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YoungFarmerKilled Weather Review For Past Month By Bolt Of Lightning In This Section Funeral Held For DISTRICT DEPUTY Hewett Edwards

Friday Afternoon Mrs. Edwards Stunned By

Bolt That Claimed Her Husband's Life

William Hewett Edwards, prominent Martin County young farmer and a leading citizen of this community, was instantly killed by lightning while working in a field on his farm near Williamston at 3:30 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon. He was pronounced dead upon arrival at a local hospital.

Mrs. Edwards, just a few steps away, was stunned by the lightning bolt that claimed her husband's life, but her injuries, confined to the hands, were not seri-

A hired hand on the farm was with Mr. and Mrs. Edwards but she was not hurt. The three-were moving toward the house ahead of an approaching rain storm when the lightning struck in the open field.

It was the first death caused **Damage Done To** by lightning in this county in a number of years.

The son of the late William Herbert and Annie Taylor Edwards, he was born near Williamston forty years ago on May 5, 1913, and spent all his life on the farm. Attending the Williamston Tobacco and Corn On Hunschools, he was a star player on the high school football team, and was popular among both old and young. He was an able farmer and

tributing much to all phases of portions of rain and wind, hit an life and lending a helping hand area extending from the old Eveto worthy causes.

a son, William Hewett Edwards, |o'clock.

the U. S. Coast Guard; a daught- that a bolt of lightning took the er, Audrey Page Edwards; a life of William Hewett Edwards. grandchild; one brother, John One of the first farms to be struck



Ben D. Courtney, local business man, has been appointed deputy district governor for the Lions by District Governor Sam Holton of Louisburg. Receiving one of the highest honors accorded a member of the local club, Mr. Courtney will visit the clubs from here to Manteo.

Crops By Storms In Martin County

dred Farms In Oak City Area Damaged Friday

A combined electrical, hail, a leader in his community, con- rain and wind storm with major |retts-Williamston road to Fisher

Surviving besides Mrs. Edwards, Harris' farm on U. S. Highway 17, the former Miss Grace Page, are last Wednesday afternoon at3:30 Jr., stationed at Baltimore with It was during this same storm

Rainfall For Month, Of **June Nearly Two Inches**. **Above Normal**

The old saying that dry June makes the bread and a wet June is costly is to be tested this year. Reviewing the weather for this immediate section for the past Bridgekeeper Hugh month. Spruill reported 6.89 inches of rain during the period or 1.82 inches above normal.

The review shows the old Roanoke was well under control during the period, reaching a top figure of 6.1 feet and a low of 3.4 feet. Temperature readings were

comparatively on the hot side during many days in the month, but dipped to a low 51 degrees on the 16th. The weather data, including the

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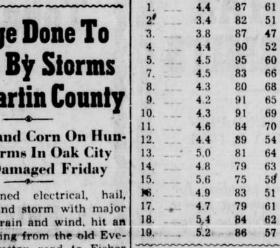
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Nurses' Congress Native Of County

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iver gauge readings, as released by Mr. Spruill for the month of June follow, with the date in the first column, the river gauge readings in the second column. the maximum temperaturo reading in the third, minimum temperature reading in the fourth and the rainfall in the fifth column for each day of the month: River H L Rain Date



58 83 51 79 61 84 62 86 57 (Continued on page eight) **Everetts Girl At**



Lieutenant Anne S. Mizelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mizelle of Williamston, was chosen from the nurses corps in Sam Houston, Texas, to pose for a TV poster that will be shown all over the country during 1953 in connection with the Army Nurses Corps. All local channels are expected to show the poster this month. Lt. Mizelle is now stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Ten persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail during the July Fourth holiday weekend. Four of them were charged with public drunkenness, two with drunken driving, two with assault and one with larceny. A tenth person was jailed for being absent from the service without leave.

ROUND-UP

Four of the ten were white and the ages of the group ranged from 16 to 60 years.

