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# Fires Double Up On Few Accidents In This County Over This County Over The Past Weekend The

## **Block Of Homes** On Perry Street **Threatened Here**

Loss In Three Fires Sunday **Estimated In Excess** Of \$4,200.00

For the first time in nearly twenty years, Williamston's volunteer firemen were called upon to fight two fires at the same time, and the two calls were only half of those received during the week-end, not to mention a false alarm that squeezed its way near the middle of the double call Sunday afternoon

The busy period for the firemen started last Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock when they were called to a burning caterpillar tractor owned by Henry Griffin, a member of the department. Used in logging operations, the tractor was parked near Farmer Paul Peel's tobacco barn a few miles from here on Highway 17. It is believed that some one threw a lighted cigarette into the seat of the tractor and started the fire. Damage was said to have beer

All was quiet on the fire front until shortly after 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon when fire Side. Located about a thousand the long hose line could be laid and the equipment hooked up. ance) The home was a total loss, but the firemen were able to check the fire after it had done consider-

talking there with a neighbor, he legislators may soon b burning rapidly. Even before the although little is heard as yet on Recorder's Court and from the fire-fighting equipment could that subject. Next Thursday the

ared through the be seen more than a mile away. One report stated that neighbors | The public hearing on the "all had to hold Brown to keep him or nothing" referendum liquor in the amount of \$1,845.00, the from returning to the burning referendum bill before a House

Clark home needs extensive re- the State to Raleigh. Charges pairs to the roof and weather- ranging from lightly veiled sugboarding on one side. Fire Chief gestions of liquor it terest bribery G. P. Hall estimated the Clark (later retracted) and communist house damage at about \$400 and dictatorship by past legislative \$593.60 for recordings, \$60 for the loss to the furniture at about committees to failure to recognize marriage licenses and \$28.50 for \$100. Most of the furniture dam- the democratic right to vote made age resulted when chairs, beds by the dry forces. Others pleadand other household goods were ed for consideration of the issue literally thrown out of the house not as a revenue measure but as when it looked as if the building a moral one, as suggested by the was going to be destroyed.

Brown house fire started from the iterated his position as favoring pil hepter that the loss there some kind of liquor referendum, had been collected. He also rewould run in excess of \$3,000, in- but stated that he would not push cluding the loss of the house and the legislature further. No comabout \$1,000 worth of furniture. mittee action was taken on the Brown only recently installed a bill. Meanwhile, not even a \$400 television set and a \$200 re- murmur went through the House frigerator. He has insurance to as the veterans' bonus bill, once cover most of the loss, Fire Chief regarded as a potential storm Hall said. Insurance was carried center, received its last rites on the Clark house also, but none through an unfavorable report. on the furniture.

control, a second truck was re- House Committee on Propositions turned to the fire station, reach- and Grievances. ing there just in time to take a call to Mack Nicholson's home on

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## MEANEST MAN

Another bid to be the meanest man was recorded here yesterday when Lion Pete Austin was servicing the candy gum machines maintained by the Lions Club in the name of the needy blind.

Mr. Austin found fifteen "slugs" in one machine, the total count for all the machines running up to a farily sizeable number.

It is bad enough to steal, but it's down right common to steal from the blind, Mr. Austin reasoned.

## 3.766 X-RAYS

Following up a countywide tuberculosis survey made last year, two mobile X-ray units, operated by the State and County Boards of Health in cooperation with the Martin County Tuberculosis Association, last week took 3,766 pictures, 2,203 in Williamston and 1,563 in Robersonville. The units were in the county less than five days, and the patronage measured up to expectations. However, health officials were a bit disappointed when the service could not be made available to every person in the coun-

Reports on the pictures are expected within the next two or three weeks.

