### ESTABLISHED 1899

## Town Officials In Regular Meeting · Here Last Night

**Special Session Held Friday** And Another Scheduled This Afternoon

Williamston town officials are going into regular and special huddles day after day, tackling special problems and handling routine duties. Little in the way of concrete action has been reported so far at any of the sessions.

Following a special session last Friday, the commissioners held their regular monthly meeting fast night and handled routine business. This afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the authorities are scheduled to meet again to consider a special problem relating to the town's water supply. Representatives of a well company and geologists are tentatively scheduled to meet with the board, it was

At the meeting last evening, the officials were advised that the paving program is creating new problems as it advances. Convinced that water, moving rapidly off Smithwick Street, Halifax Street and School Drive Is washing private property, the officials agreed to share the cost of tiling a ditch near the intersection of Simmons Avenue and School Drive.

Fenner Respass, retiring on account of declining health after thirty-five years in the business, surrendered his taxi franchise at the meeting, and a franchise was granted James Everett. The board agreed to open the taxi field to one more operator provided action is taking on a pending application. Just now there are twelve taxis

Treasurer C. M. Cobb reported \$12,521.79 cash on hand, including \$5,509.75 in the sewer rental fund.

treasurer explained. So far \$32,-389.95 has been collected in 1954 town taxes.

Pointing out that the block on Main Street between Haughton and Elm Streets is rapidly dereloping into a business district, Mrs. J. G. Staton suggested that the main thoroughfare be widen ed and trees cut down in that block. It was also suggested that a block on South Haughton from Main to Railroad Street be widen-

The promiscuous use of rifles In town was pointed out, a property owner declaring that windows in her home had been shot

The board renewed a \$5-a-year rental agreement with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. It was again pointed out that about twenty feet of the munici-

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### File Large Suit In Federal Court

Operators of the New Deal tobacco warehouse here went into federal court at Washington last Friday, asking treble damage in the sum of \$300,000 and injunctive relief alleged due them by the operators of the Carolina, Farmers, Roanoke-Dixie Planters warehouses.

A hearing in the case is scheduled before Judge Don Gilliam Noted Minister in chambers at Tarboro Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The plaintiffs, Bethel, Marson and Eugene Reynolds and J. M. and Garland Smothers, allege a that they be alloted 37 1-2 percent

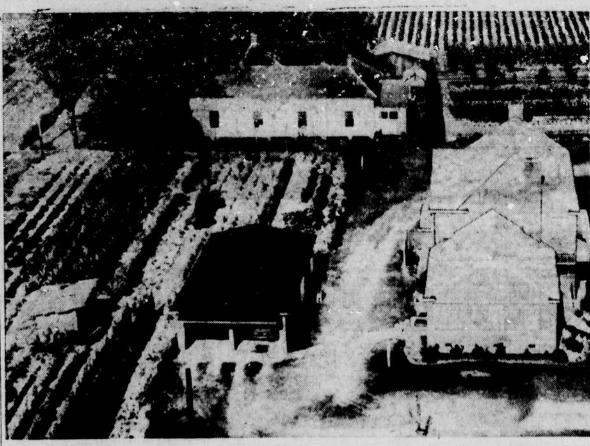
ed on floor space. At the present Church tomorrow night at 8:00 company in this county). time, the new house is allotted p. m. He will speak on "How one-rifth of the selling time and a Southern Baptists Appear To a first sale every fifth day, the sell- British Baptist." ing time and sale schedule being based on the unit system.

The complaint, naming operators of the other four houses and members of the tobacco board of trade, was filed by Attorneys Critcher and Gurganus.

#### UNDERGOES OPERATION

Although he was resting better late yesterday, Mr. Joe Godard position. continues quite ill following an two weeks.

### Aerial Photo Of Martin Farm Home



The aerial photo, the seventh in a series of mystery pictures taken for this paper by an aviato photographer working on a special assignment, is a bit puzzling and could be hard to identify. It looks a bit familiar, but the photographer did not know the owner and our readers are asked to help identify it. The picture appearing last week showed the home and premises of Farmer James R. Williams on Highway 64 near Gardner's Creek in Jamesville Township. Original photographs may be had by the property owners at the newspaper office at cost. The Williams picture was, identified by Little Miss Marie Bland, Messrs. Floyd Moore, LeRoy Godard and quite a few others.

