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### No Bond Allowed Jas. Hawkins At Tuesday Hearing In

Augustus Hodges' Murder Is Traceable To Drunken Brawl Saturday

Charged with the fatal stabbing of Augustus Hodges on Martin Street here last Saturday afternoon, James Hawkins, 29-year-old colored man, was denied bond at a preliminary hearing held by Justice Chas. R. Mobley in the grand jury room here last Tuesday evening. Pleading not guilty, Hawkins offered no testimony and was returned to jail to await trial in the Martin County Superior Court during the week of March 15. The room was packed for the hearing, dozens finding it impossible to gain entrance.

Testimony offered by the two main state witnesses, Roslyn Stokes, self-admitted girl friend of the murdered man, and Robert Everett, was bogged down in ambiguity. However, it was fairly evident that the fatal attack climaxed a drunken brawl following hours of merrymaking in and near the Stokes home.

Their talk, blurred by the the woman said she saw Perkins Bear Grass School Auditorium. stab Hodges in the back, leaving where the chest blow was plant-

The Stokes woman declared that Hawkins and Hodges had the program. The panel will inbeen good friends and were merry clude such members as Mr. Manntogether in their drinking dur- ing, County Superintendent, Geo. ing Saturday.

ness, went away that morning and grade teacher of Bear Grass and purchased food. She prepared his C. B. Martin, Principal of Romeal and called him to dinner bersonville. from the nearby home of Robert A social hour will wind up the Everett Hodges was sitting at the evening. end of the table eating when she went to a neighbor's home to borrow a broom. The witness Melody Masters claimed that just as she entered the kitchen door she saw Hawkins drive the long-bladed pocket knife into Hodges' back.

at the table. She also said that available for appearances in the fertilizer, its reaction and These achievements all arise that Hawkins was laughing. It is

On cross examination, the witness said that Hawkins nad been and novelty tunes. drinking that day.

Everett, the second witness for the kitchen door, but it was ap- Mae Goff, pianist. parent that he thought he was on the spot, he saw little or nothing. fin, W. O. Peele, Jr., Benny Tay-Everett admitted that he had been lor, Bob Grady, J. D. Baldree, handled without a single hitch. drinking, too. He said that the Paul Burgess, Ed Laughinghouse, three of them had been walking Ben Bunting, Evan Griffin, J. T. around that day, having a jolly Griffin, Roy Griffin and T. P. good time, stapping one another Wood. on the back and pranking. Everett said they went to his home, that Hawkins stretched out on a Planning Water bed and the Stokes woman sent for Hodges, advising that his dinner was ready. Everett said he went with Hodges to the Stokes home, taking a stand at the kitchen door and asking for a snackhandout. Hawkins followed a short time later and took a stand against the wall between the stove and door "Somebody said something," the witness told the

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County Farmer Quite Ill In The Hospital

Mr. Chester Taylor, well-known Martin County farmer, continues discussed, Mrs. Lucille Cowen, quite ill in a Richmond hospital executive secretary of the chapfollowing a major brain operation ter, said. there about two weeks ago. It is planned to return him to a local Minor Accident hospital during the next few days.

#### ROUTINE

Routine meetings are in prospect for both the hoards of commissioners and education here next Monday. The county board is scheduled to draw juries for the special April term of the superior court, but no other special business had been placed on the calendar up until early

The education board is slated to hold an evening meeting, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

### **Farmers** New

INCREASE

A preliminary report released this week by Tax Supervisor M. L. Peel shows a gain of about \$6,000 in assesssed property values in Bear Grass Township, the first district to submit its tax records for 1954 in the county.

The picture there is not as bright as it would seem to appear, the supervisor said, explaining that about a \$24,000 valuation incorrectly listed in Cross Roads Township last year had been transferred to Bear Grass where the property is located.

No other townships have submitted final reports, and some districts have not yet completed their listings, it was learned.

#### **County Teachers** To Meet March 2

On Tuesday, March 2, 7:30 P. M. rapid fire of jaws packed with the Martin County Unit of the the rate of about 100 pounds per their constant striving for better chewing gum, both witnesses NCEA will hold its second regu- acre and at a depth of about eight farming and better living. In this could offer clear evidence, but lar meeting of the year in the The officers for 1954-55 will

the court in doubt as to when and be nominated and elected to this meeting. A panel discussion on the Code

P. Cullipher, Principal of Oak Hodges, according to the wit- City, Mrs. Mary Woolard, third

## Organized Here

and sat him down here last November, and are now company, explained the nature of apples for orchardists.

possible that Hawkins had al- Ed Grady, the Melody Masters that the anhydrous ammonia will course, develop from the social boats which was carried on this many other services unless the had boats which was carried on this was slow. ready stabbed Hodges in the are practicing weekly on various cost about \$10 an acre on the basspirituals, popular and folk songs can be applied by special con-

Hilton Forbes is president. W. O. Peeie, Jr., secretary, Frank acres, or about \$3 per acre under the State, said he was standing in Weaver, treasurer, and Miss Lela Members' melude, Wilford Grif-

## Safety Program

Meeting with interested persons in the chapter Red Cross office here this afternoon, Bill McDonald North Carolina water safety representative for the Red Cross, is discussing plans for inaugurating a water safety program in this area during the coming summer.

