THE ENTERPRISE THE ENTERPRISE IS READ BY THE ENTERPRISE IS READ QVER 3,000 MARTIN COUNTY OVER 3.000 MARTIN COUN FAMILIES TWICE EACH WE'S AMILIES TWICE EACH WEEK Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Tuesday, January 5, 1954 ESTABLISHED 1899 **VOLUME LVII—NUMBER 1** Numerous Accidents Weather Review For Past Month Schedule Public Hearing On Bus Station **County Board In** Shori Meeting First\_Of The Year In This Section Woman Critically Call For-Study Of Needs Town Board Held Monday Morning Mercury Drops to The Low Wounded At "Red In-The Schools Of County Regular Meeting Eight Persons had Malleuman COMMISSION **But Little Results Are** est Point Last Month Here Last Night Rooster" Saturday The Martin County Board of costs for similar projects, the **In Several Years** Injured In Eight To Be Expected Education in a meeting Monday Robersonville building will repre-With a prepared survey Angelo Highsmith Shot Af- called for a study by the district sent an outlay of approximately \$172,000, it was learned. While the mercury reached **Rumors About Members Of** Holding their first meeting of ready for study, Williamston's **County Accidents** ter Refusing to Give John committees of the needs in all the summer time levels a few times, the new calendar year, the Mar-**Police Department Are** recently appointed zoning The several district committees wintry weather prvailed for the schools. During the meantime, will be asked shortly to make a tin Counity Board of Commissioncommission is tentatively **Ruled Unfounded** Adams, Jr., a Date most part in this section last ers leisurely handled routine busischeduled to hold its first ofthe education board is pushing survey of their respective plants **Property Loss First Three** month, according to a review reness and listened to requests for ficial meeting tomorrow even-Angelo Highsmith, 19-year-old plans for the construction of a and suggest to the board plans for After stating its position before more and better roads. leased by Bridgekeeper Hugh Days of New Year Adds ing at 8:00 o'clock in the colored girl, was shot and critical- new Negro high school in Rober- meeting the school needs. As meetings of the local governing Supported by lengthy petitions, Spruill. Falling to 15 degrees on courthouse, it was learned toly wounded at the "Little Red sonville to replace the one de- many as two district committees body and the orth Carolina Utili-Up To \$4,600.00 the 19th, the mercury that day the road requests included one for an addition to the system in reached its lowest reading re- Rooster" near Hassell last Satur- stroyed by fire in Parmele early will be heard by the board in thes Commission in Raleigh, opday. The commission, the first of There is some uncertainty about February. The action taken by position to the location of a bus corded in this area during recent day night at 10:00 o'clock when last fall. the island section of Williams its kind ever to function in J. W. Griffith was appointed the board this week is the founda- terminal back of the George the future of regular business, but years. Township. It was pointed out that the town, will study the surshe refused to give John Adams, the architect to draft the plans and tion for a long-range planning Reynolds Hotel on South Smith-Despite a heavier-than-usual Jr., 23-year-old colored man, a the highway motor vehicle wrecka new link would connect present vey and report to the officials. supervise the construction. A program to be financed partly by wick Street is being called upon ing business was off to a flying fall last month, total rain for the date. roads, serve several families now Members of the commission start in this county during the year fell 3.51 inches short of norcontract, financed from State State funds and partly by county to state its stand again. This time, After going through the holivirtually isolated and shorten the are, Mrs. Edna Bondurant funds, will be entered into just as funds, it was explained. The a public hearing is to be held in travel distance for others. day season without a serious inciand Messrs. Walter Martin, first three days of the New Year. The Roanoke was tame during soon as possible for the construc- county commissioners a short time the county courthouse