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Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Tuesday, January 26, 1954

Several Wrecks February 1 Last Day Old Washington Street Club Members In 'On County Roads Auto Tags Will Be Valid Supermarket Will County Planning In This County Saturday Teachers Anxious **During Week-End** On and after next Tuesday, an over-all total of 4,594 handling Open January 28 owners displaying old State and in the corresponding period a year

In This County

No one was badly hurt but proresulted in a series of four moin this county during the past 1954 plates. clock Sunday night. The car was all types, to date as compared with 944 sold during all of 1953. a complete loss, according to reports.

The first in the series of accidents on the highways in this county was reported at 9:40 o'clock last Friday morning when William Roberson, Williamston young man, tried to miss striking a pig and ditched his 1953 Mercury, causing about \$600 damage to the machine. Roberson was driving on the Williamston-Bear Grass road near the Mack Leggett home when the pig, weighing hardly more than 50 pounds, ran into the road. After striking the pig, the car swerved into a ditch, jumped out and came to a stop

in another ditch. Roberson was not hurt, a member of the highway patrol said. Joe L. Durham, 38-year-old colored man of RFD 1, Robersonville, lost control of his 1948 Chevrolet when it skidded on the ice in a curve near Butler's bridge on Highway 125 early Sunday af-

a ditch. Damage was estimated at \$50

A blue Studebaker was ditched at the intersection of Highways 903 and 125 near Spring Green Sunday night about 10:00 o'clock. Complete details could not be had Friday morning when fire deimmediately. It was estimated stroved a vacant tenant house on that the damage would exceed \$400.

Driving on the Everetts-Bear Grass road about 11:00 o'clock ville Sunday night LeRoy Leggett of RFD 2, Williamston, lost control

No One Badly Injured In Accidents Reported In the corresponding period upper of the sales include all types of vehicles will be subjected to ar-

rest and conviction in the courts. appearing second, as follows: cars, No warnings will be given, it 3,180 and 3,276; private trucks, was explained. The license tags 832 and 906; farm trucks, 116 and perty damage, estimated at \$1,650 have been on sale since December 120; car trailers, 409 and 424; com-1, and its is assumed that vehicle mercial trailers, 44 and 30; moowners have had ample time to torcycles, 13 and 3. tor vehicle accidents on the roads purchase and display their new During all of last year the State

week-end. A Robersonville man, While the tag sales here are far 9,458 license tags as follows: au-Mr. Jesse Taylor, 35, suffered a from complete, they are running to, 6,441; private trucks, 1,753; six-stitch cut under his left eye well ahead of those a year ago. farm trucks, 190; car trailers, 858; and was painfully bruised about The license bureau maintained in commercial trailers, 186; and mothe head and shoulder when his the insurance offices of Harrison torcycles, 30. car, a 1951 Chevrolet, went out of and Carstarphen in Williamston The sale of vehicle tags by the control and turned over on a Pitt under the auspices of the Caro- town is ahead of the sale a year event. County road between Leens and lina Motor Club, has handled the ago. Up until today 528 1954 tags the Big Oak road about 10:15 o'- sale of 4,753 licenses, including had been sold against a total of

> **FARM SCHOOL** Plans for a big county-wide farm school are just about

complete for Martin County, the office of the county agent announced this week. The Extension Service is sending five or more farm

specialists to this county to conduct the school, which will be held in the courthouse next Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a. m. to 12, noon, and from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. each day.

Timely and important topics are to be discussed and Martin farmers are urged to attend in numbers with the assurance that the discussions will be of great value.

ternoon. The machine went into Harvey Perkins **Burned To Death**

Harvey Perkins, 49-year-old colored man, lost his life early last the Stevenson farm recently pur-

chased by him near the high amount. Nearly ninety million school athletic field in Roberson-Details of the tragedy are not

known, but Coroner W. W. Biggs Benefits received from insurance cover half the national hospital costs and 38 percent of the volved. surgical costs. Fifteen percent of Living just across the field. the nation's total medical bill is ington and Sycamore Streets and covered by insurance benefits. The families surveyed in this clock that morning. After locking study represent a validated samthe door he hurried from his ple of the national population. The average family cost for medi- trance and two near the front cal care in one year is \$295, but door. more than a million families

