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#### Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Thursday, January 1, 1953

**Of Marriages In** 

#### **ESTABLISHED** 1899

**Death In The Air** 

#### Two Farmers' Schools Will Kerr Scott Makes Average Number March Of Dimes To **Crowded Docket** In County Court Be Held In Martin County For Next Monday

Herbert O. Peele Succeeding R. T. Johnson

**On The Bench** 

Although the docket is fairly crowded, there is no record number of cases scheduled for trial when the Martin County Recordsions next week

It is likely that a few additional for trial next Monday, but up until late yesterday only thirty-nine cases had been scheduled for trial. Quite a few other cases are on the docket, but they are scheduled for trial later in the month.

Appointed by the board of commissioners to succeed R. T. Johnson, resigned, Herbert O. Peele will preside over the court sessions beginning next Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. He'll subscribe to the oath of office before Clerk L. B. Wynne just prior to the opening of the session. Elected in November for a second term, Judge Johnson resigned when he transferred as agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company from Williamston to Washington

Of the thirty-nine cases scheduled for trial next Monday, thirty of them have to do with motor vehicle laws in one form or another. The limited number of other cases reflect a quiet obserservance of the holiday season in the county.

Drunken drivers lead the list of alleged law violators. Ten per- In Big Way Here sons are charged with drunken driving while nine others are

booked for speeding. Six are charged with careless and reckviolations.

There was a little fighting and various churches held their watch the early part of the year. scrapping going on during the services to add a truer and more Temperature readings Tuesday past few days, but only seven serious meaning to the arrival of of this week were 51 and 24, and ice have been booked with assaults. the new period.

His Last Address Two important schools for far-, will be the topic of a talk by Sam ners are to be held in the Martin Dobson. At 2:15 o'clock, A. V County Courthouse, one on Tues- Allen will discuss "Profitable Leaves Good Roads And A

day, January 6 and the other on Sheep Production," and at 2:50 January 12. The first of the two o'clock, J. S. Buchanan will tell schools will last a greater part of about "Profitable Beef Cattle Prothe day while the second will be duction."

held at night. All these men are recognized The first of the schools, begin- specialists in their fields, and the ning at 10:00 o'clock next Tues- school offers a splendid opporday morning, will discuss several tunity to Martin County farmers er's Court reopens for business timely subjects. During the morn- to discuss latest farm methods and next Monday following the holi- ing sesions, H. D. Quessenberry practices. The school is open to days. After holding sessions on will talk on "Preventing Losses in all farmers and other interested Saturday for several months, the Marketing of Livestock." Jack persons, and Assistant County court is to resume its Monday ses- Kelly, taking over at 10:40 o'clock, Agent Larry Hodges is urging the

is to talk on "Profitable Hog Pro- farmers to fill the courthouse to duction." C. B. Ratchford will overflowing next. Tuesday. A decases will be placed on the docket talk on "Making Livestock Pay." tailed announcement of the to-Following the lunch hour, "Pas- bacco school will be released withture, Hay and Silage Production" in the next few days.



day periods on record, approximately 7,600 Martin County children are scheduled to return to school next Monday morning, promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

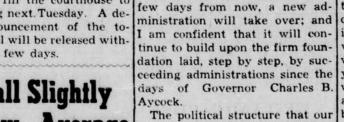
As far as it could be learned the faculty personnel remains unchanged, and no big "turn-over" in pupils is anticipated the first few days in the month.

No science teacher has been employed to fill the position made vacant in the local science department by the death of Professor R. W. Whitaker.

**New Year Greeted** 

Although it was joyously greet- 5.65; August, 6.50; September, less driving, three with operating serious note here and in the coun- December, 2.93. motor vehicles without driver's li- ty last night. There were the

One each is charged with violat- Union services were held in the Going back a bit, one does not ing the liquor laws and disposing Presbyterian church where the have to be reminded of the high ty years ago, I remember that my erson of Washington. Rev. Mr. Conklin delivered a temperatures last summer timely message. The colored citizens reported to their respective Federal Aid For to participate in the special ser-Schools Waning soggy sandwiches that their Bath. vices. One of the bright spots in the



**As Head Of State** 

**\$40** Million Surplus

In The Treasury

In a radio address, his last as

From time to time during the

the privilege of many talks with ger's office early today.

