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Police Here Explain Eight Wrecks On Streets-Highways Action In Theft Case In Martin County For Polio Fund In Martin County In

Three Men To Get Hearing In Case Friday Afternoon

Board Impressed With The Story Told By Officers At Hearing Last Night

Going before the full membership of the town board of commissioners and the mayor members of the local police department at a formal hearing last night satisfactorily explained the action taken by them when thieves hauled away seventy-one bags of peanuts from the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here on the morning of January 25. The hearing was called after a flood of criticism reached the officials who declared after all the evidence was in, that the attacks were not justified. That no arrests were directly made at the time was recognized, but the officials were convinced that, under the circumstances, the officers handled the case well, that the "law" was on the job.

During the meantime, it was Church last Friday afternoon at learned that evidence is being 2:30 o'clock for John Russell Peel, gathered in the case, that the State 21, who died early Thursday Bureau of Investigation was lend- morning in a Durham hospital of ing a helping hand and that the burns received in a gasoline can developments to date were en- explosion on his farm in Griffins couraging. A hearing is to be Township on Monday afternoon of held here Friday afternoon for last week. His pastor, the Rev. Julius Williams, Oscar Burnett P. E. Cayton, conducted the rites, and William Henry Brown. Others assisted by the Rev. W. B. Harbelieved implicated in the case rington, Baptist minister, and the have not been arrested.

Holding down the desk job on local Christian church. Interment the night of January 24, Officer was in the Griffin family ceme-Emmett Hines explained that the tery in Griffins Township. messages were coming in so fast | More than two hundred car over a walkie-talkie in the hands were in the procession from the of Officer Arthur Perry that he church to the cemetery, and sevcould not enter all of them in the eral hundred friends and acquainlog, but that he kept a running ac- tances were unable to crowd into count of them. The time element the church for the service. One was carefully checked with Offi- of the largest floral offerings seen cer Hines and it was verified by at the progressive community other officers. It was explained, church in years, attested the high however, that the walkie-talkie esteem in which the young man was not clear at all times, and that was held. He had been a leader in some of the messages had to be his community, leaving a noble relayed to the police car over the impression with all who knew

Officer Tom Chesson, stating year record of perfect attendance that he and Officer Clayton Rog- upon the services of the church ers were at the station when the where he was a member. first call came in over the walkietalkie from Officer Perry, stating vived by his mother, Mrs. Rosa that a truck was moving into the Griffin Peel, who is recovering backlot between the Planters from critical injuries received in Warehouse and the Evans stables, an automobile accident last Novand that it was going to the Roan- ember. His father, Heber Peel, oke-Dixie Warehouse where two died more than a year ago. men got out and directed the driv-**Dies Of Injuries** er in backing the machine through the second door.

"We made a circle around the back streets and went to the warehouse district, and were advised by Officer Perry that three men were leaving the warehouse, that they had closed the door. We were then back of the depot to keep out of the light. Officer Rogers got out and went up on the depot platform but he did not see the men as they moved toward the railroad. We thought that possibly some of the Skinner Company's men had been on a trip and were returning the truck, Officer Perry advising them that all was quiet in the area."

Continuing, Officer Chesson said they left the area and drove down Main Street, turning around below the hill. "We were on the vester Taylor. way back when we spotted a drunk and we stopped, picked her up and jailed her. After that we Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock went back to the warehouse district and saw two men walking ling. Interment was in Woodby the pastor, the Rev. C. L. Gaton Washington Street between the lawn Cemetery at Williamston. railroad and going in the direction Mayor Proclaims

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on the roof when he slipped and and the Cornerstone Baptist ton and Hamilton Monday after- Street for a long time. Her age

fell to the ground. A native of this county, Mr. and Mr. Cowen issued an invita-

ROUND-UP

The liquor supply, dried up

during the last week-end in

January when thirty-three

persons were arrested and

charged with violating liquor

laws, started running again

last week-end. There were

the usaul fights and other law

violations, many of which

which were traced to the

Five persons were jailed for

public drunkenness, one for

drunken driving, two for lar-

ceny, and one each for break-

ing and entering, non-support

and operating a motor vehicle

Five of the eleven jailed

were white, and the ages of

the group ranged from a low

Funeral Held For

J. Russell Peel

Funeral services were conduct

ed in the Macedonia Christian

Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the

He was an only child and is sur-

Received In Fall

Surviving are her parents,

Bailey; a sister, Mary Ann Bailey

and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.

