ESTABLISHED 1898

#### FINE RECORDS BY SCHOOLS HERE **AND IN EVERETTS**

Average Daily Attendance About 95 Per Cent in Each School

102 ON HONOR ROLLS

Everetts School Leads in Percentage tendance; Highest Percentage On Honor Roll Here

While several of the schools have failed to make their reports, the Ever-etts school, so far, leads the county system in the average daily attendance of pupils during the first month. Of the total enrollment, 173, the report shows that 165 of the number attended the school every day during the month of September. While 95 per cent of the pupils enrolled in the Everetts school were present each day, Williamston, the next highest reporting, had 94.7 per cent of its pupils present daily during the period.

Reporting an average daily attendance of 638 out of a total enrollment of 674, the local schools had 92 pupils on the honor list, or 14 per cent, of the 638 pupils. Everetts reported 10 pupils its honor roll, or 6 per cent: difference in the percentage of honor pupils in the two schools is due to the nor roll requirements in the two schools. For a pupil to have his name included in the list of honor students of the Williamston school Principal W. R. Watson states that the child must average 90 or more on each subject nust make at least 90 on deportment; have no failures or conditions, and have no tardies or unexcused absences. The number of excused absences is limited to two, it was stated.

The first, second, fifth, and tenth grades of the Everetts school, including 42 pupils; and the two sections of eighth grade here, including 82 pupils, had perfect attendance records, according to the reports.

Williamston's list of honor pupils

First grade A: Martin Anderson Stuart Critcher, Jerry Manning, Joseph Thigpen, Jimmie Watts, Nancy Biggs, Nina Bland, Eleanor Brown, Marjorie Dunn, Dorothy Harrison, Katherine Manning, Dorothy Spivey, Anita Wheeless.

First grade B: None.

Second grade A: Bernice Cowen Margaret Jones, Doris Moore, Louise Melson, Sallie Gray Gurkin, Pearlie Mae Roberson, Eleanor Taylor, Julia Watts Virgil Ward, Dick Dunn, Gordon Manning, Jerry Clarke, Jack Edison, Elbert Peel, jr.

Second grade B: Ben Hardy, Odey Long, R. E. Long, Lee Savage, Hays wood Wynn, Mary Elizabeth Leggett, Pattie Keel Nicholson Third grade A: Grace Barnhill, Mary

Hassell Barnhill, Alice Bonds, Marion Pender, Billy Biggs, Lee Burt Jenkins, Jack Saunders, Reg Manning. Third grade B: Nora Grimes, Virginia Lilley, Lydia Hinson, Pauline White, Fred Rogerson.

Lee Meador, Lois Taylor. dred Whitley.

Critcher, Fern FitzGerald, Kathleen Price, Gwen Watts. Fifth grade B: Thelma Burroughs,

Hilton Jones, Kader Modlin, Densel Simpson, Carrie Williams. Sixth grade: Pattie Ray Bennett,

Alta Critcher, Mary Belle Edmondson, Eula Green, Alice Harrison, Blanche Harrison, Grace Manning.

Seventh grade: Mattie Gurganus Katherine Harrison, Oliver McCabe

Billie Pope, Jessie Mae Anderson, Helen Coltrain, Mary Price. Eighth grade A: Russell Roebuck

Jennie Green Taylor. Eighth grade B: None. Ninth grade: Pearl Griffin.

