw Sheppard assaulting the Sutton woman with his hands and fist in the kitchen, and soon thereafpard away and carried him into pard by the shoulders and arms apparently to keep him from returning to the kitchen, the Sutton woman entered the bedroom and stabbed Sheppard in the chest. The witness said that Shep-

pard died in about two minutes Palmer said he did not see Justus Andrews "picking a box", or playing a guitar.

The evidence offered by Palmer supports part of the testimony of Gus Andrews who said the fight started in the kitchen, but from there on out, it contradicts all the evidence offered at the

Raiding in the Free Union area ed Saturday, November 10. The of Jamesville Township Tuesday Ruritans will appreciate anyone afternoon, ABC Officers J. H. coming and helping with this Roebuck and Cecil Bullock wreck- work. One of the largest taken in this

running up and down. After go- the skull. Officer Roebuck said the plant ing well into the seventies yesterin the high fifties today.

12,430,654 Pounds To Average \$55.21 Already one of the latest in Brought \$6,862,911 this area is hardly expected

Income \$1,300,274 Higher Than Previous Record Made In 1950

Wililamston's tobacco market held its last sales of the season vesterday morning at clock with the selling and buying organizations going strong

until the last pile was sold. A few minutes later, semi-official figures were released, showing the market had just closed the most successful year in all port, the market here sold 12,-430,654 pounds for \$6,862,911.00. an average of \$55.21 per hundred

Although the sales dwindled hold firm, the better grades holdever, mostly remnants and scrap were offered Tuesday and yesterday and the average shrunk to \$41.54, the prices ranging from five to seventy cents a pound. The records show that 14,258 pounds were sold on the last day for

Just before the season was

Before the December term is Warehouse, old hams were disconvened, the Martin County Su-tributed to the buyer as a token perior court will sit for two weeks, of appreciation for their efforts to hear only civil cases, beginning during the season.

November 19 with Judge W. H. S. A review shows that the market during the season ending yes-Names of the citizens called for terday sold 225,540 pounds more jury duty during the December tobacco than had been sold in any previous years, that the 1951 Jamesville Township: Luther income was \$1,300,274 greater Hugh Hardison, G. E. Martin, than the previous high amount.

George B. Ange, J. E. Hedrick, J. The previous poundage record Warren Jones, Elmer N. Modlin was established in 1947 when 12,205,114 pounds were sold, but Williams Township: J. Herbert the income that season was only \$5,026,962 and the average was Bear Grass Township: Hildreth down to \$41.19.

The previous income record Williamsten Township: Wright was recorded in 1950 when Clark, Bruce Chesson, James E. 9,709,566 pounds were sold for Griffin, J. B. James, K. D. Wor- \$5,562,637, an average of \$57.29. rell, J. Edward Corey, S. C. Grif- The average last year broke all fin, Jr., Willie Bullock, Thurston records and still stands with a Wynne, Jr. and George Hatton \$2.08 per hundred pound average above the average for the season just ended.

Robersonville Township: Robert E. James, Guy Forbes and G. A review of sales and income with the average for the past few Hamilton Township: W. E. Eve easons, as recorded on the Wilett, Burt Pritchett, William Eth-

liamston market follows: Pounds 10,769,306 \$4.616.632 Average, \$42.89 per Whitfield, M. E. Bennett and 1945 11,278,890 4,978,413 Average, \$44.14 10,874,674 5,515,721 Average, \$50.72 12,205,114 5,026,962 Average, \$41.19 9,185,020 4,449,356 Average, \$48.44 8.910.898 4,371,162 Average, \$49.05 9,709,566 5,562,637 Average, \$57.29 12,430,654 6,826,911 Average, \$55.21

Sawyer, president; Chesley Jones, vice-president; Bill Peele, Accident Victim secretary; K. O. Rogers, treasur-Is Improving During the business session it vas decided that work on the

Injured when a rubber-tired tractor wheel ran over her head in a cornfield on the old Whitaker farm last Monday afternoon, Little Carolyn Roberson is responding to treatment in Brown's Community Hospital, according to a report heard late last evening.

If no complications develop, ed in this area during recent days. week, and the mercury has been though there was a fracture of

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. was located near the road in a day, it tumbled down to an even Clyde Roberson, the little tot was small wooded area, that the op- thirty early this morning, the riding on a slowly-moving tractor erator saw them approaching and second drastic variation in less with her eight-year-old sister ran, leaving the plant going full than a week. The mercury is when she fell off the machine and into the path of the big wheel.

To Rural Home on the Everetts Highway.