In This Section

Messrs. Morris Stalls and John modern supermarket in the build- America are preparing for the Furniture Exchance here on in this county next spring As-

morning at 8:00 o'clock. Preparations for the opening ing of extension leaders and vohave been under way for weeks, cational agriculture teachers and and the finishing touches are being made, the owners explaining ago that all will be in readiness for the

One of the largest and most modern in this section, the new supermarket is extensively equipped, including a 21-foot seafood, **Nation's Medical Costs Last Year** still another eleven-foot dry produce counter and still another Were Ten Billion for produce. Dairy products are

conveniently displayed in a six-Average Family cost Placed foot refrigerated box with triple storage. At \$295 By Health In-

In charge of the meat counters formation Survey Mr. VanLandingham explained New York .- With national atthat his firm would handled the

finest meats of all kinds. tention focused on the problems Grocery items are neatly and of financing health care as indiattractively arranged on the more cated in President Eisenhower's than 200 feet of shelving, the ownmessage to Congress, Health Iners announcing that the stock in-

public the first national consumer brands and that the items run insurvey of medical costs in twento the thousands. ty years. The building has been renovat-This authoritative study was ed with adquate storage space in Phillip Taylor, all of Bear Grass; conducted by the National Opin- the rear. Rubber composition tile

ion Research Center of the Uni- has been placed on the floors, and versity of Chicago under a grant departments have been attractive- and Charles Hough, all of Jamesof \$150,000 from HIF and reveals ly marked in red letters against ville; the extent of voluntary health a harmonizing color scheme on insurance in the United States the walls and the celotex ceiling. ville; and the amounts paid by families It is quite evident that the owners have shared no expense in makfor health care in one year.

ing ready one of the most modern It was found that more than ten billion dollars was paid by supermarkets in this section. The firm is the first to recognize families for medical costs last and do something about the parkyear and that doctors and mospi-

tals received more than half that ing problem here. Purchasing additional property, the store operpeople have some kind of insur-for about forty cars in a lot conance to lighten the burden of veniently located at a main

For Stock Shows

Held Recently license plate bureau sold a total of Washington Street Thursday sistant County Agent Larry Hodinterested citizens held a few days

> It is planned to exhibit 42 calves and sixty or more hogs in the show. An added feature for the 1954 event will be a hog carcass demonstration, Mr. Hodges said.

It was also announced that expoultry and meat counter, an acting regulations will be in efeight-by-ten foot walk-in cooler, fect for the 1954 show and sale The committee will not attempt to promote the sale of any calves eleven- foot refrigerated counter grading commercial, it was explained, meaning that the youhful exhibitors will find it necessary to work hard to have their

es in the show

Club members: Dorothy Price, Rodney Revels, Robert Lee Perry, Pearl Perry,

While the Roanoke is going out Elane Revels, Katherine Rogerson, Haywood Rogerson, Jr., and this immediate area are also filled William Lilley, J. C. Griffin, Jr., Murl Griffin, Mike Griffin

Paul Johnson, Jr., of Roberson-

Billy Everett of Hamilton; Donnie V. Smith of Oak City. The following Future Farmers of America are planning to exhibit calves in the sh

Johnnie Griffin, Marion Griffin, Billy Bailey and John Griffin, all of Robersonville;

side entrance. In adition to the special lot parking, eight or more cars can be parked right at the and Josh Hardison, all of James- in the county beyond Oak City. front entrance. A two-way drive

liamston;

End Tuberculosis Survey Local Parents And Approximately one out of eve-|Grass and 1,558 in Robersonville.