Tenth grade: Wheeler Manning. Eleventh grade: Louise Coltrain Marjorie Taylor, Josephine Harrison

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## Town Tax Rate Is Fixed at \$2.10 on \$100 Valuation by Commissioners Last Night Local Team Shows Big Im-

AS LAST YEAR No Decision on Discount And Penalty Feature

RATE IS SAME

Is Made DISCUSS VALUATION

Wide Variety of Matters Are Disposed Of at Meeting Last Night; Lower Electric Rates To Everetts

Williamston's tax rate for the cur rent tax year will be the same as the one levied last year, \$2.10 the \$100. valuation, the commissioners in their regular meeting here last night failalty feature affecting the county color two of the officials, however, that transportation charges incurred in exthe discount and penalty clauses tending the truck routes of the Everwould affect town collections. Hereetts school. tofore, as a rule, the town authorities have ordered special discounts to taxpayers, but no penalties have been

Three requests for permits to open tring northeast of Exercis, has after gaining only three yards in as fish markets in different places in the a one-teacher school, and this year the many tries, kicked to the locals, who Farmers Slow To Put in Routine Matters Take Up town were refused, the commission children of the section are going to ers deciding to center all market Everetts under the condition that an field. Facing a stubborn opposition, business in the town at the City Hall. George Spruill, colored, was granted a permit to hold a dance here

Thanksgiving. Jack Biggs, colored, was refused permit to open a pool room on Wash-

ngton Street. The wholesale power and light rat of six cents per kilowatt charged the Town of Everetts was ordered reduc-ed approximately 43 per cent. The decrease was ordered when the con tract was reviewed, the commission ers learning that under the terms of the agreement made several years ago Everetts was to purchase current from Williamston at the rate of six cents per kilowatt hour until the expiration of the contract or until such time that the rates were decreased here. The decrease in the rate charged Everetts was to conform with

whatever decrease was made here. Several changes were ordered in the street department, the commissioners believeing that under the new arrangement a marked improvement will result. The drainage of the streets was discussed at length, and attempts to turn water out of the several ponds scattered over the town

will be made. An ordinance was passed prohibiting tent shows to locate in the resi-dential section of the town without the written consent of all the property owners adjoining the show place. The ordinance provides a \$50 fine in

It was pointed out that all paving work would be completed here this week, Commissioner Meadows asking Fourth grade A: Whit Purvis, R. permission to "toot" the siren wher A. Pope, jr., Janie Gurganus, Julia the last of the paving work was com-Everett, Nellie Gray Rogerson, Addie pleted.

Taking up the accounts payable, Fourth grade B: Rachel Wynn, Mary Robertson, Nettie Grey Hopkins, Ma-every bill, refusing to o. keh several Fifth grade A: Milton James, Ben orders. Turning to the accounts re-Manning, Bolten Cowen, Ella Wynne ceivable, the board ordered that service to fourteen water customers be discontinued tomorrow, the 10th, if the accounts were not settled by that

The valuation on certain corpora tion property was discussed during the meeting, but no official steps were taken at the meeting to attempt a change in the listing.

Seven Martin County Cases Disposed of in Federal Court

Seven cases, involving Martin coun ty people, were disposed of in the Federal court at Washington yester day. Several other cases were called answer deputy marshals were put t

work. The cases disposed of: Roymond Bowen, 15 years old, was given three years in a reformator

Josephus Cordon, found guilty of nanufacturing, got a year and a day at the prison in Atlanta. Jasper Smith, eighteen months i

reformatory. Jimmie Moore was given nonths in a reformatory. Willie James was given his free

No true bill was found against Joe

Woman's Exchange Is Proposed for County

All women interested in having a county womans' exchange in the county are asked to give Miss Sleeper all their ideas. If there are any women in the county interested in adding to their income through selling a few home products Miss Sleeper will be glad to know. What do you make on the farm that the town woman would buy? What do you make if you live

town that the country woman

### HURST DISTRICT ASKS ELECTION

Question Is On Levying 30-Cent Special School Tax

With 33 citizens signing the petition, the Hurst school district asked the Board of Education here for a special school tax election to be held there, nished a stronger opposition than did The request was granted and the elec-

At the present time the children of the district are attending the Everetts

The election, if carried, will provide a 30 cents levy on the \$100 property valuation in the district.

The district, embracing that section special levy.

