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# THE ENTERPRISE

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### Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Thursday, April 23, 1953.

## **Red Cress Drive Nearing Its Quota In Local Chapter**

Total of \$4.255.22 Been Raised To Date: One **District To Report** 

The 1953 Red Cross Fund Drive is nearing its quota in this chapter according to a report released late yesterday by Chairman W. I. Skinner who explained that the campaign will go over the top if Jamesville (yet to be heard from) and one or two other special canvassers maintain the momentum set by others in the five townships making up the chapter

A total of \$4,255.22 has been raised and reported to date, leaving the drive only \$293.78 short of the quota plus a small balance can However, there was a \$5,000 goal which the committee set up with the idea of supplementing the program of the Martin County Chapter of the organization. If the quota jlus a small balance can be raised, the work of the organization, including the blood program, can and will be maintained another year.

The contributions, by districts and groups, follows:

Williamston special gifts, \$2, 228.90: Williamston employes \$195.92; Williamston town and township residential areas \$689.72; Williams Township, \$106.54; Griffins Township, \$205.80: Bear Grass Township, \$192.35. The colored citizens in the chapter have exceeded their quota by about \$60. Colored citi-

County's Champion Hog Raiser Tores or some

Freddie Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Martin of Jamesville, is recognized as the champion hog raiser in Martin County. The champ, member of the Jamesville 4-H Club, exhibited his prize Duroc Jersey at the county fat stock show a short time ago and received forty cents a pound or or \$76.00 for the animal which was bought by the Dixie Motor Company at the sale.

**Food Handlers In** 

**Special School** 

Sponsored by the Martin Coun-

y Board of Health in cooperation

with the State Board and the

iation, a special food handlers

school is attracting a large attend-

ance from every section of the

## Accumulated Docket Faces Presbytery Has County Court Here Monday **All-Day Meeting**

Resuming its sittings after re- creasing number of bad checks is zens, under the leadership of John maining idle for two weeks while causing some concern.

M. Slade, chairman, and R. T. the superior tribunal was suppos-| Sixteen different laws are al Coles, treasurer, raised \$377.43 to ed to have been in session, the leged to have been violated accarry the drive among that group Martin County Recorder's Court cording to the warrants docketed First Presbyterian Church here over the top. The local colored will face a crowded docket next in the court during the past few Tuesday. These represented the citizens exceeded their quota by Monday, Clerk L. B. Wynne said weeks. Speeders account for north and central counties of \$77.43. A review of the fund early today.

support in the other colored dis-Up until late yesterday, 72 cas- drivers, numbering thirteen, are tricts in the chapter shows the es had been placed on the docket, second in the number list. Eight following totals: Dardens, \$70.31; but all of those cases are not other defendants are charged with sembly. Williams, \$51.25; Rodgers, \$72; scheduled for trial next Monday. careless and reckless driving. The

Biggs, \$50, and Burroughs, \$40. When it became evident that the docket also lists seven larceny matters on the docket was the Individual contributions not court could not handle the large cases, five liquor law violations, previously acknowledged will be docket in one day, quite a few of four assault cases, five worthless Burns, pastor, First Presbyterian published next week. the cases were scheduled for trial check warrants. Three persons Church, Washington, was chosen During the meantime, Fund at later sessions.

Drive Treasurer R. J. Hardison While drunken driving and vehicles without drivers' licenses, reported the following special speeding cases lead the count, and one each with failing to re- peared for examination and ordigifts had been made since the last worthless check and larceny port an accident, failing to yield nation. These men will assume ficers who are entitled to mem-

Approximately 75 ministers and laymen of Albemarle Presbytery property, and the detection of

in all-day session in the met eighteen of the cases. Drunken Eastern North Carolina. Rev. J.

Don Skinner was host to the as-

Among a number of important election of moderator. Rev. W. P. are charged with operating motor to this office.

