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#### Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Tuesday, July 8, 1952

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Of \$500 During The

Short Session

Judge R. T. Johnson handled

twenty cases during a short ses

sion of the Martin County Record-

er's Court on Monday, June 30.

Fines were imposed in the sum of

The two speeding cases against

Richard W. Husted and Thomas F.

Nagelin, Cherry Point marines,

Pleading guilty of drunken

Charged with non-support, Wal-

ter Godard was adjudged guilty

and was sentenced to the roads

for six months, the court suspend-

ing the road term upon the pay-

ment of the costs and \$12 a month

for the support of his six children

Robert W. Clark was fined \$10,

during the next two years.

olus costs, for speeding,

driving, Medrick Daniel was fin-

were nol prossed.

ed \$100, plus costs.

\$500

# By Commissioners In a ruling handed down a few town. During the meantime, the

Granted In Several

Departments

calling for a tax levy of approx- At the same time, the jurist main- ly to seek relief there. Should

unchanged at \$2.00 per \$100 assessed property valuation.

Small salary increases, ranging from \$10 to \$12.50 a month, were approved, the board pointing out that the small increases will bring the pay schedule in line with the prevailing wage scale, services considered.

Treasurer C. M. Cobb 'reported \$33,023 in cash on hand; and listed revenue from sewer rentals at \$28.65, and \$933. from parking meters. Approximately \$4,495 is due in 1951 taxes A petition, calling for the curb-

ing and surfacing of North Elm Street, from Church to White Street, was received and placed in line.

The Williamston Boosters' traffic committee made suggestions for relieving the parking and traffic problems. The purchase of Native Of County parking lots for off-street parking meters. The committee also recommended, the elimination of parking meters on North Smithwick Street, no left turns from Washington Street into Main, oneway alleys by Dardens Store and the Guaranty Bank, to assign police to congested intersections during certain hours, to, synchronize the stop lights and to place a stop light at the Haughton-Washington Street intersection. The report was duly acknowledged, but no action was taken.

The town attorney was instructed to start condemnation proceedings for a side walk leading to the AME Zion Church or Rhodes Street.

A grade crossing for Slade Street was discussed.

county.

days ago, Judge J. Paul Frizzelle death trap continues to stand, a

ess on the part of someone. road Company was not obliged If the town authorities do not to do anything to eliminate the carry its case against the Coast

death trap at the underpass on Line to the Supreme Court, then Williamston's 1952-53 budget, Williamston's West Main Street. the Highway Commission is like-

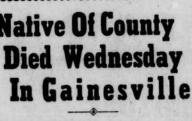
imately \$95,000, was tentatively tained that the North Carolina the Highway Commission go to approved by the board of com- State Highway Commission was the high court and score a victory, missioners in regular meeting last obliged to remedy the situation. then the town is left bottled up evening. Final figures, subject to The ruling leaves the condition by an unsightly obstacle with approval, will be released just as still mired down in confusion with little or no hope for relief. soon as a few adjustments are the railroad company holding the It had been hoped that a joint

made, it was explained. The bud- high hand just now. It means that operation could be arranged, but get total runs about the same as the case will be carried to the since the railroad company has the one in effect for the last fis- State Supreme Court by the High- scored a preliminary victory, that al year, and leaves the tax rate way Commission and possibly the hope is believed to have faded.



farmers, business and professional men and civic leaders from all over the county will be held in the Martin County courthouse Thursday evening of this week at 8:00 o'clock. The July 19 referendum on tobacco marketing quotas will be discussed at that time by a representative of the State **Production** - Marketing Administration office.

The public is invited to attend and hear the important issue discussed.



Funeral Held Last Saturday In Florida For Mrs. **Frank Sexton** 

Mrs. Frank Sexton, a native of this county, died in a Gainesville, Florida, hospital last Wednesday night at 11:00 o'clock following

a few months of declining health. Her condition had been critical only a few weeks. The former Miss Lillian Belle

Hardison, she was born in this county fifty-six years ago on Oc-tober 10, 1895, the daughter of oke Avenue and Wheeler Brown when the John H. Kerr Dam and Point section, but damage there Commissioner Shelton and the encounty fifty-six years ago on Oc-

## Budget For Town Railroad Underpass Case Flood Gates Are Highway Corporal RoadProgram Nears Twenty Cases In Is Tentatively Set To Go To Supreme Court Closed At Buggs Painfully Injured End In This County The County Court The County Court **End In This County Island June 30th In Wreck Sunday** Monday, June 30 Small Salary Increases Are said the Atlantic Coast Line Rail- monument to apparent stubborn- Reservoir To Be Filled To Ralph Boston Held In \$2. Impose Fines In The Sum **County Board Of**

