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Recorder's Court

whittle Slamp Reported In

o Gourt Business During

Barrent Dave

Court last Monday when only

twenty-two cases were called for

trial, court officials predicting

that business is likely to be limit-

ed during the course of the next

everal weeks. A few cases were

continued for defendants, some

for a week and others for two

weeks. Fines, assessed during the

two-hour session of the court

this week, added up to only \$95,

the smallest "take" reported in

The case in which George Jef-

ferson Kelly was charged with

speeding 55 miles an hour in a

Andrew Thomas, pleading guil-

ty of operating a motor vehicle

without a driver's license, was

sentenced to the roads for ninety

days, suspended upon the pay-

ment of a \$25 fine and costs. A

similar judgment was entere-

against the defendant when he

was booked in a second case fo

the same offense, the sentences

truck, was nol prossed.

to run concurrently,

guilty.

miles an hour.

several months.

Proceedings:

Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Thursday, January 14, 1954

ESTABLISHED 189

Student Speaks

Miss Berit Hillesland Of

Norway Studying At

E. C. College

in this country on a Rotary In-

ternational scholarship, told about

her native Norway and gave her

impressions of this country when

she addressed a regular meeting

of the local Retary Club at the

Introducing the charming young

student, Dr. Howard McInnis of

East Carolina College where Miss

Hillesland is now studying, brief-

ly reviewed the student exchange

plan and pointed out how they

were creating better understand-

Expressing her appreciation for

the Rotary scholarship and the

wonderful opportunity to visit

America and make new friends

and study their customs, Miss Hil-

lesland said she was impressed

by the hospitality and friendliness

f the American people. "I was

made to feel at home at once." the

young lady declared, using splen-

did English for one who had been

in this country less than four

Miss Hillesland told about her

country, describing its geography

and its chief sources of income

whaling ships helped maintain a

fairly high standard of living. Liv-

ing in a small town, Skudenshavn,

on an island about thirteen miles

the student touched on a familiar

subject when she mentioned herr-

Switch last Tuesday noon.

ing between nations.

months

Miss Berit Hillestand, stud

Call Twenty-Two Half-Holiday Schedule To Marriages Last Month Near The Cases In County Go Into Effect January 20 All-Time Record At Dunn Tuesday

Williamston retail firms will day of the week the tobacco marstart closing Wednesday after- kets open shortly after the middle

Boosters, polled the retail mer- on Saturdays. chants, and of the 23 votes cast, nineteen favored the half-holi- holiday schedule from January J. Sam Getsinger. But even with day schedule and four opposed the to tobacco marketing time, is in the near record, the number of

At a meeting of the retail firm in numerous towns throughout trailed by more than 100 the isrepresentatives Tuesday, a com- the State, including quite a few suance recorded for the peak year promise was effected, calling for in this section of eastern North of 1946. Interrupted by the war, all-day business hours on the Carolina. Several local firms, in- Cupid in 1946 was busy catching first two Wednesday in April or cluding the barbershops, are al- up with his work and went on to just prior to Easter. The schedule ready observing the Wednesday arrange 335 matches during that period. will be dropped on the Wednes- half-holiday schedule.

STOCKHOLDERS Martin County Building and Loan Association stockholders are scheduled to meet here next Monday morning at 11:00 o'clock in the offices of Wheeler Martin, secretary. This County At The

the operations of the association for the past year, deteryear and transact other business, including the election of directors and other officers.

Two More Road Glenn Charles Clark was fined \$10, plus costs for speeding 70 **Wrecks Reported** The case in which Robt. Lewis

Jones was charged with speeding 65 miles an hour, was nol pross-

Facing the court on two liquor Phillips pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for thirty days in the first and 60 days in the second case, the sentences to run consecutively if a \$50 fine ind costs are not paid.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs and the amount of the instrument in the case in which W. W. Bolton was charged with issuing a worthless

Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and resist- ed of RFD 1, Stokes, was hurt. ing arrest, Calvin Green was sentenced to the roads for three months

Pleading not guilty. Ervin Wynne was adjudged of non-support and was sentenced to the roads for six months. Charged with speeding 65 miles

noons next week on the 20th, it of August. was announced yesterday follow-| The closing hour for the ing a tabulation of votes and a Weans way half holidays was fixfull-dress discussion at a meeting | ed at 12:30 o'clock. presentatives of retail firms The schedule is not expected to A little slump hit the business in the Williamston Boosters of include a few offices, garages and of the Martin County Recorder's fice Tuesday.