L. G. Leggett was appointed registrar and J. P. Harris and J. D. Coltrain were named poll holders. A new registration for the election will be continuing open until November 9. The registration of the eligible voters will made. The fourth down. No extra point was days spent in office work; 130 office for court.

Conferences; 118 telephone calls; 52 Emma Williams, of Hamilton Town-Mr. L. G. Leggett.

#### AGENT'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Meetings Throughout County

Sleeper, as submitted to the board of kick the extra point.

miles, conducting 7 meetings with the women and 9 with the juniors. There selves approximately \$9.88.

during the month.

#### Fourteen Children Make Honor Roll at Hassells

Fourteen children in the Hassell school made the honor roll during as follows:

First grade-Myrtle Cannon, Pauline Cox, Ruby Ayers
Second grade—Mae Dell Leggett,

Maryland Leggett Third grade-Juanita Haislip, Mil-

Fourth grade-Claude Nelson, jr., Gladys Weathersbee, William Knox, much improvement over their first en-

Seventh grade-Walter Crisp Gertrude Ayers.

# Club Members To Get

All 4-H Club members wishing to attend the State Fair should let Miss Sleeper know immediately. Friday of State Fair week is 4-H Club day. If you plan to go let Miss Sleeper know that she may send in your name and

Three Colored Men in Fight Sunday Night

Willie Davis, colored, suffered broken nose and two of his colored friends received cuts and bruises last Sunday evening when they turned ed in a free-for-all fight on Washing ton Street. George Gurganus was jailed by Officer Allsbrooks, but Davis and the other combattant were turned over to doctors for medical at The three will be tried in the re

corder's court here next Tuesday.

# BY LOCALS, 45 TO 0

provement, Especially in Aerial Attack

EVEN MASCOT PLAYS All Substitutes, Including Very Small

Boys, Get In Action; Visitors Are Game, But Outclassed

Williamston's high school football team won its second victory of the season here last Friday afternoon, defeating the Vanceboro eleven by a 45 to 0 score. While the visitors furthe Farmville eleven the Friday betion was ordered to be held November fore, the locals showed much improvement in their offense to outclass their opponents.

school, the officials there taking them the locals found the going hard through ing to discuss the discount and pen- in under the condition that the Hurst and around Vanceboro's line, but Holdcommittee petition for the election, ing caught a pass on the third play for lections. It was the opinion of one which, if carried, will take care of the a 20-yard gain and first down. A secfirst score of the game. The extra point was made when Shearon ran around end to carry the ball over the last white line

Vanceboro received the ball and, Three requests for permits to open lying northeast of Everetts, has only after gaining only three yards in as election will be called permitting the Holding and Shearon, for the locals made consistent gains around the ends. With the ball on the one-yard line, Williamston fumbled and lost eight on the next play and acrried the ball lows: necessary, the books opening today and over for a touchdown on the next play,

boro fumbled and Barnhill recovered farmers. for the locals. A pass from Saunders to Holding resulted in a third touch- get a car of dynamite if the farmers tion to be held November 20. down, failure to make the extra point Conducts Total of Sixteen leaving the score at 19 to 0. Attempting to pass after receiving the kick-off, Vanceboro lost the ball when Shearon intercepted it. A gain by Saunders and carpet grass, Dallas grass, and Japan A small Following is the September narra- a long run by Shearon placed the ball clover are doing mighty good. tive summary of the work done in near the visitors' goal. A long pass Martin County by the county home from Shearon to Holding added an

ston received but lost the ball by a mation see the county agent. During the month of September, 18 fumble to Vanceboro. Holding recovdays were spent in the field and 7 days ered the ball when the visitors attemptin the office. The agent traveled 780 ed a pass and carried the ball to the