**Of Roads Surfaced Or** 

Are To Be Surfaced

**Required Level About OOG Bond In Martin And First Of October** 

The flood gates of the John H. Cpl. M. C. Byrum, popular Kerr Dam at Buggs Island were member of the North Carolina officially closed June 30 and the State Highway Patrol with headfilling of the huge 88,000 acre quarters in Williamston, was painfully but believed not seriously basin behind the dam was started. In some places the lake to be over in Beaufort County Sunday injured in a highway accident created will be more than 100 feet morning at 10:30 o'clock. Suffer-

ing two broken ribs, chest and For a few hours at a time in Martin County's secondary road head injuries and a bruised leg. the past month the gates had the officer was removed to a lo-program is nearing completion, peen closed to permit certain engineering tests and calculations to bulance. Last reports stating that be carried out, but June 30 mark-

in a Washington hospital.

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**Strikes Section** 

**Beaufort Counties** 

ed the official start of the filling It was stated that the only fac- the officer met a speeder and ors which might enter into a de- turned around to check him. The

cal hospital in a Washington am- the Martin County Commissioners, in an all-day meeting Monhis condition is improving. day, were advised by District

Patrolling Highway 64 in the Highway Commissioner Henry Dardens section Sunday morning, Gray Shelton. It does not necessarily mean that there will be no more roads surfaced or improved. race, stepped up to 95 miles an but it was explained that the the reservoir is filled to the powe hour at times, continued into money made available by the \$200 er development level would be a Jamesville where Ralph Edgar million bond program has been

siderable damage resulted in two great flood requiring a drawdown Boston, driving a Buick, made a expended in this county Commissioner Shelton, accomlocal streets during the long July scale, stoppage of work above the maintained the pace. Corporal panied by Engineers Spruill and dam on roads and bridges because Byrum called for a road block and Liverman, explained the road program and pointed out that 26.6 miles of road in excess of the orig-

Old Ford. After crossing from have been constructed in the Martin into Beaufort County, county within the next several months. Aided by federal money the commission is to surface soon two more projects, totaling 6.4

miles. Both projects were desig-The Buick was said to have nated by the engineers on th basis of daily traffic counts, Mr. Shelton explained. One of the truck pulling back just in time to projects runs from Gold Point to Huskinaw Swamp and thence to on. The driver of the truck and Highway 64, about one and onehalf miles from Robersonville or near the point where the railroad

rosses the highway. The project is 4.5 miles long. The other project, just 1.9 miles long, runs off

Highway 17, about three miles from Williamston, and connects with the Bear Grass Highway. near the old Biggs school site. Surfacing work is progressing

A wind and hail storm, its force on a road from Highway 17 to more or less limited, struck parts Smithwick's Creek, and on two Corps of Engineers, said Col. blowing a tenant dwelling off its Several projects, in addition to Powers, that the reservoir will be foundation and falling a few trees 11.1 miles already approved and





Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin received notice last week that their son and nephew, Oscar Anderson, Jr., was recently promoted from

Major to Lt. Colonel. Colonel and Mrs. Martin are stationed in Washington.



Well-Known County Citizen **Died Last Wednesday** In Raleigh Hospital

Funeral services were conduct d in the Biggs Funeral Home

Chapel here last Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Mrs. Adana Newton Alligood who died in a Raleigh hospital last Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The with the costs. Rev. Mr. Sherman, former pastor of the Williams Chapel Church

near Palmyra, conducted the rites Clarrington was sentenced to the and interment was in the Waters family cemetery in Jamesville

Township. gineers for widening and stabiliz

Dossey Tyner was sentenced to the roads for thirty days for violating the liquor laws. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs. Pleading guilty of assaulting his vife, Charlie M. Scott was sentenced to the roads for nine months. The term was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs, and on the condition

that he'll not mistreat his wife or drink liquor during the next ve vears. Jasper was fined \$10, plus costs,

or violating the liquor laws. Pleading guilty of issuing a vorthless check, George Ruffin

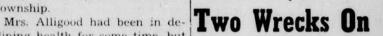
was taxed with the costs and directed to pay the amount of the heck Seth Boston, pleading guilty of

trunken driving, was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs. Pleading guilty of speding 80

miles an hour, Talmadge Lee Wells was fined \$50 and taxed

Adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. James

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**Two Wrecks Here** of the reservoir. **During Holidays** cision to reopen the gates before No one was badly hurt but con-

deep

automobile accidents reported on of the waters on an accelerated left turn into Highway 171 and holiday week-end. Several local people were involved in high- of a shortage of steel or failure three patrolmen from this county way accidents outside the county to clear up some pending land and Washington set up a road but none of them was believed to acquisition cases before the water block on the route not far from inal allotment had been or will have been badly hurt. A year ago, level of the lake reached the levtwo persons were killed on the el of these lands.

