OVER 3,300 MARTIN COUNTY FAMILIES TWICE EACH WEE

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Paving Program To Call Twenty-Two Be Extended Locally

To Spend \$60,000 Additional Under Present Contract

Will Offer Notes and Bonds For Sale During The **Next Two Weeks**

Entering into a contract with a Charlotte firm at price far below the original estimates, the Williamston Town Board of Commissioners in delayed regular session last Thursday evening voted to extend the paving program to the approximate limit of \$225,000 previously proposed and approved in a recent bond election. The proposed extension to the program will add approximately \$60,000 to the original contract price of \$139,072.50 and boost the total for actual construction of the original and extended projects to \$199,-072.50, leaving \$21,000 for contingencies such as engineering fees, miscellaneous costs and about \$6,000 for additional drain-

Not all of the extended program has been petitioned for, meaning that the additional work may not be handled.

It is proposed to curb and gutter and surface the following streets as a part of the extended program the figures including the Funeral Held In Littleton cost of drainage, excavations and

Pearl Street from Main to Warren, \$15,700; Wilson Street from Elm to Sy-

more, \$5,569; Biggs Street from Main to Ray, \$4,810;

Roberson Street from Church to Main, \$2,978; Vance Street from Lee to Jack-

son, \$1,897; Jackson Street, one block from

Vance to Liberty, \$1,640; Broad Street from White to

Center, \$6,541; Martin Street from White to Hy-

Hymar Street from Board to

Sycamore, \$4,431; Henderson Street from Sim-

mons Avenue to Halifax Street,

Cemetery Drive from Haughton to Rhodes, \$2,932. It is proposed to open Cemetery Drive as a new street, leaving Haughton paar the foot of West Liberty and skirting the old part of the cemetery. The one-block project would provide a direct main entrance to the enlarged cemetery, it was explain-

Engineer Thomas Rivers also recommended that a paved connection be made with the by-pass or truck route. Further study is to be given the proposal, the engineer outlining three possible the Reberson have a state by One Auto Wreck the Roberson home, another by extending Watts Street, and still another by extending Harrell Street.

To finance the over-all program, the town is to offer for sale with- was reported on the highways in in the next two or three weeks, this county during the past week-\$110,000 in four-year notes, the end. No one was injured and remaining \$115,000 to be in the property damage was limited to form of 19-year bonds.

the calendar for discussion. The office. board was advised by a special committee that the acceptance of a street, an extension of West year-old youth of Roanoke Rapids,

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Association Has

According to Mrs. Vella Wynne, treasurer and acting secretary of er declared. Loan Association, the assets of about 8:30 o'clock Saturday evethe Association now stand at \$2,- ning. 445,543.76, and approximately two million of this amount is in first Drainage Case Much mortagage loans. These figures were tabulated and recorded as of June 30th.

distributed \$31,450.45 in profits or slugging it out in the county's plaining that Lion Roberts had here on West Church Street, was tion of the State, attracted couninterest to the investing memb- No. 3 Drainage District, a rep- done much to promote the inter- successfully used on the Holliday try-wide attention during the harers of the organization.

PRESIDENT



A. L. (Roy) Jameson was installed as president of the local Rotary Club at the organization's regular meeting last week. He succeeds Robt. H. Cowen in the position.

Mrs Anna Rainey Died Early Last Friday Morning

Saturday Afternoon For Local Resident

a resident of Williamston for the linquent:

Mrs. Rainey was been in Long for the trip.

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Surviving besides her husband North Carolina Pageant to be 276 gathered three for the charch early life there, moving to New- amination port News, Va., in 1908. She was married in 1910 to Rrank M. Rai- ton, ney who died in 1943. She later made her home in Littleton and Roanoke Rapids, and came to Wil- Palmyra, liamston three years ago to make Joe B. Glenn. She was a member of the Methodist church, and endeared herself to many during her residence here.

Surviving besides her daughter here are two sons, Francis M. (Continued on Page Eight)

In This County

Only one automobile accident about \$150, according to a report Little other business was on coming from the highway patrol

Driving on the Bear Grass-Everetts road, Jerry L. Moseley, 16lost control of the 1951 Ford convertible belonging to Gary Davis of Jamesville. The machine skid-S. T. Wynne farm and plunged inded 35 yards in a curve near the to a ditch, overturning after skid-Increased Assets ding sixteen additional yards. No and of the six occupants received a scratch, the investigating offic-

In Evidence In Court old members of the board.

large, if not larger than any as-sociation in North Carolina con-lowed by law on the highways. projects for the blind. bacco. the machine in operation. The defendant in Judge Peele's Lion Eugene Rice was recog-

County Youths To Report To Center

Sixteen Were Slated For Pre-Induction Tests: Five For Final Induction

Twenty-two Martin County young men were called by Selective Service recently to report Monday morning for a trip to the army center in Raleigh, five for final induction and the other for preliminary examinations. They traveled by charter bus. No report has been received on the preliminary examinations. Melvin Hodge, formerly of Wil-

liamston and last heard from in Detroit, was to have reported for final induction. He did not report and is being continued on the delinquent list.