## Large Drop In Enrollment County Board In In County Colored Schools

A marked decrease and one au- compared with 3,463 enrolled in thorities are at a loss to immedi- the white schools in this county. ately explain was reported in Just about every one of the colenrollment figures reported in the ored schools reported enrollment fourteen colored schools in this losses. Dardens was consolidated county, for the current term as with the school at Jamesville, and compared with early figures re- one eighth grade sections, assigncorded for last term. According to ed to Williamston last year, was preliminary reports, enrollment returned to Jamesville this year, business, the Martin County Comfigures in the colored elementary the move partly accounting for missioners had very little busi- ty line, Edward L. Clayton, assewer rental fund. schools are 289 below the county the loss of 53 pupils in the Hayes

rentals added up to \$1,026.20, the high schools from 638 to 693, a pupils enrolled in all the schools meeting Monday. Tax Collector gain of 55. As of Monday, this in this county. week, there were 3,889 children A comparison of enrollment when he reported that approxienrolled in the colored schools as figures follows:

**Boys Hold Numerical** 

Advantage In School

The boys hold a numerical ad-

school, giving the boys a four-

The first grade has 126 pupils,

Installment 8

teers in Company A and men-

tioned the passing of Captain Cle-

ne formation of a trare volunteer

"June 17, 1861.

"Another Volunteer Company

"Williamston, N. C.

a gain of one over last year.

man lead over-all.

		1953-54			1954-55		
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Williamston	753	284	1047	693	301	994	
Oak City	355	181	536	333	206	539	
	250	163	413	232	186	418	
Parmele	100		166	132		132	
Biggs	140		149	146		146	
Rodgers	05		95	97		97	
Williams	07		97	83		83	
			442	373		373	
Robersonville	442		35,500	229		229	
Everetts			251			118	
Gold Point	121		121	118			
Hamilton	220		220	212		212	
Salsbury	214		214	169		169	
Whichard	140		140	119		119	
Jamesville	118		118	260		260	
Dardens	114		114	5 L. L.			
	3485	638	4123	3196	693	3889	
*Dardens consolidat				e of 19	53-54 t	erm.	

ROUND-UP

The crime front was packed with activity in this county during the past week-end, the jail record showing fifteen arrests during the period. Eight were booked for public drunkenness, two for speeding, and one each for drunken driving, assault, larceny, bad check and in-

vestigation. Five of the fifteen were young white men, and the ages of the group ranged from 22 to 45 years.

## Will Speak Here

Dr. Donald F. Ackland, Editor from Hamilton en route to Hat-choice of, restraint of trade, and are asking of The Southern Baptist Maga- teras on June 5, 1861. In the cur-

having been formed as follows,

Dr. Ackland was born in Lon- and offered themselves to the don, England and from his ear- Governor in the following manthe Baptists of that city. In 1928 "To His Excellency, Governor El- of June 17, but the number was bert Richards, William A. Bland, Wil- It was reported that mechanical truck in the R-100 driving contest. liest years was associated with ner and terms, viz.: he became the Editorial Secretary lis. ed religious magazine. In 1946 he formed ourselves into a Company At the first sign-up, Mr. Bagley us, Richard Tricker, McGilbra Williams, Robersonville's fire department est distance on 1-10 gallon of gas, of The Christian, an old establishresigned and made his first visit of Volunteers, hereby tender to noted in the diary, "The above all Wynn, Tilmon Ayers, William R. Mizelle, Jomes B. was alled out last Friday morning as checked by electric gas metto the United States. In 1949 he you our services during the war signed before me or made their Daniel, Henry Barber, Allen Aus- Wynn, Thomas B. Wynn. returned to accept his present now existing between the United mark in my presence and under born, Jasper Lerry, Asa Hardi-

tured speaker for the Roanoke to conform to the rules and regu- promoted to second lieutenant to James B. Leggett, James L. Keel, volunteer fund, and goes on to an adjoining building but one Martin Tractor & Truck Compital last Friday. He is expected Associational Sunday School Pre- lations that may be adopted by fill the position, and Henry A. Josiah Taylor, William Belanger, list the free Negro men and aid structure with a car shelter at pany management cordially inhome within the next ten days or Victory Rallies, and the public is the Company and War Depart- Girkin succeeded Burras as first Richard Hamilton, James A. extended their families while the tached was burned. No estimate vites everyone to attend the Caraurged to hear him speak.