highways in this county. At the present time because of Boston, 22 years old, turned left The holiday observance started the steel strike some difficulty is into a dirt road connecting with off with a bang at 8:00 o'clock on being experienced in obtaining Washington's Market Street, Ex-

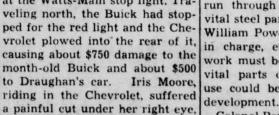
the morning of the Fourth when a steel to complete the highway tension. 1951 Chevrolet, driven by R. bridge at Clarksville, Va., which Adams Draughan of Dunn, crashis being elevated about 45 feet, forced a Chevrolet pick-up truck ed into a 1952 Buick driven by and some units of the power house off the road, the driver of the Ernest N. Morgan of Charleston cannot be put into use, or water at the Watts-Main stop light. Trarun through them, until certain hit the highway patrol car head

veling north, the Buick had stopvital steel parts are obtained. Col. ped for the red light and the Che- William Powers, district engineer passengers were said not to have vrolet plowed into the rear of it, in charge, emphasized that this been badly hurt, but were treated causing about \$750 damage to the work must be completed and the month-old Buick and about \$500 vital parts obtained before full

use could be made of the huge development.

the closing of the gates. He pointed out that three small gates remain open to carry the normal average flow of the river for the protection of down stream interests. It is estimated by the of this county Sunday afternoon, roads in Bear Grass Township.

partment made the investigation.



Colonel Powers was on hand for Wind-Hail Storm and Mrs. Morgan suffered a minor leg injury. Others, including Mrs. Gene Butcher in the Buick, experienced moinor shock and all were able to continue following

treatment in a local hospital. Members of the local police de-

Driving north on East Main Street, Rudolph Everett stopped filled up to the required level for and shelters in its path. Some on which work is progressing in his Chevrolet quickly near Roan- power development by October hail was reported in the Poplar most cases, were approved by

Taxi franchises were discussed. the board delaying action on a problem created when a holder

# (Continued on Page Eight) Hamilton Home **Burned Monday**

Fire of undetermined origin de-

stroyed the Dewey Stalls sixroom home and all the contents about 3:00 o'clock Monday morning in Hamilton. Mr. Stalls and family had left earlier in the Neighbors, smelling smoke, got lon No. 521. up just in time to see the fire break through the roof and the weatherboarding.

The fire, by that time, had neighbors could not even get Gainesville. close enough to get the boys' bicycles off the porch.

Robersonville's fire department answered the call to keep the fire from spreading. The house belonged to Commis-

sioner Henry S. Johnson who explained that his store burned in Hamilton four years ago to the day.

The house and contents were insured for about one-half their value, it was learned.

ANSWER

Meeting Monday, members of the Martin County Board of Education discussed final plans for answering the \$600,000 law suit brought against them by a number of Martin County Negroes. The answer is being filed in the federal court at Washington.

Only three members of the board, Messrs. J. D. Woolard, Cecil Powell and Ernest Edmondson, were in attendance upon the meeting. Ill for some time but much improved now, Mr. Edmondson was able to attend his first meeting in some time.

the late Simon Edwin and Sallie rolet with his Ford. Investigating cated. Martin Hardison. After attendthe accident, Officer Chas. Moore ing the local schools and Atlantic Christian College, she was mar-damage was limited to \$50 to ried to Mr. Sexton of Jamesville, Brown's car. and located in 1921 in the Florida

city there her husband was just recently re-elected sheriff of the Gilbert P. Chase **Dies In Richmond** Well remembered here, Mrs. Sexton was active in the affairs

of Gainesville. She was a member in a local hospital today. Commander Gilbert Paul Chase, of the Cosmos Club, the Hydrangea Circle of the Gainesville Gar- USN Retired, died in Richmond legs when a staging collapsed farm, and the other near Butler's den Club, the American Legion July 2nd of a cerebral hemor- week before last. He plans to re- bridge. Auxiliary, the V. F. W. Auxiliary, rhage. He was born at Bunker turn to his home today. Mr. Wilthe League of Women Voters, the Hill Plantation, Lancaster County, liams suffered a back injury when moning for a visit in Philadel- Home Demonstration Club, and Virginia, September 20, 1873, son he fell from a scaffold Tuesday. phia, and no one was at home. the 40 and 8, Fourth District, Sa- of Captain William Tell Chase and

