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Victory In Fight **Against Infantile** Paralysis Nearer

Turning Point Two Years Ago In Long Battle

With the second The 1954 March of Dimes should make the greatest appeal to American public in the history of the long war on polio. The reason is that medicine now stands on the threshold of the conquest of infantile paralysis.

Those who have faithfully supported this mighty crusade in past years can draw new enthusiasm and stimulation from the fact that this is the year in which their contributions will do the most good. Victory may be in

lieve that a safe vaccine, now being tested to prove its effectiveness, may be available to protect our children against polio in the near future.

Meanwhile, large-scale trials in the summers of 1951 and 1952 have established the fact that gamma globulin, a derivative of human blood containing disease-resisting antibodies, is a stopgap weapon in epidemics, providing protection against paralytic polio for about five weeks in most cases.

Basil O'Connor, president of the Paralysis, reports that the Foun- years ago. dation spent \$5,500,00 for community use of GG in 1953. During T. Strickland, he was born in this McK. Edwards would head the 1954, he says, \$19,000,000 will be county in April, 1929, and attend- Negro division in the county. needed to provide gamma globulin for use during epidemics; an ville schools. additional \$7,500,000 will be required in 1954 for determining the on the W. Barcil Daniel farm be- nounced this week: effectiveness of a trial polio vac- tween Williamston and Everetts of Dimes-supported scientists.

Turning Point 2 Years Ago The turning point in the war Sgt. Strickland had served Manning. on polio came two years ago with twenty-one months in the service, two announcements at the Second and was one of six Martin County International Polio Conference in young men who laid down their tin and M. M. Everett. Copenhagen, Denmark, I was pre-lives in the Korean conflict. sent and I still remember the thrill of excitement that engulf- men who lost their lives in Koed delegates from all parts of the rea include: Pvt. J. R. Bullock, world when the full import of Sgt. James H. Ellis, Cpl. Harry these accomplishments was made Paul Roberson, Cpl. John H. Gar- P. Cullipher. plain at the closing session of the rett, and Cpl. Oscar Lee Little.

all the strains of polio virus enthe earth belonged to three types, so that a vaccine against polio would have to be all-inclusive.

Until then research had been ex- wick Streets here Sunday after- ed in business estat ceedingly difficult and complex noon at 3:45 o'clock. because practically all experi- C. S. Griffin was driving his ments required the use of live Mercury west on Church Street

adequate vaccine.

going forward today to find a done to the Griffin car radiator drug that will inhibit the growth and it had to be towed away. of the polio virus. It is now known ed at about \$100 by officer Bill that the virus enters the digestive Haislip who made the investigatract and multiplies there before tion.

of Dimes campaigns to finance the tremendous task facing the Na-Paralysis in taking care of the thousands of victims of the epi-

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ed up and jailed for alleged violation of various laws in There were no larceny cases

Three persons were charged with public drunkenness, and one each for speeding, drunken driving, operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, violating the 1iquor laws and issuing a

6 Three of the eight were white and the ages of the group ranged from 19 to 58

Dimes In The County

native of Martin County and miss-

PRESUMED DEAD Chairmen Explain

Plans Lor Annual

March of Dimes Is Already gible **Progressing In Several Towns In County**

While the March of Dimes starteffective organization and there L. Bruce Wynne said yesterday.

It was pointed out that every part of the county had been or-M/Sgt. Woolard F. Strickland ganized for the drive except two centers. Everetts and Bear Grass, Taylor and the other by Jesse where chairmen are to be named.

ing in action in Korea since Nov-While the organization was be ember 26, 1950, is now presumed dead, according to an announcement release by the Army last areas sounded the appeal. No reweek-end. Nothing has been heard port has been received on their from the young man since he was drive, but Williamston was can-National Foundation for Infantile reported missing more than three vassed from nook to nook several times last week.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chairman Baker said that R

ed the Williamston and Roberson-The following co-workers, including chairmen in the various Accounting For Mr. and Mrs. Strickland lived districts and schools, were an-

Williamston business district, cine recently developed by March | before moving to the Parmele sec- | Geo. W. Corey, F. E. Weston, J. C. tion, later locating on RFD 2, White and Howard Bowen; schools, B. G. Stewart and Ruth

Robersonville business district, M. Little: schools, C. B. Mar-

be named); schools, E. G. Mur-Other Martin County young

Hamilton business district, Nor-

world when the full import of Fourteen others were wounded, man Everett; schools, Geo. S. Ha- unit spent \$131.20 on a case in meeting was ended last night, the kiddies.