HELPING HAND

Curtis Lee Cross, 9-year-old

boy of RFD 1, Robersonville,

who fell victim of polio in

1947 is extending a helping

hand to the current drive a

few days ago when he with

the help of Nancy Cross car-

ried an appeal to the Willow

Chapel Baptist Church con-

Remitting \$12.35, the lad

said, in part: "By the help of

God and the March of Dimes,

I am doing fine now. I will

always be at your services

The youthful victim, still

Mothers' March

unable to raise one arm above

his shoulder, continues to re-

when I am needed."

ceive treatment.

gregation.

in this county during the past of those who had campaign are made early in the campaign are eighteen days by the State Board getting individual reports. It is of Health in cooperation with the understood that a few suspicious

At least forty-two 4-H Club Martin County Health Depart- cases of tuberculosis are being F. VanLandingham are opening a members and Future Farmers of ment Tuberculosis Association. found. In those cases, the persons Health authorities had set a are being asked to report to the ing formerly occupied by the Wier annual fat stock show to be held minimum goal of 7,000 X-rays, health department, corner of Ray but only 6,580 pictures were and Harrell Streets in Williamsmade, it was learned. However, ton, for further check-ups. In ges announced following a meet- considering the unfavorable wea- those cases where the persons prether conditions existing during fer to report to their family phy- public school music department, most of the time the mobile X- sicians, they are asked to notify and discussed the needs for new ray units were in the county, the the health department. survey was successful. It was also disclosed that a few

During the period the survey other possible ailments were un- tions at the schools here. A rainy was in progress, 3,499 pictures covered by the X-rays, and in were made in Williamston, 672 those cases the persons will want in Oak City, 149 in Hamilton, to undergo further medical 470 in Jamesville, 232 in Bear check-ups.

Roanoke River At Flood Stage Now

Fed by heavy rains, sleet and snow during the past week, the

The youthful club members it will overflow its banks by who plan to enter exhibits in the twelve inches before the week is show include the following 4-H spent. Water stood at 10.2 on the

Buggs Island is now releasing water and the action there is ex-Jerry Hopkins, Sylvia Perry and pected to hold the river in flood formation Foundation has made cludes the nationally-known Margaret Hopkins, all of Wil- here for a week or more.

of bounds, swamps and creeks in to overflowing, reports declare that there is more water in the land and in the streams than at

any other time in several years. Fire Siren For Logging operations are virtually at a standstill all along the Roanoke and even in other areas as a result of the heavy rains and

wollen streams. Breaking a long established rule Up until today, 5.67 inches of limiting its use to sounding only gravating and embarrassing to rain had fallen since January 3, fire alarms, Fire Chief G. P. Hall, local teachers, patrons and friends including 2.53 inches recorded anxious to lend the cause a help- who are continually being asked during last week. T' ing hand, has agreed to craak up is 2.52 inches above normal with the fire department's siren Fri- thing about improving these faa promise of more rain tonight day evening of this week at 7.00 cilities. and tomorrow. The precipitation o'clock to mark the opening of the

Jimmy Hopkins, Ward Perry, included about one inch of snow Mothers' March on Polio. Henry Rogers and Thomas Re- that fell after midnight last Fri- Firemen have been advised re- County Board of Education Mon-

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ESTABLISHED 1849

For New Buildings

New Piano Last Night

Meeting in the high school auditorium last evening, the Williamston Parents-Teachers Association heard an address on child welfare, inspected a new Clark & Story school model piano being considered for purchase for the buildings and enlargement of

existing ones to improve condiday problem also got attention. Brought up by members from the floor, the urgent need for a shop building with class room, of a new gymnasium and additional classrooms was noted and the members avidly discussed the various ways in which this urgent need could be brought to the attention of county authorities in order to get the necessary relief. It was agreed that a committee would write a letter to the county board outlining the local prob-

lems in view of the fact the county board was reported to have decided against hearing delegations from the various school districts. One patron declared Williamston's school patrons and committeemen have abided by the wishes of the school board and met each request of the board not to send delegations, not to press demands at great length and in every way treated the board with every possible courtesy but some members were wondering if the polite attitude was paying off since clamor had proved profitable to other petitioners in school matters. The school patrons emphasized that flooded floors in the gym and inadequate shop facilities are beginning to get a bit more than agwhy Williamston doesn't do some-