Governor, into your homes. In a the smallest in six years. Only

Scott said Tuesday night:

forefathers fashioned is flexible and guarantees to the people the power to obtain for themselves and downs during the past twelve and for their children the serv-

ices and facilities they desire and months, totaled 44.46 inches in feel they can afford. 1952 to come out just 2.63 inches The people are sovereign. When below normal, according to a rethe shouting and tumult are over, 28 licenses were issued. port released today by Hugh their expressed verdict always Spruill, bridegkeeper and tender prevails.

the weather bureau instruments on Roanoke River here. Just about one of the 2.63 inches reported short during the been demontsrated time and time year was traced to the December

readings. Mr. Spruill said that again. My recognition of this fact came mly 2.93 inches of rain, including more than thirty years ago. Some .47 inches Tuesday night and of you have wondered what forces Wednesday, fell during December. worked, and what circumstances

While the 44.46 inches recorded operated, to lead my feet along in 1952 were below normal, they the path of the governorship. were almost seven inches greater It was realization, shared by than the 1951 total of 37.77 inches. my Haw River community neigh-A review of rainfall by months

for 1952 follows: January, 2.48; bors, of intolerable road .and ston. February, 5.62; March, 5.04; April, school attendance conditions that started my feet along that path. Ann Johnson, both of Williamston Parmele; T. K. Slade, Oak City; 2.65; May, 3.41; June, 1.83; July,

Political and social leadership ed, the New Year came in on a 2.92; October, .59; November, 4.84; was lagging far behind the needs erine Mobley, both of Williamsof the people and the conscious ton.

longings of the masses of the peo-Two snows, one an inch cense, and two with other traffic bells, auto horns, whistles and depth and the other 3 1-2 inches, ple for better roads, better Gladys Moore Curd, both of Robthe outlawed firecracker, but the plus a flurry or two well during schools, adequate hospital and ersonville. other health facilities, and access to electricity and telephone serv-

50 and 39 for yesterday.

County Last Year Be Launched Today December Issuance Small-**Chairmen For The** est Reported In Number Of Years Although he fell down on the

a normal business in 1952, ac cording to a report coming from past four years I have enjoyed Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsin-The December issuance of mar-In Current Drive This is my final visit, as your riages in this county was about

The 1953 March of Dimes was

twenty-three licenses were issued launched today in Martin County during the month. The largest by the Lions Club and Kiwanis issuance for any month on record Club of Williamston in cooperawas back in 1946 when 45 licenses tion with the National Foundation were issued in December of that for Infantile Paralysis. Directed year. The issuance last November by W. Marvin Baker and L. Bruce was larger than usual, possibly Wynne, a corps of volunteer accounting for the decrease in the workers prepared to wipe out the bureau's license business last debt incurred by last year's record month

bureau in this county issued 232 of the coming months.

licenses, 109 to white and 123 to Aiding the co-chairmen are R colored couples. The bureau did bert Newell, John Hatton Gur its largest business in any one ganus, and Vernon Bunting in the month this year last June when Williamston area; I. M. Little, C B. Martin and M. M. Everett in In 1951, the issuance added up Robersonville; B. F. Sloan and N. to 217 licenses. There were 212 L. Hyman in Oak City; George S. Oftentimes the thinking of the licenses isseud in 1950, 220 in Haislip and Norman Everett in people is far ahead of that of 1949, 271 in 1948, 306 in 1947 Hamilton; G. H. Baker, Jr., and their political leaders. This has with the record of 335 being re- P. C. Blount in Jamesville; C. L. ported in 1946.

Licenses were issued in this Bear Grass; and E. F. Murrow in county last month to ten white Everetts. and thirteen colored couples, as

garet Belangia, both of Windsor.

