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30,138

348,823

232,740

120,042

206,428

38,284

6,237

Total (col.) __\$ 1,191,453 \$ 1,154,724 \$ 36,729

1952 Real Estate

339,960

585.862

600,002

570,434

323,172

875,705

43,637

14,921

28,053

334,834

34,917

226,840

115,218

205,176

6,237

144,891 \$ 4,544

1,007,785

3,404,792

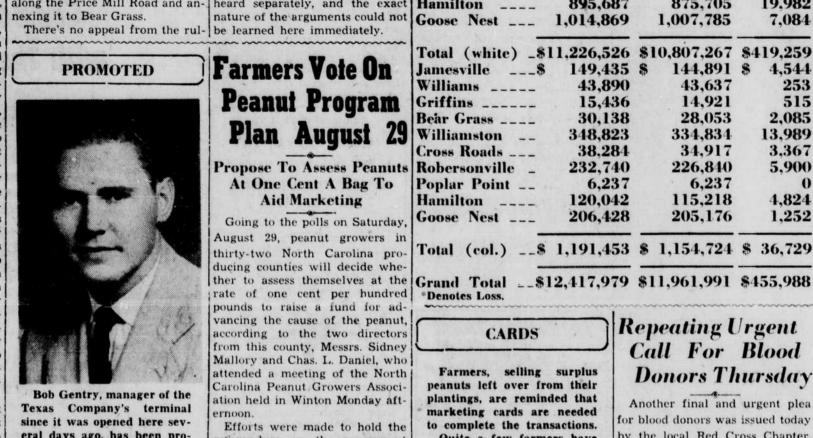
1,928,422

Painfully Hurt Overrule County Board On Martin County Property Values Show Sizable Gain In Truck Wreck Consolidation Plan Order And Send Total Pass Twenty-Six Million Mark **Friday Evening** A Martin County Board of Edu-Jing handed down by the State ation order, directing the consoliboard, it was pointed out. dation of that section between A twelve-member delegation No One Reported Injured ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUATIONS IN MARTIN COUNTY - 1952-1953 Increase In List Old Mill Inn and Corey's Cross from the Macedonia area, led by In A Second Road Acci-Roads on Highway 17 with the Messrs. Joe Shep Holliday and 1953 Real Estate Bear Grass School, was overruled Ralph Holliday, appealed to the dent Over Week-end Township by the North Carolina State Board State body to leave the territory Jamesville ____\$ 1,193,782 \$ One person was painfully in- of Education in Raleigh last just as it had been for years. A Williams _____ 348,951 jured, but believed not seriously Thursday noon. The action tak- group of about six, headed by Mr. Griffins _____ 589,804 and a property damage, estimated en by the State body leaves about Ephraim C. Harrison, represented in excess of \$800, resulted in two 25 pupils free to continue their Bear Grass and asked the State Bear Grass ____ 623,536 motor vehicle accidents reported schooling in Williamston. As far Authorities to uphold the order Williamston ___ 3,656,844 on the highways in this county as it could be learned here, no handed down by the Martin Board Cross Roads ___ 593,090 mention was made about the of Education a few weeks ago. last week-end. 1,990,224 Robersonville _ Driving a 1953 pick-up truck county board order, taking away Each delegation, allowed ten Poplar Point __ 319,739 on the Bear Grass-Everetts road a part of the Williamston district minutes to present its case, was near McDaniel's service station, along the Price Mill Road and an- heard separately, and the exact Hamilton ____ 895,687 Milton Bowen, 17-year-old son nexing it to Bear Grass. nature of the arguments could not Goose Nest ____ 1,014,869 be learned here immediately. of Mr. and Mrs. Toba Bowen, There's no appeal from the rullost control of the machine which Total (white) _\$11,226,526 \$10,807,267 \$419,259 plunged into a ditch and turned **Farmers Vote On** over. Traveling alone, the young PROMOTED Jamesville ___\$ 149.435 \$ Williams _____ driver, said to have been travel-43,890 **Peanut Program** ing at a moderate speed, possibly Griffins _____ 15,436

not in excess of 35 miles an hour. was thrown partly through the windshield. While he suffered no broken bones, he was badly cut about the face and neck, one report stating that more than fifty stitches were necessary to close the cuts. Treated in a Williamston hospital, the young man was said to be getting along very well. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$500, according to a report gained from the North Carolina Highway Patrol office in the county courthouse. No other vehicle was involved. It was explained that the vehicle was running down the road, and suddenly swerved to the left and went into the ditch. The accident was reported about 10:30 o'clock Friday night.

