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#### **ESTABLISHED** 1899

**Officials Believe** 

Reestablishment

**Plan Not Feasible** 

Board Votes To Cheer Any

Action Taken By Dis-

trict To Regain Unit

In Perfect sympathy with the

aw designed to retain or re-estab-

ish small high schools in this

State, the Martin County Board

of Education in special session

Tuesday unanimously favored any

plan the Farm Life District may

advance in an effort to regain its

"If the district can meet the re-

quirements of the law enacted in

he recent State legislature, we

certainly would not take any ac-

ion to block such a plan," one

nember of the board was quoted

The action was taken after the

Farm Life Committee appeared

before the meeting earlier in the

day and announced the action tak-

en by a meeting of school patrons

there last Friday evening when

the return of the school was fav-

ored by a vote of about four to

The matter is to be investigat-

ehalf of small high schools by

high school.

is saying.

# **Consider** \$65,000 **Addition to Plant** For Negro Pupils

### Plan Shift 124 Pupils from Antiquated Dardens **Plant To Jamesville**

The consolidation of Negro schools in this county, already under way, will be advanced considerably in plans now being considered by the board of education for the Jamesville section, it was learned following a special meeting of the board held Tuesday afternoon.

While facing many obstacles, the plans ultimately call for the consolidation of the Dardens school with the one at Jamesville. It is estimated that approximately 125 pupils will be transferred, giving the Jamesville plant an enrollment of nearly 275 pupils.

Finding the Dardens plant inadequate, education board members are proposing an addition to the Jamesville building with the reasonable assurance that adequate facilities can be provided in the one project for both schools and solve the problems for the entire area.

Bids for the addition were opened at the meeting Tuesday afternoon and while construction costs continue to hold to a high figure there was right much competition, and if certain alterations facture of farming equipment in can be made in the plans and other condiitons can be met, it is believed the board in a special meeting on May 25 will approve declining health for almost a the merger and let the contract for the building.

There were seven general contractors bidding on the base contract. J. T. Hardison and Son were low with a bid of \$46,913 on with the present building and will

Meeting in the high school here Tuesday evening, Martin County teachers heard an inspiring address by Dr. Leo Jenkins, East Carolina College dean, and elected officers for the new term. Professor James Sawyer. teacher in the Bear Grass school, was elected president

OFFICERS

to succeed Professor Carlyle Cox. Mrs. Ethel Roberson of Williamston is the new vice president, and Mrs. Effie Holliday of Jamesville succeeds Mrs. Mildred Crawford as secretary-treasurer of the organization.

The retiring president reviewed the activities of the year, and light refreshments were served following the meeting.

# H. D. Harrison, 71, **Died In Hospital** Early Wednesday

well-known citizen of Bear Grass and a pioneer in the early manuthis section of the State, died in a local hospital Wednesday morning at 4:30 o'clock. He had been in costs

he entered the hospital here.

**Road and Jail Terms** Suspended Twenty-three cases were called

for trial in Judge H. O. Peele's Recorder's Court Monday morning with fines totaling \$880.00 after some of the road and jail sentences had been suspended upon payment of fines and costs. Liquor, illicit and otherwise, in

all its ramifications accounted for a majority of the cases with automobiles figuring in many of them. The proceedings:

The plea of James Lewis that he was not guilty of a charge of drivng while drunk, was upheld. Raymond Harrington was tax-

ed with the costs on a charge of failing to report an accident. The case in which Rebecca Mills

Mills was charged with failing to yield right of way was nol pross-

> A nol pros with leave judgment was entered in the case of Felton Freeman in which he stood chargperiod during the past eight ed with stealing 10 cartons of cigyears.