As a service to its members, the half holiday or an all-day holiday

keeping with similar action taken weddings in the county last year schedule.

Calling Eighteen For Pre-Induction Tests January 19

Present Time

Eighteen young Martin Coun-

ty men are being called to report

next Tuesday, January 19, for

pre-induction examinations at the

service center in Raleigh. They

are scheduled to report to the

draft board office in the town hall

at 7:15 o'clock and join another

group from over the river and

The pre-induction call is the

make the trip in a charter bus.

The meeting will review

Charged with drunken driving, James E. Peele was adjudged not

Two more accidents were reported on the highways in the

county this week, the investigat- first to have been received by law violation counfts, Charlie ing patrol members explaining the Martin County Selective that no one was injured and that Board since September 15. There the property damage was less is a pre-induction call for five than \$600. men on February 1, but no call Traveling toward Robersonville for final induction has been re-

last Sunday morning about 11:00 ceived since December 11 when o'clock on Highway 903, Alonza six men were called. Harrison, colored of RFD 1, Ro- Names of those men scheduled

bersonville, lost control of his to report for the preliminary tests 1950 Pontiac and the machine next Tuesday follow, including turned over. Damage to the car ten white and eight colored men: was estimated at \$500. Neither White Harrison nor his companion,

Travis Hilton Warren of RFD Manning Harrington, also color- 2, Williamston. James Henry Keel, of RFD 1, Harrison, apparently speeding. Robersonville.

was booked for drunken driving Asa Tom Roberson of RFD 1. and is slated for trial in the coun- Jamesville.

ty court next Monday. John Rich matthews of no Edward Slade Peele, III, of bersonville. RFD 3, Williamston, started to Roy Edgar Bailard of RFD, Ropass a school bus on Highway 125 bersonville. about two miles from Williams-James Adron Hardison of RFD ton, Tuesday afternoon about 4:10 .1 Williamston. o'clock and cut back to his right Sylvester Scott of RFD 1, Oak and James Lowell Everett pleaded too quickly and struck the bus City. Ben Ira Hardison of Jamesville. er Taft Smithwick of RFD 1, Wil-Leroy Peele of Williamston and liamston. No one was hurt and Raleigh. pon-tax paid liquor, L. D. Mizelle only the car was damaged, the in-Colored vestigating officer estimating the Elijah Earl Williams of RFD 1

Hearing On Zoning To Club Tuesday But Weddings In County In Funeral Being Conducted 1953 Trail Far Below In Dunn Today For Was Rolla Good and Record Of 1946

Forty-two marriage licenses, Mrs. Belle E. Godard, heavy industry which observe a the second largest number on re- tive of Williamston, dic.' in cord, were issued in this county hospital at Dunn Tuesday mid-The action, calling for the half last month by Register of Deeds night. She had been indeclining her condition was not considered critical until she suffered an attack of pneumonia and entered the hospital last Saturday.

The daughter of the late J. H and Isabell Hatton Ellison, she public hearing to be held in the was born on Hatton Street here 80 years ago and spent her early life here. Following her marriage The plan will be explained by a to J. Gus Godard she made her

Native Of Town

Dies In Hospital

Although 42 marriage licenses home in Windsor a short time, lowere issued, 16 to white and 26 to cating about fifty-four years ago the public will have an opportunicolored couples last month, the in Dunn where Mr. Godard engag- ty to approve or reject any part year were two less than the county last ed in the lumber business until of or the proposal in its entirety 230 weddings in the county last his death in 1919. in 1952, but considerably above