Driving a 1950 Chevrolet truck in the Cross Roads section last Friday evening about 5:45 o'clock Charlie Lee Crandall, colored man of RFD 2, Robersonville, started to make a right turn when James Arthur Perkins, of Parmele,, started to pass him in a 1953 Oldsmobile. Perkins said the truck moved to its left, apparently to make the right turn into a lane, and that he thought Crandall was leaving the road on the left. No one was injured. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300 and that to the truck at about \$15, according to a report released by

the partol office. No one was injured and prop-Local People Will



eral days ago, has been promoted and is going with the company's sales division in Baltimore. Mr. Gentry is being succeeded by Bill Bridgen who is returning here from Baltimore. Mr. Bridgen was with the terminal here until he was transferred to Baltimore, and now his promotion places him in the manager's position at the terminal. His family will join him here in a few weeks.

Efforts were made to hold the referendum on the assessment plan on the same date farmers will be asked to decide on acreage quotes, but apparently no such arrangements could be made. Farmers will vote on the allotpresent the cards. ment or acreage quotas in Decem It was explained that the pro-

posed assessment is small, that in reality it will hardly average one cent a bag. In other wards, if a farmer has 100 bags of peanuts for sale he will contribute \$1 to the special fund, the direct-

CARDS Farmers, selling surplus peanuts left over from their plantings, are reminded that marketing cards are needed to complete the transactions. Quite a few farmers have their left-over seed peanuts for sale without submitting their marketing cards. In those cases, the farmers found it necessary to recover and

Firemen Answer Call On Friday

Bear Grass ____

Williamston ___

Cross Roads ____

Robersonville _

Poplar Point ___

Hamilton ____

Goose Nest ____

*Denotes Loss

Idle more than two months, lo-

Repeating Urgent Call For Blood **Donors Thursday**

Another final and urgent plea The bloodmobile is due here on strike to be determined in the Thursday of this week and just a weeks to come. few over 100 persons have signed

sponse will improve by tomorrow. across the line in Beaufort Coun- ure.

Illicit Liquor Business Dealt Tax Supervisor M. L. Peel said that the real property listings this Heavy Blow In This County The illicit liquor business was ing that the three copper kettles

for blood donors was issued today dealt a heavy blow in this county were of hardly more than 30-galby the local Red Cross Chapter. last week, the effectiveness of the lon capacity, and that most of sonal poration listings. The 1953 perwith oil drums The officers poured out aproxi-

Gain

138,580

27,803

5,397

26,736

21,378

20.891

*4,124

11,176

382.762

10,705

*5,982

2,600

*458

1,752

*154

*4,155

*1,269

25,894

REMAINS TO BE SEEN

In a regular meeting last

Friday evening, the Williams-

ton Jaycees unanimously vot-

ed to meet in a solid body at

the recreation grounds behind

the legion hut and work on

It yet remains to be seen if

all the members will make

the grade and be there on

time at 5:00 o'clock Wednes-

day morning. However, the

schedule was made under a

fine agreement, passed by un-

Facts Uncovered

By Dairy Month

Appointed chairman of the 17th

annual observance of June Dairy

Month, Mr. W. B. Pugh, of the

Milk and Ice Cream Company in

Williamston, this week mentioned

does more for the human body

than any other food and does it

more cheaply, went on to cite

other interesting facts about the

If the annual production of

dairy industry, as follows:

improving the site.

animous vote.

22,961

*106

\$

\$

7,168

127,757

9.339

273,430

43,547

189,559

Raiding in the Free Union sec- mately 15,000 gallons of mash and up to give blood, meaning that tion of Jamesville Township, Bear 151 gallons of raw liquor. Conthe list is between 75 and 80 short Grass, Williamston, Griffins, equipment were confiscated. if the 150-pint quota is to be met. Goose Nest and Robersonville Three of the plants were in op-An appeal was made last week Township, Chief Enforcement Of- eration and red hot when the ofo local civic clubs. ' Up until this ficer Cecil Bullock and Deputies ficers arrived, but the operators, morning only two persons had re- Wiley Craft and Joe Smith wreck- apparently gaining advanced notturned their pledge cards. It is ed twelve plants, not including ice of the officers' approach, had hoped and believed that the re- lone found and destroyed just departed the scenes of manufact-