## Brief Review Of **Activities In The** State Legislature

Longer Sessions Face Legislators Who Will Visit Lejeune Thursday

(This is another in a series of weekly summaries prepared by broke out in the Louis Brown the legislative staft of the Instihome on Perry Street, near Sunny tute of Government on the work of the North Carolina General feet from the nearest hydrant, the Assembly of 1953. It is confined house was burning rapidly before to discussions of matters of general interest and major import-

As the 1953 General Assembly completed its fifty-first legislative day on Friday, sessions were able damage to the Mary Clark noticeably longer, with mounthome, a few feet away. Fanned ing calendar action occupying by a high northeast wind, the fire most of the legislators' time. The threatened the entire block of joint appropriations committee houses, and all fire-fighting with its hearing completed had Brown said he had just poured additional requests. Unless a prothree gallons of oil into a heater longed fight develops over Goverand went into the street. While nor Umstead's budget proposals, heard a roar and the fire was a prospective adjournment date,

> Mall Legenno. Propositions and Grievances

committee last Tuesday brought \$3,187.05. The clerk of court also Catching fire several times, the hundreds of citizens from all over reported miscellaneous income in Governor in his inaugural mes-One report stated that the sage. The Governor himself re-

The Senate passed by a very nar-Just about the time the Perry row margin the bill to legalize can Street fires were brought under pistol caps, which now is in the Serviceman Dies

> Appropriations and Finance Although the joint appropriations committee put in only two on budget requests, it still may be in a position to complete its work by the end of this month. mittee, shortly to be appointed for treatment. to handle major controversial commendations to the full com-

Amid rumors that Senate leaders will permit no tax increases and may refuse to go along with

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jured in Three Vehicle Wrecks During Period

No one was badly hurt but property damage was said to have exceeded \$1,600 in three vehicle accidents on town streets and county highways during the past week-end.

William Harrell Everett, Jr. suffered minor arm and shoulder oruises when his car, a 1949 Oldsnobile, was in collision with a 1951 Nash at the corner of Haughton and Warren Streets in Williamston about 7:30 o'clock last Thursday evening. Leaving his home, Everett was driving north on Haughton and was struck at the intersection by the Nash driven by Edward Ray Edwards, salesman from Chocowinity. The Everett car, knocked almost in the Getsinger yard, was badly damaged, unofficial estimates placing the loss at about \$800. It was also estimated that the damage to the other car would approximate \$700, according to a report gained from Officers Rogerson and Chesson who made the investigation. Edwards was driving west on Warren Street when the cars crashed

A freakish accident was reported on Oak City's Main Street at 1:00 o'clock last Thursday afternoon when a mule belonging to Farmer Claude Green broke loose and ran away. Pulling a cart, the mule ran across the railroad and pulled one wheel over County Sanitarian W. B. Gaylord's Chevrolet, doing about \$65 damage to the machine. The cart, undamaged, then struck a truck belonging to Edmond Early which was also parked at the curb. A light was damaged on the truck. The animal continued on down the sidewalk, stopping in a yacant lot

Driving on the Be Bop or Roberson Bridge Road in Roberson-

a short distance away.

## equipment was moved to the area already begun its work trimming Income from Court

Income from the Martin County fee system in the several county reach the section, smoke and fire legislators take a holiday to visit offices last month added up to a, according to reports the

> ed with the county auditor. The county court reported fines court costs boosting the total to

the amount of \$344.91. Register of Deeds J. Sam. Getsinger reported fees in the Wins Oratorical amount of \$682.10, including various types of certificates such as death, birth and marriage.

The sheriff's office reported \$77 income, most of it for serving various types of papers.