next Mon-Another request calls for the dent of any kind, the county list-W. B. Gaylord, J. H. Gurgantion of the building. A site has ago favored the long-range pro- day evening at 8:00 o'clock. At And if the record is maintained, the period, reaching a low of 3.2 State to work the road in Wilus, and G. P. Hall. ed the attack among other happenings, including seven motor been purchased and construction gram rather than a county bond that hour the opposition will be the ghastly business in 1954 will feet on December 2 and a high liamston Township from Eli accidents, accidental should be under way on the build- issue to modernize and expand the given an opportunity to advance top the figures for all other years. of six feet on the 17th. Brown's store to the Ulysses vehicle or withdraw its objections. The **Hamilton Resident** The weather data, including the ing by early spring. Based on schools in the county. Brown home, a distance of about shooting, thefts and attacks. A preliminary report released river gauge readings, as released hearing is being requested by atfour-tenths of a mile. Four fami-Accompanied by two other girls, by the North Carclina State High- by Mr. Spruill for the month of torneys reportedly representing lies live on the route. The State is also being asked Dies In Hospital by the North Care that office and the police December follows, with the date Best, the Highsmith girl got a boy Wild Thieves Run the bus companies who point out department places the number of in the first column, the river range that certain changes will be conto work the Hoyt Lilley road in to take her from Bethel to the picaccidents during the first three readings in the second column, sidered. Griffins Township as a communi-Mrs. Susan Bishop Douglas, a days of the year at eight. Eight the maximum temperature readcolo joint, a mile or two out of No vote was taken at the meetty project. The road is about four-Hassell. Adams came there and Martin resident of Hamilton for the past County persons were injured but none ing in the third, minimum teming last night when the local town In tenths of a mile long. asked for a date. When she refuswas killed. The property loss was perature reading in the fourth four years, died in a Williamston commissioners discussed the mat-Another petition asked for the ed, the man whipped out a .32 hospital Saturday night at 11:30 conservatively estimated at \$4,- and the rainfall in the fifth colter in regular session. However, widening and stabilizing of two caliber automatic pistol from his o'clock. She had been in declinit was pointed out that the physimiles of road in Jamesville Townumn for each day of the month: shirt, pressed the barrel to her cal conditions had not changed, ing health for some time and cri-No accidents were reported on Date ship, beginning at the residence of At Least Eight Rain River HL stomach and fired the weapon. tically ill during the past seven but at least one member of the the first, but less than three hours X-RAYS Mrs. Ada Brown and running to 5.0 68 36 The bullet was said to have piercboard favored the location and weeks which she spent in the hoshad passed on the second before 32 Rattler's Bridge on the Fairview 3.6 53 pital, suffering with a heart con- James Henry Wiggins, colored of Larceny Cases ed the body without clipping an others agreed that it would be fair 26 road. 3.2 53 intestine. Removed to a Green-Beginning tomorrow, health to the bus companies to hold the RFD 2, Williamston, broke into dition. Goose Nest citizens asked for 3.9 63 23 ville hospital by Sherman Anauthorities will renew their public hearing. Mrs. Douglas was born in Meck-In Recent Days the record. Driving toward Highan improved road running from 4.4 70 37 lenburg County, Virginia 68 years way 17 from Bear Grass at 2:40 o'drews, the victim was reported efforts to track down and While all the argument centers Green's Fork to Edmondson's 52 75 4.6 Fork, a distance of 1.5 miles, and ago on October 5, 1885. After makthis week to be getting along as stamp out tuberculosis in on a site, condemnation is centerclock Saturday morning, Wiggins 4.6 71 41 from Edmondson's Fork to Tew's ing her home in Norfolk most of well as could be expected, that ing on the present bus terminal Martin County. Mobile X-ray lost control of his 1949 Ford on 50 4.3 70 Several of the Thefts Were facilities, and it has been declarunits are to be stationed in her life, she located in Hamilton recover could be expected if no the curve at Back Swamp Church, siding, a distance of 1.1 miles. 