Fannie Lee Beeler. He was edu-Surviving besides her husband cated in Baltimore schools, Virare seven brothers, Lucian J., ginia Military Institute and grad-

Lee D., Williford, R. J., G.orge uated class 1897 at Annapolis. His and C. B. Hardison, all of Wilretired life was spent in Paris, gained so much headway that the liamston, and John Hardison of France, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Lancaster Coun-Funeral services were conductty, Virginia.

ed at the First Christian Church He married in Havana, Cuba, where she was a member in January 26, 1905, Edelmira Cul-Gainesville last Saturday morning mell, daughter of the Danish Con-

at 10:00 o'clock by the pastor, the sul. She with one son, Gilbert, of Rev. Paul Henry Packard. Inter- Lima, Peru, Cultural Attache, ment was in Evergreen Cemetery, State Department; three grandsons, Paul, Peter and John; three Gainesville.

Among those attending the funsisters, Mrs. E. E. Lawson, Sr., eral from this county were: New Point, Virginia, Mrs. Raw-Messrs. Howard Gaylord, W. B. leigh Carter, Kilmarnock, Virginia and Mrs. James Grist Staton,

Enters Practice

The son of Mrs. G! A. Peele of

(Continued on page eight) Williamston, survive him. Burial was at Sea.



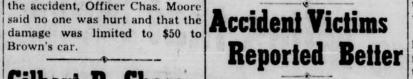
Housed over the Firestone Store to the Guaranty Bank for everal years, the Royal Studio is moving to the second floor of the Leggett building on Main Street.

iness in the new quarters on ties, and will open an office just in years. Thursday of this week. as soon as quarters can be found, it was announced today.

**CONTINUES QUITE ILL** 

A late report said she did not rest of Veterinary Medicine at Au-| Sunday alternoon from ? to 3 record high temperatures. Only lent condition. The operation on Thomas, and they were en route at all last night until 4:00 o'clock burn, Alabama. this morning. She was transferlance last Thursday.

Reservoir will be officially dedi not believed to be extensive. plowed into the rear of the Chev-The reports are to be checked la-



DIRECT

of Williamston Radio Station

WIAM has just announced

that WIAM will carry Daily

programs direct from Con-

vention Hall in Chicago from

7:00 to 7:15 p. m., beginning

Merle O'Brien, noted com-

mentator, will interview

North Carolina Delegates on

each of these programs.

today, July 8.

Rufus Armstrong. Manager,

ing. The newly recommended ter in the week by adjusters, it projects include: was learned.

**Badly Burned In Tar** 

Two and six-tenths miles of No one was said to have been road running from a point near hurt when the wind lifted the Smithwick's Creek via the Hodges five-room tenant house belonging farm to the Beaufort County line; to Agriculturist Vance L. Rober-The Daniel Road in Griffins Injured in falls while working son off its foundation near Gold

Township, 2.5 n.iles; on the new Negro high school Point Sunday afternoon. Several A road in Griffins nere, Messrs. Geo. Beach and J. T. fairly sizable trees were blown eading off the Old Mill Inn-Williams were reported improving down in that area, and a tobacco Smithwick's Creek Road at Grifbarn and a shelter were wrecked fin's station via E. H. Manning Beach suffered fractures of both by the wind, one on the Grimes

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## Hail Loss Adds Up Kettle Explosion Here To About \$40,000 Mr. J. C. White, owner and op-

erator of White's Sheet Metal Hail, striking sections of Wil-Works, was badly burned about iams and Jamesville Townships the face and hands when a large about ten mays ago, caused damtar kettle exploded at his plant age estimated at \$40,000 or more. on South Smithwick Street at Approximately 100 claims were 11:40 o'clock this morning. A adjusted last week by represenworker at the plant was also hurt. tatives of insurance agencies, and but the extent of his injuries nearly= \$40,000 was paid to the could not be learned immediately. claimants.

> No acreage estimates could be had, but farm after farm in Jamesville Township was struck, the damage running as high as fifty percent in some cases and as low as 6 or 7 percent in other

Payments to individual farmers an as much as \$2,200, it was

One company's premium re-

and one great-grandchild.

