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Two Taxi Drivers Western Union Rebuilding Relief Fund For Twelve Cases In Attend Hearing At Its Circuits In This Section Law Enforcement County's Court **Meeting Of Board** Groups Proposed For the first time in sixty-sev-|ston to Plymouth a short tim en years, the Western Union Tel- later.

Plea To Retain Operators' Licenses Taken Under Advisement

Declaring they were victims of was stringing new circuits of its said. The size of the wire remisunderstanding created a prob. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad considerably, its circumference lem, John Reddick, 31, and Charlie Company. Better service for the ranging from that of a lead pen-Joyner, 50, local taxi drivers, di- company's patrons in this section cil down to a narrow thread. In i rected an earnest plea to local is now assured. town commissioners at a special hearing Tuesday night in an effort to retain their taxi franchises, been made from time to time, a fine thread, while on higher

The taxi operators, through their attorney. Elbert S. Peel, been cut off and reburied down good condition. frankly discussed the issue, admit- through the years until the wires ting they were convicted in the Martin County Recorder's Court eight feet above the ground in al communications over teletype last spring for alleged liquor law spots. New poles were set in the machines, and with new lines violations. They went on to explain their predicaments and freely answered numerous questions Following the hearing which lasted the better part of an hour, the board discussed the pleas and took the matter under advisement with a promise that a decision will be announced at the next regular meeting in February.

Taking the stand, Reddick explained that he had been driving a taxi here four and one-half years, that he had had no trouble during that period. Explaining the court conviction last spring, Reddick maintained that it was a question of mistaken identity Reddick pointed out that an undercover agent for the State ABC Board approached him twice last spring, that he (Reddick) refused to have any dealing with a sale or handle liquor in any manner Robert Small, another taxi driver. overheard the conversation and voluntarily offered his services When the round-up came a few

weeks later, Reddick said he was arrested instead of Small From that point on the case became more and more complicated. nance committee. Reddick said he went into court did not take the stand, explaining

that he did not want to expose thought it best to go ahead and pay the fine and cost and forget

all about it. During the mean- ments, Representative Corey said, time, he learned that the convic- "I realize the great responsibility tion would cost him his operator's that comes to one in having a part

egraph Company has rebuilt its While repairs were made oc pole line and circuits in this sec- casionally, most of the original

From \$1 Fee Collected In tion, workmen having completed wire and many of the poles were the seldom-handled task a few still in use when the rebuilding All Criminal Cases days ago. While the company project was started, one report

With no social security or esofficers in this county are spon- cases in the Martin County Resoring a relief plan by the legisla- corder's Court last Monday durtive route. A few days ago, Rep- ing a session lasting until 1:00 those areas near swamps and resentative A. Corey dropped Bill The first lines were built in over creeks, the wires were re-No. 26 into the legislative hopper 1886 and limited repairs have duced by weather conditions to of the State House of Representatives. Many of the poles in the line had ground, the wires were in fairly

The terms and provisions of the bill are explained by the legisla-Serving as a center for several ive service division of the Instiwere hardly more than six or counties, the local office handles tute of Government, as follows: "To create a peace officers' relief fund for the county of Marline from Parmele to Williams- now in use, rapid service is pos tin." (Sets up Martin County

Peace Officers' Association, including as potential members all peace officers in Martin County and State Highway Patrolmen. Eligible persons must apply for membership, pay an initiation fee of not more than \$2, and annual

A constant translation of Ameri dues, both to be set by a 5-member executive board elected annually canism and America's heritage is by the Association. Special officneeded in daily living, Mrs. J. G. ers or deputized ciitzens must be Brickhouse, Woman's Club leader given reasonable time from date from Columbia, told the Williamsof appointment, not to exceed 30 ton club members here Tuesday Martin County treasurer is de-

As guest of the local club, Mrs signated ex-officio association Brickhouse, who is president of treasurer. Final determination is the fifteenth district of the state made by executive board of eligi-Federation of Woman's Clubs, ble persons and amount of beneoutlined why the federation is fits payable to (1) members insponsoring a project entitled jured or sick while on duty; (2) "American Heritage" this year. widows and children, or depend-She pointed out that many adults

have reached maturity without from injuries or disease incurred A. Corey, Martin County rep- realizing what being an American while on duty; (3) members who! grow old in line of duty; and (4) the slightest understanding of force claims or recover benefits federation's "American Heritage"

under this law or association constitution and by-laws (which must license for six months. be adopted). A \$1 fee is to be their knowledge of America's ters a plea of guilty; or (3) is ad-



Single Civil Case In His Court

fin prosecuted the docket. Most of the cases were contested. Drunken drivers led the docket. One, when adjudged guilty and fined, appealed to the superior

Pleading not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and being drunk and disorderly, Leo Townes was adjudged guilty on the latter count and drew a 30 day road sentence. The court suspended the road term for one year upon the payment of the costs.