Henry Lee Swinson entered a dom equalled by a collector in this part of the country.

his license for one year. James Arthur Howard provide guilty to being drunk and disordtence of three months on the roads was suspended for two years on

condition he pay a \$100 fine and Thurston Spruill, Ernest Bel-

amy and Clayton Lynch faced bacco farmers are a bit gloomy, the court on charges of possessing according to reports reaching equipment for the manufacture of here. illegal liquor. Two of them enter- Prices for just about all the in-

ed pleas of guilty, the other de- ferior grades are at a new record nied the charges but all three low, according to Mr. J. B. Taylor, were found guilty and sentenced local tobacconist, who inspected to the roads for three months each the markets there a few days ago with the terms being suspended with Mr. Williford Sparrow. The trades. on payment of \$100 fine and costs price average this season is below John Henry Rogers, Jr., enter-

veyors," many of them old hands nut acreage check measurements Fines Total \$880.00 With in the business, are in a special this year, it was learned. Those

farmers who plant in excess of meeting here today making pretheir allotments will be penalized parations for measuring the to- if the excess is not destroyed or bacco and peanut acreages in the converted, it was explained. Last

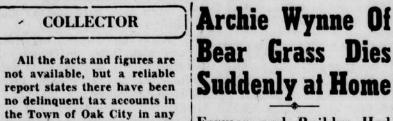
county. The task of checking the year the penalty on excess tobacapproximately 13,000 acres of to- co was 22 cents a pound, and the Tuesday of this week the newly acco and the slightly more than penalty on excess peanuts was six 15,000 acres of peanuts is to be cents a pound. started within the immediate fu- In those cases where the farmer action taken by the old board a

ture. Farmers are being asked to is not satisfied with the measure- few weeks ago as that action recooperate with the surveyors in ments made by the regular super- lated to changes in the Williams every way possible. visors, it is possible to call for a ton and Bear Grass School dis Since wheat quotas are likely second check or measurement. tricts.

in 1954, all Martin County farmers The landowner must notify the who planted any of the crop in P.-M. A. office at the county agri- in the Bear Grass district and either 1950, '51 or '52 are asked to culture building within one week, opened one about one and sevennotify the P.-M. A. office imme- and accept the cost of the second tenths miles long in the Williams survey should the first one be ton District. diately.

There'll be little or no change found correct.

COLLECTOR



Farmer and Builder Had Been Ill With Heart Ailment But Short Time

Archie Wynne died at his home Township Wednesday afternoon Board of Education in Raleigh. at 1:30 o'clock of a heart attack. order, he had not been very ac-

**Maryland Tobacco** Gloomy

With tobacco prices trailing been there only a short time when I those of a year ago and with no support available, Maryland towithin four or five minutes. The son of James B. Wynne

and the late Della Jolly Wynne, he was born in Bear Grass Town-

engaging in farming for a number of years but more recently the old board. he had worked in the building

son twenty-eight years ago. that of a year ago, it was explain-Surviving besides his wido

Plan Consolidation<br/>Jamesville SchoolsTwenty - Three<br/>Cases In County<br/>Court On MondayMaking Ready To Measure<br/>Peanut AcreagesBoard Stands By<br/>Changes Made In<br/>School DistrictsHigh School At Farm<br/>Life Gets Approval

DOG ROUND-UP

Inspector A. R. Roberson

in rounding up stray dogs and

**Patrons In One Area Said** To Be Planning To Carry Appeal To Raleigh

Meeting in special session on and his assistant, Clyde Silverthorne, are making progress constituted Martin County Board of Education refused to rescind checking upon the anti-rabies drive in this county, according to a report released yes-

The old board closed a corridor

Heading a fifteen-man delegation, Mr. Joe Shep Holliday went before the board that morning and appealed to the board to leave the corridor extending from Old Bear Grass Dies Mill Inn to Corey's Cross Road open on U. S. Highway 17. With Suddenly at Home holding any criticism, the dele gation asked for continued per

> mission to send the children in that area to the Williamston schools After the board took no action to rescind the order issued by the old board, it was learned

that representatives of the delega tion will carry their case to higher at Old Mill Inn in Bear Grass officials, possibly to the State