Five ministerial candidates ap-

# Peace Officers To Sizable Gain In Property James F. Harrison Form Association In Two Counties

Locusts About To

age Trees Slightly

To Share he onners Relief Plan In Washington and Martin Counties

Supported by a special act of the North Carolina General Assembly, thirty-four peace officers in Martin and Washington Counties, will form an association early in May for administering the newly created Peace Officers' Relief Fund in the two counties. The officers-24 from this and 11 from Washington County-are

scheduled to meet in the Martin County courthouse on the night of May 5 to perfect their organization, it was learned. property holdings. The bill, paving the way for the

creation of the association and providing the relief fund, follows in detail as passed and ratified by the legislature a short time ago: Section 1. Short Title, This Act shall be known and may be cited at the Martin and Washington Counties Peace Officers' Re-

lief Act. Sec. 2. Definitions. Peace officers shall be deemed to include all peace officers of the Counties of Martin and Washington,

North Carolina, or subdivisions thereof including all cities and towns and members of the State Highway Patrol and game wardens, who are required by the terms of their employment or elections to give their full time

cicada nymphs-the "17-year lo to the preservation of public orcusts"-will begin to crawl der, the protection of life and stealthily out of the soil. Twenty thousand or more may crime; and all special officers or climb from beneath a single tree citizens who are injured or killwhere they have been developing ed while aiding or assisting regufor 17 years. Then will come the lar peace officers or while acting spectacular individual struggles

as such peace officers. in which the cicadas burst from Sec. 3. Creation of Association. their old shells and emerge as An association to be known and soft, milky-pale winged adults, designated as the Martin and says the National Geographic So-Washington Counties Peace Ofciety. ficers' Protective Association shall They will harden by morning be formed, the membership of into active 1 1-4 inch black insects which shall include all peace of-

with transparent, orange-veined ficers and game wardens in Marwings and fiery red eyes. Soon tin Counties and the members of they will begin their resounding the State Highway Patrol as defined above.

Sec. 4. Registration. Peace of-

Values Certain In County Died In Hospital A sizable gain in 1953 Martin the corporation listings. Rober- Here Early Today County property value new sonville reported a sizable gain o ertain, according to a prelimin- \$197,211, including \$189,559 in real ary report released a few days ago holdings. Williamston Township by Tax Supervisor M. Luther one of the smallest in the county

Peel. Two townships-Jamesville reported about the largest per and Hamilton-have not submit- centage increase, the real values ted reports, and the figures for all showing a \$36,794 gain. Personal local citizen, died in a hospital the other eight townships are not property values increased \$147 for j final, it was explained. How- a total of \$36,941. Griffins reportever, it is now believed that the ed a gain of \$9,339 in its real listings this year will reflect a property values, but a loss of \$5, gain of at least three-quarters of 476 in personal values pulled the denly last Thursday night and a million dollars over those re- total increase down to \$3,863. corded for the tax year of 1952. Bear Grass came through with a Small gains were recorded in gain of \$54,955, including \$50,270 tributable to a heart attack. Deone or two townships and one, in real and \$4,685 in personal pro-Poplar Point, reported a loss of perty holdings. The gain in Cross \$11,712 in its values, including \$7,- | Roads was \$46,456, including \$43,-

557 in real and \$4,155 in personal 547 in real and \$2,909 in personal property values. Goose Nest had The figure is not complete, but a \$14,252 gain in real property a gain of approximately \$300,000 listings but a \$17 loss in personal and possibly more is expected in property values, the district show-Williamston Township, aside from ing a net increase of \$14,235.

**MOVING?** 

**Return Following** Unofficial reports heard 17-Year Absence this week maintain that the union bus terminal here will be closed any day and that busses will stop at a Haugh-Pest Is No Serious Threat ton Street service station near To Crop But May Damthe A. C. L. freight depot. The report could not be confirmed immediately. The Washington.-Some soft May present operators of the terminal said yesterday they night soon millions of cravfishlike were operating from day to day with no definite instructions as to when the change would be made. The operator of the filling station where the busses are to make their stops said yesterday no definite arrangements had been made for using his station as a

terminal for the busses. The Belk-Tyler Company, owners of the bus terminal site, is said to be making ready to construct a modern store building there, but no official announcement has been made.

daytime wailing. They feed harmdaytime wailing. They feed harm-lessly on plant fluids and mate Education Board during the month before they die. D1.

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# Funeral For Prominent Lo-

cal Citizen Will Be Held rriday Afternoon

James Eli Harrison, prominent here this morning at 3:00 o'clock following a several-day illness. Apparently in his usual health a veek ago, he was taken ill sudwas removed to the hospital a short time later. Death was atspite his advanced years, he continued unusually active after retiring from the farm some years

A son of the late Cushing Biggs Harrison and Martha Elizabeth Taylor Harrison, he was born in Bear Grass Township 83 years ago on October 21, 1871, and spent his arly life there. Following his marriage to Miss Henrietta Swain in 1892 he located on a farm in Edgecombe County near Tarboro in 1900, returning to this county in 1910 and making his home for a number of years on the old Whitaker farm near Williamston. In ecent years he had made his

ome here Possessed of a friendly spirit, he had a ready smile for everyone, and always extended a willing hand to help others along the way, supporting worthy causes and taking a definite stand for the nobler things in life.