## In Short Meeting **Monday Morning**

ord Collections On The Current Levy

M. L. Peel made the big news mately two-fifths of the current fiscal year taxes had been collected, that the collections were running between \$15,000 and \$20,-000 ahead of collections for the

corresponding period of 1953. The collector said that about been paid on 1954 tax accounts.

For the tax year of 1953 there tax report shows \$13,316.86 due the \$335,462.01 levy for 1950.

them, the commissioners recommended for black topping a road patrolman. vantage in the local schools, but the advantage is mighty small. A in Griffins Township, beginning and running southerly to the in the elementary school, and 146 boys and 169 girls in the high home of Mrs. Mary Bet Hodges and others

(Continued on Page Eight) mated at \$500.

(Mr. Bagley listed the volun- Martin Volunteers and is known diary, as follows:

lor, fourth sergeant;

Bagley Guards'.

Civil War Diary of Docton Warren Bagley

## Enrollment In White Schools Report Heavy Sales

figures in the eight white schools shows: Jamesville losing nine in in this county, according to pre- the elementary and two in the board of education office. Most of own in the elementary departtheir elementary totals with one 14 in the high school; Roberson-

eight white elementary schools the elementary and lost two in to 2587 or a decrease of 12 in the Hamilton came up thirteen short.

liminary reports filed with the high school; Bear Grass held its the decrease is centered in the ele- ment and went on to gain three in mentary schools while most of the the high school; Williamston larger units reported gains in gained 22 in the elementary and ville gained three in the elemen-

Last year there were 2,599 en- tary and lost eleven in the high rolled the first few days in the school; Oak City gained five in and 874 in the five white high the high school; Farm Life lost schools. This year the totals fell six; Everetts lost fourteen and elementary schools, and to 876 in These figures are subject to the high schools, a gain there of change when late-comers finally get their names on the rolls.

1	1953-54			1954-55		
	Ele.	H.S.	Total	Ele.	H.S.	Total
Jamesville	326	114	440	317	112	429
Bear Grass	231	83	314	231	86	317
Williamston	865	301	1166	887	315	1202
Robersonville	471	242	713	474	231	705
Oak City	222	134	356	227	132	359
Farm Life	131		131	125	1	125
Everetts	189		189	175		175
Hamilton	164		164	151		151
	2599	874	3473	2587	876	3463
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## Four Accidents **On County Roads** In Recent Days

No One Injured Badly And Property Loss Held To About \$1,600

No one was badly hurt and property damage was limited to Tax Collector Reports Rec- an estimated \$1,600 in a series of automobile accidents on the highways in this county during the past several days.

Other than handling routine Driving west on Highway 64 be tween Parmele and the Pitt Counon their calendar for considersistant nostmaster at Tarboro, lost parking meters and the sewer a year ago. Enrollment 1.50. Sensor in white sever and the sewer and the sewer increased in the three colored As of Monday there were 7,352 eration at the regular monthly control of his 1949 Plymouth and the sewer increased in the three colored over Clauses. ton and three passengers were not even bruised, the investigating patrolman said. Damage to the

turned over, coming to a stop on week before last for treatment. whom he made his home, he is vice reports volume of sales was bruises but was discharged soon Sudie Harris Bennett, he was Marvin Cowin and Mrs. Elbert after an examination in Brown's born near Williamston fifty years Rawls of Williamston and Mrs. cording to the report filed with Community Hospital. Damage to ago, and lived in this county all Miles Foland fo Bluefield, West ing September 5 amounted to 42,the truck was estimated at \$500. his life. He spent most of his life Virginia; one son, Vernon Roe- 643,627 pounds and averaged

125 toward Hobgood last Friday made his home with the Jones lery, Dan Roebuck of Hamilton, ious five-day period. The volume on the \$408,077.83 levy. The 1952 afternoon and was making a left boys in recent years, and was Leon Roebuck of Washington and on the \$393,582.02 levy. There's los, Marine, started to plan on the \$393,582.02 levy. There's 1946 Buick. No one was hurt, the hospital. on the \$370,939.90 levy for 1951. Damage to the Buick was estimaton the \$370,939.90 levy for 1951, Ballage to the Buick was estimated and \$4,108.10 remains unpaid on leve 1951. Ford pick up will cost buck of Robersonville, and five grandchildren. Acting on a petition presented about \$150, according to an esti- afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the