Dannette Bailey, both of William- aided by the following: W. A. Bernard P. Burroughs and Mary

Benjamin F. Moore and Cath- George T. Hyman, Hassell; Wil-

Edward, N. C., and Margaret M. Brown of Jamesville.

Colored

White

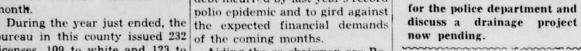
life was like in Alamance Coun- Williamston and Eleanor B. Rob- Lower; Ben Reddick, Smithwick tion of President James A. Gar- becomes rather obvious that bad When I think back upon what

**Several Districts** governor of the State, W. Kerr job in December, Cupid reported In County Named

> **Citizens Are Being Asked** To Contribute \$5,984

year next Monday, Clerk J. Sam Getsinger said yesterday. Williamston's town commissioners are expecting no big meeting of their own when they meet at \$:00 o'clock Monday evening for their first session of the new calendar year. They are to receive bids on a new car

ROUTINE



now pending. Live Elephant In **Inaugural Parade** 

By Stanley James Eisenhower inaugural parade. Cox, Farm Life; H. V. Parker, Jr.,

Ohio.

Other co-workers will be appointed within the next few days. Mr. Baker said in naming the

Kermit Jernigan, Jr., and Mar- township chairmen. R. M. Edwards heads the color-Kader Burroughs Taylor and ed division of the drive and he is

Holmes, Williamston; N. W. Slade, Robersonville: W. C. Witherspoon,

Grass; M. L. Armistead, James-

Darwin William McCaffity of

Creek; and J. T. Mizelle, Cross field, and has taken part in all weather conditions are at least the nine Republican presidential suspect in the search for a cause Roads With more persons stricken inaugurals since then. The marchers, about sixty in all, has flown by the seat of his pants, with infantile paralysis in 1952 than ever before, and with the will wear costumes reminiscent of and on instruments knows that time, they would eat cold and bore and Shelby Dean Modlin of prospect of a staggering patient the 1880s-black great coats, silk there is a difference. When flycare bill, the 3,100 county chap- toppers, gray spats and gloves- ing blind, on instruments, one ters of the March of Dimes or- and they will carry red-white- cannot see his mistakes, or get the ganization were preparing today and-blue umbrellas. One of the feel of them by watching the to match the record polio on- charter members, who expects to earth rush by-too slowly, or too slaught with a record 1953 March march in the parade, is J. Henry near. Nor can the instrument Geer, a lawyer, who is ninety-two pilot appreciate his exact flying of Dimes. Martin County will attempt to years old. The parade is to run for two There is reason to believe that

## **Causing** Concern In This Country

Heavy Weekly Tolls Have **Been Exacted Since The First Of November** 

Handling most of their re-Although some of the announceorganizational business the ments from the Pentago dealing first Monday in December, with recent tragic air disasters the Martin County Commishave sounded calm, both Air sioners expect to have few Force and Defense officials are other than routine matters up alarmed at the wholesale death for consideration at their first being caused by military transmeeting in the new calendar port smash-ups. In addition, Congress is unlimbering an investigation and the country generally is reacting strongly to the heavy tolls, which have hit the headlines almost weekly since November 7th. Here is how the

> story has gone since that day November 7th-a C-119 hits a mountain in Alaska; nineteen are killed. November 12th-Navy patrol bomber crashes in Washington; eleven are killed. November 14th-a C-119 hits a mountain near Seoul; fifty-four are killed November 15th-a C-46 crashes into the sea off Korea; eleven are killed. November 15th-a C-119 crashes in Alaska; twenty are lost; November 17th-a C-119 crashes in Montana; nine are killed. November (week of November 18th-

Washington.-There will be at 25th) - a C-124 disappears off least one real live elephant in the Alaska coast; fifty-two presumed dead. November 28th-a C-54 The only one officially cleared crashes in Washington; thirty-sevfor entry in the procession is nam- en are killed. December 20thed "Burma." He will march from a C-124 crashes in Washington; the Capitol to the White House eighty-six are killed.