Pleading not guilty, Will Roberson, charged with drunken driving, was adjudged guilty. He were considered necessary. was fined \$100, taxes with the cost and loses his driver's license the sum of \$100.

Alex Crumpler pleaded not guilty. He was found guilty and was fined \$100, plus costs. He loses known Negro farmer of near Wil-

vear Charged with speeding seventy ing home from his farm work at ent mothers, of members dying miles an hour, Alfred Watson noon, Evans, 68, complained with Wheatley was found not guilty. a pain in his chest. Finishing the Leo Long, pleading not guilty, meal, he told his wife that he was was adjudged guilty of careless going to complete the preparation persons injured while acting as and reckless driving and drew of his tobacco bed. He backed his peace officers. Prohibits court sixty days on the roads. The senaction against association to en- tence was suspended upon the heart attack and died at the steerpayment of the court costs, and ing wheel.

judged guilty by a jury. Fees are \$100 fine and court costs. He al- Swamp church. to be turned over monthly to as- so loses his license to drive a mo-

sociation treasurer who must make annual financial report. Ac- (Continued on page eight)

FIRST APPEARANCE

Recently organized under

the direction of Mrs. Don Car-

son, Jamesville High School

Band last Thursday night

made its first public appear-

ance, playing several selec-

tions at the regular monthly

meeting of the parent-teacher

association held in the school

auditorium in Jamesville.

And the newly organized and

youthful musicians did all

Following the band pro-

gram, Mrs. Clyde Manning

and Mrs. John Carson, mem-

bers of the faculty, talked

about citizenship in observ-

ance of National Citizenship

right, it was reported.

Week

Suggestion Box



The farm labor shortage, wors- tion, but the action centered in ening over a period of years, is the exchange of places. This seasaid to be nearing a crucial point son, many families moved and n this county, according to re- simply disappeared Quite a few ports reaching here from more have gone to defense centers and than half of the townships. industrial areas, and others are

Some acreage has been left idle retiring from the farm, taking Judge Herbert O. Peel handled in years past, but there are large residence with relatives in the ily and poor prospects for relief learned just where all of the tenin the open labor market.

One report said that eight houswith no contracts pending with in their efforts, several landownany one to fill them. Day labor ers were quoted as saying they on farms is believed to be at a were ready to limit their operanew low point.

As a general rule, there is much es could do and let the remainder moving among the farm popula- of their acres remain idle

PEANUTS

Saturday, January 31, is the

last day the Peanut Growers

Cooperative will remain open

to receive farmers' peanuts, it

have been stored in the ware-

houses in this county from

the 1952 crop, one estimate

placing the figure at less than

30,000 bags. Approximately

100,000 bags of the 1951 crop

were stored in the cooperative

Everetts Stores

Striking sometime during Tues-

da night or early Wednesday

morning and apparently in search

of money, robbers entered a store.

a warehouse and failed in an at-

business in Everetts.

tempt to enter a third place of

Tearing away the lock on the

front door, the robbers entered

Harry Hardy's store and stole be-

tween 150 and 200 pennis. Pos-

sibly a few cigarettes were stolen,

After twisting a lock off the

door, the robbers failed to force a

second lock and did not enter

ment on the town's main street.

but nothing else was missed.

warehouses in the county.

Robbers Entered

Comporatively few goobers

was announced this week.

Investigates Two Deaths In County

Two sudden deaths among the colored population in this county were investigated in recent days by Coroner Wm. W. Biggs who ruled death was due to natural causes and no formal inquests

The first of the deaths was reported in Hamilton last Saturday for a year. He gave notice of ap- evening about 6:30 o'clock when days, to apply for membership. peal and bond was required in James Wiggins, 54, apparently suffered a heart attack and died Charged with drunken driving, on the back porch of a neighbor's

home there. Willie Robert Evans, well his operator's license for one liamston, died of a heart attack at his home at noon Tuesday, Gocar out of the yard, suffered a

he is to surrender his driver's Evans, a well-known farmer and builder, was the son of the Pleading not guilty, Jesse L. late Robert and Florence Evans. collected as part of costs in all Brown was adjudged guilty of He is survived by his wife, seven crminal actions in Martin County drunken driving and was sentenc- children, eleven grandchildren in which defendant (1) enters a ed to the roads for ninety days, and a brother. Funeral services plea of nolo contendere; (2) en- The road sentence was suspended will be conducted Friday afterupon the payment of the usual noon at 2:30 o'clock at the Black



