

### Struck By Auto, Child Badly Hurt

Dashing suddenly into the path of a car driven by Urbin Rogers at the Jamesville - Washington road intersection last Saturday evening, Rock Spruill, young colored orphan, was dangerously hurt, reports from a Washington hospital, where he is now confined, stating that his condition was critical but recovery possible. The child, carelessly play-

ing with several other waifs at the dangerous intersection, suffered fractures of both legs and one arm and was badly cut and bruised about the head. There was no fracture of the skull, an examination proved.

Witnessing the accident, Patrolman W. S. Hunt said Mr. Rogers was driving into town very slowly, the officer relieving him of all blame for the accident.

Mrs. Mary Dare Shute, of Norfolk spent the week-end here with relatives.

### VETERAN TEACHERS HONORED



T. E. Browne, State Director of Vocational Education is shown presenting keys to (front row, seated left to right) H. K. McIntyre, Red Oak; H. W. Bullard, Kerr; G. C. Buck, Hertford; H. N. Cherry, Currituck; (standing, left to right) W. E. McDonald, Scott; R. H. Hutchison, Ed. Whitney; J. J. Wolfe, Bailey.

Pictured above are the 17 year veteran teachers of Vocational Agriculture who were honored at the Annual Teachers' Conference held recently at State College. In recognition of their long service they were awarded gold keys through the courtesy of The Agricultural Development Bureau of The Barrett Company, marketer of American-made Nitrate of Soda. Other teachers, numbering thirty, who have been in service over ten years were also awarded keys.

### Age Requirements For Beginners Pointed Out

In accordance with a recent ruling of the State School Commission, all children entering school for the first time must be six years or older on or before October 1, county school authorities pointed out today.

The ruling will probably keep a round 25 or 30 children in this county out of school this term, it was estimated. Last term any child becoming six years of age on January 1 was eligible to begin school, but crowded conditions resulted in many schools and the age date was ordered changed.

### Little Crime Wave Blows Over the County Recently

A little crime wave centered over Martin County last week-end, the sheriff's office reporting 13 arrests during Saturday and Sunday to run the jail population up to 20 persons, 8 white and 12 colored. Drunkenness led the number listed, house-breaking and larceny accounting for 4 arrests. And then there were assaults, affrays, and one or two drunk en driving cases. Armed with a butcher knife, one of the defendants was said to have chased his wife around and around in a cornfield, but did her no bodily harm.

### New School Buildings Are Conditionally Accepted

Making a second inspection tour last Friday, Martin County school authorities conditionally accepted the five new school buildings and additions from the contractors. The buildings, costing approximately \$100,000, will be used this week for the first time.

The building program includes a new high school building at Jamesville, an addition to the Farm Life plant, primary units at Williamston and Oak City and an eight-room colored building at Robersonville.

The tobacco market of Williamston is to be congratulated not only upon having the best auctioneers in this belt, but men of high honor and integrity whose words are their bonds.

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### Local Auctioneers Rated Among The Best In the World

#### Saunders, Highfield, Harney Much In Demand Over Tobacco Belts

Following is a letter from R. W. McFarland, supervisor of sales on the local tobacco market, offering some timely comment on Williamston's able tobacco auctioneers:

"A farmer from a distance who sold tobacco in Williamston last Friday asked me why I had nothing in my little pieces about the Williamston tobacco auctioneers, for, said this gentleman, 'During my life time of selling tobacco upon some of the biggest and some of the smallest markets in this state, I have never heard better auctioneers than those now selling in Williamston.'

'The gentleman, in my opinion, was quite right. Will you permit me, Mr. Editor, just to say a few words as to the personnel of our three fine auctioneers, Grover Harney, Charlie Highfield and Ben Saunders?

Ben Saunders who sells at the New Farmers is a native of North Carolina, and his life work has been selling tobacco at auction. A few years ago he sold for the New Farmers in Williamston and so well pleased were Messrs. Barnhill and Ingram with his work that they

fortunately, before he had contracted elsewhere this season, secured his services. 'Ben' is a splendid 'bid taker', possesses a pleasing voice and has a charm of manner that fits him like a garment.

Grover Harney who sells at the Roanoke-Dixie of which Messrs. Claude Griffin and Jule James are proprietors, with Carlyle Langley as assistant sales manager, is a Kentuckian by birth, but he has sold so much tobacco in the last few years in the Tar Heel State, especially in the New Bright Leaf Belt, that he might be classified as a North Carolinian. Grover, possesses almost the eye of an eagle in 'catching bids'. He has a melodious voice, very pleasing to the ear, and sells tobacco with so much ease that when the occasion arises there seems scarcely any limit to the number of baskets that he can sell hourly. On and off sales Grover wears what the writer terms, 'a million dollar smile.'

'Charlie Highfield who sells at the Planters Warehouse of which Holt Evans and Geo. Foxworth are proprietors, with Charlie Phaup as assistant sales manager, has sold tobacco for years in Eastern North Carolina, notably at Greenville, Rocky Mount and one of our neighboring markets, and always made good. His friends are legion in this section and he is called by them, 'the silver-tongued speed demon.'

'Many markets bid this season for the services of all three of these auctioneers, but the Williamston warehousemen, ever on the alert for the best, closed contracts with each of them at the proper time. To the personal knowledge of the writer, one of them had a most flattering offer last week from one of the major markets, but he could not be 'tolled' away from Williamston after his services here had been contracted. I understand that offers recently came in from the major markets to the other two gentlemen and were turned down. So, therefore,

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