The local school committeemen are scheduled to go before the

ley Mack Bell of Windsor, the

urged the parents and teachers to

keep the need for improved social

legislation before legislators un-

til better social laws could be

enacted to protect children and

improve their chances of become

ing successful and useful citizens

She was introduced by Miss

Mary W. Taylor, Martin County

Superintendent of Public Wel-

fare, with whom Mrs. Bell form-

President Asa Crawford an-

(Continued on Page Eight)

Capital Meeting

As a reward for outstanding

farm organizational leadership,

nine counties in this State will

send representatives to Washing-

ton, D. C., on February 17 for a

three-day educational conference

sponsored by the North Carolina

Farm Bureau and the American

Mr. Chas. L. Daniel, president

of the Martin County Farm Bu-

reau, is one of the nine leaders

scheduled to attend the meeting.

be spent conferring with Ameri-

can Farm Bureau officials, visit-

ing the North Carolina Congres-

sional delegation, and the Depart-

AGREEMENT

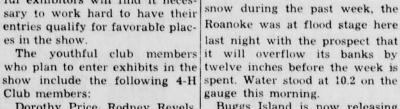
ment of Agriculture.

The time in Washington will

Farm Bureau Federation.

Leaders Planning

erly worked



of his 1952 Ford pick-up in a curve. After skidding 147 yards, and Robersonville police are of the machine turned over, coming the opinion no foul play was into a stop about 65 feet farther down the road. Leggett was bruisid but not badly hurt, according Perkins saw the fire in the twoto reports. Damage to his truck story tenant house about 3:00 o'-

was estimated at \$600.

A 1950 Buick, driven by William Thomas Roberson and owned home to the fire which was burnby his father, John Alfred Ro- ing rapidly in the front section berson, caught fire and burned on of the house. Perkins apparently road in the Farm Life entered the back door, the nearest section last Tursday night. The as he approached there. Nothing fire, starting around the carbue- was heard from him, and about tor, burned all but the two front noon Saturday his wife appealed wheels, it was reported.

Local Man's Car **Damaged By Fire**

Starting under the dash board, fire badly damaged the 1951 Dodge eas and girs to and being driven by George W. Joyner, local colored man, shortly after 1:02 o'clock Sunday morning a short distance across the Roanoke River bridge on Highway 17.

Jovner said he was driving along when the engine went dead. o'clock for Mrs. Carrie Rogerson He got out and raised the hood Peaks Bowen who died in a Durand fire greeted him. A driver of ham hospital last Thursday morna Norfolk Southern bus, driving ing ct 7:30 o'clock. Her pastor, just behind Joyner, tried to put the Rev. Chas. Hamilton, Free the fire out with an extinguisher. Will Baptist minister of Pitt During the meantime, Williams- County, and Elder A. B. Ayers ton's fire department was called and firemen put the fire out betery. fore it could spread to other parts

of the car. A general alarm was sounded.

ROUND-UP

All was fairly quiet on the crime front in this county during the past week-end, the sheriff's office reporting only four arrests. However, a robbery was reported in Williamston.

ton.

leigh.

Two of the four arrested and jailed were charged with public drunkenness and one each with an assault and operating a motor vehicle withovt a driver's license.

One of the four was white and the ages of the group ranged from 18 to 51 years.

to Police Chief Wm. Smith. A search was started and the skull

tion's families. and a few other bones were found It had been assumed that rural under a piece of tin in the ashes. The key to his home was also (Continued on Page Eight) found, and Coroner Biggs and officers identified the charred bones Band Parents Club **Funeral Saturday**

In Brief Meeting In a brief meeting last night of the Williamston Band Parents register.