Planning Trip To India This Spring

Excess Profits Tax Certain To Die At Hands Of The Republicans

Washington .- The new Secrecircumstances and that their own own, it put up new wires for the moved a short time ago varied tablished fund of their own, peace one civil and twelve criminal farms without a single tenant fam- towns. However, it has not been tary of State, John Foster Dulles, will approach the Asian policies ants are establishing themselves of the new administration with for the current year more than detached interest. His

es were vacant on a single farm After desperate attempts to plan, according to the latest reo'clock. Solicitor Clarence Grif- in the upper part of the county meet their labor needs and failing port, is to personally visit several Asian countries this spring and see what he can do toward lining up the Asians-in a solid fronttions to just what they themselvagainst the Communists

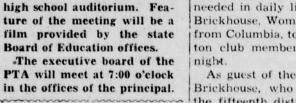
The plan represents a new and refreshing approach to Asian problem, and the fact that the new Secretary of State is visiting Asia soon after assuming office is sure to make an impression in the Far East. However, Dulles is likely to get the feel of the situation there more accurately through a personal inspection than he would by reading papers and interviews with foreign service officers in Washington.

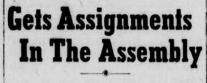
Dulles reprotedly plans to go to India, Pakistan, and several other key Asian countries, and it is almost certain that he will seek out the viewpoints of various leaders in these countries on an Asian pact aimed at stopping the threat of Communism. Just how far these leaders are ready to go at this moment is the big question. It is thought that anti-Communst sentiment has gained consider-

able ground in that theater of the world in the past two years-since the outbreak of Red aggression in Korea and the defense of that little Democracy by U. S. and U. N. units. In India, progress has been more noticeable in the last year, and Prme Minister Nehru has openely called down the Communists of India on several occasions in this period.

However, the question whether the Asian countries are ready to cooperate in a joint plan for the defense of their area of the world against Communism cannot be answered until Dulles completes his trip. His visits are sure to help the U. S.-U. N. cause wheth-Dillon Peel's mercantile establish-defense arrangement. er or not they result in a joint

Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia





ton last year and from William- sible.

PTA TO MEET

The Williamston Parent-

Teacher Association will hold

its monthly meeting Monday

night at 7:45 o'clock in the

resentative in the North Carolina means and that many adolescents Legislature, has been assigned to were growing up today without ten committees in the House by Speaker Bost, the assignments in- their country, its principles and

cluding a place on the major fi- its government. Purpose of the He was named vice chairman of project, she said, is to bring beand pleaded not guilty. The State the buildings and grounds com- fore the women the need for in-

recognizing me.

sault

offered its evidence, and Reddick mittee, and is a member of the vestigating their children's study committee on agriculture, conser- of history and government, for vation and development, finance, looking into their own activities Small. He then explained that he health, journal, public welfare, as citizens, and for brushing up on enrolled bills and library. Commenting on the appoint-

background and government. As an incentive in the American Heritage project, Mrs. Brickhouse reported a prize is to be awarded in the committee work, and espe- the club presenting the five best

ruary 13.

District Leader Speaks to Women

court. Fines were imposed in the amount of \$475. **Proceedings:**

immediately gave notice of appeal to the superior court where it dragged along for However, I appreciate that much two terms. Finally, Judge Clawson Williams ruled him out of

court and he had no place else to turn except to a hearing before In Court Again the board.

Robert Small, taking the stand in behalf of Reddick, admitted that he was later caught and convicted on liquor charges and that he was ousted as a taxi driver. He supported Reddick's evidence and told the commissioners that

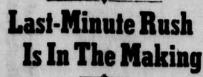
when he heard the agent offer Reddick \$4 for a pint of liquor, he volunteered his services when Reddick refused to act.

"The agent told me he was just back from overseas, and since I had been overseas, too, I thought I would accommodate the man," Small said, admitting that the \$4 balls before Bell started moving consideration was an important factor in the deal. Small, possess- proached, Bonds broke a cue stick ed of a good reputation along with over his head, stopping the at-Reddick, stressed the fact that he had never sold but two pints of the arrest.

liquor in his life. That was the case for Reddick, and it was fairly apparent that ed under a \$150 bond and is to be some of the commissioners sympathized with the plea. Monday.

Joyner's case, very similar to Reddick's case, originated under a continues in jail.

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Giving his friend, Cager Perry, carton of cigarettes with a \$20 mage.