67 29 3.8 various parts of the county Solved By Officers ed that the town will not live The requests were heard and four years ago, making her home complications developed. 73 causing about \$500 damage but 3.6 43 Adams, thinking he had killed down in two generations the misare being passed on to the State with Miss Maggie Bell Jones. Her During Week-end until January 23, and everyescaping uninjured. The car 52 4.3 70 erable shortcomings that have the girl, ran away. Late that night one is invited and urged to husband, the late Captain Smith Highway Commission. Few re-61 29 4.4 struck a yard wall and came to a marked bus operations at this when he learned she was still sults are expected from the peti- Douglas, captained steamers up take advantage of the free Thieves and rogues were report-44 4.6 69 stop after striking a pine tree. point for years. tions, since little work is being the Roanoke years ago for a long living, he heeded a call from exmaination. 72 47 Apparently speeding toward 3.9 ed running wild in this county Several applications for taxi li-Sheriff M. W. Holloman to sur-Only limited time is being dene on rural roads at this time. period and during that time she 70 46 1.15 during the past few days and censes were received and reject-4.4 Cross Roads on the Bear Grass The county division for dog vac- made and visited friends in Hamilallowed for the survey and Sheriff M. W. Holloman and de- ed. 53-35 15. 3.5 (Continued on Page Eight) road late Saturday afternoon, Hilcinations was slightly altered. ton. A few years following the the public is asked to act 5.3 51 27 puties have been working night ton Davis Leggett lost control of A 45-foot strip was offered to quickly. . ive townships, Jamesville, Wil- death of her husband, Mrs. Doug-47 30 25 16 6.0 5.5 and day to turn back the sudden the town for extending West his 1953 Dodge in a curve. The **Hamilton Officer** liams, Griffins, Bear Grass and las chose to locate with friends in crime wave. Other activities on Main Street from Roberson Street investigating patrolman said the Victim Of Attack New Ford To Go Williamston, were assigned to Dr. Hamilton. She was a daughter of R. A. Peele, and the five town-the late Charles and Emma Calla-turned over twice before coming 4.9 41 15 the crime front have aggravated to the canal. The offer was con-20 54 4.6 the situation, but the sheriff said ditionally accepted, the donors to ships of Cross Roads, Roberson- han Bishop. 31 59 .15 4.4 today that several of the cases had present their offer with proven to a stop in a ditch. The report **On Display Here** ville, Poplar Point, Hamilton and Brief funeral services were consaid the young man was not hurt, 22. 62 41 .05 3.6 been solved and that he and his deeds of transfer. The town, it Goose Nest, were assigned to Dr. ducted in the Biggs Funeral Home but damage to the car was esti-3.6 59 43 Hamilton Township Constable W. F. Coppage. The vaccinations Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, mated at \$1,200. deputies were working on leads in will be rememberer, only recent-45 29 12 24 4.9 Jas. S. Ayers was attacked and ly was called upon to pay for a others. are to get underway earlier this and the body was removed to the The 1954 Ford passenger cars. 22 5.0 36 painfully hurt at Hamilton early Up until late Monday afternoon street that was deeded to it and grear than in past seasons, it was Graham Funeral Home in South evening, John A. Manning of Wil-About 7:00 o'clock Saturday 25. last Saturday night. Although suf-to be introduced to the public in at least eight break-ins and lar-later found to be a "double-deck-53 1.26 5.0 24 fering an eight-stitch cut near his Ford dealers' showrooms all over Norfolk where the last rites were liamston was driving west on Ray explained. 54 27. 