Jamesville business district, P.

C. Blount; schools, William C. Farm Life area, R. Dewey Per-

ry, Mrs. Bruce Peel, Oscar B. The chairmen said that possibly other workers would join in the task later this week.

Coin collectors have been plac-

Direct mail appeals will go out

later this week. Climaxing the drive in the county this year will be the Mothers' March on Polio". Mrs. George Nicely, Jr., is Williamston's

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Combined damage was estimat- Parmele Man In Auto Accident

Winston Cargile, agent for the A. C. L. Railroad at Parmele, was painfully but believed not seriously injured in an automobile accident near Leens in Pitt County early Sunday morning.

The wave of robberies that has Details of the accident could not swept various parts of this county be learned immediately, but it tional Foundation for Infantile during the past two weeks or more was reported that his car went out has subsided, but the rogues are of control and turned over. He still active, according to reports suffered lacerations about the head and face. It was said that The latest action on the robbery twenty stitches were necessary front was reported Sunday night to close the cuts. He was treated in Robersonville when someone in the Ward Clinic, Robersonville broke into the Keel Tailoring and continued to his home in Par-Company there and carried away mele.

DEMONSTRATION

A special demonstration for the control of nematodes and weeds in tobacco plant beds will be given on the farm of Commissioner Henry S. Johnson, Hamilton, on Thursday afternoon of this week at 2:00 o'clock, it was announced by Farm Agent T. B. Brandon. The demonstration will feature the gas treatment.

All farmers and others interested are invited to attend.

On County Roads While motorists piled up the

and snow fell, vehicle operators went ahead and had their acci-

accidents were reported Monday Completed afternoon on rural roads in the Station Location county but no one was injured and the property loss was negli-

At 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon on the old Greenville road in Cross Roads Township near the Marion Griffin home, Zack S. Cowin, ed moving in several towns in the driving a pick-up truck, crashed county last week, plans were an- into the rear of a school bus when nounced just about complete the brakes on his vehicle failed Monday for extending the drive to take hold. Mr. Cowin was runnmated at about \$75.

vehicles, one driven by Lewis R. Taylor's driveway, causing about ing perfected in its entirety, \$50 damage to his 1946 Chevroschool children in one or two let and about \$85 damage to Jesse tract with the owners to lease the Taylor's 1950 Ford.

Although ice covered many early today, the highway patrol reported no accidents in this county following the minor crash at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

March Of Dimes

Chairman Marvin Baker this week reviewed the 1953 activities financed by the March of Dimes in Martin County. A total of \$3,-509.57 was spent, including \$1,500 sent to treasury of the National Everetts business district, (to Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. It was pointed out that this county in previous years had Oak City business district, N. drawn heavily from the national Lawrence Hyman; schools, Geo. treasury after exhausting local

Last year the Martin County Robersonville area. In addition to the \$1,811.30, the county unit spent \$67.00 for braces for an old case near Robersonville, Mr. Bak-

If the current drive reaches its goal, and the leaders are confident Roberson; schools A. H. Braswell. it will do just that, then there will be sufficient funds to meet any emergency that might arise during 1954, and at the same time help finance research on a nation-

Local Mothers On Polio March

chairman of the march which is Jr., and J. Paul Simpson a. ing with Mrs. Nicely as co-chairman, and plans for the big march on the evening of the 29th are

> Detailed plans for the Mothers' March will be released within the

Herring Season Opened At Jamesville Friday Morning

latest state of confusion involves nice herrings from the stream at son closes or when it begins,

Since it is difficult to determine mostly to herring. when the season ends or begins, the Roanoke in 1953, but the hon- the river, some with fair success.