It is the plan of the Red Cross to train one or more instructors and then have them conduct class.

es and train as many as possible. Other safety program features, such as first aid, are also being

### On County Road

No one was hurt and property damage was limited to about \$100 when a 1952 Chevrolet pick-up and a 1948 Chevrolet crashed near the Red Rooster a short distance

from Hassell last Saturday night. Walter Scott of Bethel was driving the pick-up toward Highway No. 11, and the car was being pushed by another. Just as the truck and car met, the car sweryed to its left and into the side of general store and filling station ant are carrying the appeal to the attention in this county since day. the truck, the investigating of in Hamilton. Located next to the various districts, Mrs. Lucille Martin citizens constituted the ficer said. Damage to the truck Hamilton Theater, the project is Cowen, executive secretary for second jury in the case and since chaperone the group for the Elmo Lilley, \$6.50; Roland Lilley, the car at \$25.

**Demonstration On** Use Of Anhydrous Ammonia Is Held

Special Tests Plots Located On Pierce Farm Near Hamilton

Used on a limited scale in this county last year for the first time, thing in crop fertilization, is being put to a wider use and more exacting tests this year by Martin farmers, according to information gained at a special field demonstration and a discussion evening.

The field demonstration held on or nine inches.

Corn is to be planted in each of three plots, and anhydrous amof Ethics will be the feature of drous ammonia will be placed in tall in the second plot. No anhythe third plot but instead, 500 pounds of bulk fertilizer will be used along with about 400 pounds of 5-10-10 fertilizer. It is planned to use 400 pounds of a 5-10-10 fertilizer on the first and second plots also.

he special demonstration plots valuable. which are located diagonally

acre on a basis of 10 or more ten acres.

The field demonstration actually handled by Ronald White Campbell answered questions re-

evening, more than 100 farmers farm income per person. it. After explaining the manufac- have bought if they'd stayed. ture and use of the liquid fertilizer, Dr. Campbell was subject. worker is the big answer to raised to heavy questioning, the farm- ing farm income and living standmaterial would not damage tobacco land. He explained that anhydrous ammonia would not damage tobacco land any more than other types of fertilizer, but he advised caution. "You would Recruit Donors hardly plow under a legume

ahead of tobacco," he explained. Anhydrous ammonia can be used to advantage on Martin County soils especially for corn, cotton, pasture and small grain. The material is made available to plant roots without rain, mean-

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Construction work is well ad- Griffin, A. L. Jameson, W. T. Ross, jeopardy. vanced on a large building for a Victor Brown and R. W. Bondur- The case has attracted much creation, it was announced to- berson, Harmon Rogers, Robert

# Shaping the Farm Boats In Roanoke

dresses Press Institute In Raleigh

Many powerful, behind-thescenes forces are shaping our North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, declared in a recent farm press institute held at State College, Raleigh.

Among those influences are the flow of farm labor to cities, the anhydrous ammonia, the latest swing to mechanized farming, speedier transportation and communication, better education, more comfortable housing and healthier diets.

All these depend largely on the level of farm income, which in turn depends on how we use our period last Tuesday afternoon and land, capital and management know-how.

At the center of all this comthe Pierce farm on Highway 125 plex mixture of forces shaping our just outside of Hamilton Tues- farming pattern is the Agriculday afternoon featured the first tural Experiment Station. Its job in a three-plot test. Under the di- is to continually discover new rection of Andy Tlcox, anhydrous facts in all branches of agriculammonia was placed in the soil at ture for rural people to use in work the Station is literally a "Powerhouse for Agriculture."

Cummings mentions these few monia will be placed beside the practical results of recent Station for the purpose of sale. Some corn when it is about six inches tests. Two new promising chemicals to control blue mold in tobacco plant beds are being field-C. 2 peanut varieties, released last year, have produced a good 15 percent larger yield than old varieties. Studies are now under-Public attention is directed at best sires can become even more for years and years-so that our

across the highway from the old that liquid nitrogen sprays will Sherrod farm home near Hamil- kill weeds as well as fertilize corn

Hawkins went to her bedroom churches, before civic clubs and what is to be expected from it.