Simon Louis Short, Jr., of RFD 1, Oak City, was carried on the books as delinquent up until a short time ago, and he was sent for final induction without the benefit of preliminary examina-

Five young men, all white were included in the final induction group, as follows: LeRoy Leggett of RFD 2, Wil-

Robert Adrian Brown of Rober-

onville, William Donald Ramsey, Has

Raymond Amleck Robertson, r., Williamston,

George Alonza Harris, of Williamston, and Carlton Ambrose James, of

report for pre-induction examinafollowing four failed to report and following a long period of de-Mrs. Anna Laura Mills Rainey, were immediately listed as de- clining health. Suffering a broken past three years, died in Lake- James Frank Hardison, colored, had spent almost two months in

Among the group scheduled to

near Enfield at 12:30 o'clock last ning, colored, of Williamston and valid, the end coming gradually. Friday morning. Apparently in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Ernest Daniel, splendid health until she suffer- colored, of RFD 2, Williamston Roads Township 71 years ago on ed a stroke at her home here on and Washington, and Willie James September 5, 1882, the daughter Marshall Avenue the latter part Dickens, colored, of Oak City. of the late James and Bettie

gravely ill since that time. After Hoell of RFD 1, Robersonville, retts community all her life, playspending weeks in a local hospital and David Eugene Perry of RFD ing the role of a good neighbor she was removed to the nursing 3, Williamston and Norfolk, were and friend. She was a member of home where she suffered a second called to report for the pre-induc- the Everetts Christian Church. Williamston of 1954" and daughtest, and they were. time

James Howell, RFD 2, Williams-Eddie Allen, Hamilton,

Tyler Jones Williams, RFD 1,

Vandy Griffin, RFD 2, Wilher home with her daughter, Mrs. liamston, James Augustus Little, Williamston, Claude Woolard, Jr., RFD 1,

Williamston. Durbit Ray Ebron, Roberson

Walter Williams, RFD 1, Robersonville and RFD 4, Greenville, William Estes, Williamston and Basset, Va.

William Simon Brown, RFD 3, Williamston and RFD 1, Oak City.

Local Lions Club Installs Officers

installed as president and Roger ing her service as librarian, the title of Miss North Carolina of Roberts was named Lion of the circulation of books in the rural 1954. The winner of the state Year at the regular meeting of areas of the three counties has pageant will receive numerous the local Lions Club last Thurs- almost doubled, it was pointed gifts, including a scholarship, a day evening. Succeeding Fletcher out. Thomas in the high club office. Miss Copeland is going to ance on the Ed Sullivan Toast of Means These Stones", at the mor-Mr. Abernathy was installed by Greenville as librarian for Shep- the Town TV Show, a week's stay Wheeler Manning.

Other officers installed at the learned. session for the new club year dent; William Clyde Grffiin, second vice president; J. W. Snead, third vice president; Irving Margoris, Lion tamer; Charles Gaylord, tail twister; Larry Hod-The accident was reported ges, secretary, and Joe W. Grif- Invented and perfected by a the machine, and sales are pick-

First Christian Church Dedicated Here Sunday



Williamston's new \$150,000 First Christian Church, corner of Liberty and Swithwick Streets, was dedicated debt free here

Mrs. Bullock Died At Her Home Near Everetts Friday

Funeral Held In Christian Church Monday For Mrs. Annie E. Bullock

Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Bullock well-known county resident, died at her home near Everetts last tion on Monday of this week, the Friday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock hip in a fail last February, she side Nursing Home, Ringwood of Williamston, Octavius Man- hospitals, but continued an in-

Mrs. Bullock was born in Cross of April, Mrs. Rainey had been Only two white youths, Dennis Brown Keel. She lived in the Eve-

> retts; one sister, Mrs. Martha Bullock, of Williamston, and five grandchildren

The funeral service was conducted in the Everetts Christian Church Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by her pastor, the Rev. in Burlington. Mr. Bobby Grady Henry Hillard, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister. Interment was Junior Chamber of Commerce. in the Robersonville Cemetery.

Regional Library Head Resigning

W. H. "Shag" Abernathy was regional library board, said. Dur- from all over the State for the

TWO AT A TIME

Possibly for the first time in the history of this county, two courts were in session in the courthouse Monday at the same time.