When the consolidation pro Suffering with what was believed gram was effected years ago, the to have been some digestive dis- people along Highway 17 financed for two years transportation for clubs, and one farmer, Mr. Lee D. ed no plans of procedure, and tive for several weeks. His condi- their children to the Williamston Hardison, are on a five-day tour there is some doubt just what action took a turn for the worse schools, the State later taking of Washington, D. C., and several tion is legal under the law

improved yesterday morning. He ent that the new order, scheduled group is accompanied by Mrs. ed and every avenue opened in an ate lunch and decided to go to his to go into effect next term, is goroom upstairs and rest. He had ing to meet opposition. The corridor being opened in he suffered the attack and died the Williamston district presents Mamie Humphrey, Tar Heel tour that an easy solution is not in a complicated problem in that pe- director of Raleigh.

Traveling in two special busses, The minimum attendance figtitions favoring transferring the Price Mill Road territory from the club members and special ure set up in the new law for Williamston to the Bear Grass dis- guests left the county early Wed- high schools is one big threat, but ship 52 years ago on October 25, trict have been followed by an-nesday morning for the nation's one that could be met temporari-1900, and lived there all his life, other, urging the county board to capital where they spent last ly. The board members went on reconsider the action taken by night. Today, after making stops to discuss the damage and exin Philadelphia, the tourists are pense should the minimum be Without much discussion, Cecil moving in on New York where reached in a year or two years, or

He was married to Hettie Harri- motion to support the action taken Hotel. During their two-day stay The cost item looms as another by the old board, closing the cor- in New York, the club women and big obstacle in reopening the ridor along Highway 17 from Old Mr. Hardison will make guided and father are four sons, L. B. Mill Inn to Corey's Cross Roads, tours of upper and lower Manhat

terday by Deputy Sheriff Dennis Roberson. In their first day this week. the inspectors killed twelve dogs and advised twentyeight owners to have their dogs vaccinated within three days or face court action.

The drive will be extended to every part of the county on a house-to-house basis.

**Club Members On Five-Day Trip to Northern Cities** 

Fifty Martin County Women and One Man Traveling in Two Busses

Fifty Martin County women, most of them members of the one. The committee, headed by various home demonstration Chairman Oscar Roberson, offer-

last week, but apparently he was over the task. It is fairly appar- northern cities this week. The Elizabeth P. Harrison, home de- effort to reopen the school. Howmonstration agent, Miss Ruby Lee ever, it was admitted in a general Spencer, assistant agent, and Mrs. discussion of the serious problem

sight.

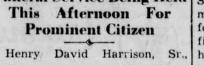
Powell of Robersonville, made a they will stop at the Piccadilly even three years.

rettes.

tervals in various hospitals during that time. His condition had been critical since last Thursday when He was born in Bear Grass the general construction which Township 71 years ago on July 9, includes four class rooms, an audi- 1881, the son of the late John and torium, an activity or lunch room, Mary Ann Thomas Harrison. He heating plant and other facilities. spent his early life on the farm. The structure is to be connected but as a young man pioneered

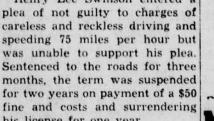


This Afternoon For



year, receiving treatment at in

with the old Woolard Manufac-



An indirect report from Mrs. Mattie Allsbrook, town clerk, states that all accounts are paid up to date and that the town's finances are in tip-

top shape. It is a record sel-

be of block and brick construction.

Three electrical contractors New Bern offering the lowest in Everetts for a short time before the sum of \$3,685. Seven heating locating in the town of Bear Grass contractors were represented at the meeting, Henry Baker of Wil- and garage of his own, specializson submitting the low bid of \$8,-

By the time the architect's fees are added and costs of equipment years ago he decided to "take life and plumbing which is to be handled by the county forces, the to his son and looking after his cost will run between \$60,000 and farming interests. He continued \$65,000, it is estimated.