Interestingly, all these crashes with the delegation from Ohio, home state of "Mr. Republican," have occurred in northern regions Senator Robert A. Taft. "Burma" and many of them took place is one of the elephants in the when jilots were flying on instruherd owned by Mills Brothers ments or through instrument-fly-Circus Company of Cleveland, ing weather. The worst of all, that which occurred on December

Another circus offered to pro- 20th, took place in a light snow vide elephants for newly-elected fall. Despite this evidence, deliam E. Honeyblue, Hamilton; E. Republican Congressmen to ride, fense officials and many flying of-L. Owens, Everetts; D. G. Chance, but this offer was declined, the ficials contend that aircraft of to-William Clarence Taylor and Gold Point; Stephen Griffin, Bear Inaugural Committee said. . day can fly through all kinds of Another feature of this, the first weather and that instrument flyville; John S. James, Dardens; W. Republican inaugural parade since ing is nothing to worry about in V. Ormond, Jr., Biggs; A. R. Jones, 1929, will be the Lincoln Republi- modern aircraft. The commercial Rodgers; J. O. Buffaloe, Bur- can Club of Beaver County Penn- airliners also fly through such rough; W. C. Bunch, Jr., Whichard sylvania. This club was organiz- weather and use instruments, too. James Robert Everett, Jr., of James; James H. Faulk, Williams ed in 1880, to plug for the elec- But despite these assurances, it

to these crashes. Any pilot who

or connected with the war, or the

position as satisfactory.

and a half hours, starting at one- tower officers and general dis-

thirty p. m. after the noon-hour patchers are not limiting flights

ceremony in which the General strictly enough, and that military

To keep it within bounds, only one off when they should be grounded

weather.

of mortgaged property

## **County Girl Is Assistant Agent**

Miss Edith Rogerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah R. Rogerson of this county, has accepted a position as assistant home agent in quarters in Wilmington. She is it was twelve months ago. to enter upon her new duties this week.

Graduated from East Carolina College, Greenville, with honors in November, Miss Rogerson laid the foundation for her work by participating in farm and home programs under the direction of

her mother in the home and in high school. It is certain that she is qualified and that she'll ably handle her new duties.

She will be asssitant to Miss Verna Belle Lowery, a former home economics teacher in the Williamston High School. Miss Lowery was in the Williamston school system about eight years ago and has been home agent for New Hanover for several years.

## **Minor Accident Tuesday Evening**

No one was hurt and property damage was limited to about \$200 when two cars were in collision at a dirt road intersection about four miles north of Oak City last Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

According to a report released by Patrolman B. W. Parker, the investigating officer, Wesley Lee out of a road into the side of a 1939 Ford. Damage to Lloyd's ninety percent parity price sup-1947 Chevrolet was estimated at port. about \$100.

Dr. L. S. Christian

Dr. L. Sidney Christian, form- price support which would deerly of Durham, moved here a cline from the present ninety few days ago and is making ar- percent of parity. Benson's recorner of Main and Smithwick support, which the Democrats Streets.

switch from the old to the New Prospects for federal aid to edu- before daybreak. Year was a statement issued by cation tumbled a bit as a result of Sniffling colds, flu, sore throats Smith, both of Robersonville. President Truman who declared the Republican capture of the ma- and pneumonia were the common his belief that the prospect for jority in the House. The new lot of all children in those days-New Hanover County with head- world peace is better today than chairman of the Education-Labor leaving the little victims, in many committee in the lower legislative instances, crippled for life.

When the President spoke of body will be Samuel K. McCon-Going to church on Sunday was brightening peace prospects. cor-inell, Jr., a 51-year-old Republican a struggle because the roads-for

respondents inquired whether he from Pennsylvania. McConnell is days at a time-were absolutely had received any new plan to end not in favor of any federal grants impassable even for buggies and ville and Josephine Jackson of the Korean War. The President to the states and wants to see edu- wagons. said none had come to him. cation handled as a local and state When I became county agent

### problem. He has already made it of Alamance County, and later **Benson Uncertain** On Parity Prices committee he heads.

