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At Raleigh Today

New Chief Sounds Progressive Note In His Inaugural Address

William B. Umstead of Durham the new Governor of North Carolina, presented a broad and comprehensive program for the consideration of the General Assembly and the people of North Carolina in his inaugural address here

Speaking at formal ceremonies in Memorial Auditorium, Umstead told the legislators that "this is an hour of great responsibilities for you and for me. I have complete confid nce in your patriotic devotion to North Carolina. Ahead of us there are new and unpredictable problems. Let us not be afraid. Let us meet with a courage that is characteristic of our people the uncertainties of a swiftly moving future."

The new chief executive made a number of important recommendations, with major emphasis going to public education, roads. highway safety, agriculture, conservation and development, treatment and care for mentally ill, labor, prison and paroles changes, liquor referendum, and taxes.

He recommended a 10 per cent salary increase for public school teachers and other state employees, retroactive to July 1, 1952, and asked that as much increase in the salaries of teachers be made during the next biennium as can be provided within available re-

The present school construction program is not meeting the needs Farm Families In of a rapidly increasing school population, the Governor asserted, and he asked the General Assembly to submit a bond issue to the people for funds "to provide the necessary aid to counties for the construction of school facilities for

all our children." He also called for further reduction of the teacher load, the safest school bus transporation possible, improved vocational training programs, and a new study of requirements for elementary teachers. These requirements have been said to be so rigorous that they deter young people from seeking to become elementary teachers, where a serious shortage

of trained personne! now exists. Umstead spotlighted the need for better treatment and care of mentally ill patients in state institutions, describing the need so urgent that it can be met adequately only by the proceeds of a state bond issue.

"We call the institution at Kinston the Caswell Training School, he said. "It is and has been a detention home for feebleminded rhildren who grow into feeble-(Continued on Page Seven)

Injured In Truck **Wreck Last Night**

Robert Barnhill, Robersonville business man, suffered chest inand turned over in a curve on the Gold Point-Hassell highway last evening about 7:00 o'clock. The extent of his injuries could not be learned immediately. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$300 by Cpl. M. C. Byrum who made the investigation.

No one was injured and little damage resulted when two vehicles were in collision at the county home driveway on Highway 64 about 5:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon. James Everett, Jr., was making a left turn into the county home in a 1937 pick-up truck just as Robert O. Barfield, of Merry Hill, started to pass in his 1951 Chevrolet. Property damage was estimated at \$50 to the car and \$10 to the truck, according to a report released following an investigation by Cpl. M. C. Byrum of the highway patrol.

W. I. Skinner Named 1953 Senior Warden

W. I. Skinner was elected senior

Umstead Outlines Dime Store Enlarging Its Piano Marathon Ask Railroad To Program In Talk Building On Main Street

Leasing the entire property, the side entrance is to be chang-Engle Stores will enlarge and ed. An addition, to join the remodernize their present home, cently completed Woolard Furnicorner Main and Washington ture Stere annex; is to be built. streets here during the next few Space not used for storage on the months, according to reliable in- first floor is to be converted and formation gained a few days ago. added to the regular sales depart-The modernization program is ment. Storage will be provided pushing several tenants out of the on the second floor along with \$166.30 for the March of Dimes Tuesday, representatives of the

Williamston Apartments on the rest rooms and store offices. second floor of the building, no- It is planned to start the expantice having been given advising sion-modernization work about the apartment renters to vacate on the first of next month. Plans for not come up to expectations, the Details of the expansion project completed, but no cost estimates towns this size. have not been released, but the have been made known.

store operators are said to be! The store, owned by N. C. planning to remodel and modern- Green and G. H. Harrison, is one contributed \$7 from his own pocize the entire building. A new of the largest here at the present front is included in the plans, and time.

TAX LISTING

Tax listing in the local township is going forward rapidly, List-taker C. M. Cobb stating this morning that more than 300 property owners had already listed their holdings. Although he could give no definite figures, the list-taker said he believed the list values were more than holding their own, that possi-

bly there would be some gain. The lister, substituting for Mr. O. S. Anderson who continues ill at his home in the Tar Heel apartments, is maintaining headquarters in the town hall treasurer's office. The convenience of the new location is believed to have speeded up the listing work.

This Country Are Very Much Alike

Habits and Customs And Likes Vary Little, Survey Shows

ilies in all sections of the country session. except the Northeast prefer a onerural housing surveys just issued Speedy enactment was necessary culture. In general, American the officials take oath this after-

from the N rtneas in Southern, terms begin.