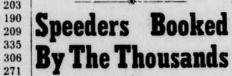
She joined the Methodist the average for the three previyoung girl and was active in re-

A review of the business at the ligious work in her adopted commarriage license bureau in the munity down through the years. No Other Calls Pending In county from 1931 through 1953

> Total 126 155 269 281 dren. 251

Funeral services are being con-256 293 afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by her for change, approval or rejection. 284 pastor, the Rev. J. W. Lineberger, If the proposal receives public 159

173 226 family plot in the cemetery there. 220 203



220 Raleigh-Speeding topped a 212 year end report of traffic viola-217 tions requiring the surrender of 232 driving privileges the State De-230 partment of Motor Vehicles said 5318 today

Other than the totals little can For the year 1953, 42,116 Tar be gained from the review except Heel drivers had their operators' licenses revoked for exceeding the Washington to F point near the possibly the glaring effect war has on Cupid's work. However, it speed limit. The top figure was is fairly evident that the number followed by reckless driving, reof marriages has not increased ported at 13,575. proportionately with the gain in Driving without a license was in

third place with 12,239 revoca-Marriage licenses were issued

To Discuss Newly -NO ACTION Thowing the rejection + **Early Next Month**

Proposal Calls For Business Expansion on West Main-Washington Streets

Williamston's newly proposed zoning plan is to be aired at a courthouse on the evening of February 4, it was learned vesterday. representative of the North Carolina League of Municipalities and All citizens whether they own property or not will be invited to Church in Williamston when a attend the meeting, study the pro posal and make recommendations

In a recent meeting member of the zoning commission, includ-

lison, of Suffolk, five grandchild- Leigh Wilson of the League of days, the curent TB survey has ren and three great-grandchil- Municipalities. A few changes been greatly slowed by cold weawere suggested by the commis- ther in the county this week, acsion, and the commission ordered cording to a report released by ducted at the home in Dunn this the plan submitted to the public the health department this morn-

assisted by the Rev. R. R. Gam- endorsement at the hearing, it will pictures had been up during the long and about five miles wide, mon. Interment will follow in the then be submitted to the town first week of the survey. Only commissioners for adoption. The zoning plan while far liamston Tuesday and Wednesday. reaching in some respects, is limi- Hamilton reported 149 X-rays

ted in others, it was pointed out. The plan sets aside certain areas 261 turned out despite the weafor residential, business and in- ther to have their X-rays made dustrial building. A residence may in Jamesville.

be built in any of the areas, but a business establishment or a fac- continues in Williamston and will tory may not set up in a re- operate through Saturday of next and Russia. She said her town sidential zone, and an industrial week. The other unit is completenterprise may not set up in a ing its second day in Jamesville herring bones. today, and will go to Bear Grass business zone -

The zoning plan provides for tomorrow. Saturday morning it business expansion mainly on will be moved to Robersonville West Main to Elm Street and on where it will operate through Saturday, January 23.

The units are open each week Jamesvine Road in ersection. Industrial development is centered day except Monday from 11:00 to the south and southeast areas a. m. until 5:00 p. m.

of the town, for the most part, but no zoning of any kind was attemp- Aged Blacksmith ted along or near the highway

the proposed site on North Smithwick Street, no action has beatingien to find another locaition for a bus terminal here, as far as it could be learned today. Representatives of the company said they knew of no action having been taken, and town officials stated they had heard of no site inquiries.

Commission To Hold Rotary Exchange

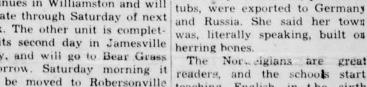
Agents of the operating companies left soon after the public hearing held in connection with the Smithwick Street site last Monday night, and as far as it could be learned nothing was said at that time or since about another site.

