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Let Contract For

Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Thursday, July 8, 1954

said.

Drainage District Holiday Is Observed Funeral Sunday Case Up FerTrial For Mrs. Helen

ESTABLISHED 1899

Program Planned

For Dedication Of

\$150,000 Building

To Dedicate Church

Commissioners In Regular Meeting Little Business Handled By The Officials During

County Board Of

A Short Session

Observing Monday as a holiday, the Martin County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly session yesterday. There was little business on the regular calendar but a contract was entered into for the construction of an addition to the county agriculture building.

H. B. Wyatt, Williamston contractor, submitted a low bid of \$17,482 for the general construction contract. The highest bid was submitted by W. R. Hardison in the sum of \$32,594.50, and a third bid, submitted by J. M. Beasley Jurors Pose Big of Tarboro, was for \$27,274. The low bid was considerably less than the original estimates.

The wiring contract was awarded to Ayers Electric Company for \$837.60. No other bids were submitted on the wiring. The heating Court Schedule Proves To contract was let to D. R. Sugg of Tarboro for \$2,200. Corey Plumbing and Heating Company was close with a \$2,383 bid. The plumbing contract was awarded to Corey Plumbing Company for \$964. D. R. Sugg was next with perior Court encountered all a bid of \$1,050.

The entire project will cost \$21,-483.60, a figure that falls considerably below the \$40,000 it was estimated the entire project would cost.

Work on the addition is to get under way within the near future. There was very little business

The local tobacco market along with others in the Bright Belt will open the 1954 marketing season on Tuesday, August 17, it was announced following a recent meeting of the Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association in Raleigh. The planned opening is three days ear-

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lier than the one last year. The Georgia-Florida markets open on Thursday of next week. The South Carolina-Border markets are to open on August 2.

The opening date for markets in this belt, while fairly certain, is not definite, and will not be announced as final until the Board of Governors meet again early in August.

Problem For The Superior Court

Be Quite Baffling To Members of the Jury

Meeting in special session this week, the Martin County Sukinds of difficulties in getting a jury to hear the cases centered in

Drainage District No. 3. Running head on into the busy tobacco harvest season, the court leaned over backwards to help the farmer jurors. Twenty or

more were duly called for jury service last Tuesday. Several

sioners and they recessed before the lunch hour, returning at 2:00 and all tobacco farmers were dis-missed, leaving only five. A speo'clock to open the bids on the ed for after Judge Malcolm Paul has to be represented in the district ing site. Individual lots have been was badly cut about the late when has to be represented in the period. The was thrown into the wind-

And Acreages Their meeting scheduled After hearing motions and for the first Monday in this month having been postponspending considerable time getting a jury, the Martin County ed, Williamston's town com-Superior Court is now hearing missioners are to hold their evidence in the Martin County regular session this evening. Drainage District No. 3 case. Un-One of the problems likely to be discussed is the paving less there are unforseen developments, the trial is likely to go program. Since the bids were

Nearly Two Days Spent In

Checking The Petitions

into next week.

ately.

solve the jury problem.

considerably below estimates, The court observed Monday as the commissioners will consider the possibility of extendholiday, and spent all day Tuesday hearing motions and trying to ing the program or of holding the bond issue down to approximately \$140,000 con-Counsel for the respondents or the North Carolina Pulp Comtract.

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pany and the Atlantic Coast Line There's little other business Railroad Company asked the on the schedule except that court to move the case to another of a routine nature.

county for trial, claiming that there were 314 petitioners who were related or well known Clean-Up Drive there were 314 petitioners who throughout the county. It was **Gains Momentum** also suggested that if the case could not be moved to another county that a jury be brought in **Here This Week** from another county. The court finally ruled that jurors should be drawn from Jamesville, Wil-**Committees On the Job and** liams, Griffins, Williamston and Individuals Settle Down Goose Nest Townships, areas re-

To Support Drive moved from the drainage district

location. All but one of the spe-Even before the clean-up, paintcial venire were summoned to appear in court, and all but five up drive was officially launched scene. An arrest was later made reported. Action against those here this week, quite a few prop- in the case. five was not announced immediperty owners got busy and did a