Billy M. Haislip **Died At Home In**

Funeral Service Held At **Brother's Home Near Oak City Monday** Billy Mack Haislip, retired

armer, died at his home near Oak City at 4:30 o'clock last Saturday morning. He had been an invalid for more than fifty years, and was critically ill for about ten days. The son of the late Alexander and Mary Ann Rawls Haislip, he

was born in Goose Next Township 81 years ago on December 28,

County Board Of Commissioners In Leading County Man Dies Near Palmyra **Regular Meeting** Final Action Taken On The County Boy Heads Funeral Held For Graham Memorial J. A. Everett At

Budget In Short Session Monday Morning

Holding one of their shortest sessions in months, the Martin County Commissioners Monday morning took final action on the lace, Jamesville, graduate student 1953-54 budget, approved budin history in the University of get estimates for the several lo-North Carolina, has just been cal school districts and recomappointed director of Graham Me mended several road projects in addition to routine duties.

Only three commissioners, Messrs, C. C. Martin, J. C. Gurkin and J. H. Edwards, were present for the session which lasted less than two hours.

The 1953-54 budget, calling for \$1.35 county rate, was given final approval, and the auditor's office is already computing the tax figures.

The board recommended a road in Williams Township be extended and improved, beginning at the residence of Charlie Lee on Highway 64 and running a northerly course three-quarters of a mile to Little Dam Swamp. The road is generally known as the Upper Island Road, and the commissioners would have about 100 yards added to the north end and the entire route widened.

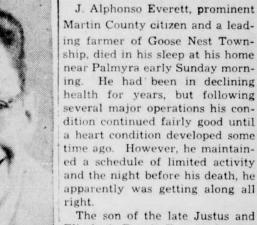
morial, student activities build-It was also recommended by ing, to succeed Bill Roth who the board that the State Highway resigned in the spring to become and Public Works Commission inassociated professionally with the clude in its system six-tenths of Boy Scouts of America. a mile of road in Williams Town-Since Roth's resignation John ship, running from Joe B. Nichols' Ammons, Salisbury, has served to the Barber Road and known as as acting director. Wallace was named by Graham

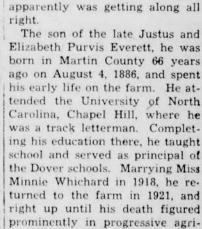
David L. Simmons of Wilson Memorial's board of directors employed as assist- from among five candidates. Negro county agent, The new director took his B. S the county to pay part of degree in physics here in 1944 and his salary, An assistant to R. M. received his law degree in June, Edwards, he is to begin work on 1947, and in August of the same July 16.

Upon the recommendations of mathematics. From 1947 to 1950 presentatives during the 1927 and the local committees and the he taught school in Robersonville. Martin County Board of Education, the commissioners approved 1950 as part time instructor in during the second term there. He the budgets for the various special social science, he began work on, school districts. Increasing its rate from twelve mistory

to fifteen cents on the \$100 assessed property valuation, the Oak Wallace was on the Daily Tar asking no favors for himself. Mr. 1871. In his early teens he was employed by the Slade-Jones to raise the staff in every capacity ex-temployed by the Slade-Jones to raise the staff in every capacity ex-ter teditor, was president of the county, its people and their wel-ter teditor. mpany in Hamilton, and later The 20-cent rate in Williams- Interdormitory Council, chairman fare, greeting everyone with a

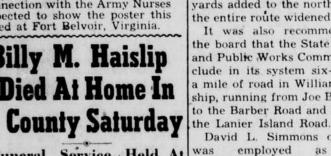
Chapel Hill, July-Jimmy Wal- His Home Monday Former County Representative In Legislature Had **Been Ill Long Time**





culture In addition to his farming operations, Mr. Everett was active in the affairs of his county and State. He served the county with disyear was awarded an A. B. in tinction in the State House of Re-1929 sessions, and headed the im-Returning to the University in portant agriculture committee was also active in the affairs of his M. A. and Ph. D. degrees in his community, devoting much time to civic tasks and to educa-During his undergraduate years, tion. He gave freely of his time,