For Mrs. Bowen Club, Director Jack Butler announced that the East Carolina Funeral services held at the Concert Band would play here in home here on West Main Street the high school auditorium on the last Saturday afternoon at 3:00 morning of Thursday, February 18, and that of the 60 playing members of the band, six are former Green Wave Band members: Nannette Harrison, Jimmy Page, Harriett Ward, John Rogers, Jean Ward Mobley and Raymond Robertson. Sonny Martin is a memconducted the rites. Interment ber of the East Carolina Orcheswas in the Bowen family cemetra and Rhoda Faye Feele and

Patricia Taylor are majorettes in Mrs. BZowen was born in Bear the band. A fee of 10c will be Grass Township 57 years ago on April 27, 1896, the daughter of charged students at the concert the late Will and Molly Godfrey as well as any patrons who are Whitehurst Rogerson. When quite able to find seats in the audiyoung she was married to Wheeler torium. Chairs will be placed in Peaks and made her home for the aisles.

The Band Parents Club is to many years in Williamston Township on the Price Road. Follow- supply the visiting band with one meal and pay their travel exing her marriage on January 1, 1946, to Mr. James D. Bowen, she pense. The band is to appear in had made her home in Williams-Robersonville in the afternoon.

Director Butler also displayed two new French horns which are Surviving besides Mr. Bowen are two sons, Jodie and Arthus being added to the band and the Peaks; seven daughters, Mrs. club agreed that new majorette Earl Bonds, Mrs. Haywood Price, uniforms, to be of gabardine ma-Mrs. C. B. Whitehurst, Mrs. Bruce terial, are to be purchased. The Leggett and Mrs. Simon Lilley, Jr. directors and Mr. Butler are to all of or near Williamston, and make final arrangements when he Mrs. Vernon Phelps of Roberson- has all necessary information. ville and Mrs. Ollie Faison of Ra-President Hildreth Mobley presided at the meeting.

ville: is being opened to connect Wash-Smitty Haislip, John Beach, Ce-Smitty Haislip, John Beach, Ce-cil Brown, Jr., Lester Early, Wal- Slight Damage an entrance may be gained from lace Smith and Sidney Purvis, either street to the side or front all of the Oak City Chapter. door where check-out counters

Four colored youths, James W are located, one at the side en-Slade, Rudolph Parker, James Parker and Frank Cherry, plan to participate in the show. Both Mr. Stalls and Mr. Van-

spend 50 to 100 percent or more Landingham are experienced in of their yearly income on medical the business. Mr. Stalls operated **Plan To Resume** costs. A total medical dcbt of the Sunny Side grocery and marmore than one billion dollars is ket for several years, and Mr. Its Operations owed by 16 percent of the na- VanLandingham managed the meat department for other firms.

In connection with the open-Suspended temporarily while ing this week, the store will hold inventories are being checked and

Dr. James S. Rhodes

or ten days.

announced.

Improving In Hospital

JAMESVILLE MARCH

The Mothers' March of

Dimes in Jamesville is sched-

uled for Thursday evening of

this week between the hours

of 7:00 and 8:00 o'clock, it was

Club, the sponsoring organi-

zation, are appealing to the

people of the town to leave

their porch lights burning as

a beacon for the canvassers.

The Infantile Paralysis Foun-

dation is pleading for increas-

ed funds to finance new im-

munization tests in many sec-

tions of the nation and to

care for old and new cases.

and a liberal response is urg-

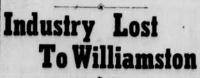
Officers of the Woman's

a registration through February machinery reconditioned, opera-13 when a Halicrafter television tions at the Martin Manufacturset will be given away along with ing Company plant in Robersonthirty baskets of groceries to the ville are to be resumed on a full lucky registrants. A Westinghouse scale within a few days, accordteam iron will be given away on ing to a report coming from the

lic is invited to visit the store and workers, idle since Monday of latter part of the week damaged last week, are being recalled, it the shoulders in some areas, the was learned.

his company had sufficient orders to keep the plant operating Suffering with arthritis and for at least six months. "The unquite ill for weeks, Dr. James S. expected could happen, but we Rhodes, Sr., prominent local phyare not anticipating any material sician, was reported responding decrease in business now or in the to treatment in ,a Richmond hosfuture, and we are confident we pital this week. He plans to rewill be operating full time withturn home within the next week

said.