The district, comprising almost 20,000 acres of land, mainly in There has also been some progress Hamilton-Palmyra road. Charlie her sudden death came as a Robersonville Township, was cre- noted ni the clean-up drive in Gray of RFD 1, Oak City, stopped ated about two years ago by 314 back lots and on the streets. land owners. Only two of the

A special committee is making a mechanical defect. John J. Willandowners, N. C. Pulp and the a survey of the town and picture liams, also of RFD 1, Oak City, near Williamston since early girl Coast Line, are appealing, claim- before and after the drive are to plowed into the rear of Gray's hood, and was held in high esing the drainage project will do be made. One marked improve- Ford. The machines caught fire teem in her native and adopted them no good. The pulp company ment was handled near the river and burned. Scotland Neck's fire has about 916 acres in the district. bridge by the State Highway department sent a truck there After getting and dismissing the Commission, and the river front and firemen were able to salv-There was very little business were excused for various reasons jury, the court started checking long a disgrace in that area is age part of the wreck. Sallie Mae Mrs. Donald Street of Gladbrook, the petitions and acreages. Sixty rapidly being made into an invit- Harrell, 29, cf RFD 1, Palmyra, Iowa, Mrs. H. G. Hollins, Jr., of

percent of the land in the district ing site. Individual lots have been was badly cut about the face when The officials approved an ap-

addition. The officials approved an appropriation of \$557,761 to run the a jury from another section of the case is tentatively schedul-to the case is tentatively schedul-tother case is the case is the case is tentatively sched

new armory,

paper and other refuse.

town

Chesson Manning At Sunday Services Building Addition In Superior Court Quietly In County **Popular Young Woman Is Only Two Minor** Victim Of Sudden Illness At Home Today Auto Accidents Mrs. Helen Frances Chesson

During Week-End Manning, popular local young wonan, died in her Watts Street apartment here this morning at Traffic At Peak On The 2:30 o'clock following an illness of only a few hours.

For Mrs. Helen

Highways During Long Apparently enjoying perfect July 4 Holiday

health, she was taken with a se-The long July Fourth week-end vere headache about 9:00 o'clock was observed without serious in- last evening. Medical aid was cident in this county, according summoned and following treatment, her condition seemed to to reports coming from members improve. About three hours later of the North Carolina State Highshe suffered a cerebral hemorway Patrol, the sheriff's office rhage, leaving her right side parand police departments. alyzed. Her doctor was called

Only two automobile accidents again and about two hours later were reported during the period, she suffered another attack, death and they were not too serious. following within a matter of a There were no drownings, shootshort time. ings or other accidents, officers

The daughter of Jack and Frances Harrell Chesson, she was born

Nine or ten persons were ar near Williamston 22 years ago rested over the week-end, and a on March 28, 1932, later making farmer's smokehouse was raided. her home in the Robersonville Also on the crime front liquor community until her marriage on dealers were active, ABC Officer December 25, 1951, to James and a member of the Highway Manning of Poplar Point. She at-Patrol overtaking a car loaded tended the Williamston schools with sixty gallons of illicit liand was graduated from the Robquor. The chase started near the ersonville High School. She was Beaufort County line and ended employed by the Carolina Telewhen the car was ditched and the phone and Telegraph Company occupant or occupants fled the here before going with the J. Paul Simpson Insurance Agency in

January of last years The first of the holiday week-Mrs. Manning possessed splendid job in clearing vacant end accidents was reported at 9:30 pleasing personality and * had

lots and touching up their yards, o'clock last Saturday night on the made numerous friends here, and cided shock to all who knew her his car in the highway to repair She had been a nember of the Community Christian Church communities.*

Surviving besides her parents Prominent County Citizen announced. and husband are three sisters, Richmond, and Miss Sybil Jean Funeral services were conduct-

Chesson of Robersonville; and one brother, Tom Chesson, a member of Williamston's police o'clock for Mrs. Sarah Louise department.