Robersonville, with a 20-cent Legislature and the Golden Fleece death in 1950. Surviving are a Currently he is advisor for myra; two daughters, Mrs. John Mangum dormitory and Scout- H. Wieting of Texas and Mrs. A. In August he will marry Miss brothers, R. O. Everett, prominent Nina Gray of Robersonville, a Durham attorney; B. B. Everett, graduate student in English in widely known farmer in this the University and an associate State, and W. Robert Everett, of Made ille - sub and - ales - widely known in agricultural circles throughout eastern North Carolina; three sisters, Mrs. Don Harrison, and Misses Hattie and Margaret Everett of the old Everett nome near Palmyra; and four



Henry Edwards of Williamston, by the storm was that of Raymond Miss Anna Lane Barnhill, Cherry near Mickey's Inn. His to- member of the junior class of the and Mrs. Lyman Johnson of Rocky bacco crop was damaged at least Norfolk General Hospital School Mount.

at the home last Friday afternon fered similar damages at 3:30 o'clock by Elder A. B. Ayers, assister by Elder W. E. corn and tobacco crops were dam- of Nurses at Petropolis, Brazil, Grimes of Greenville and the Rev. aged by wind and some hail but July 12-17. E. Gordon Conklin, pastor of the not to serious proportions. A lawn Cemetery.



New Member Of

Sherwood L. Roberson subscrib-

ed to the oath of office administered by Clerk of Court L. Bruce Wynne in the commissioners' room in the county courthouse Bear Grass road was also badly last Tuesday, and immediately entered upon his duties as a member of the Martin County Board of broke completely off when Mr. Education: Making no statement, Peele and his helpers attempted seat, declaring he was ready for work.

Resigning as a member of the Robersonville local school comhis successor on the local committee. The appointment was duserve at least until May 1955.

Mr. Roberson was appointed a short time ago by the Martin Democratic Executive Committee to fill the position made vacant by the untimely death of Cecil Powell, several terms a member of the board.

Board Members Howard Gaylord, Leroy Harrison and Ernest Edmondson were present when Mr. Roberson subscribed to the office oath. Member C. U. Rogers was absent.

Cannery Opens At Oak City for The Season

Information from the Oak City Parent-Teacher Association stated the cannery would open this week for the first time this season.

Canning operations will take place on each Monday and Thursday afternoon from 1 o'clock to 5 o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted 40 per cent and his corn crop suf- of Nursing, has been selected to attend the 10th guadrennial con-

She will leave Norfolk by plane County but had been living in Church. Interment was in Wood- Mickey's Inn stopping traffic un- will travel by air to Brazil."

til it was cleared by Prison Camp labor. A large tree also fell in the the student body. Nurses nomivard of Lester Rogers tearing down several yards of his fence. high scholastic attainment, supe-Reaching out over the Prison Education Board Camp farm the storm did much nursing and outstanding school nursing and outstanding school damage to the corn and truck citizenship. according to a statement made

Miss Barnhill will visit Panama. by Captain Williams, superintend-Lima, Sao Paulo. Rio De Janerio and San Juan on the way to The tobacco crop of John Peele Petropolis. An attendance of who lives on the Williamston-5,000 nurses from 45 different countries is expected. damaged. Leaves were torn from Four years ago the student the stalks and many of the stalks faculty organization sent a student representative to a similar congress in Sweden.

Mr. Roberson signed the oath of office and immediately took his bacco and corn damage was esti-of Mr. and Mrs. Fabian A. Barnmated at 40 per cent. hill of Everetts.

Two Accidents On

No one was injured and proper-

ty damage was held to a compara-

tively small figure in two minor

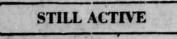
vehicle accidents on the highways

in the county last week-end.

vestigating patrolman.

Further west the wind tore tobacco barn connecting shelter from its base. His tobacco and ed Ernest Beaman Whichard as corn was damaged but not so badly as that of Cherry and Peele. County Highways A tree was blown down in the ly made, and Mr. Whichard is to yard of J. G. Corey and damage to tobacco and other crops was

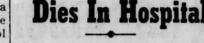
estimated at 25 per cent. (Continued on page eight)



According to unofficial but reliable information reaching here yesterday, the highway truck route or by-pass around the town is still in an "active" state, but it was admitted that little progress is being made on the project at this time. More right-of-way obstacles are being encountered such as titles, it was learned.