Tax Collector M. L. Peel reported that all but \$59,309.93 of the 1952 tax levy of \$393,842.50 ported that \$358,542.49 of the \$372,268.32 levy for 1951 had been Rocky Mount High School goes to collected, that about \$7,000 of the 1950 levy and about \$4,000 of the 1949 levy remain uncollected. ville Township about 5:30 o'clock Sunday evening, Louis Mobley, of

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## Friday Afternoon

days last week actually whittling ber of the U. S. Air Force, died perfected the North Carolina Peaington, D. C., last Friday after- porated, and took action to pro- ties available for the 1953 crop noon. Critically ill for several mote the consumption, use and which will cover an estimated Suffers Broken Arm In A public welfare request for \$1. | weeks following his return from marketing of peanuts, and to 190,000 acres. 396,500 was turned down and Korea last November, he was study quotas, price supports and Following a directors' session many lesser requests were ear. flown to the hospital from a base price differentials. marked for study by a subcom- in Kansas about two weeks ago

ried in Boston and is survived by ing committee. his widow, two children, his mo-

Arlington Cemetery.

No One Reported Badly In- definite location was fixed last dred feet closer just off the S week-end for a truck route Street. around the town. Just when work could not be learned, but it was house, and on across Highway 17 connecting Highway 64,

hundred feet of Williams Street foot right-of-way.

near Chesson's store.

and quite a few conferences, a son home, and possibly one hun-Claud Griffin home on Williams

It was first proposed to run the is to be started on the by-pass by-pass about 1,500 feet or more from Williams Street and have it unofficially learned that appro- cross Highway 17 between Pee'e's zens, including a few women, priations had already been set Blacksmith shop and Sunny Side. were drawn recently by the Maraside for the project. It is pos- The latest survey, and it has been sible that State forces will grade virtually agreed to by the properthe route running from the Roan- ty owners, places the road cross- week special term of the superior oke River bridge a westerly ing the main north-south route court beginning April 13. The course, crossing Highway 64, East, just beyond Sunny Side or Hunt's near the Heilig-Meyers ware- Maytag building. From that point lative act about a dozen years the route is located just beyond ago, will hear cases of a civil najust beyond Sunny Side Inn and the town's pumping station, tak-West, ing a small portion of the Skewarkey churchyard at the point. While most of the newly pro- It connects with the old Skewarposed belt line will be out of key road back of Gordon's store town, it runs within about nine in West End, and maintains a 150- regular term of the superior

**Gathering Last Friday** 

And Saturday

### Youth Fellowship IRONING OUT KINKS Session Attracts

and Saturday.

Completing the construction work and installing the latest type machinery, G and H Builders Supply Company is "ironing out" the kinks in its new \$100,000 lumber mill just off Jamesvile Road here.

Except for a few conveyor chains and minor adjustments the band saw mill measured up to expectations in the initial tests last Saturday and yesterday. However, it will take several weeks to tune the mill up to capacity production. During the meantime, operations are encouraging, it was reported.

## **Charles Johnson** In Co-op Contest

Charles Elliott Johnson, son of ed Martin County in the Farmers tian Youth Fellowship director, Bunting and Minton Beach. Williamston Tuesday, March 3. CYF president.

He is a junior at Robersonville High School and was also winner activities were the Rev. George Griffins-Julius M. Manning, of the county contest last year.

Winner of the northeastern dis- Mrs. H. H. Settle of Greenvile, the C. Cowin, H. L. Taylor trict competition was John Wesley Rev. Bill Waters of Bath, Miss Williamston-R. D. Elliott, Jas.

other participants in a statewide Williamston. contest for a \$1,000 scholarship. Other winners were Bobby Long of Woodland, second place, Miss Hutchins directed dedication H. M. Ayers and Bobby Smith of Perquimans High School, third place!

## **District Contest**

Miss LaVerne Fleming, daughter of Mrs. Edith D. Fleming of Rocky Mount and the late Dr. W. H. Fleming of Martin County and men of the church served the Enfield, won the district high school oratorical contest held here last week.

After winning district honors here, Miss Fleming, a senior in the Liberty en Friday of this week to compete for the top State honor. She is a niece of Mr. L. B. Fleming of Hassell.