It is getting more difficult by ors for the first catch in 1954 goes the day to tell what's what. The to Henry Girvin who dipped two Jamesville last Friday morning Roanoke River fishermen who followed by a catch of six a short can't decide when the herring sea- time later. And when the first herring are taken from the Roa-Fishermen James Herbert Ward noke, spring can't be far behind.

and Chas. A. Peele caught a herr- | C. C. Fleming, operating a fishing in the Roanoke near Williams- ery on a large scale, is making ton late in the fall. And they ready his nets for another season caught the fish on a hook and line. which is tentatively scheduled to The catch was most unusual for get under way in March. The that time, and the manner it was fishery made large catches last effected was even more unusual. year, but they were confined

While preparations are being credit must go to Ward and Peele made to take herrings, other types for catching the last herring in of fishing are being handled on

Start The March Of Minor Accidents Hotel Property Ruled Out As Large Increase Site For Local Bus Station

Open Meeting On X-Ray Over Two Thousand roads were reported Monday Lecoto 18 garast in Country Survey To Date

everal Locations Available **But No Action Taken** To Select Site

property on North Smithwick while encouraging, is far from the into all other areas. "We have an ing only about fifteen miles an in an open meeting held in the hour when the bus, operated by courthouse here last evening, a is every reason that with the Arthur Purvis out of Parmele, town official explaining that the worthy cause to support and a slowed down to discharge pas- matter was closed and was not people interested in the good sengers. No one was hurt and subject to be reopened again. The cause, the goal will be met," there was no damage to the bus. action, ruling out the property as Chairmen W. Marvin Baker and Damage to the pick-up was esti- a station site, was taken when the meeting, attended by sixty or Two hours later on the 5-cent more interested citizens, spoke road in Bear Grass Township, two against the location and then supported their position by a standing vote which included more Irving Taylor, crashed at Lewis than 90 percent of those in attend-

Said to have entered into a conproperty, the bus operators are now believed to be in a position roads in the county last night and to look elsewhere for a location. Several sites are available, but as far as it could be learned today no has its second new designed seraction has been taken, looking vice station built by the Colonial toward the selection of a site. Oil Company. It is located on the During the meantime, operations corner of Haughton and Grace are being maintained as advantageously as possible under the lishment and is an added asset to most unfavorable conditions in this particular section of the city. the little wooden box next to the

No organized opposition was offered at the meeting last night, extends to all of them a most corbut individuals were quick to take dial invitation to visit him in his to their feet and state their posi- new place of business for any and

Jamesville Township, and \$1,- Board with Commissioners It. Green designed for ser-

months ago.

off Main into North Smithwick ment, complete battery service miles out of Williamston on duction in realized net income Street was using the sidewalk to facilities and other modern equip- Highway 125 last Friday evening may be expected. tioned the danger to the approxi- complete one-stop service. mately 400 school children who Lewis is anxious for his many use the sidewalks daily, and friends in this area to visit and pointed out the problems the taxis inspect his new establishment and

In another letter read by Mayor him during his grand opening. Cowen, the Baptist Church Board of Deacons withdrew its opposition, but it was explained that in First Fire Call in this community for the first dividuals were free to express time, local mothers, under the their personal opinions. It was chairmanship of Mrs. George brought out that the board of Nicely, will join the Polio March deacons met with bus company on January 29, it was announced representatives last Friday eventoday by County Chairman Mar-vin Baker. Mesdames J. S. Rhodes, had agreed to alter their routes the New Year last Friday after-

and provide for taxi parking with noon at 12:30 o'clock. the assurance that the station

was not planned to "bulldog" the ed. location over the opposition, but (Continued on Page Five)

sons fifteen years and older, have bile unit was there last Thursday, had their chest X-rayed so far Friday and Saturday, the peak in the courty-wide tuberculosis coming on Friday when 378 x-rays survey, it was announced by a were made. representative of the Martin Through yesterday, the depart-County Health Department late ments said 2,099 persons had been The George Reynolds Hotel Monday. The response to the call X-rayed in the county.

More than two thousand per- | during the the three days the mo-

NEW PRESIDENT

An active member for sev-

eral years, Mr. Wendell Peele

was installed as president of

the local Kiwanis Club at a

regular meeting last Thurs-

day evening in the Scout Hut

Three persons were injured,

about 6:20 o'clock.

on South Smithwick Street.