4.4 24 0 ceny cases had been reported in er". In short, when property own-Tax collector M L. Peel stated left ear, the officer, with Officer the nation Wednesday, January conducted Monday morning. In-3.6 53 35 the county in a matter of a few ers had their claims satisfied the Street when he "blacked out" and that \$323,138.00 of the \$408,677.83 terment was in Riverside Ceme-Maurice Lynch, delivered his at- 6, will feature the following Ford 55 21 3.6 46 his car continued across Watts days. The count did not include claims extended into the street. levy for 1953 had been collected, tery in the Virginia city. 52 30. 3.9 57 exclusives in the high volume a few petty larceny cases, it was Requests made for sewer line .66 tacker Collins Green, to the coun-Street, coming to a stop in a ditch Surviving are five sisters, Mrs. after completing a half, somerleaving a balance of \$84,939.03. 41 .12 ty jail following medical treat- field: 31. 5.6 56 The collector explained that up Virginia B. Elliott and Mrs. Anna sault. The driver suffered minor extensions are to be met when said. \* Indicates Trace of Rain An entirely new 130-h. p. Yto the first of this month, 4,236 B. Ward, both of Norfolk, Mrs. lacerations and painful bruises, follows, by months: ment in Dr. Highsmith's office in Gainer Edwards, Augustus possible. A review of the rainfall for 1953 block V-8 engine with overhead Town Treasurer C. M. Cobb reproperty owners had paid their Louise B. Watson of South Hill, but he was not badly hurt, police Hamilton. Chance and James Lawrence were tried in the county court this week ported that there was a cash bal-Entering J. B. Everett's store in valves. taxes. A year ago, 3,846 had Va., and Mrs. Lottie B. Belote and for the larceny of three bags of ance of \$60,523.06 on hand, includ-Above Below A new 115-h. p. I-block Mileage said. Considerable difficulty was 1953 Rain Normal Norm'l Norm'l Hamilton, the constable heard an Mrs. Elmer Futch of Clermont, encountered in freeing the victim Jan. 2.46 3.15 squared away their 1952 accounts. peanuts from Farmer Floyd Whit- ing \$4,394.74 in the sewer rental Maker Six engine, noted for ecoargument, and Green, partly in-Florida; a brother, Charles H. from his car, a 1951 DeSoto. Of- Feb. 5.06 The 1953 collections were running .69 toxicated declared no one could non:y. fund and \$13,995.68 in the street field on the Poplar Point-Hamilficers estimated the damage to Mar. 2.94 4.00 New ball-joint front suspension fund He also reported that \$70. (Continued on Page Eight) Bishop, of Washington, D. C. arrest him. After asking the man ton road last week. to be quiet, the officer started to which Ford engineers call the 3.79 .85 410.29 had been collected in 1953 Charged along with William the car at about \$1,000. lead him out of the store. Once greatest advance in front suspen-.26 taxes, and that the income from Apr. 4.02 3.76 Blinded by the lights of an ap-proaching car, Al Gene Mills of June 6.89 **Husband Shot And** Henry Williams and Gainor Ed-Mrs. Ida Council 3.87 .19 sewer rentals last month amountsion in 20 years outside, Green struck the constawards with the theft of twenty-Oak City lost control of his 1953 July 1.29 1.82 ed to \$913.50. Parking meter re-Dies In Hospital Critically Hurt Oak City lost control of this Lost July 1.29 Plymouth and ditched it on the Aug. 4.74 McCaskey Road in West End Sept. 4.32 5.07 The Skyliner-an entirely new ble over the head with a quart one bags of soybeans from County 3.41 hardtop model with tinted, transvenue was listed at \$641.50. 5.70 Commissioner Henry S. Johnson beer bottle. Rumors circulating around two 5.40 .66 Green arranged a \$500 bond and parent plastic roof over the drivnear Hamilton recently, Charlie 3.32 1.00 members of the police department about 1:00 o'clock Sunday morn- Oct. .51 ing compartment. was released from jail Sunday Dick Brown and William Outlaw, Mistaken for a · burglar, Joe 2.29 A smart new Ford Sunliner conwere ruled out as being unfound-Mrs. Ida Council of Oak City 2.80 died in a Raleigh hospital at 1:45 Peele, respected blacksmith, was ing. J. D. Wynne, Jr., riding with Nov. 2.25 morning. Jr., were ready for a preliminary ed. All kinds of reports have been Mills, suffered a minor mouth in-Dec. 5.04 2.46 .21 vertible with an unusual transhearing Monday, but the other deo'clock Monday morning follow- shot and critically wounded by 1.26 circulated, but the sources could 3.78 parent plastic panel