is an evident interest in club work on the part of the girls and boys in this Edwards, resulted in a fourth touchcounty. There are 13 junior clubs, down in the opening of the second half. located in Williamston, Robersonville, The extra point was made, bringing Jamesville, Hamilton, Bear Grass, the score to 32 to 0. The locals received. Farm Life, Gold Point, Parmele, Ev- gaining a number of yards on a pass eretts, and Cross Roads. There were from Shearon to Saunders on the next 200 juniors in attendance at the meet- play. Another substantial gain was ing held during the month. The only made on a pass but attempting another boys' club in the county, at Everetts, aerial attack Williamston lost the ball, increased its enrollment more than 50 Vanceboro taking it on its 6-yard line. E. per cent the beginning of the school, Vanceboro kicked out of danger and there being 32 boys in the club. Leaders for junior clubs are located in Bear fumbled. After trying to gain through Grass and Jamesville. The women continuity of the line, the visitors kicked, Holding ney; Cross Roads township—Sam tinue to be interested in making hats throughout the clubs ni the county. One club this month made eight hats Two yards were made through the Smith, J. T. Powell; Goose Nest townat a total cost of \$3.12, saving them- line; a long end run by Holding placed ship-C. L. Etheridge W. R. Everett. the ball on the 25-yard line. Twenty The agent visited 26 different homes yards were made on a lateral pass, Holding to Shearon. Malcolm Simp-

Receiving the ball in the final period, end 50 yards for the seventh touchthe first month of the 1929-30 term down. Coach Hood replenished his Manning, jr., C. B. Siceloff; Cross well-his part as jester. the team mascot, aggravated the visiters when he, small in stature and young in years, went on the field to

The team, including the subs, showed

#### Local Eleven Will Play Morehead Here Friday

Williamston's High School Foot-Passes for State Fair ball eleven will meet the Morehead City highs here on the new high school field here Friday afternoon at four o'clock.

Shearon, star half-back for the locals, received injuries in the game with Vanceboro here last Friday and it is not likely that he'll be able to take part in the game. Coach Hood, however, is forecasting a good match.

#### J. S. Whitley Funeral To Be Held Here Today

this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Episcopal church here, Rev. Arthur

zona last evening.

# VANCEBORO GRID W. I. Skinner, Well - Known Tobacconist, Is Found Dead

# Decided Advance in Prices Of Tobacco Recorded Today MADE BY RAZOR

According to first-hand reports, prices for tobacco reached a new high level for the season here today, many farmers averaging forty cents or more for their offerings.

The price change is especially marked in the sale of the better grades, and while the price for the black tobaccos continues about the same, that type is fortunately beginning to disappear.

Observing the sales on the floors here today, it was easy to see that many grades have advanced ten cents or more, and the outlook is for all grades above the ten-cent mark to go higher.

While it is agreed that the quality of the tobacco offered for sale here has been the poorest in years and far below the average on other markets in the belt this year, the breaks are improving. Farmers are, as a rule bringing their tobacco to market in good shape, excepting some damaged by the recent wet weather Both warehousemen and buyers continue to stress the importance of properly caring for tobacco when

marketing it. The market's average this week will be much higher than for any previous week, according to the present outlook.

#### COUNTY AGENT MAKES REPORT

Their Orders for Dynamite The September report of County

yard line. On the third play, Vance- hogs treated during the month for 9 digent account. Some time ago the agent planned to

> wanted it. The requests are coming in very slowly.

carpet grass, Dallas grass, and Japan

#### Jury List Is Drawn for December Term of Court

The names of 35 citizens drawn yesterday at the meeting of the county board of commissioners here for jury service at the next term of Matin County Superior court to be held here in December. The list fol-

Jamesville township-J. N. Cooper, J. W. Martin; Griffins township-C. Hines, C. W. Gurkin, Claudius Hardison; Williamston township-G.

Second Week Jamesville township-T. W. Holliday, Warren W. Waters, Kader son then bucked the line twice for a Godard; Williams township-S. J. team with substitutes about this time, Roads township-Church Beach, A. P. Oscar Anderson going in to catch a pass for a 7-yard gain. Howard Cone, Peel, W. H. Highsmith; Hamilton township-L. B. Brown.