A 28-member choir under the

direction of Mrs. W. C. Manning

ic. The Rev. Howard G. James,

College and of the Duke Univer-

with the music program follow-

ing the Sunday services, it was

Invitations have been extended

to other congregations, and eve-

ning services in other churches are being called off, giving the

members an opportunity to par-

Afternoon

All-Day Schedule of Events Sunday Followed by Revival All Next Week Williamston's First Christian Church will be dedicated Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock when the new \$150,000 edifice is formally occupied for the first time. The special service will follow the Bible school hour, and a fullday program has been planned. After the 11:00 a. m., worship service, a church family luncheon will be held, and a church reception is scheduled between 4:00 and 6:30 p. m., in the Fellowship Dr. J. Warren Hastings, Hall. The evening worship is schepastor of the National City duled for 8:00 o'clock. Christian Church, Washing-Dr. J. Warren Hastings, pastor ton, D. C., for the past twelve of the National City Christian years, will be the guest minis-Church, Washington, D. C., will

ter for the dedication of the occupy the pulpit at the 11:00 o'-First Christian Church here clock worship hour Sunday mor-Sunday, and continue with ning, using for his sermon topic, the church through Friday "What Mean These Stones". Dr. evening of next week. Dr. Hastings will continue with the Hastings is a graduate of church through Friday evening Yale University Divinity of next week, preaching nightly School, and earned his docat 8:00 o'clock, it was announced torate at the University of by the pastor, the Rev. John L. Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scot-Goff.

land. Funeral Saturday and Mr. Russell T. Roebuck of Wilson, will furnish special mus-Near Jamesville graduate of Atlantic Christian For Mrs. Hardison sity School of Religion, will assist

Died In Hospital Last

Thursday Evening

Suffering with a heart condi-

ed at the home near Jamesville ticipate in the program Sunday last Saturday afternoon at 3:30 evening.



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unity, including the schools and the district. The special venire all department for the current fiscal year. Only a portion of that was to be drawn from Jamesamount is to be raised by general

(Continued on Page Eight)

Funeral Held For department and instructed to re-port Wednesday morning. All to-• Mrs. Jas. Cherry one to take their places on the At Holly Springs Starting the task of selecting a jury at 9:30 o'clock yesterday

Mrs. Cherry Died In Hospi- ers and respondents exhausted all tal Here Last Saturday **Evening at 6:00**

Funeral services were conducted in the Holly Springs Methodist Church Monday afternoon at with instructions to return at 5:00'o'clock for Mrs. Lizzie And- 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. at 6:00 o'clock. She had been in declining health for some time and was a patient in the hospital two weeks. Her pastor, the Rev. Car Ditched With R. E. Walston, conducted the rites, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister. Interment was in the family cemetery near the church over in Williams Township.

Mrs. Cherry was born in Williams Township 77 years ago on February 11, 1877, the daughter member of the highway patrol ran of the late Luther and Lucy Perry Andrews. She lived in Wil- found sixty gallons of illicit licept a few years spent in Wash- ed the car and escaped in Beau- ninety percent of more of the ington County with her children. She was a faithful member of the Holly Springs church, and had made her home recently with a connection with the chase. Lilley daughter, Mrs. John A. Griffin, was quoted as saying that he was near Williamston. In early womanhood she was married to James Robert Cherry who died in 1918 during the influenza epide- Asked To Reconsider

Surviving besides her daughter

with whom she made her home . Learning of the committee ac are a son, James Cherry of Ply- tion ruling out plans for promotmoutht three daughters, Mrs. Ab- ing another in a series of comron Styons and Mrs. Lexter Eve- munity concerts here this coming rett, both of Plymouth, Mrs. Hoyt season, several patrons have ask-Lilley of Farm Life; fourteen ed the committee to reconsider grandchildren and eight great- and plan for the programs.

grandchildren; three brothers, The committee is anxious to Ben Andrews of Williamston and have the concerts, and will co-Sam and Julius Andrews, both of operate with anyone who will Williams Township; and four sis-ters. Mrs. Sam Jones, Mrs. Grov. Volunteers are asked to contact er Godard, Mrs. N. S. Cherry and Mrs. Jos. Griffin or Mr. L. B. Wynne. Mrs. Sam Hopkins.

ville, Williams, Griffins, Williamston and Goose Nest Townships. All but one of the fifty

men were reached by the sheriff's department and instructed to rebacco farmers who could get no Although greatly welcomed, farm were excused.

day evening and late Monday night. However, the fall offered some relief and crops were great morning, counsel for the petitionly aided.