Mr. Harrison was a member of the local Christian church and his pastor, the Rev. John L. Goff, will conduct the funeral service Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in terment will be in Woodlawn Cemeterv

Surviving besides Mrs. Harrion are three daughters, Mrs. Katie Wynne, Mrs. Mary H. Coltrain, Williamston, and Mrs. Nornan Conrad of Miami; seven sons, Henry D., James E., Jr., Ira and Bernard Harrison, all of Williamston; C. B. Harrison of Rocky Mount, Robert Harrison of Tarboro and Lewis Harrison of Pulaski, Virginia; one brother, Robt. G. Harrison, of Henderson; a sister, Mrs. Della Green, of Wil-

amston; twenty-four grandchil-

dren and twelve great-grandchil-

**Special Clinics** 

Early reports from the pre-

school clinics now being held in

this county point to a record en-

rollment in the first grade next

report:

charges are beginning to appear right-of-way, false pretense, pub-Homer Barnhill, canvasser: B in greater numbers, an enforce- lic drunkenness. Two are book & W Tire Company, \$5; Martin- ment officer stating that the in- ed for non-support.

Elliott Co., \$10; Central Restaurant, \$3; Roanoke Lockers, Inc., \$15; R. L. Ward Coal and Wood Co., \$5; Dr. W. F. Coppage, \$5. James Bulluck, canvasser: Colonial Stores, \$20; Martin General Hospital, \$50.

W. I. Skinner, canvasser: General Electric Company, \$25; Vir ginia Electric and Power Co., \$35.

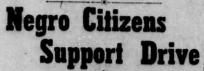
William Everett, canvasser: Dixie Motor Co., \$50; Griffin Motor Co., \$27.50; Lindsley Ice Co., \$25; Lindsley's Checkerboard Store, \$5; Home Laundry, \$20; Thrower Hardware & Appliance Co., \$10.

R. J. Hardison, canvasser: Clark's Pharmacy, Inc., \$20; Martin County Building and Loan Association, \$10; Pioneer Shoppe, \$5; Woolard Hardware Co., \$5; Zemon's Ready To Wear, \$5.

Anxious to make his final report, Fund Chairman Skinner today appealed to all canvassers

who have not done so, to complete the drive and submit their reports in as soon as possible. An unooficial report states that

the Robersonville Chapter, the other Red Cross unit in the county has raised about half of its quota of approximately \$1,800.



Serving as district chairman, Professor W. E. Honeyblue announced this week that the Negro schools, and is completing his secitizens in the Robersonville cond year in the Ahoskie schools.

Chapter are supporting the Red cross fund drive this year. Re-ports to date from the other Red Speaking Contest Cross chapter in this county show that the colored citizens are supporting the 1953 campaign fund. Over in the Robersonville

Chapter the following reports were submitted this week.

Hamilton, Mrs. R. E. Keyes, tin County courtroom tomorrow chairman, \$51; Whichard-James afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, it was district, W. C. Bunch, chairman, announced by the president of \$45; Everetts, E. L. Owens, chair- the Order this week.

man and Edgar Outterbridge, es. Thice opeakers, one from Washchairman, \$33; Salsbury district, ington County, another from Pitt G. T. Hyman, chairman, \$21. The County and still another from this chairmen were assisted by faculty county, will compete, it was members and patrons in raising learned. Jamesville is supplying \$150.29 in the four districts. the contestant for this county.