Three Injured In

With the exception of one day, ton through Saturday, January the mobile X-ray unit in Wil- 23. The other unit is in Hamilton liamston has maintained a fairly today. Tomorrow it will be lostable schedule in that 343 per- cated in Jamesville for a two-day sons had their chests X-rayed on stay, moving to Bear Grass on Frieach of three days. On the other day. On Saturday the unit will in operation on the main street will remain through Saturday, here, the count fell to 256. A sec- January 23. ond unit handled only 142 X-rays The units do not operate on at the basket factory the first day Mondays, but on other weeks

the survey was launched. days they are open from 11:00 Oak City reported 672 X-rays a. m. until 5:00 p. m.

Station Planning Formal Opening

The city of Williamston now Streets. It is a modernistic esab-Lewis Barber is the proprietor Lewis is a Martin County boy and

has many friends in this area. He all service and produces for their Opening the meeting, Mayor motoring needs. He is open for Robt. Cowen explained that the business at the present time. Howmatter was believed to have been ever, he is planning to have a settled when the town commis- gala opening on Thursday, Frisioners went on record against it | day, and Saturday, January 14, following a hearing held before 15, and 16. He is planning a big the State Utilities Commission in affair with free gifts for every Raleigh fall. When the body, candy and balloons for the

board with Commissioners N. C. Lewis stated that his new staases er police in the More present, chose not to re- vice. It has the latest facilities verse the stand taken several for complete car service. He will

carry a full stock of well known Mayor Cowen read a letter Pure Oil products, Pure Premium from Attorney Wheeler Martin and Pure Pep Sensitized gasolines who opposed the location. Mr. -Purelube Motor Oil, Pure tires, Martin, in his letter, referred to batteries, and accessories. Lewis the congested area, and pointed is enthusiastic about the new moout that traffic making a left turn dern, latest lubrication equipcomplete the turn. He also men- ment that has been arranged for

especially wants everyone to visit Thompson, also of Williamston.

Of The New Year

Starting from a yard trash pa would be operated in an orderly ket, the fire spread to the grass but his injuries were classed as to market. Prices of lambs are Elbert S. Peel, Jr., representing ed to sweep on across the larger being formulated, it was announcthe bus companies, stated that it part of a block. No damage result-

> was received about 8:15 o'clock Friday evening when a hollow oak caught fire near the Will L. Manning residence over in Wil-Begin Work On liams Township near the old Daniel and Staton mill. Help was summoned when sparks started falling on nearby buildings.

> > PENDING

The half-holiday schedule,

planned on a more or less

year around basis, is still

pending here with the cer-

tainty there'll be no half holi-

The recent poll, taken by

Williamston Boosters, has

encountered a hitch, and a

special committee, represent-

ing retail mercantile firms,

will meet this afternoon in

an effort to solve the prob-

lem, according to information

gained from Boosters Presi-

dent Marvin Baker.

day this week.

Guard Armory

minor ones.

estimated at \$1,000.

Work on the new armory home from Battery C, 150th AAA Gun Battalion was started here last Thursday when Frank Christopher, construction superintendent for W. G. Dunn, contractor, started placing the stakes for the foundation for the \$100,000 struc-

Damage to each vehicle was

The accident was one of several

Mr. Christopher, who recently completed the construction of a National Guard armory at Zebulon, stated last week-end that materials are to be placed on the lot without delay and that work on the foundation is scheduled to get underway shortly.

It is planned to complete the construction work by late spring or early summer, the superinten-

Reported In The 1953 Farm Debt

ESTABLISHED 1849

American Agriculture Has

(From The Federal Reserve Monthly Review)

Total assets of American agriculture, including all physical as well as financial assets owned by farm operators, were valued at \$156.4 billion on January 1, 1954a decline of 5 percent from a year earlier. Declines are indicated in the value of both farm real estate and other physical assets. Farm financial assets on the other hand (primarily bank deposits, curency, and United States savings bonds) appear likely to total slightly more than \$22 billionup about 1 percent over 1953.