#### State Fair Will Have Egg Show This Year

to be conducted at the State Fair this year should let Miss Sleeper know and she will give you the necessary in-formation for the exhibit.

Kiwanis To Have

Luncheon Tomorrow The regular weekly luncheon of the local Kiwanis club will be held tomorrow with Rev. O. P. FitzGerald, of the Methodist church, in charge of the program.

#### Presbyterian Women To Hold Conference Here

A group conference of the ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, embracing groups num-Funeral services are being held bers one and three of Albemarle Presover the body of John S. Whitley bytery, which includes the cities of this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Edenton, Elizabeth City, Goldsboro, New Bern, Kinston, Washington, H. Marshall, rector, administering the Greenville, and Williamston, will be held in the Baptist Church auditorium Mr. Whitley was a native of this here Friday, October 11, at 10:30 a. m. county, but during the past several A delegation of 50 to 75 ladies is ex-years he resided in Arizona. The pected. A very interesting program body reached here from Globe, Ari- has been planned, to which all the ladies of this city are cordially invited

### COUNTY BOARD **MEETS MONDAY**

Majority of Attention Of Board

Meeting in their regular monthly ses-Agent T. B. Brandon, as submitted to sion here yesterday the Martin Counthe board of county commissioners at ty commissioners discussed various yards. Holding regained seven yards their meeting here Monday, is as fol- routine matters, passing several orders and selecting a jury list for the De-Eighteen days spent in field work; 7 cember term of Martin County super-

farms visited during the month; 660 ship, was ordered paid \$3 per month, Vanceboro returned it to its own eight- miles traveled on official duties; 120 the amount to be charged to the in-A special tax election was ordered

for the Hurst school district the elec-S. T. Woolard was refunded taxes estate, listed by error in Robersonville

A small addition was ordered made to the school budget already approved Any one who wants to sow a fall pasture can prepare the land and sow 12 dition allows the Jamesville school demonstration agent, Miss Lora E, other touchdown, the locals failing to pounds of Japan Clover, 12 pounds of \$349.50 and a necessary amount for Dallas grass, and 4 pounds of Carpet the Bear Grass school, the funds to be county commissioners in session here Just before the half closed, William- Grass to the agre. For further infor- used only for the purchase of school

The borrowing of \$10,000 was ordered, if the treasurer found it necessary to do so, the loan to be only a temporary one and to be made in an

ticipation of tax collections. After drawing the jury list for the December term of court, the board recessed. While the board handled all the business before the meeting, a recess was ordered in anticipation of additional matters that are likely to come up for consideration before the next regular meeting date.

#### Oak City School Society

Has Interesting Meeting The Estherian society of the Oak City High School held its first meeting of the current term on September 27 at 7:30 p. m. when a very enjovable program was rendered.

Amelia Downs gave a short sketch on Esther's life and Elizabeth Downs read a poem. Letha Mae Venters read a short essay, "History of Our Society." Other features of the pro-Tetterton, J. N. Hopkins; Griffins gram included a quartet by Robert township-Mc. D. Hardison, C. T. Whitley, Elizabeth Rawls, J. C. Johnthe locals scored again on the second Roberson; Bear Grass township—Ben play when Saunders ran around right F. Whitehurst, R. L. Hodges, H. C. Laura Harris, Jasper Whitfield and Green; Williamston township-W. C. John Daniel. Hannibal Purvis acted

The program was under the direction of Miss Mildred Davenport,

teacher in the school. The society holds its second meet-ing the 18th of this month when Miss Allice Mallard, teacher of the second grade, will have charge of the pro

#### Any one interested in the egg show Policeman's Slayer Given 30-Day Reprieve Yesterday

That a full investigation of the case might be made, Governor Gardner yesterday granted Percy Miller, slayer of Policeman Pat White of Windsor, a 30-day reprieve, staying the execution until about the middle of November. Judge N. A. Townsend will conduct the investigation. If the Governor finds no reason to change the udgment of the Bertie court, Miller's electrocution will take place about the middle of next month. October 11 was the first date set for Miller's electrocution.