North Central, and "Listern areas of the nation surveyed by the Bu
Jones, chairman of the Appropriatics show which housing features portunity to do so."

story high want a bathroom and ed, 50-0. at least one bedroom on the first The non-signer, if there was juries and shock when his Dodge floor. Bedrooms also rank as first one, did not oppose the proposal. pick-up truck went out of control choice in rooms to be added when Larkins said he thought there and if expansion of present quar- must have been a mistake in

ters can be started. A separate dining room, plus eating space in the kitchen, is at dod,

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Cars Damaged In Street Accident

No one was injured but considerable damage resulted when two cars crashed at the intersection of Hassell and Academy Streets here yesterday morning at 10:30

illac, and Ernest Carroway was face and one arm when an oil authorities on tobacco, will lead problems. lac and the side, including the noon yesterday. badly battered.

No estimate on the damage Joan, when the stove backfired. General farm schools are being as nematodes and various diswarden of the Church of the Ad- could be had but the loss will like- She sent the little girl to Nichol- held throughout the State, but eases common to the crop. The Firemen had been called to the Aid was given several needy fam- school here shortly after the noon vent at the January meeting of ly run up to several hundre 1 dol- son's store for help, and complete the tobacco school in the county specialists, following their gen- home at least once prior to last liles from the funds raised by this hour yesterday. He is said to have the vestry here, and Richard H. lars, according to Officer Bill details could not be learned im- courthouse next Monday night is eral discussions, will answer ques- Tuesday. Smith was named junior warden. Haislip who made the investiga- mediately. Milton James is secretary for tion. An agreement was reached

Assembly Granted Pay Increase For

Lieutenant Governor Plans To Streamline Senate Committees

cials was the first order of busilina General Assembly was con- son. vened in Raleigh yesterday. During the meantime, Lieutenant Governor Luther Hodges announced plans to streamline the committees in the Senate. Today, the lawmakers and the general Plans" and "Kentucky Waltz". public are participating in a series of formal exercises, including the business on the calendar.

The members of the Assembly or the salary increase measure reminiscent of 1941, when another in the county.

The action had been anticipated. made clear in a report based on the salaries of the officials. ble. by the U. S. Department of Agri- to make the increases law before farm families are more alike than noon for their new terms. Under different in the kind of home they the Constitution, the raises would not be effective during the next The report compiles results four years if voted after the new

reau of Human Nutrition and tions Committee in the 1951 Sen-Home Economics in Cooperation ate, sent forward the bill, with a with 34 State agricultural experi- least 45 other Senators as co-signment stations. Homemakers of ers. He advised the other four about 4,000 farm operator families Senators that "the doors of the in 42 states were interviewed church are now opened" and callabout household activities and ed for a roll call vote so those who housing preferences. The statis- had not signed "will have an op-

are likely to suit farm families Three others signed quickly making a total of 49. No one vot-In all regions, most families ed against the bill, however, so who prefer a house more than one that it went in the records as pass-

counting.

"I think everybody signed," he

most universally desired. Seating | The bill increases the pay of the Attorney General by \$2,000 to \$12,080 a year. It means an increase of \$1,000, to \$10,000 a year for members of the Council of State-the Treasurer, Secretary (Continued on page eight)

Painfully Burned At Country Home

Miss Betty Jane Mizelle, daugh-

She was removed to a local hos- State. 1953 and James Cooke is treasur- between the parties, the officer pital where she was reported to be resting fairly well today.

Nets \$166 Here For Polio Fund

Only Seven Tunes Last Tuesday

Jerey Ball, noted pianist, raised

Unable to play seven tunes selected by the patrons, Mr. Ball ket to the fund after offering his services free to the committee in this county, Chairman W. M. Baker explained.

Seating himself at the piano on the porch of Attorney H. G. Horton's office, Mr. Ball began his marathon play at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning and continued Officials Of State at his post until that evening, taking a few minutes out to get a bit presentatives, apparently anxious

He played more than 150 tunes, all without music. Mr. Ball played under a distinct handicap, but er officials. he came through all right. His Increased pay for top State offi- son was injured in an automobile accident out in Arizona, and Mr. Ball left here for Norfolk where ness when the 1953 North Caro- he boarded a plane to go to his