Christmas Gift

With just a little more than one bill concealed in the box, Elmo With just a little more than one bill concealed in the box, Elmo week left, a last-minute rush is Lilley was surprised to learn a Hog Killings Are developing at the tax listing of- few days later that Archie Griffices and at the State automobile fin had found a bill of the same license bureau here, according to denomination in a carton of ciglate reports coming from Tax List arettes he had bought.

Taker C. M. Cobb at the town Making a casual investigation, treasurer's office and N. K. Harri- Mr. Lilley learned that Mr. Perry killings have been advanced on son of the license bureau in the had traded the gift carton of cig- an extensive scale during recent offices of Harrison and Carstar- jarettes at the Farmers Supply days and are now almost com-Company store here for another pleted in this county, according phen.

Less than two-thirds of the pro- carton of his choice. The \$20 bill to reports reaching here today. perty owners in this township still held to its secret hiding Experiencing a weak market have listed their holdings, Mr. place until Mr. Griffin came a- for their live hogs, most Martin Cobb said. According to Mr. Har- long and bought the carton that farmers this season killed and rison there are still approximately had been offered in exchange for packed more meat for home con-3,000 tags to be sold if all motor another, and he found the \$20 bill, sumption, the action pointing to vehicles in this section are to be So, after going the rounds, the a greater supply of cured hames properly tagged on and after Feb- Christmas gift finally was re- for the home market in the ruary 1. ceived by Mr. Perry. months to come.

cially in the larger committee, reasons for America's greatness. Mrs. Brickhouse was presented consideration from the Speaker in a corsage of pink carnations from club members at the opening of the meeting in the Woman's Club.

For An Assault sponsor two bridge parties Feb-

James Bell, local young colored man who was recently cleared for attacking a man with a brick, bership after presentation of their is back in court again for an as-

Mrs. Ernest Carraway, presi-Walking into the Crystal Grill dent, read letters of appreciation Most Negro Teachers from two institutions to which the pool room on Washington Street club had mailed Christmas packabout 9:15 o'clock last Tuesday

night, Bell, not too long off the Hot tea and cookies were servroads, attacked William Haywood Bonds. Breaking, away from the man, Bonds ducked several pool Mrs. N. C. Green and Miss Marjorie Lindsley. on him with a knife. As Bell ap-

tacker until police could make Given a hearing before Justice

Charles R. Mobley, Bell was plactried in the county court next Street here early last Tuesday

Unable to arrange bond, Bell

the City Pool Room. no one was cut. No one was in Goes The Rounds the shot at the time.

saying they would repair the da-

from your slumber," a citizen submits the following suggestions: The young men were quoted as Williamston-Wake Up. Arouse from Your Slumber Williamston needs a City Manager with Town Coun-

and to set up group insurance plan to cover death or disability of members, premiums to be paid

cumulated funds are not subject to

state, county, or municipal taxa-

tion and may be invested in se-

curiteis or bonds unanimously ap-

proved by board, income to be

added to principal. Executive

board is authorized to accept gifts

from association funds. Officers Mrs. Ben Williams and Mrs. Jay and executive board members Griffin were approved for memserve without compensation.) Referred to Teachers' and State Emnames by Mrs. Irving Margolis.

ployees' Retirement committee.

Hold High Certificates All but four of the 120 Negro teachers in the Martin County ed at the close of the meeting by schools last year held Grade A the hostesses, Mrs. A. L. Jameson, certificates. Three held Class B certificates and one had a Class C rating.

community.

Break Window In Barbershop Here

Business action by the club in-

cluded a decision to buy new

locks for the club building and to

While tussling on Washington evening, Ernest Bullerk-and-lacke

Gardner fell against and broke the large plate glass window in Guy Thomas' barbershop next to

As far as it could be learned,

About Completed

Town, not be engaged in any business. One who shows no favors, treats all alike, advances the Town. Williamston needs a Truck Lane. The big gasoline trucks have mighty fine drivers, but if another should crash into one of these Oil trucks the whole Town would Started back in November, hog

be set afire. Williamston Wake Up. Williamston needs a Zoning Law. Why build a good house and have a dinkey little shop put beside the house?

Williamston needs side walks, also the City Manager to see that all obey the Law and walk facing traffic.

WILLIAMSTON is the Capital of Martin County. Its obligation is to set a good example, have clean streets, no dirty back yards, no trash on streets. Set a high moral standard.

Suggestions for IMPROVEMENT will be acceptable and published. What can we do, what will YOU do?