The termination of speeding 65 miles an hour and church was at his meal of speeding 65 miles an hour and church was taxed with the costs. The Assisting in the tests, Assistant some farm problem in their spetion by the owner of the boat that he expects to engage in commerin the blood program, but it canin the blood program, but it can-Under the direction of Mrs. County Agent Larry Hodges said cial field. These problems, of cial fishing. The measuring of the not be maintained along with the Churches of Christ in the U.S. young Scotland Neck defendant the Churches of Christ in the U.S. explained that his speedometer

types of songs, including hymns, is of 100 pounds to the acre. It Take the migration of farm function so as to have the boats fund drive a liberal support, it prayer groups across the country. tract at a cost of about \$2.50 per ple in the State are divided mercial Fisheries Division and

> Mr. Alcox explained the details makes for low income per person ing situation so far as taxation is lating to the chemical make-up of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of institutions; in fields where missingly the material come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of institutions; in fields where missingly the material come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of institutions; in fields where missingly the companies of the chemical make-up of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of institutions; in fields where missingly the companies of the chemical make-up of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of institutions; in fields where missingly the companies of the chemical make-up of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the \$1 billion mark reason for alarm on the part of come pushes the companies of come pushes the compani In the courthouse Tuesday tion, we still rank about 40th in noke River.

More production per farm statement yesterday at Raleigh: the amounts raised last year:

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## For Bloodmobile

An extensive recruitment pro-

this morning.

# Fertilizers Picture In State Subject To Taxes

Dr. R. W. Cummings Ad- No Tax On Sports Fishing; Commercial Boats Taxed Fifty Cents a Foot

Boats powered by outboard motors which are used in the taking The Current Year of fish for sale are subject to a North Carolina agriculture, Dr. of fish for sale are subject to a R. W. Cummings, Director of the state boat tax of fifty cents per foot length, but there is no intention on the part of the Department of Conservation and Development to attempt to collect any such fee from sport fishing boats of this nature operating on the Roanoke River and using skim nets.

This statement was made yesterday by Eric W. Rodgers of Scotland Neck, chairman of the Commercial Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation raise \$4,590 to finance local actiand Development. Rodgers spoke vities, including the blood bank out on the matter in an attempt to clarify a misunderstanding which came out on the matter in an attempt to clarify a misunderstanding which came up during the past week when an inspector of the Commercial Fisheries Division was active along the Roanoke River in measuring boats.

He said that the General Assembly of 1953 enacted the boat tax and made it applicable to craft driven by outboard motors when they engage in commercial fishing, that is, the taking of fish folks who engage in rock fishing on the Roanoke River became aptested this year. N. C. 1 and N. that ordinarily boats which use prehensive because of the fact nets are placed in the status of 110 degrees below zero-perhaps North Carolina Wildlife Resourc- canvass. es Commission, which collects the cular matter.

He added, however, that the at the same time. Poultrymen can Commercial Fisheries Division for the drive, Mr. Martin direct-Hodges was too drunk to be walk- this section, are rapidly develop- anhydrous ammonia, and Dr. J. once a day. Chemical sprays are law, and the Department is roughly into one-third living on their length shown in the event Martin are asking volunteers to enterprises in many nations. In farms, one-third in small towns that any of them enter into comunder 2,500 population and one- mercial fishing, and no attempt third in larger towns and cities. was made to list purely sports Mast of those who have agreed lars are shared among interdeof the people live on farms-not may have been measured. He exone-third as in North Carolina. pressed the belief that there This high farm population would be no change in the fish-—only about \$700 in 1953. Even concerned from what it has been their time and means without though our total yearly farm in the past few years, and saw no any remuneration whatever. They in this country are held in church the payment of the payment to place us about 12th in the nather the sports fishermen on the Roa- gram in operation. Our people institutions; in fields where milyn pleaded guilty of speeding 65

listened to Dr. Campbell tell more

No wonder then that young ter he had conferred with Ben E. they can't afford to come up short installations. The day itself is and demaging property. about the comparatively new propeople especially leave our farms.

Douglas, director of the Departin their support of the Red Cross.

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marked in many places by process. duct. He explained that a few It's been estimated that the 260,- ment of Conservation and Defarmers in Illinois used anhydrous 000 persons, most of them farm velopment, and C. Gehrmann Hol- year, and Mr. Martin again apammonia in 1947, that an addi- people, who left the State during land, Morehead City, assistant peals to the people to see that the land, with a deadly with tional few joined in the follow- the 1940's were worth an estimat- commissioner of fisheries in \$4,590 quota is met. ing year. Now, more than 25 per \$15 billion in the value of charge of law enforcement. As a The figures, listed below by cent of the farmers there are using goods and services they would result of the conference, Mr. townships and districts, repre-Douglas issued the following sent the quotas for this year and squares.