C. C. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Syl-

Funeral services were conduct-

In a proclamation issued today

to the hospital.

without a driver's license.

of 17 to 56 years.

liquur traffic.

Mule Killed In The **Accident Series**

the loss of a mule and two hogs, approximated \$2,050, according to

ncomplete reports reaching here Loose stock on the highways ac ounted for two of the accidents. Damage was limited to about \$250 and no one was injured in a wo-car crash on Highway 17 at the Griffins Road intersection near Old Mill Inn last Thursday morning. Driving south on 17, Jesse S. Rogerson started to make a left turn into the Griffins road with his 1950 Dodge pick-up just s Warren W. Grube of Bethleem, Pennsylvania, started to pass n his 1952 Buick. The vehicles rashed, causing about \$50 damage to the truck and about \$200 o the car, according to a report released by Patrolman J. O. Ar-

One person was slightly injured in a series of three motor vehicle accidents on Williamston streets Saturday afternoon and evening police officers said following their

investigations. Henry Corey, about 3:10 o'clock that afternoon, was driving his 1950 Plymouth north on Haughton Street when the Rev. J. W. Berry driving toward the main street, started to make a left turn into Church Street in his 1951 Chevro-

1952 Willys, causing about \$200 damage to Doubek's car. Damage ures in crops. at \$100 by

Community Hospital a 1948 Chev- development and listed in order the audience. ollowing the investigation. Damage to Lawrence's Chevrolet was shrubbery after it is rooted. Shirley Katherine Bailey, six estimated at \$300, the officer statmonths old, died in a Greenville ing that part of its left side was Carolina," produced by the Wild-stage. hospital last Thursday evening at ripped away and battered. Dam- life Resources Commission, was For her solo performance, Mis 6:30 o'clock of injuries received in age to the truck was estimated at shown and well received.

Township Wednesday afternoon. Driving on Highway 125 be-The child rolled off a couch and tween Hamilton and Oak City last Home Administration, attended The memory of this well-restruck its head on the floor. At Wednesday, J. O. Stokes of Hamilcame worse and she was removed Farmer Collins. Damage to his 1950 Chevrolet pick-up was esti- Found Dead In

Charlie H. and Shirley Fay Taylor Suffers Head Injury In Fall At Her Home

> Mrs. E. Ross Froneberger suffered a five-stitch gash in her head in a fall at her home on Halifax Street here last Sunday heart attack. night. Losing consciousness, Mrs Froneberger, a teacher in the local slipped on a rug. /

She was removed to a local hospital for treatment and further examination, last report statvery well.

20, as "World Day of Prayer" and Truck Burns On Highway fire. The house was locked from

A large truck, used for hauling Church at 4 o'clock on that day noon.

give to the March of Dimes drive responsibility although the national campaign worthwhile cause. We are alway er, co-chairman of the campaign National Polio Foundation as a re-

Pointing out that only \$4,300 has er know when we may need to been turned in for the 1953 drive, call for funds to fight an epidemic jured, two of them painfully but Mr. Baker said the county still in our own county." lacks \$1,684 of reaching its \$5,984 who had not donated to do so.

FARM SCHOOLS

Two special schools for far-

mers have been scheduled in

this county, the ofice of the

farm agent announced this

The first of the schools

will be held in the Farm Life

school auditorium on Wed-

nesday evening of next week

at 8:00 o'clock when special-

ists from State College are to

discuss sweet potatoes. The

second school will be held on

Thursday of next week, Feb-

ruary 18, at 2:00 o'clock in the

courthouse, and will deal with

The public is invited and

farmers are urged to attend.