X-Rays Slowed By The Cold Weather

After maintaining a fairly full scheduled during the first few adding that the merchant and

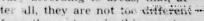
ing It was reported that 2,887 X-ray 378 pictures were made in Wil-

ing fishing. The herring season opens there in February and the taken there Tuesday. Yesterday, catches are made by individuals and sold to processing plants for processing. Even the scales and bones are used, she said, adding One of the mobile X-ray units that many of the fish, packed in

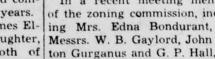


The Nor-eigians are great readers, and the schools start teaching English in the sixth grade. It is a required subject in the high schools

Wearing a costume, common in her part of Norway, Miss Hillesland said that the customs there vary according to areas, that, after all, they are not too different



Surviving are a son, James El- ing Mrs. Edna Bondurant, and lison Godard, and a daughter, Messrs. W. B. Gaylord, John Hat-Mrs. Fannie Thomas, both of ton Gurganus and G. P. Hall, stu-Dunn; and a brother, John R. El- died the survey as prepared by



an hour, John Thomas Gray, Alfred Martin, Robert Gray Ewell guilted and each was taxed with which was being driven by Bookthe costs. Charged with possession of

ed to the roads for three months. He appealed to the higher court at \$50. Elijah 1 Dak City. Henry and bond was fixed in the sum of

\$200. the payment of the cost in the case in which Willis Griffin was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Octavious Roberson was fined \$10, plus costs, for an assault with ally or unintentionally made, fara deadly weapon. He pleaded mers may sell fresh meats, includguilty.

The case in which James Andrews was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon was nol prossed.

at any years.

an hour in a 35-mile zone, Paul place, however. Any establish- and J. C. Manning, marshall, were taxed with the court costs.

Postpone Demonstration **Planned Near Hamilton**

A demonstration for the control of plant diseases and insects in tobacco plant beds scheduled for this afternoon on the Henry S. Johnson farm near Hamilton rolina League of Municipalities, House and Ben U. Bunting, stewsometime next week.

monstration, some farmers declar- zoning ordinance for the town. ing gas offers the best method for -... ing February 4. insects in plant beds.

Judgment was suspended upon Farmers Allowed **To Sell Sausage**

Contrary to reports, intention ing green country sausage, to stores for retail or to consumers

directly It was pointed out however, that

Pleading guilty of an assault meat market regulations. An eswith a deadly weapon, C. Silver- tablishment having no sanitary thorne was sentenced to the roads rating may not handle fresh saufor ninety days, the sentence to sage or other fresh meats, but begin at the direction of the court such an establishment may handle time within the next two prepackaged meats and poultry, including such items that have

side meat which may be cut as John Edwin Manning succeeds ville

sausage.

League Representative

Leigh Wilson of the North Ca- Forbes, junior warden; John L. set, but it is planned to hold it Woman's Club hall here this even- Green, R. H. Smith and E. P.

The zoning plan is to be placed ports stating that the average atcontrolling nematodes, weeds and before the people at a public hear- tendance upon the meetings has

Henry Leon Latham of Williamston. Charles Phillips, Jr., of Parmele. Curtis Lee Smith of RFD 1 Bethel. John Wheeler Slade of RFD 3

Williamston. Columbus Andrews of RFD 2, Robersonville. Rorace Dan Spruill of Williamston Elton Howard Wallace of Eve-

retts. A final induction call is likely the retailer must comply with in March.

By Local Masons

Judgment was suspended upon been packaged at an abbattoir. James Elbert Perry pleaded guil- processing plant, or regular meat a regular meeting in the lodge williamston. ty of careless and reckless driv- market prior to shipment to the hall, corner of Church and Smith-

Charged with speeding 45 miles may not be broken at the retail ing. S. H. Grimes, a past master, House of Robersonville.

To Address The Lions W. Coltrain, senior deacon; J. H.

has been postponed. No new date Raleigh, will address the regular ards; Ernest P. Capps, tyler; Paul for the event has been definitely meeting of the Lions Club in the Bailey, Chaplain; and N. C.

ing at 7:00 o'clock. Mr. Wilson is Capps, trustees. Gas fumes are used in the de- expected to discuss the proposed The lodge is concluding an attendance contest next month, re-

been well over 100 members.

in December, 1953, to the following White Little, both of Robersonville.

liamston.

burg, Tenn.

liamston.

population.

ous years.