Advance Plans For Peanut Growers Unit In The State

Hazel Greene Academy.

service Saturday night was di-

The Hassell Church used its

and Miss Ellenor Eubanks, direc

tor, led the Hassell CYF in mak-

ing arrangements for the gather-

Williamston CYF members at-

tending the meeting were Billy

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Meeting in Scotland Neck last | It was also pointed out by lead Willie Marsh Brown, 32, mem- the peanut producing counties

The newly formed organization,

Friday morning, a mass meeting Officers are to be named later was held in Scotland Neck that when the board of directors, in- afternoon, and it was agreed by A son of Saphronia Brown cluding Sidney Mallory of Martin the group representing twentyborn in Georgia, and had been in on the 19th of this month and counties in this State that someprogram is to be saved.

million bond issue for education- Freddie Brown, of Newark, N. J. of one cent per bag or 15 cents Legislature shortly, and it is be picked up. al institutions and hospitals, tax! Funeral services are being con- an acre on peanuts to finance a lieved that the plan when submit- Running wild, the boat made reduction proposals dominate the ducted this afternoon in Wash- program designed to expand con- ted to the people in a referendum several wide circles and finally ington and interment will be in sumption of peanuts in this coun- will be approved by a large ma- crashed into other boats, doing

No Judge Yet Been Assigned To Preside Over Special Two-Week Term

Sixty-four Martin County cititin County Board of Commissioners for jury duty during the twocourt, created by special legisture only No judge has yet been assign-

ed to preside over the term, but an assignment is expected shortly. During the meantime, court opens next Monday for the trial of both criminal and civil ases during two weeks.

The names of the jurors drawn v Little Miss Beverly Daniels

For First Week-April 13 176 Young People Jamesville Township-A. F oltrain and Floyd Simpson Williams Township-Henry F Williams. Hassell Church Is Host To

Griffins Township-Thurmar Griffin, W. A. Manning and Arthur Corey

Bear Grass Township-Thurs-One hundred and seventy-six ton Wynne. persons registered for the World Williamston Township-Thom-Fellowship meeting of the north- as Reginald Griffin, Vivian Mor-

iel Gardner Theme of the session, which be Cross Roads Township-Geo gan Friday afternoon at 4:30 W. Taylor, Jr.

Christian Youth Fellowship at the Coltrain,, K. P. Lindsley, Nathan

Hassell Christian Church Friday Modlin, Lonnie Rhodes and Dan-

o'clock, was "Africa" and the Rev. Robersonville Township—Hugh Olin Fox, pastor of the Hassell Roberson, L. T. Harney, H. B. Church, and Mrs. Cox decorated Bowen, Gladys Bailey, Edgar R. the assembly hall to carry out the Ballard, and Asa Ward.

theme and set up replicas of the Hamilton Township-William ten Christian Church missions in Bland, H. L. Purvis, A. D. Bullock, Jim Scott, Miss Martha ing a recent newspaper and radio Billy Tucker of Grimesland, Council, Miss Mildred Purvis. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson, Sr., of ministerial student at Atlantic Goose Nest Township-Wiley RFD 1, Robersonville, represent- Christian College and state Chris- Craft, C. W. Copeland, Mack

Cooperative Exchange district was on hand for the sessions as well as Miss Ruth Haislip, student Jamesville—Edgar E. Brown, public speaking contest held in at East Carolina College and state A. W. Ange, Dempsey Williams Williams-Wendell Griffin and Among those directing youth Dalmer Gurkin

> Downey of Belhaven, the Rev. H. Thomas Daniel Wilbur Wallace of Robersonville; Bear Grass-Arthur Peel, S.