Members of the board discussed the project in minute detail with the hope that the plans can be altered to effect a reduction

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# **Delinquent Town Taxes Advertised**

The names of 114 property owners appear on Williamston's current delinquent tax list, repreamount of \$1,868.80. The number under the figure advertised a year ago. While economic conditions are hardly as favorable as they were a year ago, the tax record this year reflects better collec-

on the part of the property owners to meet their obligations. The thirteen white property owners whose property is being offered for sale the second Monof \$682.06. Last year there were presenting unpaid taxes in the sum of \$1,246.20. This year '101 colored property owners have not

met their tax obligations as compared with 111 last year. This year the accounts of the 101 colored property owners represent compared with \$1,452.43 due by the 111 owners a year ago.

It is fairly certain that many of the delinquent accounts will have been paid before the property is offered for sale at the courthouse door on June 8.

turing Company in this county in the manufacture of harrows and other farm equipment. He was submitted bids, C. J. DMers of also associated with a firm in

Williamston Boy Member

Of Solo Group at E. C. C. where he opened a machine shop James Page of Williamston is ing in farm equipment repairs

and later operating an automobile recital this coming Saturday evesales agency and garage. Ten ning at East Carolina College, it was announced today. The proeasy" and turned his business over gram is being presented as part of alumni day activities.

Young Page is a member of a active, however, until last August group of student clarinetists who when failing health limited his will appear in T. Stewart Smith's

activities. Mr. Harrison was a member of the Modern Woodmen for a long appear on the program as a pitime, serving the organization anist.

faithfully as its secretary for a number of years. He was also a ton High School and the Green North Carolina. member of the church at Macedonia for a number of years. He

followed an humble but yet a noat East Carolina. ble life, doing unto his fellowmen as he would have them do unto

**Town Officials State Their Positions** him. He was always ready to lend a helping hand, and found pleasure in helping solve the prosenting unpaid taxes in the blems of his neighbors and other friends. His work as a machinist In reply to the recent criticisms in garbage receptacles and other town people visiting here, people, think that any policeman employof delinquent tax accounts is four- and builder left is impact on the published in the Suggestion Box containers left lying around, who have received courtesy tick- ed by our Town would give any teen less than the count for 1952, progress and development not in The Enterprise, we, as mem-and the unpaid taxes are \$829.83 only in his home community but bers of the governing board of hurt for these same citizens to cut violations, have all spoken most the Town of Williamston, would down and clear up all overgrown highly and commendable about violations where that person throughout this section. He was married to Miss Ida like to answer them to the best of lots which they might own, and the operation of our Police De- could show that the meter itself

Taylor in January, 1910, and she our ability. We realize full well clearing up such weeds and debris partment in carrying out their was defective. survives with two daughters, Mrs. that there are numerous changes on the grounds surrounding the duties pertaining to the parking We feel that if the citizens of W. Leonard Mobley of Bear Grass needed in our Town, and that, in homes and business properties meter situation. It is quite true Williamston would divide the actions and a greater determination Township and Mrs. Henry Bohm- so far as we are able, we are en- will certainly help to remedy the that some of the meters are out tual amount of taxes that they er of Baltimore; two sons, LeRoy deavoring to make such beneficial situation. It must be understood of operation at times. We do not pay in one year by the number of Harrison, member of the Martin changes. We are of the opinion, that a telephone call to the Town believe that this stiuation can days in the year, and realize at-

Bear Grass, and Henry David not be handled by the governing or the Water Plant will not bring because the meters are checked they are paying for police protec-Harrison, Jr., an attorney of Rae- board alone, that it must take the the spraying truck or a garbage at least twice a week, and at any tion, fire protection, water and day in June, owe taxes in the sum ford; a brother, A. C. Harrison, of full and unstinted cooperation of truck to your premises immedi- other time upon call. We feel sewage service, streets, curb, gut-Bear Grass, and a sister, Mrs. Ar- all the citizens who are affected. | ately. These trucks have their re- that the policy pertaining to them ter and sidewalks, garbage serve sixteen delinquent accounts, re- thr Shaw, of Williamston, and

(Continued on Page Five) **Everetts** Selling Its ditions have hindered the work to er the entire Town.