Ezra Taft Benson. Presidentsupports at ninety percent of

taryy-designate declared: "I suppose we need some supprepared to say, whether at nineey percent or seventy-five percent.

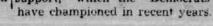
Under present law, farm prices are supported at ninety percent continue. of parity and will be for the next two years. Benson, a native of

Salt Lake City, says he hopes the new Administration will improve on the present farm program. General Eisenhower has said he Lloyd, of RFD 1, Oak City, drove favors present support laws and has gone on record as supporting

> Thus, the outlook in agriculture is not completely clear as of the moment. It will be recalled that

Opening Offices Here the last Republican Congress was inclined to vote a program of

rangements to open an office for marks to newspaper men indithe practice of optometry on the cate that he is not yet ready to second floor of the Lawyers' or commit himself to that program, old Martin County Bank building, or strict ninety percent parity



any effort to get a federal-aid-to ture, and my geographic horizons education bill through the House expanded, I found that the same conditions existed elsewhere in 1, Bethel. the State. Retiring chairman of the committee, Representative Graham As we review the past, let us elect Eisenhower's choice for Sec-retary of Agriculture, said re-said resome sort of federal aid to edu- rural-that one-third live and ton.

cently he wasn't prepared to say some soft of rederar and to cut work in the cities and towns; anwhether he favored farm-price one or two occasions but the meas- other third live in the country Higgs, both of Oak City. ure always died somewhere along and work in the cities and towns; parity or seventy-five percent of the line. Now that the chairman and the other third both live and parity. The agricultural secre- tayors no such program, chances work on the farm

are more than slim for any federal And let us also remember that aid bill in the next two years. Mc- what is bad for two-thirds of the port but at what level, I'm not Connell does favor a continuation people is bad for all--an imof the program of federal help for poverished, mud-tax afflicted, schools in areas where govern- rural population makes poor cus-

ment activity has over-taxed fa- tomers for any trading center or cilities, and this aid is expected to metropolitan area. I became a candidate for Gov-

ernor because of these two convictions-that rural North Caro-THE RECORD lina was a land of forgotten people, and that what is bad for two-thirds of the people is bad for all.

All the reports are not in, but with the year spent, the highway accident record in this county stands near or at its maximum for the old year. Through last Monday, 298 motor vehicle accidents had been reported on county highways and streets. While only one person was killed, 126 were injured, several of them days more than thirty years ago permanently. The property -told me to either go on and run loss stands right close to \$100,-000, or \$95,925.00. These figdreams. ures do not include hospital and medical bills or time lost

as a result of the accidents.

SPEAKS ...

children and my neighbors' chil-Alton Beddard of RFD 1, Plymdren walked two or three miles outh and Frances Ellis of Wilin snow, sleet, rain, and mud to liamston.

follows

drafty schoolhouses. At noon-Melton Olin Lewis of Vance-

Oak City.

G

mothers had prepared for them

Rudolph Ruffin and Frances John Howard, Jr., and Nossie Lee Stancil, both of Williamston.

Arthur Leary and Lula Mae Parker, both of Williamston. Robert Brown and Flora Mae

Spruill, both of Oak City. William Bullock of Roberson-Ned Purvis, Jr., of RFD 1,

Robersonville, and Clara Bell clear that he will not smile on your Commissioner of Agricul- Hassell, RFD 3, Williamston. Johnnie Clayton Andrews and Verna Lee Rollins, both of RFD Roscoe Staton and Minnie Hum-

phrey, both of Parmele.

Layton Glover and Queen Ester William James Wilson of Greenville and Clavon Doggert

of Robersonville. Henry Clay Bullock and Allie Crandell, both of Roberson-(Continued on Page Six)

## Marathon Pianist To Play In Local Streets Tuesday

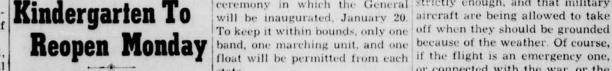
The tinkling tunes of a piano tor places a dollar in the March ment. will be heard in Williamston's of Dimes fund. If Ball can't play Main Street next Tuesday to raise it, then he puts a dolar in the Texas Company and is to have funds for the 1953 March of fund.