## **GOOD RESPONSE**

With approximately 800 delinquent accounts on the county tax books. Collector M. L. Peel made special appeals to the property owners earlier in the month and the North Carolina Restaurant Assoresponse to those appeals has been very encouraging, it was declared today. One-fourth of the group cleared their accounty. counts, and others explained they would act before the early part of May

**Science Teacher For Local School** 

Joseph Lassiter of Conway has Williamston High School faculty health officer. W. C. Lackey, sanitarian for the to fill the position made vacant by the death of Professor Whita- Eastern District and representing of which Albemarle Presbytery

his new duties next fall, it was siding over the sessions today, and launched a campaign to raise \$2,announced. In addition to his duties as a the State Board's Western Dis- work among the negroes of the

teacher in the science department, trict is addressing the groups on South. he will assist the athletic coach. "Methods in Food Handling." Mr. Lassiter was graduated from East Carolina College where

he earned his master of arts de-"Bacteriology." gree. He majored in science and physical education. Following his

studies at the college he taught two years in the Clinton city



A declamation contest, sponsored by the Patriotic Order Sons of America, will be held in the Mar-

Senator Taft, Senate Majority Leader, said in an interview he never had heard any one-term suggestion from the President or his intimates. The senator said that in any event he firmly believes Mr. Eisenhower will be convinc-

ed he ought to seek a second term when the time comes.

duties with the Presbytery beginning June 1st and will serve the following churches: Messrs. Ver-

non McGehee, the Wayside-Wanapplication for membership in oca group, Washington; Yorke Pharr, Rivermont in Kinston; Dan Norman, Johnson and Cobb Memorial Churches, Tarboro, James MacKenzie, Edenton and Swan

Quarter; and Herbert W. Dale, the West Greenville-Ballards group. Committee reports registered notable progress in accessions of membership, building operations, income and the opening of new fields during the fiscal year, 1952-53. The Presbytery organized lately its 50th church

Sixty-five food handlers and An unusual feature of the meetrestaurant proprietors were in ating was the announcement of intendance upon the opening sesdependence of financial subsidy sions yesterday when W. B. Gayfrom April 1, 1953, of three former lord, Jr., county sanitarian, pre- Home Mission organizations. sided. M. M. Melvin, executive These churches are West Haven, vice president of the North Caro-Rocky Mount, of which Rev. Ruslina Restaurant Association adsell B. Fleming is pastor; Neuse dressed the first-day meetings, Forest, New Bern, under the lead-

after the visitors were welcomed ership of Rev. Denver S. Blevins; been appointed a member of the by Dr. John W. Williams, county and Meadowbrood, Greenville, Rev. C. D. Patterson, pastor.

ships, but it will be available also

or men's and women's groups.

Presbytery will meet in the

First Presbyterian Church, New

Bern, Rev. J. Murphy Smith, pas-

The following representatives

were present from Williamston:

Rev. J. Don Skinner, F. L. Fussell,

Dillon Cobb, Sidney Beacham and

well

The Presbyterian Church U.S. ker last fall. He is to enter upon the State Board of Health, is pre- is an integral part has recently

W. A. Broadway, sanitarian for 000,000 for the enlargement of its

Presbytery confirmed the pur-On the third and final day of chase of a Conference Grounds the school tomorrow, Sanitarian Site, located on Bogue Sound near Lackey will have for his topic Morehead City. This beautiful

piece of property will be open this summer. Its use will be chiefly by Presbytery's youth fellow-**EISENHOWER IN '56?** 

Senator Robert A. Taft (R) of Ohio has forecast that President Eisenhower will run again in 1956 and be reelecttor, in July for its next regular

Persistent, although unverified, reports have circulated in Washington that Mr. Eisenhower wants only one term.

W. T. Martin. MR. HAARISON CONTINUES **II AT BEAR GRASS HOME** Mr. Henry Harrison known Martin County citizen, continues ill at his home in Bear Grass, according to late reports

reaching here. He has been in declining health for some time.

ession.

bership in the association, in order to share in the benefits pro

insects and animals These creatures, Brood X of vided for in this Act, shall make the periodical cicadas are cousins of the harvest fly. Scientists de-

the association on blanks to be signate the 17-year broods by Rofurnished for that purpose, giving such information as may be required by said association, and largest. It will appear throughshall pay an initiation fee and annual dues to be fixed by the executive board; however, such down through Georgia, with initiation tee shall not exceed \$5

and such dues shall not exceed dle Atlantic seaboard mater, In \$12 per annum. Provided further diana and adjacent areas and that the provisions of this Section eastern Tennessee. A dwarf va-, shall not apply to special officers riety will emerge at the same or citizens who have not had a time. reasonable time from date they

Indians regarded the mysterious were appointed, summoned or appearance of the cicadas with deputized, to register with said awe as did early European setassociation. And further protlers. When the Pilgrims at Plyvided that said reasonable time mouth Colony first heard the cicashall not exceed thirty days. das keening in 1634, they mistook Sec. 5. Creation of Executive