The local weather station rebut one in the list before getting corded only .83 of a ninch. .34 of the twelfth man two hours later. an inch falling Sunday and .45 of Then it was the jurors' turn to an inch coming late Monday be baffled. After they were en- night.

panelled by Clerk L. B. Wynne, Certain areas, especially in the Company, the twelve men were dismissed Farm Life section of Griffins Township reported a much heavrews Cherry who died in a hos- Returning on time, the jurors that some tobacco flopped in the sightly areas, hot sun following the Monday (Continued on Page Six)

Little Rain Is

Reported Here

night rain. Other section, parti- places, cularly that area from Hamilton west, continues mighty dry, it was clean, said.

Cargo Of Liquor Tobacco Harvest Starting the chase along the **Nearing A Peak** Beaufort-Martin boundary about

1:50 o'clock Monday morning, ABC Officer Cecil Bullock and a Although a few started the task down a 1939 model Chevrolet and three weeks ago, the tobacco harvest is just now nearing a peak liams Township all her life ex- quor aboard. The operator ditch, in this county. It is estimated that

ening

fort County. Albert Gray Lilley, Martin County man, was questioned in week in the car, that it was not his, and that he did not know the driver.

Community Concerts

STREET WORK

Recently awarded a contract, the Rea Construction Company of Charlotte is scheduled to start moving in equipment next Monday preparatory to paving and gutter several miles of streets here.

Actual construction work is to get under way about the middle of the week, it was learned.

planning that a complete check (Continued on Page Eight) had not been made, but that all improvements would be recognized.

In a meeting held at the health this week, the committee again of- have been completed for the sumfered some timely suggestions, mer concert of the Green Wave and dircted an appeal to the gen-

Band of Williamston High School. eral public to join in and support The event will be Sunday on the Men To Answer little rain fell here during Sun- the movement. The suggestions school grounds at the end of the -touch on the following: band and cafeteria building fac-Removal of out-dated advertising School Drive and persons having signs from poles. ing folding chairs are asked bring Covers for garbage cans and them along to provide a place for

other refuse containers, them to be seated during the con-Improve town properties, cert, which starts at 6:15 p. m. Beautify grounds around the In addition to the tentative pro-

gram listed below, the band will Clear site of the old Wells-Oats present a novelty number by three of its members entitled "Three Improve approaches to the

Blind Mice." Clarinetists Victor Brown, Babby Manning and Ger-Plant flowers or shrubs in unald White will play the number, this time without band accom-Clear backlots and parking paniment.

Loyal Legion, march, Sousa-Keep store fronts and alleys Becker; The Glass Slipper, Cinderella Story, Yoder; Tic-Toc

Provide containers for waste Polka, arranged by Beeler; Slow March from "Scipio, Handel-Leid-Paint homes and outbuildings, zen; Atlantic Seaboard, march, (Continued on Page Eight) Grundman; There's Something About A Soldier, descriptive pa-**Check Addresses** I Love, Gershwin-Yoder; Deep

Of Registrants Men of Ohio, march, Fillmore. Failing to give changes of ad-



Two tobacco curing barns were not measuring up to expectations, to the draft board immediately, destroyed in the county this week, many farmers declaring that the the names will be turn d over to the losses being the first reportleaves had parched without rip- the FBI, meaning that the regised so far this season. trants will be made subject to im-

Lightning struck and fired a mediate induction or prosecution large barn and almost 1,000 sticks

in the courts. of tobacco on the Purvis farm at The registrants whose addresses Spring Green late Monday night. are not correct are being asked to There were five barns in the area contact the draft board at once. and one of the two filled with to-Relatives or friends knowing the bacco was destroyed. Robersonaddresses of those whose names ville's fire department was called are listed below are asked to adthere to protect other near-by vise the registrants to contact the barns. The loss will approximate board. \$1,500.

Malvin Hodge whose last ad-Matthew Pierce, Jamesville dress was 2022 Beaubier St., De-Township farmer, lost a 16-foot troit, Mich., has been listed as delog barn Tuesday morning about inquent. 10:00 o'clock. Four hundred sticks The following whose last known of tobacco were in the barn which (Continued on Page Six) was equipped to burn wood.