inserted in ing a long period of declining his wife at their home here on jury. Damage to the car was estifendants and witnesses were not Agree To Keep Pink not be determined, and the officthe top over the front seat to Ith. Her condition had been Washington Street early last mated at \$400. present and the cases were con-**House** Closed Here ers were given a hearing at the 43.58 47.09 provide overhead visibility. Saturday morning. Struck in the Sunday afternoon at 12:15 o'tinued. The thieves were said to meeting last night, and they antical for several months. Four new power-operated The daughter of the late James side with a pistol bullet, the 85- clock, Jesse Baker, colored of Oak mond and Gatsie Council, she year-old smithy, continues dang-bern in Edgecombe County ercusly ill in a local hospital have removed the glass from the A hearing at which the operator driving assists: Power brakes, (Continued on page eight) packhouse windows and passed was to show cause why her place power steering 4-way power seat. the beans cul. s bern in Edgecombe County erously ill in a local hospital of business should not be padlock-Revenue Office manage life years ago. When about 15 years The Peeles had heard prowlers crashed into the side of a 1951 **Recovering From** ed permanently was delayed in Officers in the two cases check Fordomatic transmission. age she moved to this county around their home on several oc- Chevrolet being driven by Clayed the markets and found where Nashville before Judge Walter "The two new Ford engines for the peanuts and beans had been and was married to T. Hardy casions, and sometime after Fri- ton Harris, colored of Roberson-Bone last Thursday when it was Mr. Fred I. Walston has been Severe Burns 1954-the Y-block V-8 and the Iassigned to the North Carolina reported that the operator had Council who died a few years ago. day midnight, Peele, hearing the ville. No one was hurt and damsold. Learning the name of the block Mileage Maker Six-were deseller, they made the arrests last Funeral services are being con- noise again, slipped quietly to the age to each vehicle was estimated voluntarily agreed not to open the Department of Revenue office in signed expressly to lead their reacted in a Scotland Neck funeral window and was raising then the at \$50 place of basis out nown as the Confinded on vage elent. Contraint outned and spective fields and have been unthis county, and actively entered me Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 when his wife heard him. She Preston Howell, explaining his 'Pink House." back and arms. Miss Norma Fave upon his duties vesterday. A nader development for the past six However, late yesterday o'clock by the Rev. W. C. Medlin, thought a burglar was raising the power brakes failed, overran an no tive of Tarboro, Deputy Collector vears," L. D. Crusoe, vice-presi-**Test Case Looms** Bailey, 16, of Bear Grass, was repastor of the Oak City Baptist window, and quickly she snatched intersection on the Gold Pointagreement had been signed, and Walston was transferred to this ported improving in a local hosdent, Ford Motor Company and county from Waynesville, He has the fate of the West End business Church. Interment will be in the the pistol and fired the weapon. Huskinaw Swamp road at 2:10 o'general manager of Ford Division, pital yesterday. She has been a In Insurance Law clock Sunday afternoon, and \$200 Oak City Cemetery. is not certain. been with the department for alpatient in the hospital for about said. Surviving are a son, James Har-dy Council, of Oak City; two bro- Fire Call On Last most eleven years, having taught (Continued on Page Eight) three weeks. Miss Bailey was standing near a school a number of years before **Final Reports** What might develop into a test thers, J. F. Council of Oak City, ater when her clothing caught Day Of The Year Little Accident going with the revenue division. THE RECORD and G. W. Council of Nortolk, and case in the State's new responsi-Mr. Walston, Mrs. Walston and || fire, it was reported. **On Crop Drive** bility insurance law centers two grandchildren. SPEAKS . . . their 6-year-old daughter, Bette, around an accident reported on are making their home for the Starting when an oil cook range Victim Improving the