The public laws of North Ca- Townships: 1954 rolina adopted by the General As- Jamesville \_\_ ers meaning business when they ards, declares Cummings. Me-sembly of 1953 include in chap-Williams wanted to be assured that the chanical and electrical power are ter 1134 an amendment to the Griffins important ways to boost output. General Statutes of North Caro- Bear Grass Another trend where editors lina relating to license fees and Williamston:

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### **Husband Killer** Given Freedom

Mrs. Doris Crocker, Wilson gram for blood donors is now under way in most sections of this found guilty by a Martin County chapter for the bloodmobile. Ep- jury last fall after a drunken couraging reports were coming in Wilson County juryman on a from several recruiters, but the previous occasion had caused a progress was slow in one or two mistrial, gained her freedom yesdistricts, according to a prelimin- terday when the North Carolina Underway In Hamilton ary report gained this morning. Supreme Court found that the de-Mesdames W. I. Skinner, Henry fendant had been placed in double open from 8:00 to 11:00 o'clock Gilbert Ward, Herbert L. Mann-

appeared for the defendant.

### Interested Powerful Forces Commercial Fish To Start Red Cross Eighteen Drive Next Monday

Chapter Asked To Raise \$4,590 For

Fund Chairman Hugh Martin Says Plans For Drive Are Completed

Plans for launching the annual Red Cross fund in this chapter have been completed, Fund Chairman Hugh M. Martin announced today. Scheduled to get under way next Monday, the drive is to program, disaster work in the nation and the many other services offered by the organization in this country and abroad.

The line-up for handling the drive in the chapter which includes Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Williamston Townships, is headed by Mr. Martin with the following townships chairmen, co-chairmen and speial assistants:

Jamesville, Mrs. Camille F. Rawls and Vaden Hairr;

Williams, Floyd Moore; Griffins, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B.

Bear Grass, A. B. Ayers, Jr.; Williamston, V. J. Spivey, special gifts; Mrs. W. H. Abernathy commercial fishing and are sub- and Mrs. Edna Bondurant, resiject to tax. Rodgers said however dential; and Mesdames I. M. Marthat the skim net is permitted by golis, D. R. Davis, Ernest Carraway on preserving bull semen at law under the jurisdiction of the way and W. R. Glover, employee The several principals in the

Conservation and Development drive among the colored citizenry Another exciting discovery is has no jurisdiction in that parti- throughout the chapter, it was

Sponsored by the Mathieson get more eggs with less feed and has no recourse except to collect ed an earnest appeal to all the woman in Boston called for a na license. Chemical Corporation, Standard less work by self-feeding whole a tax en boats which engage in people of the chapter, both white tionwide day of prayer for home The Melody Master, incorporat- Fertilizer Division, the field test grain in hoppers to hens once a commercial fishing because the and colored, to get behind the The Witness explained that ing some of the finest voices in demonstrated the application of week, instead of hand-feeding General Assembly enacted the movement and help put it across.

Today the World Day of Pray-case in which Robert Lee Tinsley enacted the movement and help put it across. ing the streets, that she salled him ing. fallowing their organization D. Compbell, agreeomist an ing. fallowing their organization of Cherry Point was charged with carrying it out. Red Cross blood program is worth the last November, and are now company, explained the nature of apples for orchardists. However, the prerequisite to the more than the entire amount the around the globe. It is sponsored

past week was merely a routine people in this chapter lend the of church women and special was frankly explained. respond to the call for work in the U.S., yearly offerings of more to lend a helping hand this year nominational mission projects at have been associated with other home and overseas, as a practical

thy causes. They are giving of hood. can't afford to make their task gratory farm workers are going miles an hour. Rodgers made his statement af- any harder than it is already, and out to pick the crops; in trailer Pleading not guilty, Jesse Lew-

\$ 209.80 106.54 205.80 250 192.35 Special Gifts Residential 500 Employees 200 Colored Districts: Jamesville Dardens Williamston Biggs Burroughs

Recreation Center At Woman's Club Saturday

\$4.590

Williams

Totals

### TOWN BOARD

In addition to their routine duties, Williamston's town commissioners are expected to study a proposal for paving a number of streets.

Petitions, requesting the officials to study the need and make plans for an extensive program, are being prepared, and apparently there is a strong support for the proposal.