Ownership Group

Met Last Friday

colored woman, was found dead

pipe down, but had not started a

of foul play, the coroner said.

A native of Granville County,

"Polio is no respecter of age, so quota. He expressed hope that cial position, or sex," he added, nation this week in the observthsoe who had received letters of therefore each of us should feel a ance of the forty-third birthday appeal would respond as soon as personal responsibility in sceing of the organization. possible. He urged every person that Martin County meets its 1953 goal. If you haven't done your Scout week being observed by "It seems a shame," he said, "for share, it isn't too late."

sult of their research and we nev

Quartet Concert **Draws Big Crowd**

In spite of rainy, blustery weather, Williamston citizens and out-of-town guests filled the high school auditorium Saturday night to give an enthusiastic response to the Song Masters, a new male United States and Canada under the management of the Community Concert Association.

Presenting a wide variety of songs from a sixteenth century madrigal to current hit tunes, the quartet had something to please every listener, but their presentation of two spirituals "Steal Away" and "Old Ark's A-moverin" and their medley of songs from the Broadway play "The King and I" were given the greatest applause.

Schubert's tragic ballad, "The Erlking" in which the tenors, John The Martin County Farm Own-Pettersson and Jack Prigmore, inership Borrowers of the Farmers terpreted the feverish child; the and this week is working on plans the theft of a \$3 electric drop cord Home Administration held their bass, Ivar Ivarson, the father; and for a Court of Honor. let. Cerey's car struck the right annual meeting in the courthouse the baritone, Joseph Frederic, the fender of the Berry car. Officer last Friday. The morning was King of Elves gave the audience Moore estimated the damage to spent with the annual business opportunity to note that each of Corey's car at \$75 and that to the summaries, while the afternoon the artists is distinctive in his own Chevrolet at \$40. No one was in- was devoted entirely to visual right as well as in ensemble sing-

At 5:45 o'clock, Charles Vance In the morning program, county With selections from Gilbert Doubeck, of RFD 3, Williamston, averages of production and in- and Sullivan's "H. M. S. Pinafore" was driving west on Church Street come were given, which allowed the quartet members put into play and was in collision with a 1951 each individual family to place it-1 their individual stage personali-Mercury driven by Walter Wesley self according to these averages as ties and their performance Brown, also of RFD 3, Williams- to whether it is below average, av- brought much laughter. Children ton, at the Church-Haughton in- erage, or above average. Also was who occupied almost all of the tersection. The Mercury struck discussed additional income on first eight rows in the house parthe right-hand door of Doubek's these farms, better records, and ticularly enjoyed the mimicry and disease and insect control measfacial expressions of the quartet.

The cheerful, easy-going man to Bro gury was estimated Mr. John H. Harris, extension ner of the four men was a pleasers Tom Chesson horticultural specialist, from State ant aspect of their performance and Arthur Perry who made the College, used part of the afternoon and their patience and tact with a in showing slides of actual farm long line of young listeners and Meeting about 6:30 o'clock on and home improvements. Mr. autograph seekers after the pro-West Main Street near Brown's Harris discussed at length lawn gram endeared them to many in

rolet driven by John Lee Law- his choice of lawn grasses as fol- Miss Helen Kaprielian, the atcence of Williamston and a truck- lows: centipede, carpet, Bermuda tractive brunette accompanist, trailer, driven by John Grensby of and fescue. He also elaborated on lacked the poise and stage person-Tarboro, sideswiped each other, the use of shrubbery and shade ality of the more seasoned sing-James Leary, a hitch-hiker riding around the home. A demonstra- ers, but her youth compared with slightly Hurt In in the truck, suffered a minor nose tion was given on making cuttings the quartet's broader experience injury, Officer Chas. Moore said of shrubbery, how to root these plains the difference in their cuttings, and also the care of the manner. Her beauty and excellent playing easily made up for her The film "Wildlife in North somewhat shy appearance on

> Kaprielian presented presented Marion C. Holland, state field three selections from Debussy and representative of the Farmers an encore, "Perpetual Motion."

the meeting. A picnic lunch was ceived performance should be a first the injury was not thought to ton ran over and killed two hogs served which was enjoyed by the selling-point for local Community year's series.