highways in this county last went out of control, fire did conpresent with his brother, The Rev. **ROUND-UP NOISY WELCOME** Filing a final report on the Sunday afternoon. Motorists rode out the old year, siderable damage to the Peewee Walston, and family. leaving behind a mixed record, a "Crop"-Christian Rural Overseas Responsibility has not been de-Rascoe home on West Church Suffering fractures of both legs record showing increased respect Program-County Chairman Ma- termined, but a hearing in the There was a fairly definite Street her last Thursday morning just above the ankles in a trac-at 11:30 o'clock. In addition to the tor accident, Walter Ward Whi-The New Year was accordfor limb and property but less yo Hardison said yesterday that a case is tentatively scheduled for trend toward larceny as the ed a noisy welcome in this considerate of human life than total of \$2,569.56 had been raised the 16th of this month in a jusold year went out and the new fire damage, much of the furni- taker, five years old, was reportection, but there were no ac-Is Recovered one came in, according to a they were in 1952. Hardly before for the suffering in distant lands. tice of the peace court. ture was battered and broken ed this week to be getting along tidents to mar the first day of report coming from the sherthe old record was closed new In addition to the cash contribu-One of the drivers was said to when neighbors started moving it well at the home of his parents, 1954 tions, much clothing was donated have carried no insurance, the reiff's office in this county. Ten out ahead of the fire. Most of the Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Whitaker, Sr., Three \$100 bills, stolen from the entries started appearing in the A few bells were heard but port stating that she planned to persons were arrested and for distribution overseas. kitchen was burned and smoke in Bear Grass Township. Peele and Peele Grocery in Hamilone for 1954. the whistle cords were slack, A review of the contributions as take out insurance on her 1954 jailed last week-end, five of \$ 1.000 filled the house, owned by Walter The lad was riding on the trac- ton last Wednesday, were recov-1953 1 leaving the merrymakers to released by Chairman Hardison model car this week. If she is held them for alleged larceny. Two tor hitch while his brother was ered in a tobacco tin hidden in 1952 2 400 0 ighten the life out of the Johnson. 0 were booked for drunken responsible and can't pay the follows, by districts: \$67.840 Using a water hose, members of driving the machine. He caught a stump holein a woods later that 1953 235 85 1954 tot with automobile 6 Goose Nest, \$235.50; Hamilton, damages, she is subject to lose her driving and one each for pub-96,325 the family and neighbors had the his feet in the spokes, and had it day, with the exception of \$33 by 1952 300 126 A seventh fatality had been 272.17; Williams, 170.00; Cross driver's license under the prolic drunkenness, disorderly Justice C. B. Riddick was fire under control when members not been for a quick stop, his body the alleged rogue's sister. chalked up in the 1953 records, but Roads, 171.10; Poplar Point, 157.25; visions of the new responsibility conduct and an assault with a would have been pulled into the "Fat" Bonds, 15, is being booked of the fire department reached again at the bell rope in the machine, it was stated. Following in the juvenile court, and his sis- it was later ruled that the cart Jamesville, 102.82; Bear Grass, insurance law. deadly weapon. Everetts Baptist Church, ringthere. A charge of following too close-Two of the ten were white a stay of about a week in a local ter and her husband were booked accident in which a man was fatal- 221.00; Griffins, 303.45; Robering out the old and ringing in The call was the last one received by the local department in the hospital, the little victim was able for trial in the county court, each ly injured should not be included sonville, 486.70; Williamston, 415.- ly is pending against one of the and the ages ranged from 19 the new, a task he has handled drivers, it was learned. to 40 years. 19; Macedonia Church, 34.38. in the vehicle death count. to return home. under a \$400 bond. for about a quarter century. old year.



