

## Record Tobacco Market Opening Expected

### Noon Recess Will Be Eliminated In School Schedule

### Greater Safety for Children Is Motive for School Board's Action

For the first time in more than a quarter of a century, the noon-day recess will be dropped from the daily schedule in the local schools, Principal D. N. Hix in announcing the change proposed by the local committee explaining that the motive behind the action was to afford greater safety for children. The board also passed a resolution urging the police department to direct traffic during certain hours on Church and Smithwick and Main and Watts streets.

In connection with the schedule change, the following announcement was made public today:

"With the hope that a continuous daily school session will make possible more efficient operation of the local schools, the Williamston school board in session last Thursday afternoon adopted a regulation eliminating the noon recess period during which children and teachers have been free to leave the school grounds. The new regulation which becomes effective at the opening of the 1938-39 school term has as its purpose the safeguarding of the lives of the children by keeping them from the streets during the busy noon hour and the improvement of attendance by eliminating half-day absences. It is expected, too, that the plan will make possible more orderly class organization and reduce disciplinary problems to a minimum.

"Students will be interested in the continuous session since the new regulation provides for reducing the school day by the amount of time saved in the brief lunch period. A dismissal hour slightly earlier than under the old plan will be possible. In adopting the new regulation, the board considered the fact that some adjustment will be necessitated in the homes of the community but arrived at the conclusion that the vast majority of parents and students will favor the new schedule once they become accustomed to it. It was pointed out that in many communities the size of Williamston students pursue their studies throughout the school day without interruption.

It is hoped that all patrons of the school will consider the benefits and advantages of the plan and give their cooperation and support.

"A resolution requesting the authorities of the town of Williamston to require the peace officers to safeguard the lives of school children by directing traffic at the intersections of Church and Smithwick and Watts and Main during the hours when children are passing to and from school was adopted by the board."

Present for the meeting were R. L. Coburn, C. B. Clark and Ray Goodmon.

### On Committee To Set Ferry Damage

Mr. G. H. Harrison has been named by Governor Clyde R. Hoey as a member of a special commission to investigate and determine any damage, if any, to the Edenton-Mackeys Ferry Company resulting from the construction of the Albemarle Sound bridge. H. G. Connor, of Wilson, and Frank Spruill, of Rocky Mount, are the other members of the commission.

A meeting of the group was tentatively set for next Thursday, but a postponement was ordered today on account of the date falling on the same day the tobacco markets open the 1938 season.

### Noted Teacher To Appear At Rose of Sharon Church

Beginning next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Edwards, of Mount Olive, will conduct a series of revival services in the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church in Bear Grass Township.

Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, professor in the Chicago School of Music who is in eastern North Carolina on his vacation, will have charge of the song services. Mr. Harris, a native of Smithfield, is a noted artist, and he will have charge of the musical program each evening at eight o'clock during the week.

The series of services will last for at least one week, it was announced.

### Check for New Post Office Site Here Now Ready for Delivery

The sale of the old Bagley or Simpson property on Main Street here for a new post office building will likely be consummated within the next ten days or two weeks, Postmaster Leslie T. Fowden said yesterday following a conference with Attorney Wheeler Martin and Congressman Lindsay Warren. "A check for \$6,000 has already been drawn on the United States treasury and it is now in the hands of the district attorney's office in Wilmington," Mr. Fowden explained.

A few minor details are to be handled before the deed is passed, it was pointed out, but they are mere formalities that can be handled within a short time.

September 1 was set as the dead line for getting construction work underway, but Postmaster Fowden has been assured that the appropriation for the site and building will be held intact, that it will not revert back to the treasury's general building fund.

When the deed is finally passed within the next ten days or two weeks, F. W. Hoyt, the present owner, will be given thirty days to clear the lot on East Main Street. Construction work is almost certain to be placed underway at the expiration of that time or soon thereafter. The government has appropriated \$76,000 for the purchase of a site and the construction of the building.

### Marketing Cards Are Ready for Distribution

#### LOOK OUT

On the eve of the tobacco marketing opening in this county, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck today issued a warning against flim-flammers. "The crooks have been fleecing the unsuspecting down south already this season, and with big crowds expected on Thursday the old pocket book game is likely to be 'pulled,'" the officer said.

Citizens of the county can be of great help in eliminating the racket if they will report any attempt to "pull" the pocket-book scheme.

### Accident Reported On Sound Bridge

Edenton, Aug. 22.—The new Albemarle Sound bridge near here chronicled its first motor accident Saturday afternoon, and one of the victims was Julien Wood, local banker and former State highway commissioner, who was crossing the span, which he began to promote in 1933.

Mr. Wood had a small party of feminine relatives with him, and was taking them on his initial ride to see the great crossway which he will formally accept for his side of the sound at Thursday's dedicatory the south shore, a large truck side-swiped the Wood vehicle, jamming it against the west side supporting concrete-railling. The car was badly damaged, but no one was severely hurt.