Year

1931

1932

1933

1934

1935

1936

1937

1938

1939

1940

1941

1942

1943

1944

1945

1946

1947

1948

1949

1950

1951

1952

1953

Totals

follows, by years:

White

62

84

103

116

122

117

147

126

81

92

126

100

74

72

95

145

128

132

110

106

111

109

115

2473

Colored

64

71

166

165

129

139

146

158

78

81

100

120

129

118

114

190

178

139

110

106

106

123

115

2845

good and Lael Bunting of Oak City

John W. Marslender of Williamston and Ruth Coltrain of previous year. Robersonville

Kenneth K. Bridges of Sheiby Marine Recruiting and Jacqueline E. Harris of Wil-James Henry Jones of RFD 3.

Williamston and Mrs. Minnie Glynn Gray of RFD 1, Hookerton. Lawrence Hyman and Blonzie, Marine Recruiter announces that P. Harrell, both of Oak City.

Bennett Briggs White of Plymouth and Carolyn Sue Burch of cent budget cuts in the Armed Robersonville. Robert B. Upchurch of Apex, this area there will be no Marine

N. C., and Ethel Tatkus of Pitts- Recruiter in this immediate vicinity. However young men who

Joseph Garland Hardison and desire to join the Marine Corps Lorraine Wynne, both of Wilmay do so by going to the recruiting offices at either Rancigh or

THE RECORD

During the first ten days of

the current year, motorists

piled up vehicles in highway

accidents at the rate of slight-

ly more than one a day. A

count from the N.C. Highway

Patrol office and police de-

partments placed the count

for the first ten days at eleven

accidents. No one was killed

but there were eleven persons

injured, and the property

damage jumped to the shock-

Motorists, using the high-

ways in this county seem to

have a gift for starting a new

year with a bang. In the first

eleven days of 1953 there

were fifteen accidents, but

only three persons were in-

jured and the property loss

In 1952 the count during the

first week was six wrecks,

five injured and a property

ing figure of \$7,200.

was placed at \$3,480.

loss of \$3,415.

SPEAKS ...

Henry Gray Corey of Williams-Norfolk. ton and Florence Shaw of RFD 1.

Robersonville Dallas Hoggard and Lavern

Whitehurst, both of Williamston, William Ernest Manning of RFD Robersonville, and Annie Ruth Conner of RFD 3, Williamston.

Recently elected, officers were Joseph E. Hathaway of Greenthe payment of the costs when meat processing plant, poultry installed by Skewarkey Masons at ville and Julia Mae' Leggett of

James Thurman Emery of retail establishment. Packages wick Streets, last Tuesday even- Washington and Mary Nelson

Johnnie Joseph Whitehurst and L. Slade pleaded guilty and was ment may sell fat back and cured in charge of the installation rites. Ethlyne L. Everett, both of Green-

sold, and also sell country-cured Ernest P. Capps as master. Other Wyatt Earl Meeks of Tarboro hams, shoulders and cured link officers for the new year are, R. and Sybil Faye Cowen of RFD 3, Vernon Bunting, senior warden; Williamston.

Rupert Earl Cowan, junior war-Colored

den; V. J. Spivey, treasurer; Jul-Issiac Perkins and Hannah Rid ian H. Harrell, secretary; Charles dick of Williamston.

James Everett and Cleo Gray both of Oak City.

Octavis Roberson of Williams ton and Eva Clemmons Hassell of RFD 3, Williamston.

Leroy Lawrence and Delzora Perkins Hodges, both of Williams

Claude Andrews, Jr., of Robert

sonville and Gennie V. Barnes o (Continued on Page Eight)

The annual summary listed miscellaneous violations such as faulty equipment, failing to stop for Charles Leon Wilson and Doris a stop sign, improper passing and

following too closely, which Eugene Kent Hinman of Hob- brought the 1953 total of license revocations to 86,680.