Her Home Here Local Musicians Louvenia Horner Gray, aged Rate At E. C. C.

Wave Band of Williamston High School took part in the Eastern

she fell, but it is thought she make an appearance in the neigh- them was rated excellent. All reborhood later in the day, neigh- ceived good positions in the clinic bors investigated and found her band for its concert. lying on the floor beside the stove dead. Investigating the death, Norval Church of Teachers' Col- until October to enroll in the

fell on and knocked the stove York.

ended January 31, W Marvin Bak- receiving indirect and from the Variety Of Events Set As Observance of National Week Continues

> With a variety of events planped, Martin County's Boy Scouts are joining others throughout the

The theme of national Boy 84,300 Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Explorer Units in the United States is "Forward on Liberty's Team". This is the name of the Scouts' three-year program which seeks to produce greater functioning manpower and provide a higher quality program for Boy Scouts.

The week's celebrations are stressing "The Scout Family" and Cub Scouts, sponsored here by the Church of the Advent, are planning a Blue and Gold banquartet making its first tour of the quet Friday night, February 20, with all the family participating. The fathers will serve the supper and the mothers, fathers and Cubs will do the decorating and about three months ago to work make the favors. There are five dens in Cub Pack 29 with a total of 45 boys.

Plans for the Scout Troops 27 and 29, spon- and larceny. He forced his way Clubs, include at least one hike. Bynum Smith and Hack Gaylord Street about noon that day and are in charge of the two troops.

with Howard Gaylord as master, Moore. recently held a board of review | Edwards was also charged with

The Bear Grass troop, also sponored by the Ruritan Club, is hold- morning. ing patrol hikes and will attend | Given a preliminary hearing bechurch services Sunday The colored Scout troop, spon-

members and Willie Whitfield, was placed in jail.

Rotary club and the troops in Oak lieved to have stolen a small after withholding judgments and complete but they are expected to Neither Hill nor Horton would follow the pattern set by other prefer charges against the man ruary 15 and practicing events for trial in two other cases. a Council Camporee to be held in Tarboro April 16, 17 and 18, Troops in this area also are working on plans for a district camporee to be held in Bear Grass ometime next month.

Shot Gun Accident

Jimmy Spruill, son of Mr. and been assigned to one or more of Then there was another de-Mrs. Hugh Spruill, was slightly the committees by the club presi-fendant who explained that she wounded in a shot gun accident at dent, Vernon Bunting, and the had seven children, the youngest the Roanoke River bridge last chairmen include the following: just three years old and the old-Sunday afternoon.

fired one barrel of the double-bar- culture and conservation, N. C. and, no doubt, the judgments in ploded, throwing one shot into his J. Sam Getsinger, church affairs; decided to call it a day.

about his injury

Four members of the Green Korean Veterans **Told Of Deadline**

Veterans of the Korean conflict were reminded again this week to club membership by Mr. Davis. C. L. Gatling, pastor of the Hamthat March 1 is the deadline for beginning on-the-farm training. After that date, they must wait senier "Kiwanian of the Month." | Hamilton Cemetery.