clock, Clarence Pate lost control Eva Myrick of Roanoke Rapids, John L. Goff. Interment was in tin Tractor and Truck Company, report lists 457 boys and 430 girls near Smithwick Creek Church of his 1949 Chevrolet at the Dan- Mrs. Charlotte Chambers of Pet- the Peele family cemetery in Bear the International Better Living Beaufort County line via the iel-Staton Mill road intersection tersburg, Va.; Mrs. Cecil Britton Grass Township. on the route running from Holly of Lewiston, and Mrs F. O. Cau-Springs to Farm Life. The ma- sey of Elizabeth City; two broth-The board appropriated \$1,000 chine turned over and no one was ers, Jimmy Bennett of Norfolk, hurt. Damage to the car was esti- Va. and Irvin Bennett of Lewis-

Rose teamstrat lieutenant; Sic. lox. Asa A. Peal, Thomas, Poger- Keel and D. J. Lilley

on, Whitain W. Tw

James W. Coltrain,

D. Ward, John R. Mizell, Eu- son, Franklin Simpson,

#### PAVING

at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Work is progressing rapidly on the highway truck route, but no date for opening the route has been mentioned.

## Elmo Bennett, 50, Died Last Friday

Driving east on Highway 64, Lt. o'clock following a long period led a noble life and was a thought-Gordon Roger Jacky of Durham of declining health. His condi- ful neighbor, playing the role of same average prices by grades last lost control of a 1952 International tion worsened about three weeks a true friend to his fellowman. carry-all truck and the machine ago and he entered the hospital Besides his daughter with Federal-State Market News Ser-

ley's 1951 Ford pick-up will cost metery near Williamston Sunday grandchildren. mate offered by the investigating Rev. Grover Everett, pastor of the ducted at his late home Sunday Lewiston Baptist Church.

25, the following signed up):

Started last Thursday morning, the town's quarter million dollar paving program is going forward rapidly. Several streets have been surfaced, and the pavers are expected to catch up with curb and gutter work within possibly a week or ten days. They'll take a leave of absence then and return possibly in early October. Curb and gutter will be laid next on Rhodes Street

Elmo Bennett died in Duke Hos pital last Friday evening at 5:30 teem by all who knew him. He Eastern North Carolina flue

Bill Mobley of RFD 1, Oak City, on the farm, engaging in logging buck, of Rocky Mount; four browas driving north on Highway work much of the time. He had thers, Lewellyn Roebuck of Til- was down 65 cents from the prevturn just as Demetrios Papdopu- with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones Leggett Roebuck of Hassell; three los, Marine, started to pass in his near Jamesville until he entered sisters, Mrs. John W. Green of

# A slight downward trend was A quick review of the figures on The Market Here

#### STORE CONTRACT

A contract has been let to a Richmond firm for the construction of a large building for Colonial Stores at the corner of Elm and Main streets here. The amount of the contract was not disclos-

Construction work is to get under way within the next ten days or two weeks and is to be completed in about ninety days, it was learned.

## William Roebuck right at 400,000 pounds of tobac-Died At His Home Saturday Morning over last Friday when some grades were down as much as

Funeral Held Sunday In West End for Well-Known hundred, but leaf of fair lemon Farmer-Citizen

William Robert Roebuck, wellknown retired farmer-citizen, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Opheus Price, on Park Drive in West End here last Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock. He had been in declining health about three years and seriously ill following a stroke suffered two

The son of the late Edward Baker and Mary Elizabeth Leggett Roebuck, he was born in Cross Roads Township 74 years ago on April 11, 1880. After spending his heavy tips. early life there on the farm, he moved into Bear Grass where he continued to farm until he retired three years ago. He had per hundred pounds. made his home here with his Miss Dora Corey who died in morrow

years, and was held in high es- the entire belt for the past week:

The son of the late James and survived by three daughters, Mrs. fairly heavy. Quality of the to-

afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the ternational Harvester dealer, Sunday morning about 11:00 o'- Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Rev. P. E. Cayton and the Rev. manager Harvey Baggett of Mar-

# Jamesville Calls

stroyed a storage house and threa- way truck route. "Our Company stands C of the The volunters are listed in the ganus, Adolphus S. Coburn, the Walter Brown home in James Caravan is made up of a cross James Alfred Modlin, Cotton Rea- ville.

by the distinctive title of 'The R. W. Rieves, N. B. Fagan, S. sons, Asa Brown, Arden Rogerage could not be determined in- equipment in the world. There "We have this day elected our gene Burras, Thomas Pollard, Wm. H. Sexton, Joseph Van- mediately, but the loss will run will be a transcontinental freighments' Company C down the river officers which resulted in the Joseph Taylor, John Taylor, horn, William H. Robason, Willie only into a few hundred dollars, ter which towers elevel feet in James G. Tweedy (fift's sergenat) Hardy, Luke Hopkins, Seth Wil- according to one report.