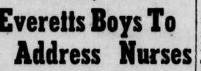
## The town of Everetts is offering

sale at the courthouse door in Wil-

there. The accounts, numbering only zens may do their part in trying handled in a more satisfactory so as to gain the extra time there- meeting is necessary. It is our Smithwick Street by Jos. Griffin. After the meeting refreshments ten, represent unpaid taxes in the to drain off all stagnant water manner than any town in the by before they are checked by a Town and we all want to help in Both homes will be of brick ve- were served by the wife of the pools and water that has collected State of North Carolina. Out of policeman. We further do not its growth and well being. sum of \$176.56.

ed. Some of the farmers are tak ed a plea of not guilt to a driving ing their tobacco back home, hop-(Continued on Page Five)

coming from Secretary of Agriculture Benson, is ruling out a return to the support program for one of the soloists to appear in a the Maryland tobacco growers.



"Suite for Four Equal Clarinets." Mrs. H. S. Hardy of Everetts, is year.

Donald Roebuck of Stokes will addressing the annual Nurses Re-

ing that control can be voted back in and save the day for them. However, the Republican Congress, despite recommendations



Wynne of Norfolk, Harold Wynne and opening the 1.7-mile corridor tain, a boat cruise around Manin the Wiliamston district to the hattan Island, visit Rockefeller of Portsmouth, James A. Wynne, U. S. Army stationed at Camp Bear Grass school. The motion Center, make a subway trip to (Continued on Page Five) (Continued on Page Five)

P.-T. A. To Install Officers Continues Critically At Meeting Monday Night Ill In Hospital Here

Installation of officers for the Suffering with a heart condinext scholastic year will be the tion, Dr. John W. Williams, Marmain business before the Wil- tin County health officer, conliamston Parents-Teachers Asso- tinues critically ill in a local hosciation when it convenes Mon- pital where he has been a patient day night in the high school audi- since Sunday. Showing slight im-

Rudolph Hardy, son of Mr. and torium for the final session of this provement earlier in the week, his condition has remained little Fletcher Thomas is the retiring changed since that time, a late re-

treat in Charlotte this week-end. president and Asa T. Crawford is port from the hospital stated. Mr. Hardy holds a degree in to take over after the installation His son, Dr. John Williams, Jr. Page, a graduate of Williams- pharmacy from the University of ceremonies Monday night. The of Church Point, La., arrived by P.-T. A. has enjoyed one of its plane early this week, and an-Wave Band is the son of Mr. and The Retreat stresses the impor- best years with membership ap- other son, S/Sgt. Fred Williams of

Mrs. J. D. Page and is a freshman tance of religious programs in the proaching an all-time record if Georgia, came in yesterday to be student nurse's work in hospitals. not surpassing it. with their father.

was seconded by Member LeRoy Coney Island and attend a special show at the Radio City Music Hall. While the club women are doing a bit of shopping, Mr. Hardison plans a one-man inspection

of the city. The group is scheduled to return to the county Sunday.

> Names of those making the trip, including Mr. Hardison, the home agents and tour director, are: Miss Louvenia Rogerson and Mes-E. Brown, Nina Britton, W. C.