Licensing officials noted this was a decrease of 21,290 from the

Office Is Closed

Sgt Clifford A. Jackson, local the recruiting office in Washingplan

ton has been closed due to re-Establishments, business or un-Forces. After Sgt. Jackson leaves

replace them within a year, pr vided they met the fire regulations.

noon today. The proposed zoning ordinance looks to the future. It could have stopped that certain type of con-Street that brought such vigorous protests from other property owners. However, the construction cannot be altered by the ordinance now.

Highway Safety Meeting Subject

"Highway Safety" will be the hog killing accident on the Simon be present and offer a 100 percent subject of the program of the Coltrain farm in Griffins Town- support to the new leaders. Williamston Woman's Club which ship yesterday. It was reported meets Tuesday, January 19th at that he caught his finger in a will serve dinner. 8:00 P. M. in the Club home. Cpl. M. C. Byrum of the North treatment in a local hospital, he Carolina Highway Patrol will was able to return home. speak on the subject and the highly praised motion picture "A Day Community Concert In in Court" will be shown.

As a public service the driving class of the Williamston High meeting.

Dies In Hospital In the main residential areas the zoning plan would make it unlawful to build a home closer than eight to ten feet from the pro- at 6:20 o'clock.

perty line, and the front of the Mistaken for a burglar, he was house must be kept in line with shot by his wife at their home on other structures, or on an average Washington Street January 2, the when no uniform line is establishbullet entering the hip and ranged. There are certain restrictions ing upward. He was recovering on apartment house construction from the pistol bullet wound when in certain areas. a heart conduton developed, and

The zoning plan makes no atthat caused his death. tempt to specify types of con-An able smithy, he was emstruction, it was pointed out. Fire

truck route now under construc-

ployed by the Woolards in makcodes and regulations are not aling the first Woolard harrows half tered in the least by the proposed century or more ago. After the company suspended operations he

dustrial, cannot be touched in their present locations. For instance, the warehouse district ny Side Market, and was active erica much better than I expectcannot be touched in its present until he was shot.

He was a church leader and a location. Should the owners of the houses choose to tear down the present structures, they could to all worthy causes. He But 05 years of age.

Funeral arrangements had not

The Peeles had heard prowlers around their home for several struction on South Haughton nights, and before day on January 2, he got up to investigate. He raised the window and about that time his wife woke up, and thinking her husband was a burglar, took a pistol and fired on him.

Loses Fingers In Farm Henry Peele, young colored

man, lost two of his fingers in a power sausage mill. Following

Elizabeth City Friday

School and all teen-age drivers, appear in one of the Community re-elected chairman of the First as well as the general public are Concert programs at Elizabeth National Bank of Henderson invited to attend. Each member City tomorrow night in the high board of directors a short time of the Woman's Club is urged to school auditorium. Members of ago. The Henderson institution bring a guest to this program the Martin County Community lists assets at nearly five and one-Concert association are invited. half million dollars.

from the customs in this country Norway's religion, according to the young student, is centered in the Lutheran Church, but there Joe Peele, aged blacksmith, died are many other denominations in a local hospital this morning About 97 percent belong to the Lutheran denomination, which is supported by the State. Religion

is taught in the public schools. The visitor briefly reviewed the occupation of her country during the war when she was six years old. When the Germans were chased out by the Russians they destroyed considerable property and the country has struggled to repair the damage, she explained. She pointed out that the im pression one gets of this country in the movies is all wrong. "I soon learned that all Americans operated his own blacksmith shop are not gangsters, cow boys or in the yard of his home near Sun- millionaires Indeed, I found Am-

ed." she said. The young lady's talk proved

good citizen, lending his support most interesting and was greatly was enjoyed by the club members and several guests.

She has appeared before several been completed shortly before other clubs in this district since coming to this country last fall.



The Farm Life Ruritan Club will hold its first meeting of the new year next Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock in the lunch room Accident Yesterday The newly install officers will preside for the first time, and a general appeal is being directed to all members, urging them to

The Maple Grove Ladies Aid

County Native Chairman Of National Bank Board

Mr. R. G. Harrison, native of this county and a Williamston re-Andrew McKinley, tenor, will sident for a number of years, was