The seven popular tunes that stumped Mr. Ball were "Trying", "Razz-ma-tazz", "My Devotion" "Happy Christmas, Little Friend" "I Think I'll Have To Change My To help bolster the fund, Rober-

son's Esso Servicenter, corner of naugural activites for Wlliam B. Main and Haughton Streets, con-Umstead, and with little actual tributed one cent for every gallon of gasoline he sold during the day. The polio fund drive is rapidly

nad barely warmed their seats be- gaining momentum in the country, but Co-Chairmen W. M. Bakwas on the way toward enroll- er and L. B. Wynne and R. M. Edment as law after encountering wards, chairman of the Negro diclear sailing in the Senate and vision for the drive, point out that Street to Smithwick for some and only token resistance in the 100 percent cooperation will be House. Passage of the bill was needed to reach the \$5,984.00 goal train crew to push vehicles off the speeding and was fined \$25, plus county 80 years ago on August 29. In a referendum last July, 98.8

March of Dimes fund. Once the the other extreme in declaring its story house with a basement and Several legislatores had signified tional Association came to the local people, including a number

> ladder, claiming victims in the the town officials. older-age brackets each year

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Jaycees Sponsor Playground Area

ground area in cooperation with the company. the town of Williamston. The recreation site is located behind the American Legion Hut on Watts Street.

A committee of Jaycees will be appointed this month to survey the grounds for an estimate of the

eged children.

terested in tobacco, and the school sions.

Tobacco Farmers To Hold

School In The Courthouse

farmers was poorly attended in them to learn the latest methods

the courthouse on Tuesday of in combating various diseases

Reconsider Stand

Jerry Ball "Stumped" On Representatives Deny They Agreed To Limit Claim To Eight Feet

Meeting with town officials here during his marathon play here Atlantic Coast Line Railroad last Tuesday. While the net did Company were asked to reconsid- Defendants Assessed \$295 er their claim to a 30-foot rightthe project are said to be about income was about average for of-way for its track from Washmeeting was cordial and the representatives of the company seemparent that antagonistic opposition existed higher up.

Representatives of the company denied having promised the town permission to pave the street to a point eight feet from the center were misunderstood, and adding that they had promised to recommend such a concession. The re to cooperate with the town in solving an acute problem, said they would again take it up with high-

During the meantime, the company is maintaining a 30-foot right of way for its tracks from Washington Street to Smithwick with heavy iron stakes and steel cables, making it difficult for traffic t move one way on the street.

The town isc making ready to handle an extensive drainage project in that area between Elm and Sycamore Streets, and again it faces the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. Engineer Henry Rivers plans to connect the newly proposed drainage project to the ditches beside the railroad at or near the foot of Slade Street. No answer has been received since the matter was called to the attention of the company officials.

The railroad has encountered much difficulty in keeping its track clear from Washington time. It was necescsary for the increase for elective officials was So far every polio case in this treme condition. Now, the comstory house with a basement and several legislatores had signified two porches. This preference is in advance they favored raising rescue, rendering every aid possion for the company patrons, are up in lice car. arms against the action, and have The disease is advancing up the directed meaningful complaints to

> Back in 1912, the right-of-way was leased or deeded over the signature of Mayor B. F. Godwin, to the railroad company for the magnificent sum of \$10, the town having previously built the track to the river for the old Williamston

Cooperage Company. Since the right-of-way was Williamston's Jaycees voted at staked off, several vehicles have their meeting Friday night to crashed into the iron stobs, but no sponsor the erection of play-threats have been made against

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Victim Of Tree Fall Reported Improving

Suffering a broken back in work necessary to put it into use. fall from a pecan tree several Edgar Gurganus, chairman of weeks ago, Mr. Abe Haislip of the Jaycee Christmas projects, near Robersonville was reported and taxed with the costs. lauded club members for partici- much improved following an expation in the party for underprivi- amination in a hospital here yes-Frank Weaver led the group in trip to and from the hospital for defense counsel tendered a plea

and pests. Mr. Bennett, number-

New Judge On Bench Eight Percent Cut Reconsider Stand In The County Court Ordered For 1953

Judge Peele Calls Twenty-six Cases In County's Court

In Fines During Long Session Monday

Holding his first session followed agreeable, but it was fairly ap- ing his special appointment by the county commissioners a few weeks ago, Judge H. O. Peele handled twenty-six cases before adjourning the Martin County Recorder's Court last Tuesday afternoon. The court, with Solicitor of the track, explaining that they Clarence Griffin prosecuting, was in session until almost 4:00 o'clock, and found it necessary to continue quite a few cases for rial at later dates.