Funeral services will be con-Williamston hospital Thursday near Robersonville Sunday after- evening at 7:30 o'clock. Her pasducted at the home of her parents **By Band Sunday** tor, the Rev. W. B. Harrington, Died In Hospital noon at 4:00 o'clock by the Rev. conducted the rites and interment E. Gordon Conklin, pastor of the Director Jack F. Butler anwas in the family cemetery near Saturday, July 3 the home. nounced this morning that plans Memorial Baptist Church here. Interment will be in Woodlawn

Calls In County

Cemetery here.

are to answer draft board calls Jamesville Township 72 years afternoon following an illness of next Monday. For the first time, ago on November 8, 1881, and liv- only a few weeks. She entered men answering a pre-induction ed there all her life. She was mar- the hospital about a month ago, call and men answering a final in- ried November 15, 1903 to J. Le- and underwent an operation three duction call are to travel together onard Hardison who died in 193 weeks ago.

to the center in Raleigh. They are to go by charter bus.

ing for physical examinations. The other five are going for final induction, it was learned.

Call Firemen To Grass Fire Here behalf.

Williamston answered their of others. She put a great deal with whom she made her home trol, arranged by Yoder; The Man second call of the day at 3:40 o'- into life, and seemed to get much are two sons, James Williams of clock Thursday afternoon when a out of life. "While I don't want Baltimore and E. H. Williams of River Rhapsody, Walters; Time grass fire went out of control and to be a burden to any one, I want Jamesville; three daughters, Mrs. Out for Jam Session, Handlon; threatened to spread through the to live as long as I can," she was Chloe De Young, Mrs. E. S. Lupunderbrush and vines on and near quoted as saying not too long ton and Miss Louise Williams, all

of Norfolk; one half-brother, Lou-Heating and Sheet Metal Works. Surviving are six sons, Otis, is Gardner, of Jamesville; sixteen The fire, said to have started Humbert and Robert Hardison all grandchildren and four great-

from a burning trash pile, was (Continued from Page Six) a large area.



Nine persons were rounded

up and temporarily detained

in the Martin County jail

during the long July 4 week-

end. A clamp-down on speed-

ing is reflected in the jail re-

cord which shows two detain-

Two were booked for drun-

ken driving, two for public

drunkenness, one each for

breaking and entering, and

Two of the nine were

white. One was a woman and

the ages of the group ranged

from 21 to 65 years.

non-support.

ed for exceeding the limits.



Runs Off Road

Everett T. Diggs, a native of

Frank Weston, popular local lumber mill operator, suffered a and Power Company with head- broken collar bone and one or quarters here. He entered upon more cracked ribs in an automohis new duties this week. bile accident a short distance from

Mr. Diggs, a graduate of Maury here on the Jamesville road about High School and Johnson's Busi- 9:10 o'clock yesterday morning. Experiencing a fainting spell, ness College in Norfolk, has been with the Virginia Electric and Mr. Weston lost consciousness and Power Company for twenty years, his car ran off the highway and serving in the sales departments struck a tree, causing considerfor the past eight years. He plans able damage to his automobile, He to move his family here just as was removed to Brown's Community Hospital for treatment. soon as he can find housing.

Norfolk, has accepted the position of sales supervisor for the local

district of the Virginia Electric



dore and Annie Elizabeth Rob- William's Township, died in a Seventeen Martin County men erson Long, she was born in Washington hospital Saturday

She was a member of the Cedar The daughter of the late Eli Branch Baptist Church for many Hoyt Gardner and wife, she was Twelve of the seventeen are go- years, exemplifying its teachings born in Williams Township 59 in her daily walk through life, years ago, and lived there most of Possessed of a kind and thought- her life. She was married in early ful nature she was appreciative of womanhood to Lonnie Williams

every kind act, her doctor and who died in 1951. Following his nurses explaining they had never death she had made her home served anyone who was more with her daughter, Mrs. Garfield grateful for every act done in her Mobley near Jamesville. She was a member of the Maple Grove

Mrs. Hardison, always wearing Christian Church.

a smile, was jolly and thoughtful- Surviving besides her daughter