It was learned unofficially that the proposed paving program will cost approximately \$200,000. However, the figure is not definite since the program scope has not been determined. It was pointed out, however, that the cost estimates cover most of the principal streets now without pavement.

### World Day Of Prayer March 5

This community will join in prayer for world peace on Friday, March 5, with Christians in 20,-000 other U.S. communities and in more than a hundred countries around the world.

On the World Day of Prayer, March 5, prayers will rise in of the road, that school children hundreds of the world's languages had to jump into a ditch for safeand dialects, asking that the churches "speak the word of healing to this troubled world"; that Hilton Keel was adjudged guilty the United Nations may "be given of non-support and was sentenced the grace to work together"; that to the roads for three months. the "leaders of the nations of the The road term was suspended upnet tax, and the Department of colored schools will head up the world" may be given wisdom to on the payment of the costs and work for peace.

The World Day of Prayer, held wife and children. on the first Friday in Lent each | George Davenport, Sr., was fin-Announcing plans completed year, is an observance that dates ed \$25, plus costs, for operating a back to 1887, when a Presbyterian motor vehicle without a driver's

Offerings from World Day of The chairmen along with Mr. Prayer services support church

establishments, and sometimes by and was fined \$25, plus costs.

Pleading guilty, James A. Du-

### Griffins Gives To Party Funds

Griffins Township Democrats contributed to the fund raised for 699.72 the Jefferson-Jackson day din- After averaging almost one a 195.92 ner in Raleigh recently. The old day Curing the first 45 days of 41.45 young ones who steered clear of ber of accidents to a new low dur-70.31 the Eisenhower camp in 1952 ing the 7th week, according to 377.43 contributed \$50, Chairman B. reports coming from the highway 72.00 Frank Lilley announced as fol- patrol and police departments. 50.00 lows:

51.25 and Joseph Lilley, 50 cents each; cords. No one was reported hurt \$4,590.47 Lester Griffin, \$2; Howard Col- and the property damage was train, Elbert Griffin, W. B. Har- small. rington, Andrew Griffin, Wilford Griffin, B. Frank Lilley, Hugh B. William Peel, J. R. Griffin, J. T. The Woman's Club hall will be Griffin, W. D. Daniel, John Ward, Saturday night for teen-age re- ing, Roland C iffin, Elbert Ro-Griffin, Hoyt Manning, E. H. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jameson will Manning and Jim Gurkin, \$1 each; was estimated at \$65 and that to being built by Messrs. Dan Roe- the local Red Cross chapter, seid a local attorney Robt. H. Cowen, evening, and all teen-agers are \$6; John A. Griffin, \$3; and J. Eason Lilley Estate, \$10.

### Cases In County Court **Monday Morning**

Fines and Forfeitures Add Up To \$295 In Brief Meeting

In a session lasting hardly more than two hours, Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor Clarence Griffin handled eighteen cases during the morning session of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday morning. Fines and forfeitures added up to \$295. Proceedings:

Failing to report for trial, Leo Long, charged with bastardy, had his \$100 bond forfeited. Papers were issued for his arrest.

The case in which Joel H. Pierce was charged with disposing of mortgaged property was nol prossed.

Charged with drunken driving, Percy Dorsey Evans was adjudged not guilty

Willie Cecil Teel of Robersonville was taxed with the cost for speeding 65 miles an hour.

Maintaining he was innocent, Eddie Clemon Lilley, charged with careless and reckless driving, was adjudged guilty and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The court suspended the road term upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The defendant is to surrender his operator's license for a year. It was said that Lilley, young colored man, passed a school bus on the right side

Pleading not guilty, Woodrow \$25 a week for the support of his

Judgment was suspended upon

the payment of the cost in the

James Lacy Johnson of Wash-

ington was fined \$10, plus costs, for speeding 69 miles an hour. Pleading guilty of speeding 75 miles an hour, Edward Keplan of West Chester New York, was fin-

ed \$25, plus costs.

tor vehicle without a driver's license, Savanah H. Smith was fincosts. World Day of Prayer services Judgment was suspended upon

Charged with operating a mo-

marked in many places by procla- ment was suspended upon the mations from mayors and gover- payment of courst costs. In a secbells and the closing of business an assault with a deadly weapon

> guid of Williamston was taxed (Continued on Page Six)

#### THE RECORD SPEAKS . .

party stalwarts and quite a few this year, motorists cut the num-

Last week only one reportable 40.10 Clarence Gurkin, Evan Lilley accident was entered in the re-The following tabulations offer a comparison of the ac-

cident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time Wrecks Inj'd Killed Damage 1954 1 0 0 \$ 350 1953 6 3

Comparisons To Date 1954 41 21 1 1953 39 11