Judge Peele frowned down on careless and reckless driving and exacted "pinching" toll in most cases. Vehicle operators, charged with reckless driving, lost nonths

Proceedings: The case in which Oscar Bur

nett, Jr., was charged with assaulting a female, was not pross Pleading not guilty of an asault with a deadly weapon, Jim

H. Coltrain was adjudged guilty of a simple assault, the court suspending judgment upon the payment of costs.

Charlie Rogers was found not George Reaves, of RFD 2, Williamston, pleaded guilty of speed-

was fined \$25, plus costs. Charged with careless and gers was adjudged guilty of was born near Jamesville in this yields of recent years.

More than half of the farm fammarch of Dimes fund. Once the

March of Dimes fund. Once the and \$250 to the town of William- home in Pinetown for a short bacco, with other producing states ston for damages done to its po- time.

was adjudged not guilty.

term upon the payment of the to Carrie Respass; and the third to duction to 12 per cent. operator's license for eight vives. months.

reckless driving, Willie Stephen Henry H. Brown of Pelletier, Elm-Williams was sentenced to the er H. Brown of Pinetown; one roads for sixty days. Judge Peele daughter, Mrs. E. S. Winstead of suspended the road sentence up- Washington; ten grandchildren; on the payment of a \$10 fines and six greatgrandchildren. costs and on the further condi- Funeral services were held at tor's license for six months.

Frederick Anderson Jones, adjudged guilty of careless and reckless driving, was fined \$25

Levi Williams was charged with drunken driving. At the conterday afternoon. He made the clusion of the state's evidence, a song and Exum Ward gave the the examination in a Roberson of guilty of careless and reckless invocation. imposed.

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Although the special school for offers a splendid opportunity for Call Firemen To

this week, tobacco growers are ed among the leading tobacco expected to pack the courthouse specialists in the country, has next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock appeared on previous programs in handled their third call in four buck; education, Eugene Murrow, when specialists from State Col- this county, and he is now in an days last Tuesday afternoon at chairman, J. E. Mobley, and R. L. Mrs. J. G. Staton was driving ter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mizelle, lege discuss tobacco. R. R. Ben- even better position to assist far- 5:10 o'clock when they were called Bailey; objectives, Monie Mobley, co, Calif. south on Hassell Street in a Cad- was painfully burned about the nett and H. H. Nau, recognized mers in solving their tobacco to the home of Sim Smith on Grif- chairman, G. G. Bailey, Paul Bail fin Avenue. A fire, starting ey, G. W. Taylor, and Eugene Injured While Playing driving his Dodge east on Acad- stove exploded at the Mizelle the discussions which will center It has been pointed out that around a defective flue, charred Murrow; finance, George W. Tay emy. A fender was damaged and home near Williamston on the around nematode control, plant farmers can gain valuable infor- several joists and threatened the lor, chairman, D. C. Peel, L. A. a headlight broken on the Cadil- Hamilton highway shortly before bed treatment and management, mation at the school, making it hovel. Other than water damage, Clark and G. H. Forbes. methyl bromide variety, fertili- unnecessary for them to experi- there was no loss to furniture and A report was given on the tur- Mr. and Mrs. Ernest V. Jones of doors on the Carroway car were Miss Mizelle, 17, was at home zation, sucker control, insect con- ment at great cost to themselves clothing, and the actual damage key shoot and turkey raffle by RFD 1, Williamston, was painfulwith her five-year-old sister, trol and other allied factors. or gamble on certain factors such to the structure itself was lim- Darrell Taylor, who said the re- ly but believed not seriously hurt

one of only a few planned in the tions, and Martin County farmers The fire-fighting equipment The women of the Missionary

NORMAL

Following the longest Christmas New Year holiday in years, the Martin County schools are back on a normal operating schedule, according to a report released yesterday by the office of the county superintendent.

Despite much general sickness, attendance figures were said to be about average. Only one teacher, Mrs. Evelyn Cherry, of the Robersonville faculty, was unable to resume her work. It was reported she continues ill at her home in

A few changes have been reported in pupil personnel, but the tenants have not started moving yet in great numbers, and the individual schools do not know how many pupils they are to lose in the shuffle.

their licenses for as long as eight Native Of County Died Tuesday At **Washington Home**

Funeral Held Wednesday Afternoon In Washington for H. K. Brown

Henry K. Brown, native of this Charged with drunken driving, county and a retired Washington there last Tuesday morning at 1:00 | 425 milion pounds. o'clock following a critical illness of about a week. He had been in ing seventy miles per hour, and failing health since 1946 when he loted acreage, the Department es-

reckless driving, Clarence Rod- and Mary Jane Long Brown, he pounds—assuming continuation of 1872, and spent most of his early per cent of 260,163 tobacco grew-Pleading guilty of careless and life there on the farm. Moving to ers participating voted in favor of judgment. He is to pay the court for many years, after making his single producer of flue-cured to-