### Alleged Cow Thief Is Returned Here For Trial

William Melton, 19-year-old color ed boy, was returned here yesterday from a Stokes County road gang for trial in the superior court next month for the alleged theft of a cow.

Melton, said to have stolen a cow from M. D. Wilson and a steer from Oscar Jones in December, 1936, ran away from here soon after the animals were missed by their owners. He went to Winston-Salem where he broke into a home and stole several suits of clothes. He was arrested in the Forsyth courts and sentenced to the roads for eighteen months. Completing his sentence on Sunday, he was turned over to the sheriff of this county.

#### WANTED

A home for Jerry. Jerry is a nice-looking, appealing boy with light hair, blue eyes and a pleasant smile. When he was a small tot he lost his father. Two years ago his mother died. He has no brothers or sisters. Since the death of his mother, Jerry has made his home with an aged uncle. Now, the relative is ill and unable to care for him. He wants the child to have a home where he can have adequate subsistence, recreation, companionship with other children, the chance to continue his schooling and the love and security of a substitute mother and father. Jerry wants to "belong" to someone.

Anyone interested in giving Jerry a home is asked to contact the Martin County Welfare Department.

### Joseph B. Lanier Dies In Hospital Sunday Morning

### Funeral Held at Home in Williams Township Monday

Joseph B. Lanier, well-known citizen of Williams Township, died in a Washington hospital Sunday morning at 11:15 o'clock following a long illness. He had suffered greatly during recent months with cancer. Mr. Lanier had received treatment in a hospital about a year ago, but during the past several months he was confined to his home near the old Daniel and Statom mill. Last week he was returned to the hospital for treatment.

The son of the late James B. and Katherine Ricks Lanier, he was born in Williams Township 51 years ago last February, and lived there all his life. Quiet and unassuming, Mr. Lanier was a great hunter and fisherman, spending most of his life in the stillness and quietness of the Daniel and Statom mill pond. He found contentment during long hours spent with hook and line in the fishing grounds near his home, and the accumulation of worldly goods was secondary in his life.

He was the only son, and is survived by an aged sister, Miss Mamie Lanier, of Williams Township.

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon at four o'clock by Elders B. S. Cowin and A. B. Ayers, of the Primitive Baptist church in this county. Burial was in the family plot in Williams Township.

### Preparations For 1938 Williamston Fair Go Forward

### Harvey Walker Will Be Director For Fourth Consecutive Year

Plans are rapidly going forward for the 1938 Williamston Fair, with the local management pushing preparations for providing the people of Martin and adjoining counties with one of the greatest expositions ever to be held here. The 1938 exposition will be held for five big days and nights, beginning Tuesday, September 27th, and continuing through Saturday, October 1.

Under the direction of Harvey Walker, who this season is his fourth consecutive year as resident manager of the local exposition, plans for the 1938 fair call for the largest and most complete exposition of any heretofore in reflecting the progress of Martin and adjoining counties. Mr. Walker and his staff are putting special emphasis on the exhibition phase of the fair this year, with the agricultural departments, and cattle and swine being worked up for major features. Since the opening of the local office August 1, Mr. Walker has conferred at length with the agricultural interests of Martin and adjoining counties, and final preparations are now being completed for the various exhibits.

Mr. Walker stated that the 1938 premium books have already gone to the printer and will be completed within a short while. The books will be ready for the mailing list shortly, and may be obtained from the fair offices here by September 1.

In announcing the preliminary plans for this season, Resident Manager Walker stated yesterday: "If the people of Martin and adjoining counties will exhibit with us at our fair this year, as I am sure they will, success is assured. I will make further announcements later as to other phases of our Fair to be held September 27 to October 1 inclusive."

### More Than 200 Seek Cotton Price Payments

More than 200 Martin County farmers have applied for the cotton price adjustment payments, it was learned yesterday from the office of the county agent. Approximately 1,200 cotton farmers in this county are eligible for the adjustment payments, it is believed.

The task of receiving applications for the payments was side-tracked today as the entire force in the county agent's office went to work preparing tobacco marketing cards for distribution among Martin farmers tomorrow.

### Large Crowds Looked for Here as Leaf Auction Sales Get Underway Thursday Morning at 9:00 O'clock

### Struck By An Auto, Colored Child Is In Critical Condition

### No Charge Brought Against Tom Ward, Driver of Machine

Charles Purvis, six years old, was critically hurt when he ran into an automobile driven by Thomas Henry Ward, young Robersonville man, on Williamston's West Main Street at 4:45 last Sunday afternoon. Reported to have suffered a severe fracture of the skull, the boy was removed to a Washington hospital, late reports from the institution stating that he was holding his own and that recovery was expected if not complications resulted.