No a 'es were mentioned, but it was mid that highway authorities are greatly interested in starting and completing the project. It isn't likely that much progress will be

made on the project before the fall.



Dies In Hospital was employed by a mercantile firm in Tarboro. While in Tarboro he was stricken with paralysis,

Mrs. Lillian Davenport Bryant, and returned to the old home in 33, of Tarbore, died in a Norfolk this county. He never married. Further west on the same road gress of the International Council hospital Wednesday evening at Despite his infirmities, he man-7:30 o'clock after a long illness. aged to maintain his house hold, She was a native of Martin asking few favors of others. Surviving are two brothers. Williamston Memorial Baptist large tree fell across the road at Friday for Miami from where she Tarboro for the past fifty years. R. A. Haislip of Oak City and SLe was the laughter of the late Grover R. Haislip of Hamilton. The funeral service was need a wife of the late James Battle the home of his brother, R. A nated by the student council for Bryant. Mrs. Bryant was an Haislip, near Oak City Monday election were chosen for their active member of the Little afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the active member of the Little afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Creek Primitive Baptist Church Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, a former neighat Conetoe. bor who is now pastor of the

She is survived by six daught- Farmville Christian Church. Iners, Mrs. Ashley Walker of High terment was in the Hamilton Point, Mrs. H. L. Lewis of Green- Cemetery.

Is C. James of Ber Officer Attacked At el, Mrs. J. B. James of Williams-**Home Here During Raid** ton, Mrs. I. R. Cummings, Jr. and Mrs. M. H. Whitehurst of South Officer M. E. Whitehurst was Norfolk, Va. six sons: J. O. of attacked when he and other of-Fountian, J. B. and F. F. of ficers started to raid a home on Tarboro and J. T. and G. P. of Railroad Street last Friday even-California and B. R. Bryant of ing. After reading a search war- Officers Find Quantity

Chester, Penna., 75 grandchildren rant, the officers started to move and 85 great grandchildren. The body was removed to the colored girl, attacked the officer, home of her daughter, Mrs. F. C. scratching him on the face and James in Bethel where the funeral neck.

was held Friday afternoon. Inter-She was arrested and jailed and ment was in Greenwood Cemetary is now awaiting trial in the counin Tarboro. I ty court.

Holiday Observed Without Serious Trouble In County

Experiencing a dizzy spell, The July Fourth holiday week- vehicles moved at the rate of end was observed in this county more than 1,000 an hour during James Holliday, young white man of RFD 3, Williamston, last conwithout any serious trouble, pre- one evening in the holiday period. trol of his 1950 Chevrolet and liminary reports revealing only North Carolinians returned home two minor highway accidents, no in great numbers from Virginia, ditched it last Saturday morning on the Prison Camp road not far killings and only a few infractions and North Carolinians left home from Cross Roads. Holliday said of the law. for the beaches in two states.

he got too hot in a tobacco field While the tragic death of a Less than a dozen speeders young farmer near Williamston were stopped during the threethe day before, and was taken sick suddenly. Damage to his car and other deaths marred the ob- day period and three drunken was estimated at \$150 by the inservance, all was fairly quiet on drivers were taken into custody other fronts ,according to reports by members of the patrol.

Early Friday night two cars coming from various officers and Ten persons were arrested from igured in a minor collision at the individuals throughout the coun- Friday until noon Monday, near-Switch near Williamston. No one ly half of them being charged Traffic is believed to have with public drunkenness.

was hurt and property damage was limited to about \$100, accord- established a new volume record, Very few accidents were re ing to an unofficial report. members of the Highway Patrol, ported throughout this area, but Members of the Highway Patrol working 16 to 18 hours patroling the accident death toll in the naworked from 16 to 18 hours a day the roads, declaring it was the tion late yesterday was approachduring the long holiday week- heaviest they had ever seen. At ing the 300 mark. No fireworks end, turning in quite a few speed- the intersection of Main and accidents were reported in this ers and three drunken drivers. Smithwick Streets in Williamston, section.

of the Carolina Political Union, smile and a firm handshake. ton's school district wil, it is esti and was a member of the Student Mrs. Everett preceded him in mated, raise \$16,596.

rate, has a budget calling for ranking honorary organization. son, James A. Everett, Jr., of Pal-\$10,293. Jamesville, with its 15-cent

rate, prepared a budget calling master for Troop 9 in Chapel Hill, T. Winslow of Palmyra; three for expenditures in the sum of \$7,605.