And now I am going to let you An employe of the Esso Stand-Dimes. in on a little secret. For a quar-The main street music will be ard Oil Company, Mr. Ball aids ter of a century, I had been talkprovided by Jerry Ball, marathon the March of Dimes every year, Town Employe Accepts ing big around home about how pianist of Charlotte, for eight and has attracted State-wide atsomeone should run for Goverhours non-stop from 10 in the tention with his playing for the nor on a platform pledged to do morning until 6 in the evening. polio fund. His public-spirited something for the rural people. If Mr. Ball fails to play the full antics always attract and please water department here for several nual event and the Rev. W. B. whether you know this or not; but I have called Mrs Scott "Miss three 15-minute eating periods, the March of Dimes gets the the position of superintendent of ter, will lead the devotional. Afbut I have called Mrs. Scott "Miss he will forfeit \$500 to the March benefit. Mr. Ball makes no charge the Ahoskie Water Department, ter a program of songs and the Mary" ever since our courting

of Dimes, it was announced. for his services. Mr. Ball's March of Dimes pro- The people of this entire sec- ties this week.

for Governor or forget my athon show like this: A citizen day between the hours of 10 a. and Mrs. J. O. Arthur are moving extended an invitation to all in-I ran for Governor; and you, asks for a tune. If Mr. Ball can m. and 6:00 p. m. and aid the into the Bland home on Marshall terested persons to attend the pro-(Continued on Page Five) play it on the plano, the specta- polio fund campaign.

raise \$5,984 from its 27,938 citizens during the month-long campaign.



The Community Kindergarten, state. The new President, with Vice war effort, the issues concerned Ministerial Association, will re- President Richard Nixon and their are somewhat different. But when sponsored by the Williamston open on Monday, January 5, at 9 official families, will travel at the there is no urgency involved, a a. m., according to an announce- head of the long line of cars car- stricter control is indicated. The ment made by the association this rying dignitaries. They will get death take is too large at the moweek. Children who have reach- out at the White House to review ment to argue this point. Milied the age of four years may be the procession from an electrically tary flying must be better conenrolled upon the payment of the heated stand on the White House trolled and better restricted in bad grounds. monthly tuition fee of \$12.50.

Sixty thousand of the half mil- Though no editor or writer can in charge of Mrs. R. L. Bowling lion people expected to attend the prove that is or that is the reason The Kindergarten will continue inaugura! will be able to see the for the crashes, it is beyond ques-These workers report that previ- parade from seats along the line tion that all the crashes cited and Mrs. R. E. Tarkington, Jr. ous to the holidays twenty-one of march. The seats are sold at above have occurred in northern children were enrolled. The Kin- prices from two to twenty dollars. areas where bad weather has been dergarten is located in the annex Sells Grocery Business

to the Memorial Baptist Church.

#### (Continued From Page Six) After operating the Tiny Grocery, corner of Haughton and Warren Streets for several years, Mr. **Home Club Group** Jack Sullivan has sold the business to Mr. P. O. Holloman who **To Give Program** has taken over active manage-Mr. Sullivan is going with the

A tradition of the Martin County Home Demonstration Clubs

**Position** In Ahoskie

Avenue.

To Go With Company

Employed by the municipal clubs will participate in the anand is entering upon his new du- minister's message, the club women will present the home a gift.

gram includes popular swing mu- tion are invited to visit Mr. Ball's Mr. Bland will move his family Mrs. Thad Harrison, county sic only, and he works his mar- booth on Main Street next Tues- to Ahoskie this week. Patrolman home demonstration agent, today gram.

Old Christmas program.

will be observed Sunday when the club women gather at the county home for their annual All 14 Home Demonstration

experienced since November. Had

the aircraft not been flying, no

crashes would have occurred. That

headquarters at the Roanoke River tenminal here.