Sponsored by the Veterans' Ad-Participating from the Wil- ministration through the coopera- priased the group for their 1952 cember 6, 1950, and moved to Wil-Britton, cornet; Joyce Ann Cowan, Public Instruction, the classes are confidence in the club's ability to weeks ago when his father was alto clarinet; Lee Handy, alto sax- open to any Korean veteran in continue as a positive force in the transferred to the local Colonial ophone; and Bobby Coburn, clari- Martin County. The course conlogs and pulp wood, burned on she came to this section years ago, net. Miss Cowan won the "Excel- sists of night classes at the Jamesville and Oak City schools as well Promoted To Sergeant Director Jack Butler of Wil- as on-the-farm instruction. John could not be definitely establish- liamston and a number of Wil- Hassell is in charge of training at ed, but it is believed she was liamston people attended sessions Oak City and V. B. Hairr directs

LAST WARNING

While the work is almost completed in most of the townships there are a few owners who have not listed their property holdings or poll for taxation for 1953. In a last and solemn warning issued this week, County Tax Supervisor M. L. Peel explained that indictments can be expected shortly. It was also pointed out that late list-

ings are subject to penalties. One or two of the townships reported listings more than 99 percent complete this week. while in others hardly ninety percent have had their names placed on the books.

Charge Man With **Entering Store**

wards, 19-year-old colored man, was arrested last Thursday afternoon and charged with trespassing sored by the Lions and Kiwanis into Walter Johnson's little comwalked way with about \$1 in The Jamesville Boy Scout troop, change. He was picked up a few sponsored by the Ruritan Club minutes later by Officer Chas. R.

from the sweet potato house on

man was booked for trial in the

Sr., as master. They are planning No formal charges were. Unable to clear the docket in Horton's Cleaners on Sycamore Plans for Boy Scout troops in Street earlier in the week. With Robersonville, sponsored by the an accomplice, Edwards is also besored by Ruritan clubs, are not Hill's store on Sycamore Street.

Kiwanis Chooses 1953 Committees

and the adoption of a budget for then climaxed her story by tell-1953 were features of the Kiwanis ing Judge Peele she did not know Club meeting held at the Woman's where she got the liquor. Jud-Club Thursday night, February 5. ment was not pronounced immed-Each member of the club has lately.

Engaging in target practice with work; J. C. Manning, underprivi- one of the seven was paralyzed. his brother, Billy, the young man leged child; Henry Griffin, agri- All kinds of stories were heard, reled gun, and the weapon ex- Green, public and business affairs some cases had a stinging effect, right arm. A large hole was Paul Simpson and Bob Newell, atblown into the barrel near the tendance and membership; J. B. Bell and Billy Biggs, finance; W. Treated in a local hospital, the R. Glover, house and recreation; lad was able to return to his home, Hugh Wyatt, inter-club relations apparently worrying more about D. R. Davis, Kiwanis education the damage done to the gun than and fellowship; John Hatton Gurganus, program and music; Wendell Peele, public relations; and

ed as the club pianist for 1953. community during 1953.

Small Fines And Suspended Terms On Roads Imposed

Hardluck Tales Steal Attention Of Court Late Monday Afternoon

Holding their second convention in less than a year, thirty or more alleged bootleggers, their customers and interested friends plus a few disinterested spectators packed the Martin County courthouse Monday when an ugly picture of the illicit liquor business gone wild in this county was painted for Judge H. O. Peele.

Even while the cases were pending trial, officers declared that the illicit liquor traffic was flourishing in certain areas after had recovered from the shock received the previous week-end when the alleged liquor law violators were rounded up for trial The traffic was said to have been heavy at certain spots in Parmele and Robersonville, the reports declaring that an air of suspicion stil hovered over and around the "blind tiger" joints in and near Williamston

Final judgments were not entered in all the cases immediately; in fact, several cases were continued, two others are going to the superior court where the defendants can get jury trials.