Judge Malcolm Paul, presiding over a special term of the superior court, graciously withdrew to the commissioners' room on the first floor while Judge H. O. Peele held forth with the county recorder's court on the second floor. Hearing the Martin County No. 3 District Drainage case, Judge Paul found the quarters a bit cramped. but no complaint was heard. After Judge Peele folded his tent, the superior tribunal repaired to the courtroom.

held in Burlington Wednesday through Saturday. Miss Handy will be accompain-

ed to Burlington by Miss Mary Lib Britton, who will be her accompanist in the talent contest will be the official representative and chaperone from the local

Miss Handy will be representing Town of Williamston and the Junior Chamber of Commerce and a large number of Jaycees and friends are making plans to attend the finals Saturday night. Winner over twenty-one con-

Miss Elizabeth Copeland, Beau- testants in the local pageant, Miss the past five and one-half years, dress, bathing suit and will perhas tendered her resignation, ef- form with the saxophone playing fective September 9, it was an- ":Whispering". She will also be nounced today. Her resignation judged on personality and poise. was accepted with regret, the Miss Handy will be competing Rev. John L. Goff, member of the with around forty lovely ladies complete wardrobe, an appear herd Memorial Library, it was at Morehead City and a week's stay in New York City.

Tobacco Harvester Placed On Sale by Jamesville Man

fin, treasurer. New members of Martin County man, John Brown ing up rapidly, according to rethe board fo directors are D. V. Holliday of Jamesville, the Roan- ports reaching here. Clayton and W. A. Williams who oke-Holliday tobacco harvester One of the first machines marwill join George Corey, A. J. was placed on the commercial keted was sold to O. H. Castel-Manning and Fletcher Thomas, market this season for the first low, Kelly Asbell and Lewis Castime. The pilot machine, invent- tellow, RFD 3, Windsor, a few Mr. Roberts was chosen Lion ed and made by Mr. Holliday with days ago.

While a battery of prominent of the Year when his record was the aid of Machinist A. E. Browd- The harvester, one of the first On that date the association lawyers were in superior court reviewed, a retiring officer ex- er in the Browder Machine Shop ever seen in operation in this secresentative of the company est and work of the club. He farms in Jamesville Township last vest season last summer. Mr. Showing a steady and healthy handling the contract was carri- maintained the gum ball machines year. The machine was also used Holliday stated that harvest opgrowth the Martin County Build- ed before H. O. Peele for operat- and turned over a sizable amount after a limited manner season be- erations were interrupted freing and Loan Association is as ing a vehicle of greater width al- of money which is used to aid fore last, mainly for topping to- quently, that hundreds witnessed

sidering the size of the town and court was dismissed upon the nized for his work in promoting the Harrington Manufacturing tricycle-type chassis and is pow community.

Company in Lewiston to make ered by a 15-horse engine.

Dedicate Church At Service Here Sunday

Six Hundred In Attendance Upon **Special Service**

Luncheon and Reception In Afternoon Attract Many Visitors

Under ideal weather conditions. the membership, accompanied by former members and friends from various parts of this and other states, dedicated Williamston's new \$150,000 First Christian Church last Sunday morning at State Contest 11:00 o'clock, the event being re-

The first formal event in the

school service Planned for the special service the 11:00 o'clock service program

included a dedicatory prayer by Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the church board, and a special sermon by Dr. J. Warren Hastings. pastor of the National City Christian Church, Washington, D. C. There was special music by a 28member choir, directed by Mrs. W. C. Manning, organist-director, assisted by Mr. Russell Roebuck. former organist for the church, who is here this week assisting in a series of services in the church.

An estimated six hundred were in attendance upon the special service, and between 1.200 and fort-Hyde-Martin librarian for Handy will appear in evening 1,500 were present for the luncheon which was served no the grounds between 1:00 and 2:00

afternoon at 4:00 o'clock was attended by several hundred who inspected the building and enjoyed the brief fellowship. Mrs. Della Green, Mrs. J. T. Edmondson and Mrs. J. T. Barnhill, Sr., presided at the reception table.

After using the topic, "What ning hour, Dr. Hastings preached on the topic, "Christ Must Increase" at the evening service. The visiting minister will occupy Large Crowd At the pulpit each evening at 8:00 o'clock through Friday of this

Williamston Christian Church was organized in 1889 when the State Missionary Society ples in the area at the time, undertaking. The church was ducted the rites. formally enrolled during the 1890 Possessed of a pleasing person-novelty number, "Three Blind (Continued on Page Two)

tives handled 238 claims

HAIL LOSS

A fairly complete but un-

official report places the cam-

age resulting from hail that

fell in this county on June 27

at approximately \$75,000, the

figure being a conservative

Local insurance representa-

amounting to \$53,760. Other claims, it is estimated, boosted the total to \$75,000 or more, it is believed. The losses ranged from a small percentage up to 100

The number of claims was

among and possibly the largest ever filed by tobacco growers in the county in any one year.