"Richard W. Rieves, captain; Henry H. Tweedy, Willie F. Tay- liams, William C. Russ, James F.

gene Burras, first sergeant; T. A. tin, William Bateman, Spencer fifty of them were unable to read could be moved from the Gaines transmissions, and many others Pollard, second sergeant; Joseph Gardner, Daniel P. Lallinger, or write, that they merely made and Kirkman mill to the scene by plus a complete line of household Taylor, third sergear\*; John Tay Henry W. Holliday, William Jolly, a mark by their names. On June a tractor. The special equipment refrigeration and air conditioning was used in knocking out the fire units. "And pray you receive us and Joseph J. D. Webb, Allen As- William W. Mizelle, Noah P. which was under control when the The star of the Caravan is the commission the same at once." kew, Bailey Craddock, Wiggins Robason, Asa Smithwick, John Williamston fire-fighting equip-new International R-100 PickUp. (There were 68 volunteers as Gardner, Wm. H. Hardison, Al- Cowen, Henry A. Girkin, Hardy ment reached there.

when a trash fire went out of ers. States and the Confederate States by observation". S. D. Ward reson, F. M. Craddock, Henry D. 9, Mr. Bagley catches up with his ing on the Best Fleming farm freshments, music, and helium-Dr. Ackland is here as the fea- of America, and pledge ourselves signed and Eugene Burras was Taylor, Noal: Asby, Jesse Beach, bookkeeing as treasurer of the near Hassell. The firemen saved filled ballons for the children. Simpson, Ashly Modlin, Eli Gur- men were in volunteer service). on the damage could be had.

### Prices Stronger Today Following Downward Trend

Smoking Leaf Of Orange Type Showing from \$1 To \$4 Increase

Sales on the local topacco market, following a holiday yesterday, are pushing on toward the three and one-half million-pound mark today. It is estimated that co are on the floors here today, reports from the early sales pointing to a stronger price structure \$1.00 per hundred pounds.

Smoking leaf of the poor orange type was up as much as \$4 per was down \$1 last Friday along with some primings. Best thin non-descript was down \$1.50 per hundred, according to the marketing services.

The holiday yesterday saw tobacco roll in in quantities with the possibility that the market will run into a block today. The sale last Friday was the largest of the season. A report show 370,-622 pounds were sold for \$190,-708, an average of \$51.46. There were large quantities of poor quality tobacco offered, including

Up until this morning the market had soid 3,045,538 pounds for \$1,626,718, an average of \$53.41

Although deliveries were being daughter for about one year. In made early today, the market is early manhood he was married to expected to clear the block to-

Following is a U. S. and State He was a member of the Cross Department of Agriculture report Roads Christian Church for many for the marketing activities in

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## near Williamston, Mrs. Bud James Truck Caravan To

As stated by Williamston's In-Motor Truck Caravan will arrive at Williamston Friday morning September 10th. The program will begin at 10:00

a. m., with a parade through the Fire Department a. m., with a parade through the city to be followed by an all day open house, during which time Williamston's fire department the entire Caravan will be on volunteers were called out at 4:25 public display at Martin Tractor Monday afternoon when fire de- Truck Company on the new high-

tened other buildings, including According to Mr. Baggett the section of the most complete line Origin of the fire and the dam- of motor trucks and refrigeration the air, dump trucks from the

J. R. Mizell, third lieutenant; Eu- Standly Whitaker, Edmund Mar- June 17, Mr. Bagley noting that mounted tank and special pump mobile, trucks with automatic

Everyone is invited to drive this increased to 83 on June 24 when Cowen, William olley, Jr., James liam Ross, William E. Bailey, S. trouble delayed the Jamesville Valuable prizes will be awarded "We the undersigned having the company was holding a drill. R. Gurganes, Noah T. Gurgan- B. Harrison, fire truck in reaching the fire. to those who can drive the farth-

van showing Friday of this week.

## Neighbors and other friends smallest to the largest, fire trucks, rushed to the home and kept the six-wheelers, giant moving vans,