Pleas of guilty were entered in thirteen cases and three were nolprossed or dismissed. In nine cases the defendants were adjudgfore Justice Chas. R. Mobley, the ed guilty immediately after all the evidence was heard, and in ored by the colored Elks club, re- county court. Unable to arrange nineteen other actions the court cently was reorganized with 40 a \$100 bond in each case, Edwards reserved its decision until late in the afternoon.

gathering tonight with Howard brought, but Edwards is believed one day, the court will hold a Hunter, district Scout executive, to have figured in the robbery of second session to accommodate the bootleggers next Monday, it

Explaining that no more trials would be held that day, the court, road terms and imposing fines troops in attending church Feb- after they learned he was to face about 5:30 o'clock. Tales of woe featured that part of the proceedings for the day. Speaking for one defendant, an attorney explained that that his client had nine children, that her husband was sickly and that she was crip-

pled by polio years ago. The de fendant declared she had to do The appointment of committees something to make a living, and

W. R. Bender, boys and girls est son only fourteen, and that

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Kenneth E. Frank Dies In Hospital

Funeral services were conducted Bynum Smith, Little League man- at the home in the 400 block of West Main Street here Sunday af-George Nicely, manager of Col- ternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Kenonial Oil Company, and Tom Day- neth Earl Frank, two years old, is, manager of Leder Brothers De. who died in a Greenville hospital partment Store, were inducted in- last Friday afternoon. The Rev. The Rev. John Goff installed ilton Baptist Church, conducted "Buddy" Fussell as the high school the rites. Interment was in the

Miss Jean Mobley was recogniz- The son of Donald C. and Ola Coffield Frank, he was born in In a short message, Mr. Bunting this county near Palmyra on Deliamston band were Mary Lib tion of the State Department of achievements and expressed his hamston from Scotland Neck two

Taken suddenly ill last Thursday, he was removed immediate-At Oak Ridge School by to the hospital and died of an

infection. John Walton Lilley was recent- Surviving besides the parents ly promoted to the rank of ser- are a brother, Billy Frank, of the The funeral was conducted in concert as well as a concert by the Application blanks may be ob- geant first class at Oak Ridge home, and his grandparents, Mr. liamston and the late Mr. Lilley. | William A. Coffield of Palmyra.

In Fall from Roof

Williamston's mayor, Robert H. Cowen, set aside Friday, February B. Frank Clark suffered a brok- urged citizens here and in sur- No. 125 Near Williamston the inside and there was no sign en left wrist and rib fractures rounding communities to observe when he fell off a store roof in the day. Hamilton last week. Owner of the | A guided worship hour will be building, Mr. Clark was working held at the Presbyterian Church Highway 125 between Williams- making her home on Sycamore lent" rating.

Clark returned to Hamilton about tion to all citizens to attend the two years ago after retiring from services. service in the Philadelphia store He suggested that those unable jumped out, leaving the truck to the Shiloh Baptist Church here East Carolina College band which tained from Edgar Gurganus, vet. Institute. Sgt. Lilley is the son of and Mrs Earl W. Frank of Portof Wannamaker's. He is seventy to attend pause at their work for run into a ditch and wreck itself. Sunday afternoon and interment has a number of Williamston band eran service officer for Martin Mrs. J. Eason Lilley of near Wil- land, Maine, and Mr. and Mrs. a minute of prayer at 4 o'clock The driver was not injured.

Four Persons Hurt And

At least four persons were innone believed seriously, in a series of eight motor vehicle accidents on the streets and highways in this county during the past few days. Property damage, not including

thur who made the investigation.

jured, the officer said.

investigation.

a fall at her home in Cross Roads about \$10.

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Believed to have started in a brake lining, the fire ignited the about 100 years or older. large gas tank, and the driver

be serious, but her condition be- belonging to Isaac Purvis and families plus a few invited guests. Concert directors when they begin soliciting memberships for next

in her home here on North Sycamore Street last Thursday afternoon, the apparent victim of a Living there alone, she got up Division of the State Band Clinic early that morning and started to at East Carolina College, Greenschools, could not recall just how make a fire. When she did not ville, last week-end and one of

The clinic was directed by Prof. ing that she was getting along Coroner W. W. Biggs said that she lege, Columbia University, New program.

of the clinic and the clinic band the courses at Jamesville. was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. graduates on its roster.