While the value of farm assets declined in 1953, the volume of farm debt increased about \$800 million or \$5 percent. Farm real estate debt totaled about \$7.8 bilion on January 1, 1954, or about 9 percent above a year earlier. In addition there was a slight increase in farm non-real-estate debt, with all of the gain resulting from a sharp expansion of price support loans held or guaranteed by the Commodity Credit Corporation. Other non-real-estate debt is declining for the country as a whole-the result of lower livestock prices, fewer purchases of farm machinery, a more cautious attitude on the part of both borrowers and lenders, and some refinancing of short-term debt with real estate mortgages. General Economy to Decline

speakers from the Bureau of Agriculcultural Economics at the recent National Agricultural Outlook Conference, "With demands from some segments of the economy leveling off and in a few instances declining, there is a real possibility that the total demands on the economy in 1954 may be less than and employment that appears to be in prospect for 1954 is smail." Although this analysis of future business conditions is relatively optimistic, it was within this framework that the analysis of the agricultural situation for 1954 was developed.

Farm economists at the outlook dications are for a continuation of the cost-prize squeeze on the American farmer. Both gross in-Friday Accident come and total farm production expenses are expected to be a little smaller in 1954 than in 1953. It is doubtful, however, that exnone of them believed badly, in penses will drop as much as rea two-car collision about three ceipts, so that a slight further re-

Commodity Highlights

Driving toward Hamilton in a The demand for cigarette types 1952 Dodge, James Clifton Wig- of tobacco is expected to continue gins of North Biggs Street, Wil-strong in 1954, even though the liamston, crashed into a 1953 Ply- regular increase in cigarette promouth being driven by William duction characteristic of recent years leveled off in 1953 and may Thompson was driving toward change little in 1954. Cotton sup-Williamston and both cars were plies are large, and acreage conin a curve. The Thompson car was trols in 1954 appear likely to force turned almost around in the crash. a substantial reduction in cotton Thompson lost several teeth acreage.

and suffered lacerations about the According to the BAF, a con-Williamston's volunteer fire- mouth and an eight-stitch gash tinued large slaghter but more on his leg. Dorothy Fagan was price stability for cattle is in proslightly hurt, but they were able spect for 1954. Hog production to leave the hospital following will increase with some lowering thest ment. Wiggins, bruised a bit, in prices in the fail as Mogs Real was cut slightly on the eye lid, the larger spring pig crop come

not likely to change much and may remain slightly above an average relationship to cattle prices. Retail prices for dairy reported on county highways in products have declined only slightly in the past twelve months, while prices received by farmers for milk and butterfat have dropped 13 percent. Prices

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BANGS SPOT CHECK

Checking on Bang's disease among cattle, Dr. G. S. Bradshaw is working in more than 200 cattle herds in this county. Owners of either beef or dairy cattle interested in having their herds checked, are directed to contact the county agent's office immediately. The work was started this

Sent to the county by the United States Department of Agriculture, Dr. Bradshaw has been assigned to the present task for a period of about six weeks, County Agent Tom Brandon said.

these accomplishments was made and still another was taken pris- islip plain at the closing session of the oper by the Reds and safet releas. conference. One was the demonstration that countered so far in all parts of Minor Accident At Intersection 'No one was injured and little rus could be grown in unlimited property damage resulted when quantities in test tubes contain- two cars were in collision at the ing bits of non-nervous tissue. intersection of Church and Smithed in business establishments al scale.

Battleboro.

The other was the development of a technique by which polio vi-

and Howard T. Simpson was driving Elliott Bullock's Mercury on Open Way for Vaccine Smithwick toward Main when the These two advances opened the way for the attainment of an right front fender locked horns with the left front fender on the Research of equal importance is other machine. Some damage was

invading the nervous system. An adequate drug would stop the virus before it could cause paraly- Report Robbery But even though the menace of polio were ended tomorrow, there would still be the need of March

ROUND-UP

Eight persons were roundthis county last week-end. in the group.

worthless check.

Marriage Licenses Are Issued In The County Two marriange licenses, about the first of the new year, were issued in this county last Saturday to two couples by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger.

In Robersonville

reaching here yesterday.

ports reaching here.

Licenses went to:

gen of Nags Head:

property valued at approximately

\$25, according to preliminary re-

V. E. Duncan, 1600 Gleen St.,

Dallas, Texas, and Nellie M. Prid-

Archie Benjamin Hardison and

Marie Goodrich, both of Hassell.