Exum Ward, Sr. The Norris Grain Company of

Chicago, one of the largest in the the business, Mr. Pippen having field, is locating a quarter million bushel capacity plant in been connected with a local elec-Elizabeth City, a recent report trial firm for a number of years stating that the company would before resigning to enter business start work on the elevator im- for himself. Mr. Bailey, a native

mediately. The Company had chosen Williamston as a site for the plant, government service, he was em- sometime during Sunday night. but a land obstacle was encount- ployed by a television firm in At the same time a lady's gold ered and the representatives turn- Norfolk, resigning as head of the wrist watch was missing from the company's service department to home of Lou Moore. ed elsewhere. Eforts were made

to remove the obstacle when reenter business here for himself. Officers said yesterday they had presentatives of the town went Mr. Bailey moved his family to established a lead in the case but to the firms New York office, but | Williamston a short time ago and no arrest had been made early toa solution apparently was advanc- they are now at home on East day. Some of the stolen articles Church Street. ed too late. were said to have been recovered.

day. The snowfall was light here lative to the plan, and townspeo- day. February 1. Billy Lilley, Ronnie Coburn, compared with the fall which ple will not find it necessary to Larry Mobley, William Hardison measured up to about four inches rush to their vehicles and trail the Centering her address around "Concern for Children" Mrs. Hol-

fire-fighting equipment.

Instead, all are being asked by former Miss Clara Bonds, outlin-Mrs. George Nicely to remain at ed the prograss of child welfare home, turn on their porch lights and protection programs from Biand greet the mothers when they blical times until the present. She To County Roads appear in behalf of the polio fund

drive. The drive is to last one hour, be-Other than a few washed shoulginning promptly at 7:00 o'clock

ders and wash-outs around the Friday evening, January 29. Ballard Bridge in Poplar Point, Martin County is being asked litle damage has been caused to to raise \$8,900.00, the Infantile the roads in this county by the Paralysis Foundation explaining recent sleet and snow and heavy that the quota is being increased rains, according to preliminary in an effort to finance nationeports reaching here. wide immunity tests this year and

Ballard bridge was closed to to care for the thousands of old traffic over the week-end when victims and those who are likely the dirt fill was partly washed to be attacked this year.

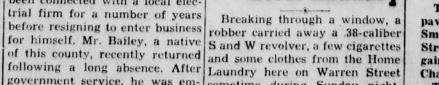
away. The Williamston-Poplar Point road beyond Whitley's **Ruritans Holding** bridge was under a few inches of water early Monday, but traffic **National Meeting** continued to move over the road. Saturday of this week. The pub- management yesterday. Already that fell continually during the Martin County is being well represented at the National Ruri-

tan Convention in Washington black top routes came through this week, according to incom-Martin Stienburg, manager was the bad weather in fine shape, plete reports coming from the sev eral clubs in this county.

The convention, opening Monday morning, reported twelve hundred Ruritans in attendance from twelve southeastern states and Ohio. The last of the two-day essions will be held this evening

Messrs. Hurtford Smith and James Hope Avers are represented a partnership and will open Messrs. Hugh B. Griffin, Frank the Maryin Television Sales and Lilley, Robert Griffin and the Service in West End within a Rev. W. B. Harrington are represhort time, it was announced to- senting the Farm Life Club, at day. The firm will be located in the convention. what was known as the "Pink

House", next to the home of Mrs. **Robber Enters** Both men are experienced in Local Laundry



The way has been paved for paving Railroad Street from Smithwick to Kashington Street, according to a report gained from Town Attorney Chas. H. Manning yesterday. The Coast Line is yielding the right-of-way to a point nine feet from the center of the track, it was explained.

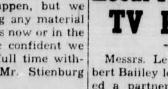
After repeated conferences with railroad officials and attoneys, over a period of several years, an agreement was finally reached.

A.C.



quoted this week as saying that highway engineers said.

Messrs. Lewis Pippen and El-





in a few days," Mr. Stienburg bert Baiiley local men, have form-