Coltrain, B. A. Daniels, John Ed- ed. mondson, Henry Earley, Margaret Everett, Hosea Fagan, Dan Fagan,

G. H. Forbes, Mattie Hardison, L. L. Harrell, June Harris, J. H. Hopkins, Inez Jackson, J. B. James, Annie Jones, Chesley Jones, W. J. Johnson, Tempie Keel, H. W. Leggett, Sarah Lilley, Don Matthews, Sr., Laura Melson, Monnie Mobley, Ralph Mobley,

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At Jamesville Tuesday

Graveside services for Sharon Anita Tetterton, two-day-old daughter of Philip Ray and Sarah Margaret Davis Tetterton of Plymouth were held Tuesday morning in the Jamesville cemetery. The Rev. C. N. Barnette of the Plymouth Christian Church offi-

ciated. lives in Jamesville with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Davis, and her maternal grand-

Construction work was started



With sleeves rolled up, the local Jaycees held their first Board of Directors meeting Monday night at the home of President Exum Ward. The meeting lasted for three hours.

During what President Ward called "a most successful" meetdames Helen C. Andrews, Annie ing, plans for the coming Jaycee Ayers, J. W. Bellflower, Sr., Edna year were drafted, many projects were discussed, and standing com-Bullock, Archie Coltrain, Howard mittees for the year were appoint-

After listening to an outline of the requirements for a sponsoring organization as presented by guest K. P. Lindsley, the Jaycees voted to investigate the formation of an Explorer Troop of Sea Scouts in Williamston and to recommend the sponsorship to the general membership of the local club at its next regular meeting, explaining that final action on Arthur Peaks, C. A. Peele, Lillian such a matter must rest with the entire membership.

Realizing the need for hasty action to meet a state deadline, and being confronted with the fact that Williamston was the first town to ever sponsor a local contestant in the "Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant" and had never been without one since, the Board of Directors voted to again sponsor such a pageant. Bernard Harrison and Ceeil Lilley were named overall chairmen of the pageant and all other committee chairmen were appointed. It was decided that the Pageant would consist of both the "Miss Williamston" and "Little Miss Wilhamston" or "Sweetie Pie" phasmother, Mrs. G. T. Woodard of til a couple of years ago. The es as the Jaycees sponsored up undate for the pageant is tentatively set for Wednesday night, June 17.

The age limit for the older group Two New Homes Here is 18 to 28 inclusive and for the younger group is 4 to 6 inclusive. The Jaycees also voted to pre-

President.

of Williamston to pay for their We believe in our Town and

Our mosquito control program, gular routes to follow, and at the as it is now carried out is an ex- ice, and the many other advanas well as the rat control pro- rate our Town is growing, it is cellent one, and we can see no tages that are given them, that we gram, has been underway for necessary that they follow their need for any changes. We feel would have a better spirit of co some weeks now. Weather con-prescribed routes in order to cov- that it is the duty of the citizens operation among all of us.

Delinquent Tax Accounts a great extent and have, in all As to the parking meter situa- parking time and certainly to no- believe in its future, and we will

probability, undone most of the tion here in our Town, we can say tify any policeman if a meter will certainly accept in good faith any Start Construction On work that has been done. Please that they bring in much needed not work or will not register the complaints in criticisms. Any

an unpaid balance of \$1,186.74 as its delinquent tax accounts for be assured that your Town Board, revenue to our Town to help pay correct time. We do not believe citizen having such valid comwith the cooperation of the Health existing obligations or obligations in the habit that some of our citi- plaint will be welcome at any

liamston on June 12, by order of Department, is doing everything that are incurred in the operation zens have of placing a coin in the regular meeting or we will call a this week on two new homes, one sent a War Bond to the "most dethe town board of commissioners in its power to alleviate the situa- of our Town. It is our firm be- slot and then not turning the special meeting if the complaint for the Episcopal rector on Frank- serving" male senior of Williams-

tion. On the other hand the citi- lief that our parking meters are meter in order to register the coin warrants it and we feel that a lin Street and one on North ton High School this year.

neer construction.

County Board of Education of however, that certain things can- Office, the Health Department exist more than a very few days, tually how much per day that

### Surviving in addition to her parents, are a sister, Cheryl, who