Board. The executive board shall and feared a plague such as ravconsist of five members of the aged Pharaoh's Egypt in Biblical association, in good standing, to times. Thus the popular misnombe elected by majority vote of er "locust" originated, though cicadas are in no way related to those hungry-jawed grasshoppers

> Seventeen year cicadas wear dark "W" marked on each wing Early settlers, noting that severa conflict closely followed cicada visits, regarded the insect as an omen of war. The creatures have

> > arose that they would sting babies to death.

business. Sec. 6. Treasurer. The treascicadas is during their egg-laying urer shall give bond in the aprocess. The female chisels gashmount specified by the executive es in tree twigs with her long, board in some approved bonding company, approved by the board.

Sec. 7. Sources of Revenue. In

### BROADCAST

Hodges.

The broadcast is a part of a regular club program on the Raleigh station.

They will also be fed on by birds **Plans** Inspections

dren. Its organization perfected only last Monday, the newly constitut-

last Monday, the newly constituted Martin County Board of Eduman Numerals from I to XVII. cation-Ernest Edmondson, chair-Brood X (1936, 1953, 1979) is the man; Urbin Rogers, vice chairman; Howard Gaylord, LeRoy Harrison and Cecil Powell-is raout the eastern United States from New England to Wisconsin and pidly moving to give education in this county what might well be a

shot in the arm. heavy concentrations in the mid-The several members apparently have agreed to give of their fall.

Williamston reported 100 at the time and efforts to size ap the educational plant and to work for two-day clinics for the white an effective administration of the school this week and Robersonville had seventy at its clinic yeswheel system. Beginning next Monday the board members will terday, it was reported.

Principal B. G. Stewart said the start an extensive survey of the number reporting for the prelimphysical properties in every one of the several districts. The ininary examinations was about spections, getting under way fol- ten percent greater than the previous record, that possibly twenlowing a brief meeting at 9:00 o'clock that morning at the court- ty-five others expected to enter house, will be centered first in the the school next fall were unable local district, it is understood to attend the scheduled clinics with the possibility that they will this week.

No report on the clinic findings be extended into the Bear Grass could be had immediately. district before the day is spent.



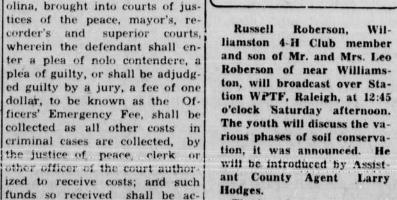
Walter (Little Bud) Freeman, Band Director Jack Butler of 34-year-old colored man, is in the Williamston High School is schehands of the law, this time for duled to present the beginners' allegedly assaulting Emma Minns group of his band in a brief proand breaking into her home on gram tt the Parents-Teachers As-White Street last Sunday night sociation meeting Monday evenabout 10:00 o'clock. ing, April 27, in the high school At a hearing held before Jusauditorium.

tice Chas. R. Mobley last eve-The meeting opens at 7:45 with ning, probable cause of guilt was President Fletcher Thomas preestablished and Freeman was residing. It was not announced turned to the county jail in dewhether the band program will fault of a \$1,000 bond. precede or follow the brief busi-The prosecuting witness said ness session.

that Freeman had chased her Included in the program will be away from her home Sunday two numbers by the Junior Band, morning, and that he returned clarinet trios of the 6th and 8th that night, bursting through a grades, Clarinet quartet from the locked door. She ran away again. 7th grade, flute duet from the 7th Freeman claims he was drunk grade, flute duet from the 6th when he allegedly broke into the grade, flute trio from the 6th and home, that he remembered noth- 7th grades, bass solo, 7th grader, cornet ensemble from 6th grade, ing about it.

Freeman, often in the courts as and clarinet duet from the 6th defendant,' was arrested Tues- grade,

The prosecuting witness These are the groups from day. wanted to know how it wor he which recruits for the senior band could not remember the alleged will come and their work indicrime and yet was able to evade cates stronger bands for the fuofficers for more than two days. ture.



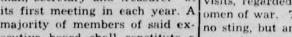
them for crop-devouring locusts

said association at the last regular meeting in December of each calendar year, such board members to hold office until their successors are elected and qualify.

man, secretary and treasurer at

quorum for the transaction of The only serious harm done by

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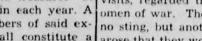


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counted for monthly, and turned

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The said board shall elect a chair-

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