With a 20-cent rate, Bear Grass has a budget in the sum of \$2,729. The special levies for Massion ditoral that is Torally ! districts are used for various pur-

Named Principal poses such as employing special teachers,, providing clerical help, salary supplements in some cases **Of Pender School** and other projects.

Iin his monthly report, Tax Col-C. Wade Mobley, son of Mr lector M. L. Peel reported that and Mrs. W. Leonard Mobley of \$368,779.66 of the \$394,820 levy for 1952 had been collected. A Bear Grass, was recently elected Te Creek Fraalance of \$12,"70.500 haid on principal of the \$339,478.12 levy for 1951. All dy School in Pender County for but \$6,645.60 or the \$330,747.19 the coming term. Following service in World

levy for 1950 has been collected, and \$4,296.76 is due on the \$314,- War 11, Mr. Mobley attended and 225.04 levy for 1949. was graduated from A. C. College, Wilson, with an A. B. de-

Of Liquor In Home Here

Carolina, and they have two chil-Raiding the home of Annie Purdren. He and Mrs. Mobley arvis on Center Street last weekboth attending summer school at end, local and ABC officers found the University of North Carolina a quart of white liquor.

Chapel Hill, working for masters The owner had arranged a big degrees in education and mathe fish fry at her home and was almatics, respectively. legedly looking for more custom-Before going with a sporting ers when the raiders made their goods firm in Wilmington last year, he taught at Bolivia, N. C. ppearance unexpectedly. She is

ourt.

booked for trial in the county

TOBACCO LABOR

The labor market on tobacfarms in this section of the State is getting "tight", according to reports heard here this week. Farmers from other counties are coming into Martin, contracting for labor and offering special inducements to workers.

Reports from the Oak City section state that Pitt County farmers had visited there, offering shelter hands \$7 and \$10 to primers per day.

Wilson County farmers were in Williamston recently contracting with workers, guaranteeing them transportation and wages comparable to those offered by the Pitt County people.

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Facing Robbery **Charge in Court**

Charged with assult and robbery with firearms, Lon Hassell, gree. He is married to the former young white man of Virginla Jean Bellingrath of Clinton, South Beach is being held under \$5,000 bond for trial in the Martin County Superior Court. James Beel, Virginia Beach taxi driver, is alleged to have aided and abetted the robbery, and he was also placed in jail in default of a \$5,000 bond.

> The two men are said to have eft the beach town yesterday norning about 4:00 o'clock and entered the home of Mrs. Frances Herriott here on Biggs Street where the alleged attack took place It is alleged that Hassell forced Mrs. Herriott to write a check in the sum of \$500 which was later cashed at a local bank. The two men were taken into custody in Ahoskie and returned here by officers.

Drawn on a Virginia bank, the check was made payable to Beel who allegedly tried to cash it at several places before the bank opened. Unable to get the cash, Beel is said to have returned to The wife planted the bottle be- the home on Biggs Street where, side her husband's head, breaking reportedly with a pistol aimed at the glass and cutting and bruis- her head, the victim advised the ing him. Following treatment in bank by telephone to cash the

ed in the county jail where he is A preliminary hearing in the being held for the Marines. Of case is scheduled before Justice ficers explained that the man was Chas. R. Mobley at 10:00 o'clock absent without leave from the tomorrow morning in the courthouse.

Wife Uses Bottle **To Beat Husband** Few details could be had about it, but a milk bottle attack cli maxed an argument Abe Spruill,

in this State.

Jr., and his wife had at their home in Griffins Township about 3:00 o'clock Sunday morning.

Now he is returning to the teach

ing profession and at 26 years of

age he will be one of the youngest

principals of a consolidated school

a local hospital, Spruill was plac- check. Corps.