Cowand, Windsor High School Barbara Hutchins of Winston- A. Bowen, J. C. Eubanks, Garland rectly to Tarheel agriculture and \$25. He will compete with six ington, and Mrs. John Goff of nett, Frank Weston, C. E. Brit-Iton, J. Keliy Gay and K. D. Wor-

Miss Ruth Leslie was mission- rell ary speaker for the gathering and Cross Roads—Joe Wynne and solved in water is sprayed on goods from England and the West of the CYF gift of clothing to the Robersonville-L. M. Purvis, Ir

'The Elizabeth City CYF led the and John Pitt worship Friday night and the Poplar Point-Lester Keel Plymouth CYF directed it Satur-Hamilton-Robert Pierce, Thelday morning. The consecration

na Reaves and Harry S. Peel Goose Nest-H. M. Ainsley, Joe rected by the Robersonville CYF. L. Moye and W. E. Early, Jr.

### new annex for the first time for Canadian Loses the banquet that closed the session Saturday night and the wo-**Amount of Money** Miss Sue Edmondson, president

Accusing no one, but pointing for its disappearance, Vern M. Saturday that he lost a billfold fertilizer nitrogen shows up in the handling all but the largest oceancontaining \$95 in Canadian money and several U.S. \$50 bills.

Floss and his family, touring find the answer. this section, spent Thursday night at a nearby tourist court and liffe has cooperative work under- as a deep water terminal. The continued to Emporia, Virginia, way with the Bowman Gray port officials predict that its lo-Friday. While en route to Vir- School of Medicine of Wake For- cation will, in the near future, ginia he missed the bill fold, and est to learn what happens to nicoeturned here Saturday.

He posted a reward with Sheriff M. W. Holloman and continu-Friday afternoon, farmers from ers in the organization that stor- ed his trip, using the combined Auliffe built this one at a saving age problems will be studied with family funds. The Floss temp- of several thousand dollars. He in Walter Reed Hospital, Wash- nut Growers Association, Incor- the view of making ample facili- orary address is 513 Fifth Street, Olean, N. Y.

Mr. J. Robt. Leggett, popular carrier on RFD No. 2 out of the local post office, suffered a broken right arm in a fall from a small items and periodically bring in re- Sherrod, of Williamston, he was County, meets in Scotland Neck one of the thirty-four producing boat into Roanoke River close to of glass tubes sticking every di the wharf here last Saturday aftthe service nine years. He mar- hears a report from the nominat- thing must be done if the peanut ernoon. Powered by an outboard motor, the boat literally ran out volts of electricity, many elec-A special act, enabling peanut from under him, witnesses declasther, step-father, William Sher- patterned after Tobacco Associ- growers to levy the small assess- ed. Although painfully hurt, he the Governor's recommended \$15 rod, of Williamston, and a brother, ates, Inc., proposes an assessment ment, is due to reach the State made it to shore where he was

considerable damage

# For Local Company

### NEED VOLUNTEERS

Dr. James S. Rhodes, Jr., today issued another urgent call for blood donor volunteers, explaining that the Red Cross Bloodmobile would make its eighth visit to Williamston on Friday, March 20. The chairman of the Red Cross Blood Program in this chapter stated that 100 volunteered last September to give blood when the mobile unit returned this month. He went on to explain that an additional 100 volunteers are needed to make certain that

Volunteers are earnestly urged to contact the Red Cross office or Dr. Rhodes this week and make ready for the visit on Friday of next group ranged from 21 to 47

the 150-pint quota will be

## **Experiment With** Liquid Fertilizer At State College

eastern Carolina district of the ris, Hoke S. Roberson, Nathaniel Trying To Learn What Happens To Nicotine In The Human Body

> (Striving to keep ahead of the pests and various diseases and open the way for a better agriculhave built and are continuing to build all types of machines for use in conducting experiments. Durinstitute at the college, Dr. Mc-Auliffe demonstrated a special machine which is described in the You might nick-name it a "sci-

entific Rube Goldberg," but actually the mass spectrometer built by Clayton McAuliffe, North Carby Clayton McAuliffe, North Car-olina State College agricultural ally supervise unloading opera-tions. Port authorities predict an scientist, is a delicate and accur-It's being used to pry into some

pretty basic questions relating di-

In this new method fertilizer dis- draft came into port bearing plant leaves instead of spreading Indies, as wel as from such coastdry fertilizer on the ground. The wise ports at Charleston, Savanving Roberson, Jarvis Perkins mass spectrometer can discover nah, Cape Fear and New York. the inner workings of plant life fectiveness of leaf sprays.