Others are being asked to con- ty. Three of the plants were Three of the plants were found tact Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Jr., at Mar- equipped with copper kettles and in Jamesville, three in Bear Grass, ever, a quarter-million dollar gain cal volunteer firemen went into tin General Hospital, or Mrs. Lu- with one exception all the plants two each in Griffins and Goose in Williamston's real holdings,

1953 Total Gain **Expected To Hold** \$161,229 **Tax Rate In Line** 36,794

50,270 Estimate Property Listed At Not More Than One-**Third True Value**

With an increase of \$864,644 in *7.557 31,158 1953 tax values over those record-14,252 ed for 1952, the Martin County Commissioners will have a little \$802.021 larger financial foundation to 15.249 support them in their tussle when 147 they meet next Tuesday in special *5.467 session to study the proposed 4.685 1953-54 budget. While the in-36,950 crease is slightly less than half the 2.909 size of the record chalked up last 7,652 year, the gain in values is expected to offer strong support in hold-*4,155 ing the general county and school 4,670 tax rate in line at \$1.35 per \$100 *17 assessed property valuation.

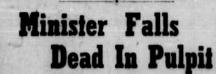
If corporations listings-yet to be certified by the State agency \$ 62,623 to the county-remain about the same, the county will have one of \$11.440,987 \$11,032,331 \$ 408,656 \$864,644 the highest tax property valuations in history-\$26,019,644.

In a report on the 1953 listings, year added up to \$12,417,979, an amount \$455,988 greater than the \$11,961,991 value placed on real property listings last year, all amounts being exclusive of corsonal property holdings were valued for taxation purposes at \$11,-440,987 as compared with \$11,-032,331 recorded a year ago, a gain of \$408,656. Corporation listings last year were figured at approximately \$2,160,678.

The over-all gain in tax values last year was \$1,733,200, a record for any one year in recent years. When listings got under way last January, Tax Supervisor Peel was almost willing to compromise with a hold-the-line figure. Howand more than a \$100,000 increase in the personal property listings in Jamesville and Robersonville Townships pulled up the total to a pleasing figure for the tax supervisor. Only one township, Poplar Point, reported a drop in real property listings. The district lost Abbitt's mill which was destroyed by fire last June, and that accounts partly for the drop in real property valuations there. The district also lost \$8,279 in personal property listings, \$4,124 less in the white list and \$4,155 in the olored list. Little Williams Township while coming through with a sizable gain in real and personal property values to the tune of \$36,794 among the white property owners lost \$106 in its personal property listed by colored owners. Other losses in the personal property values listed by colored wners were centered in Griffins, ross Roads, Hamilton and Goose Nest. All told, the decrease in values was limited to about \$17,-000 which amount was absorbed, leaving a total gain of \$864,644 in values over those recorded a year

erty damage was limited to about \$265 in a truck-car accident below Jamesville on Highway 64 Monday morning about 9:00 o'clock. Driving east, Elbert Manning started to make a left turn in an oil truck just as Wm. C. Ereel, Cary man, started to pass

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The Rev. Samuel David Manue died suddenly in the pulpit of Barnabas Negro Missionary Baptist Church near Williamston at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Serving the church in the ab sence of a regular pastor, the Washington minister was in his usual health that morning. Members of the congregation said he had just completed a "powerful" sermon, and announced the closing hymn when he was stricken and fell dead to the floor.

A doctor called to the church pronounced him dead, and Coroner W. W. Biggs, ruling an inquest tomorrow evening. unnecessary following an investigation, said the 66-year-old minister apparently died of a heart attack.



Dick Levin, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Levin of Williamston, is receivring from injuries received ers and others were anxiously in an automobile accident the awaiting more showers. early part of last week near Newton. Suffering several broken ribs, rain gauge here, reported a total the young man was released today of .19 of an inch yesterday, There pital at Newton.

Accompained by several other has been no rain to talk about College students and Miss Kerry Jones, Raleigh high school students, all members of Levin's dance orchestra, were returning Levin's station wagon. Miss Jones Goose Nest Townships. The fall Greenville. was said to have suffered a brok- was also heavier in the Jamesto reports reaching here. one in his shirtsleeves.

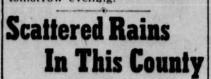
Figure In Event

Williamston is being well reprequota plan and price support. ented at the 48th annual session The fund that the assessment of the Grand Chapter of North will create is to be used in furth-Carolina, Order of the Eastering or maintaining favorable ern Star, now under way in Durlegislation along with promoting ham. And several of its citizens research and the marketing of will figure prominently in the peanuts.

event. Mr. V. J. Spivey is to be Following the meeting, Messrs installed as Worthy Grand Patron Daniel and Mallory said that the Murfressboro where he had a directors were well pleased with and Mrs. Clyde G. Harrison is to the outlook for the assessment be installed as Grand Esther of plan, and predicted that once the the Grand Chapter of North Caro- farmers realize its importance lina, O. E. S., for the year 1953- they will support it in the August

ors said.