Mr. Brown was a member of the Georgia, Florida and Alabama. Charged with careless and Pinetown Missionary Baptist The quota action followed a court costs and surrendering his Laura Whitley in 1913, who sur-

Pleading guilty of careless and are three sons, James C., and

ington Wednesday afternoon at 2 (Continued on Page Eight)

Everetts Ruritans Install Officers

Woolard Peel was installed prebriving. The plea was accepted sident of the Everetts Runtan and of the same the had on and a fine of \$25, plus costs, was Club at its meeting Tuesday night. pected ,they were placed in per-M. P. Mobley is the vice-presi-Pleading guilty of drunken dent and G. H. Forbes is treasurriving, Neal Gaynor was senten- er. Darrell Taylor also assumed cause Japanese civilians are hired his duties as secretary during the Committees appointed for the

new club year are as follows: Refreshment, G. G. Bailey, chair- of Australia are stationed on the man, H. L. Roebuck, and Alton base along with the US Air Force, Griffin Avenue man, H. L. Roebuck, and Alton Airman Rogerson reported. Keel; entertainment and program, His address is A/2c Samu Paul Bailey, chairman, Buck Ay-Williamston volunteer firemen ers, Lewis Wynn, and H. L. Roe-

sponse was unusually generous. while playing at the grammar project.

County Farmers Allotted 12,312 Acres Under New Proposal

In keeping with a general and unofficial order, calling for an eight percent reduction in the County farmers will reduce their tobacco plantings from 13,383 to 12,312 acres. It is likely that the ight percent reduction order will be applied straight across the board. A cut of twelve percent had been considered earlier but the 1952 crop fell below preliminary estimates and the reduction

order was placated a bit. Coming in the face of a "tight" abor situation, the reduction is being welcomed by most tobacco

farmers, it is believed. The new quota for North Caroina adds up to a total of 1.048.000 acres as compared with 1,127,000 acres alloted last year.

As usual, one per cent of the total acreage will be reserved for adjustment of individual farm alotments for farms on which no ue-cured tobacco was grown luring the past five years.

Notices of 1953 acreage allotments will be mailed in the near future to individual farm opera-

Prospective demand for fluecured tobacco, department offirials said, "continued good" with no significant change in recent months. Demand by manufacturers against the 1953 crop is expected to be around 900 million pounds and foreign demand is expected to be around

Noting that farmers generally plant about 98 percent of the altimates that the 1953 crops would The son of the late James Z. total about 1,300 to 1,325 million

being Virginia, South Carolina,

reckless driving, Thea Roberson Church and was a former superin- meeting in Raleigh last month in tendent of the Sunday School. He which James E. Thigpen, Director James Edward Roberson was was a member of the Junior Order of the Tobacco Branch of the Deadjudged guilty of careless and and the Charitable Brotherhood partment of Agriculture, called a reckless driving. He was sen- Lodge. Mr. Brown was married secret meeting to discuss the postenced to the roads for sixty days, three times, the first marriage be-sible cut in the crop. Sentiment the court suspending the road ing to Emma Latham; the second at the meeting ranged from no re-

Surviving besides his widow County Youth Now Serving In Japan

Rogerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse D. Rogerson of RFD 2, Wiltion that he surrender his opera- the First Baptist Church in Wash- liamston, recently arrived in Japan, where he is stationed with the US Air Force. Airman Rogerson reached Yokahoma, Japan, on December 29

and the following morning left for

Airman-second class Samuel D.

luakuni, Japan, where he is now stationed. In a letter written New Year's Eve, he said he and others in his group were pleasantly surprised at conditions at the base manent barracks. He also reported that the men have no "kp" befor that duty and that the food is better than that served at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas.

Sailors and the Royal Air Force

His address is A/2c Samuel D. Rogerson, AF 14389914, 75th Erection and Storage Sqdn., APO 954, care of Postmaster, San Francis-

At School Yesterday Victor Jones, 10-year-old son of suffered a head injury in a fall.

are invited and urged to attend was blocked in the heavy Main Society of Everetts Baptist church pital for treatment, and was re-Martin farmers are vitally in- and participate in the discus- Street traffic in making its way served supper to the members of ported this morning to be improv-