Church Reception

local friends, the reception held in the new Christian church here Sunday afternoon was well attended by friends from other towns in the county, State and several other states. The visitors included, Mr. A.

R. Seat, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Seat, Jr., of Virgilina, Va., Mrs. Frederick W. Hoyt, and children, Fred, Jr., Allen and Helen of Smithfield, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Griffin, and Mrs. C. E. Worley of Goldsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton A. Phelps and Mrs. J. S. Meward of Roper, Mrs. Thomas W. Hott of Narrows, Va., Mrs. W. A. Moore and Morris Sullivan of Ahoskie. (Continued on Page Eight)

Manning Funeral

Chesson Manning, 22, were large- numbers draw liberal applause. sent a minister, the Rev. Henry ly attended at the home of her One encore was called for before C. Bowen, and his wife to Wil- parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ches- the order to pack up was issued liamston. There were ten Disci- son, near Robersonville last Sun- to close the summer's activities day afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. for a few days. The band now is twelve including the minister and Mee than one hundred cars form- to prepare for its Fall work, inhis wife. A year later, the small ed the procession from the home cluding football shows. congregation began the construc- to Woodlawn Cemetery here. The tion of a church home on South Rev. E. Gordon Conklin, pastor of done, the audience reaction was Smithwick Street, the churches at the Williamston Memorial Baptist perhaps greatest when "There's Macedonia and Robersonville Churcr, and the Rev. R. E. Wals- Something About a Sailor" and lending considerable aid to the ton, local Methodist minister, con- "Time Out for Jam Session" were

State Convention meeting at ality, Mrs. Manning, an employee Mice," featuring Bobby Manning, Hookerton in 1890. At that time in the offices of the J. Paul Simp- Gerald White and Victor Brown, there were fifteen members and son insurance agency here, was clarinetists, also proved popular. W. H. (Billy) Wilson served as held in high esteem, the large The audience stood in a semichurch clerk and superintendent crowd in attendance upon the last cirle before the band, sat in parkrites paying tribute to her mem- ed cars or sat in folding chairs

Drainage Case Still Dragging In Second Week

Jury Finally Dismissed Friday and Judge Paul Is **Hearing Issues**

The Martin County Drainage District No. 3 case is dragging in its second week with the promise of being the longest drawn out and most tedious and confusing cases booked in the Martin County Superior Court during recent years. A late report maintained that while no end of the case is in sight just now there was some hope expressed for completing it the latter part of the week.

"Wait and see how we get along today and we'll have a better idea of when to expect an end," one of the attorneys in the batter of legal counsel was quoted as say-

There have been quite a few twists and turns to the case. First there were the motions, followed by a battle of the engineers after a decision was reached, discarding the jury and agreeing on a point

After observing Monday of last week, the court, with Judge Malcolm Paul on the bench, started work on the case on Tuesday of last week. Five members of the regular jury were retained when most of the others were found to be busy tobacco farmers. A special venire of fifty men was called to report Wednesday morning. After exhausting all but one member of the special venire, the petitioners and respondents finally got a jury. The jurors were dismissed to return later or after more motions were argued. Finally, Friday morning counsel for the 314 petitioners and the two respondents agreed to have the jury discharged along with the court stenographer and allow Judge Paul to hear and pass on the evidence. It was further agreed that no appeal would be in order.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, one of the respondents, offered its first evidence last Friday, after almost a week of almost solid confusion. The last of its four witnesses was heard Monday afternoon, and the North Carolina Purp Company offered its first witness, Engineer Blake Lewis. He was on the stand

The Coast Line witnesses, Northern Division Engineer Pergnall, Division Engineer Convers, Road Master McRoy, and Section Master Dale, maintained that the Coast Line would not be benefited by the drainage project, that it would cost the railroad company approximately \$13,000 to rebuild its trestles over the

when a recess was ordered for

It was stated early this mor-(Continued on Page Eight)

Summer Concert of Southern Pines, Mr. and Mrs. Presented Sunday

streams.

Mrs. E. E. Holding of Rich Square. The annual summer concert of Mrs. H. L. Austin of Kelford, the Green Wave Band of Wil-Louise Brunson, Mrs. J. H. Co- liamston High School was presentward, Virginia Bell Cooper and ed on the school grounds Sunday Mrs. W. W. Salsbury of Ayden, afternoon, attracting a large and Jimmy Childress of Charlotte, appreciative audience. Since the Mr. and Mrs. M. Stuart Davis of personnel of the band fluctuates Louisburg, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow during the summer with first one group of members and then another on vacation, the summer concert is always of a "pop" nature with some confusion and a few miscues taken as a matter of

Director Jack Butler and the audience agreed the youngsters Fameral services for Mrs. Halen did a good job and some of the

rendered in a spirited fashion. A

to listen to the 45-minute concert.