54. Mr. and Mrs. Spivey and Mesdames H. D. Harrison, W. O. Abbitt and Clyde Manning left Sunday for the annual sessions in Durham. Miss Beth Spivey, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Manning, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Harrison, Mrs. J. L. Harris, native of Robersonville, was fatal-Mrs. Ralph J. Parker, Mr. and ly injured in an automobile ac-R. L. Coburn and Mr. Henry D. Riding with another Coast Guard-Harrison are to attend and take sman, the young man was said to part in the installation ceremonies



While many sections of the State reported heavy rains Sunspfinkles during the two days.

However, the limited rain did much good, but early today farm-Mr. Hugh Spruill, keeper of the

from the Satawba General Hos- were slight traces of rain the early part of last week, but there since May 20 when .53 of an inch

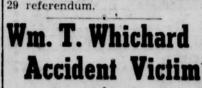
tion on Roanoke River here. Incomplete reports state that

Returned to Robersonville yes-

It is generally agreed that the action last Friday morning at peanut program is on the spot, 11:00 o'clock when they were callso to speak, that unless the peaed to the Emma Harvey home on on West Main, and pledge a pint nut farmers set busy and do something they are subject to lose the North Sycamore Street. A gas of blood.

stove went out of control and neighbors rushed in, cut the gas supply off and checked the fire. It looked as if the firemen at itself.

one time would have to get a search warrant to find the fire. Opening Summer The call directed them to 602 Sycamore Street, but no direction as to north or south was given. The truck driver, going purely by guess, turned north on the street, went within one block of the Harvey home. A person, questioned a former member of the local



William T. Wichard, 23-year-old twice last Saturday afternoon when fire, starting in a pasture that had been dried out by the Mrs. E. E. Holding, Mr. and Mrs. cident early yesterday morning. long dry spell, caught fire and threatened to spread to buildings just West of Main Street between have suffered internal injuries Brown's Community Hospital and and died ten minutes after reachthe railroad. Little or no damage

ing a hospital in Elizabeth City. was reported. The report said the driver was al-A fourth call in as many days

so badly injured when the car was received yesterday afternoon went out of control and turned when defective electrical wiring over fired the house owned by R. S:

The son of the late John R. Critcher and occupied by James Whichard and wife ,he was born Barnhill just off Hunter Street. in Robersonville and spent most The electric cable shorted out of his life there before entering around a piece of tin, and blew the service six years ago. He was a transformer fuse. Damage was stationed at Elizabeth City. negligible.

He was a member of the Robersonville Baptist Church and the pastor, the Rev. Ralph Ferguson, Farm Bureau To will conduct the rites at the home Meet Thursday in Robersonville Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Burial will be in the Robersonville Cemetery.

A detail from the Air Station Members of the Martin County in Elizabeth City will conduct the Farm Bureau, meeting in the military rites at the cemetery. county courthouse Thursday even Surviving are a brother, Roing at 8:00 o'clock, will discuss was recorded at the weather sta- bert; five sisters, Miss Lena Whic- the possibility of putting the orhard and Mrs. Dell Coe of Rober- ganization into the insurance busisonville, Mr. C. P. Parson and ness, President Chas. L. Daniel to Raleigh when an automobile that good showers fell up in Pop- Mrs. E. A. Conley of Marietta, announced. Gordan Maddry, precrashed a red light and struck lar Point, parts of Hamilton and Ohio, and Mrs. Jack Warren of sident of the State Bureau, will attend the meeting.

Not to be confused with the en pelvis but none of the others ville area, but over in Griffins terday, the body will be carried company beering its name, the was seriously injured, according hardly enough rain fell to wet to the home of his sister this aft- Tarm Bureau is now operating an ternoon for the funeral tomorrow. insurance place in several states.

in the town hall or at her home

This chapter is still using more smoked up the house a bit before blood than it is giving. If the quota is not met the program hardly can be expected to sustain



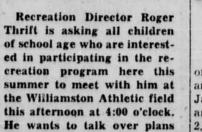
Professor Carlyle Cox, print "Duke" Savage. cipal of the Farm Life School and

there, said he knew of no fire and faculty, will open a summer term away by the shot blast which was in the local high school on Fri- fired at close range. did not know where the party livday of this week, it was anounced ed. Turning around, the firemen went to the other end of the street just to learn that the Harvey woman lived on the far north end.

explained.

any day this week. The school this treatment. year will opeare from 8:00 a. m.

until 12:30 p.m. be had immediately.