Funeral Today

Funeral services are being held this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Emma Addie Osborne, a today no lead had been establishresident of this county for many ed.

years who died at the home of her son, James Robert Osborne, **Man Attempts To** in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, last Sunday night at 9:00 o'clock. **Enter Home Here** The Rev. Wilbur Wallace, Christian minister, and the Rev R. E. Ferguson, Baptist minister, Russell Ampley was arrested are conducting the service in the Robersonville Christian Church, and interment will be in the Robersonville Cemetery.

Mrs. Osborne is survived by two sons, James Robert Osborne of Fitchburg, Mass., and Charles said. Osborne of Washington, D. C. one daughter, Mrs. Alma Daniels kie, of San Diego, Calif. She was a member of the Oak Grove Christian Church for many vears

Miss Harrison On College Faculty

"Miss Martha Harrison, dat ter of Mrs. D. B. Harrison of Pal myra and the late Mr. Harrison of this county, and the niece of Mrs. Della Green of Williamston, has been named interim instruc-

A special school - for poultry tor in business education at Cok aisers and other farmers in this er College, South Carolina, of county was poorly attended in the ficials of the institution announc courthouse here Tuesday after ed this week. noon.

C. F. Parrish and W. G. Annew duties last Monday, opening drews, extension poultry specialdate of the second and last semesists, were here from the extenter of the school year. She resion service in Raleigh and conplaces Mrs. Jeanne Wilhelm, who ducted the school. was granted a leave of absence It is possible that, in time, Mar-

for the remainder of the year. tin County farmers will have to Miss Harrison was recently look to other sources of income graduated with the B. S. degree than tobacco, it was pointed out. from Woman's College of the Poultry might be part of the an-University of North Carolina swer, it was explained. She also holds a diploma from the

University of Oslo, Norway, and studied at Wake Forest College.

ATTEND CLINIC

Persons from Williamston and directors of the Mary S. Gray Li- ing 1952. Jamesville were among those who brary in the Odd Fellows Hall. Guided by Miss Ruby Lee Spenattended the Cancer Detection Hours for the event are from 4 cer and Larry Hodges, the Four-H Clinic in Rocky Mount a few days until 7 o'clock in the afternoon. County Council is in charge of the The public is cordially invited, program. ago.

A staple was pulled and the robtimated, in his last financial rebers entered Mobley's warehouse port as head of a joint congresin a backlot, but nothing there sional committee on Federal exas reported missing. Officers are investigating the robbery series, but up until early

penditures, that between 75 and 100 billion dollars was now tied up in revolving accounts, unspent balances, and obligated funds (not necessarily under contract) of various government agencies and departments.

Byrd said that the process, de doped by the agencies in recent ears, of holding huge sums of money in unspent balances and carry-evers, etc., at the end of

near here Monday for trying to each year, had denied Congress its break into the Olivia Spruill time-honored power of keeping a home on West Church Street late close check on expenditures. And last Saturday night. Spruill broke he suggests that much of this huge out several panes in a window, but carry-over be used up in the next never entered the house, officers year or two, instead of new appropriations.

At a hearing held Tuesday night In this way, he would ease the financial burden of the governbefore Justice Chas. R. Mobley, Ampley admitted breaking the ment and Eisenhower Administrawindow, and declared he did not tion and also give Congress a closer check over the budgets of govknow why he did it. It was reernment units. Under the Byrd when he tried to force his way in- plan, Congress might force govto the home. Unable to arrange ernment agencies to use billions of \$300 bond, he was placed in jail dollars already appropriated by to await trial in the superior court. earlier Congresses before new ap-

propriations are voted for them. This could mean a black budget ma casier attainment of tax cuts.

Four-H Schedules Achievement Day

will hold their annual achievement day exercises at the Williamston Grammar School Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

ner of the State Recreation and Rural Arts project award, will be the speaker. A senior at Creedmoor High School, Miss McIntosh is vice-president of the state Four-H Council.

PLAN OPEN HOUSE Open house will be held Sun- and awards to Four-H Club memday, January 25, by the board of bers for their achievements dur-

ported the man was drinking **Pouliry School**

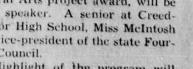
(Continued on Page Eight) **Poorly Attended**

Martin County's Four-H Clubs

Miss Ann McIntosh, 1952 win-

Highlight of the program will

be the presentation of certificates



Miss Harrison entered upon her cil. A manager whose duty is to manage the affairs of the

From time to time, individual citizens of Williamston, with no direct voice in town government, have asked to be heard. These columns are open to any and all who have suggestions, supporting a march toward a better town and Under the caption, "Williamston-Wake up, arouse