#### Theo. Roberson's New Market Opens Friday

The new Sanitary Service market, wned and operated by Mr. The Roberson, of this place, will open for business in its newly constructed quarters on the Washington road, just a few yards outside the city limits, next Friday. In his announcement, Mr. Roberson stated that the market will carry a complete stock of meats, country produce, fish and oysters, that prices on all meats would be

## BLED TO DEATH FROM SMALL CUT

Was Member of Firm of W. I. Skinner & Co., Owners Of Redrying Plant

HOME IN GREENVILLE

Had Long Been a Prominent Figure in Tobacco Business of Eastern North Carolina

William Iverson Skinner, one of Eastern Carolina's most prominent tobacconists, was found dead in his room at the J. W. Watts, sr, home in New Town here this morning at 7:45 o'clock, the condition of the body indicating that he died only a few hours-

Upon his failure to come down for breakfast about 7 o'clock, Mrs. Watts waited a while and then thinking he must be ill, she went to his room door and knocked. Getting no response, she opened the door and saw the body lying on the floor. She immediately called his son, Iverson, jr., who was sleeping in an adjoining room and he rushed in to find his father dead. A small quantity of blood was found on the floor, and it was first thought by the son and Mrs. Watts that dead was due to a hemorrhage.

Physicians, summoned to the scene, examined the body and found a small cut on the left side of the throat, apparently made by a razor. Continuing the examination, the doctors noticed that Mr. Skinner had secured his razor, brush and soap preparatory to shaving. It was reported shortly after the body was discovered that the gash, resulting in his death, might for two years on \$2,500 worth of real have been made in the midst of a severe coughing attack which he frequently had. Gradually bleeding to death, he held his head over a chamber jar until life was apparently

extinct. Mr. Skinner, 55 years old, was born and reared in Oxford. When a young man he played ball in the major leagues and was a star pitcher. He turned from the sport to enter the tobacco business. Going with the Imperial Tobacco company, he followed the sales in Wilson for a number of years, later going to Greenville where he was branch manager for his company. When the Tri-State Tobacco Growers Association was organized, he went with the association and had

charge of the grading department. In 1925 he came to Williamston and purchased the re-drying plant here. Although he had been in poor health during the past two years, he continued as an asset to the market. Two years ago he formed a partnership with Mr. J. E. King, another prominent tobacconist, and since that time the plant has been operated as the W. I. Skinner and Company.

He married Miss Lorrine Davis, of Wilson, who with six children, John Flannagan, Misses Willie, Lorrine and Anne and W. I. jr., and T. Washington Skinner, of Greenville, survives.

Coming here in 1925, Mr. Skinner had made many friends in this section. Two years ago he suffered a nervous breakdown and since that time he apparently continued his work under a nervous strain that was made possible only by a great determination to carry on.

The body was removed to the home

in Greenville this morning. Funeral

arrangements had not been announc-

#### Car Goes Off Creek Fill Into Water Sunday

ed at noon today.

James Pettiford furnished county officers a real problem last Sunday afternoon when he ran his car off the Sweeten Water creek dam into the swamp. Pettiford, a colored brick mason, of Plymouth, was driving too fast to make the curve in the road and landed with his car twenty-five feet from the road in the swamp. The water was not very deep, but to save his best clothes he exchanged them, socks, tie shirt and all, right there. While he was in town trying to get some one to go for his car, the officers were notified and the case was investigated. At first it was thought that the man had removed his clothes and drowned himself.

Several hours later, the facts were learned.

#### Welfare Officer Asks

Places for Two Boys County Welfare Officer R. A. Pope is asking places for two boys, one twelve and the other fourteen years old. Of good family, the two children can be bound to the right people, the welfare officer stated.