AT FOUR TODAY

with them and get an idea of what type of recreation they will be interested in.

About 5:00 he wants to talk with the boys who are in the Pony League age bracket.

Parents are invited to come with the children if they can and any adults who can aid in the program in any way are urged to volunteer their assistance as often as possible.

cille Cowen, Red Cross Chapter were operated on a comparatibely Nest and one each in Williamste secretary, in the Red Cross office small scal, Officer Bullock stat- and Robersonville Townships.

Man Bad Hurt In **Shot Gun Attack**

1953 1952 Gain Personal Property Personal Property

205,719

470,591

474,249

340,901

216,474

538.316

617,146

98.070

29,748

27,805

47,571

228,862

260,718

37,313

17,611

152,873

169,535

\$10,370,881 \$ 9,988,119

1,070,106 \$ 1,044,212

2,745,885

1.826,188

177,916

465,194

447,513

320,010

220,598

527,140

609,978

87,365

29.854

33,787

44,971

205,901

37,771

258,966

21,766

153,027

170,804

2,724,507

1,698,431

1,171,133 \$ 22,649 \$ 2,935,412 \$ 2,796,832 \$

8,991

3.942

23,534

22,656

61,802

*3,433

19.982

7,084

253

515

2,085

13.989

3,367

5,900

4,824

1,252

\$

252,052

Charlie Grimes, 33-year-old Oak City Negro, was badly wounded in a shot gun attack there last Saturday morning about School On Friday 11:20 o'clock, the attack climax-ing a feud existing for some time between the victim and Alexander

According to one report, Grimes right ankle was just about torn

Officer Garland Bunting said today by Principal B. G. Stewart. the two men had some trouble The school, carrying a nominal several weeks ago, that Grimes fee, is open to any student de- knocked out several of Savage's The firemen were called out siring to make up any work in teeth in a fight. Saturday mornthe high school department. No ing Savage claims his brother-inschool is being conducted for the law moved in on him with a botelementary grade pupils, it was the. Running into his home, Sav-

age got the gun, returned to the Those interested in taking spe- road on the edge of Oak City and cial work may contact Principal shot Grimes who was removed B. G. Stewart at the high school to a Williamston hospital for

Another report stated that Savdairy industry. age had inquired about how much. This locality, according to Mi Members of the local National time he could expected if he shot Pugh, is now producing nearly Guard unit signed up last night, a man. Told that a sentence could 1,000 gatlons of milk per day, and but a complete report could not run from ten to twenty years, Savthe entire output is being pur age was quoted as saying, "Well, chased by the Maloa Company I am going to shoot a man." here.



an advancement in rating for extend around the earth 140 times. James A. Rogerson, son of Mr. Enough butter is produced anand Mrs. Ira Rogerson of Route nually to generate more energy 2, Williamston, N. C., to metalsmith third class, USN, at the U. The man in the moon would have court also reported \$228.78 in mis-S. Naval Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

thick if all the cheese produced The advancement came as a re- annually were spread over all the for \$465, including \$379.15 for result of a world-wide competitive moon. As for ice cream, Ameriwritten test which consisted of ca's favorite, the annual ice cream licenses and \$30.50 for death and questions testing military and output could be snaped into a birth certificates. professional skills.

To be eligible for the written one ever built by the Egyptians. \$151.50 in fees. quiz, Naval personnel had to ex- All the cans of Evaporated milk Income from the various sources hibit proficiency in the on-the-job put end to end would form a was considerably less than the phases of their ratings.

some interesting facts about the ago. An unusual feature in the listings is found in the values given in by colored owners in Poplar Point where the real holdings remained constant at \$6,237.

Mr. Pugh, explaining that milk Fees Adding To **County Revenue**

Approximately \$3,730 was added to the Martin County treasury Washington, D. C.—The Bureau of Naval Personnel has announced Fluid Milk were in quart bottles last month by the fee system, according to a report released by Auditor J. Sam Getsinger.

The county court reported the greatest income, \$2,885.30, includ-

The register of deeds accounted cording papers, \$56 for marriage

pyramid bigger than the largest The sheriff's office reported

cable to the moon from the earth. amount reported in April.