Another related question and how do they occur?

forage. What happens to the rest? going ships. The mass spectrometer will help

tine in the human body.

You can buy a mass spectro- In addition, there has been an meter for about \$25,000, but Mc built it first in a Withers Hall laboratory. Then, with the several hundred parts working perfectly. the agronomy department moved Fall From River Boat to Williams Hall. So he had to take it apart completely and build it for the second time.

The spectrometer is about feet tall by 5 feet wide by 8 feet long. Inside this area is a mass rection, many stainless steel metal parts, a powerful magnet, 1,000 tronic circuits, and a maze of other equipment-all working together in the most exacting way that only a scientist can make them work.

Plant and animal compounds (Continued on Page Five)

## German Freighter **Dumps Potash For** Williamston Firm

Fertilizer Material, Enough To Fill A Train, To Move Here By Rail

By Norwood Young

Morehead City.-Special to The Enterprise).-A trim, black-hulled freighter, with her white streamlined superstructure towering well above the low-roofed dock warehouses, is tied up here this week, unloading a 3,300-ton cargo of muriate of potash. The bulk cargo is consigned to the Standard Fertilizer Company, of Williamston, a division of Mathie-

son Chemical Corporation. The 6,171-ton German vessel, Carl Fisser, of Emden, arrived at 9:00 a. m. Sunday, from Hamburg, after fourteen days of plowing hrough stormy seas. She came steaming into the harbor under the guidance of Captain Charlie Piner, well-known pilot. Her all-German crew of 38 men quickly readied the ship for inspection by U. S. Immigration and Customs officials. Her master, Captain Henry Jelden, met Dr. Ben F Royal, local physician, aboard ship, and a check of the ship's crew by the physician resulted in

clean bill of health. It was a very special occasion Fisser carried the first dry cargo the beginning of a new business

The firm of Stevenson and Young, well-known North Atlantic stevedoring agency, has opened offices at the terminal and is unloading the ship's cargo. H. D. the firm's president and vice president, are on hand to persontions at the terminal this year.

century and up until the Civil How does a plant use nitrogen ducted through the Port of Beauwhen it's put on as a leaf spray? fort. Sailing vessels of shallow

Today, the Morehead City terprocesses and thus test the ef- minal is equipped for handling practically all ones of cargo consigned to and from the great agriwhat's the effect of leaf sprays on cultural and the growing manuthe nicotine content of tobacco? facturing section that comprises Nicotine is made in the roots. Do eastern Carolina. Geographicalleaf sprays change this process? ly speaking, it is one of the most If they do, what are the changes accessible ports on the Atlantic Coast. It is located 3.5 miles Also, scientists and farmers from the open ocean, is protected have been puzzled by apparent from storms by the natural land disappearance of chemical nitro- barrier that is Cape Lookout, and gen fertilizer when it's put on a lies on the most direct route to out he could offer no explanation Ladino-grass pasture. If 200 South American ports. A wellpounds of nitrogen an acre is add- defined channel, leading from the Floss, Canadian tourist, reported ed, only about 40 pounds of that port to deep water, is capable of

Its proximity to the eastern Carolina agricultural section adds And with humans, Dr. McAu-immeasurably to its importance amount to considerable savings in the port to discharge their cargo.

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## ROUND-UP

Members of the patrol, county and local police officers were busy last week-end rounding up and jailing eleven persons charged with various infractions of the law.

Seven were booked for public drunkenness, one each for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and disorderly conduct, and two were detained for being absent without leave from the armed forces.

One of the eleven was white, and the ages of the group ranged fsom 21 to 47 years.