Five adjusters, including Sam showers fell in various sections believed all sections are free of Edwards, former teacher in the

Mr. Wm. Tetterton said this morn- on the practice of veterinary med- about the first real relief from | Fields near Robersonville Mon- this county. ing they planned to open for bus- icine in this and adjoining coun- one of the longest dry-hot spells day had water in the row middles,

out

Williamston, reporting nearly have had a plentiful supply for three inches of rain Sunday af- the present, at least.

and other sections are believed to Undergoes Operation

ternoon and up until early last While no new record was set,

Mrs. Robert Todd, telephone near Williamston and the late Mr. night, had the heaviest rainfall June was one of the driest months went an operation in Johns-Hop- way near Pantego. Miss Marie supervisor in the local office, con- Peele the young doctor was re- reported in the State during the on records in this section, and the kins Hospital, Baltimore, last Peel, driver, was accompanied by tinues quite ill in Duke Hospital. cently graduated from the School period of approximately 24 hours. dry condition was aggravated by week is reported to be in excel- Bettie Roberson and Billy Britton

o'clock, 1.95 inches of rain fell, 1.83 inches of rain were recorded his left leg was said to be a suc- to Belhaven to attend a young Dr. and Mrs. Peele are at home according to a report released by on Roanoke River, and that was cess and he will probably return people's religious meeting. red to Durham in a Biggs ambu- in the Corey Apartments in West Hugh Spruill, Roanoke River considerably more than was re- home within ten days or two The car was badly damaged, acbridge keeper. The fall, however, corded in most other areas. weeks.

clining health for some time, but **County Highways** her condition was not considered serious until about two weeks ago when she was removed to the hos-One person was hurt but prop-

pital. The daughter of the late Joseph erty damage was limited on the

Baker Waters and Aletha Waters, highways in this county last week, she was born in Jamesville Town- including the long July 4 holiday. ship 78 years ago on May 9, 1874, Randolph Moore, young Willamston man, suffered a head inand spent most of her life there. jury when his car a 1951 Ford In early womanhood she was married to J. R. Newton who died driven by Sylvester Leggett, was in 1915. Following her marriage ditched, throwing the victim into to W. J. Alligood, she made her the windshield. Leggett was driving on the Bear Grass-Sweet home in Roanoke Rapids where Home Road and started to pass she was a member of the Chrisanother car, ran off the road and tian Church. Following Mr. Alliditched the vehicle about 2:00 good's death in 1940, she made her o'clock Friday afternoon, Investihome with a daughter, Mrs. Hengating the accident, Patrolman R. ry Early, in this county. More" P Narron estimated the damage recently she visited in the home to the car at \$250. Removed to the of another daughter, Mrs. Walter Martin General Hospital Moore Wooten in Wendell, leaving there Was said to

to enter the hospital. Mrs. Alligood had many friends

in her native and adopted communities and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Surviving are two sons and three daughters, all by her first marriage, Archie D. and Phillip Newton, both of Miami; Mrs. Henry Early of Oak City, Mrs. Walter

Roanoke Rapids; two brothers, was estimated at \$100. Warren and Edgar Waters, both of Jamesville; nine grandchildren

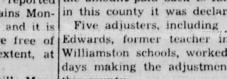
**ROUND-UP** 

# **Escaped Injury** In Car Accident

Several local young people esaped injury during a heavy rain storm about 2:45 o'clock Sunday mouth, turned over on a curve in Mr. C. G. Crockett who under- the Washington-Belhaven High-

tured skuli On Tuesday of last week at 11:45 p. m., L. C. Purvis, young

colored boy of RFD 2, Robersonville, lost control of his 1942 Dodge and turned it over on Highway 903 between Robersonville nd Gold Point. The car, according to Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation, ran off Wooten of Wendell and Mrs. Wal- the right side of the road, skidded ter Borovkiff of Norristown, Pa.; 42 yards before swerving to the three sisters, Mrs. J. B. Hardy of left and continuing 22 more yards Greenville, Mrs. D, B. Harrison and finally turning over. No one and Mrs. Harvey Wheeler, both of was hurt. Damage to the machine



Dr. A. R. Peele has entered up- eral rains Monday and bringing least.

Sunday, followed by fairly gen- the drought to some extent, at Williamston schools, worked two

Possibly the dry spell has not was limited. The Hamilton and ceipts amounted to less than half been broken in its entirety in all Farm Life sections reported the amount paid back to farmers.

parts of the county, but heavy mighty little, but the rains Mon-day were more general, and it is Five adjusters, including Sar

In Baltimore Hospital afternoon when their car, a Ply-

cording to reports reaching here.

The County Past Few Days learned.

days making the adjustments in

Well, just about everybody in this immediate area took

a holiday during the Fourth of July observance except law enforcement officers who were kept busy rounding up alleged law violators.

Twelve persons were temporarily detained in the county jail, their ages ranging from 21 to 52 years of age. Five were booked for public drunkenness, three for drunken driving, and one each for gambling, speeding, violating

the liquor laws and operating motor vehicle without a driver's license.

General Rains Reported In fields.

Mr. White was removed to a local hospital for treatment. The fire department was called and firemen put the burning tar