Running into the street fifty yards from the spot where his grandfather, Henry Purvis, was run down and killed by a hit-and-run driver during the early part of 1935, the boy struck the side of the left front fender of the Ward car, a Pontiac coupe. He suffered a second head injury when he was knocked out of the car's path and onto the pavement.

Ward, according to evidence offered by colored witnesses to the accident, was driving into Williamston and was running about 25 or 30 miles an hour, some explaining that he had almost brought the car to a stop before the boy, dashing from one side of the road, bumped into the fender.

Ward carried the boy to Dr. R. G. McAllister for treatment and later made arrangements to have him removed to the hospital.

Patrolman W. S. Hunt, investigating the accident, explained that he found the car driver not at fault, but that a hearing will likely be held as a routine matter later on.

### Manslaughter Case In Superior Court

The case charging Charles J. Griffin, Jamesville merchant, with manslaughter was scheduled for trial in the September term of Martin County Superior court by Justice J. L. Hassell here last Saturday when the defendant pleaded self defense.

When the defendant entered the self-defense plea, the case was automatically thrown into the high court.

Shot twice while trying to break into the Griffin store in Jamesville on the morning of August 7, Arthur Harrison, young colored man, died nine days later in a Washington hospital. His true identity was never established and his body was buried in Potter's field near the old Martin County home last Friday.

### Plays Role of Nurse, Embalmer, Preacher

Jack Everett, local colored handy man, has expanded his services, authentic reports stating that he recently played the role of nurse, undertaker and preacher.

When Arthur Harrison, colored man, was fatally shot in Jamesville a little over two weeks ago and became delirious a few days later in a hospital, Everett was called in to help hold the man on the bed. He remained with the stranger until the end, and then he brought the body here and embalmed it. No confirmed preacher was available and Everett, donning his long-tail coat, conducted the last rites.

### Eight Persons In County Jail During Week-end

Eight persons, charged with various alleged infractions of the law, were placed in the Martin County jail last week-end, the number of arrests being the same number recorded the week-end before.

Charges of manufacturing, possession, assault, thievery, aiding and abetting and false pretense were brought against the eight persons.

#### SUPERVISOR



Henry Johnson, supervisor, is predicting a very successful season for the local tobacco market. "After going into Martin and adjoining counties, I believe Williamston will have the greatest opening in the history of the market," Mr. Johnson said today.

### Pupils To Register Here This Week

Students planning to attend the Williamston High School during the term which begins September 1 are requested to register and arrange their courses of study according to the following schedule:

Eighth and ninth grade students: Thursday morning, August 25 from 8:30 to 11:30.

Tenth and eleventh grade students: Friday morning, August 26, from 8:30 to 11:30.

A special registration will be held Monday morning, August 29 between the hours of 8:30 and 11:30 for those graduates interested in twelfth grade and commercial work.

Parents are asked to cooperate with school authorities by reminding their children to observe the above schedule.

### Local Young Men Fly To Charleston

Tom Crawford and Penynson Ayers, young local men, have started branching out in the air with their small plane. Leaving here Friday morning they winged their way to Charleston, West Virginia, in five hours not counting the several times they came to earth to make sure of their course. Stops were made at Danville, Roanoke and White Sulphur Springs on both trips. After a visit with Mr. Crawford's brother, Mr. Roland C. Crawford, and Mrs. Crawford, the fliers started the return trip Sunday morning, reaching here that afternoon shortly after five o'clock.

### Skewarkey Masons To Hear Orphanage Review

At their regular meeting here this evening at eight o'clock, Skewarkey Lodge Masons will hear an interesting review of the history surrounding the Oxford Orphanage. A special study of the institution has been made by Attorney Carter Studdert.

#### APPLICATIONS

Up until this morning, the Farm Security Administration office in the county courthouse had received more than 200 applications from Martin tenants desiring to borrow money for the purchase and operation of their own farms.

It is out of the question just now to make that many farm-purchase loans, but Supervisor Modlin explains that it is not too late for a tenant to enter an application, that it is possible that a loan will be made to one among the last group to apply. Applications will be received through Wednesday of next week.

A committee, named to handle the applications, will start work within the next few days.

### Tobacco Moving To Market Here Today In Large Quantities

### Average Ranging Between 23 and 28 Cents Is Predicted

The Williamston Tobacco Market is expected to shatter all records when the 1938 season gets underway here Thursday morning promptly at nine o'clock, indications pointing to a large tobacco "break" and one of the biggest crowds ever to attend an opening.

On the eve of what is the greatest annual event in this section, market operators said today that everything was in readiness to start the season. Experienced men are in every department, and although thousands are expected to crowd into the marketing area during the day, the warehousemen have made every arrangement possible to guarantee smooth running sales.

L. C. Alligood, well known Beaufort County farmer, formally opened the season when he placed a large load of tobacco at the starting point in the first row. Unloading activities are going forward rapidly, but enlarged marketing facilities will care for the offerings.

Nearly 10,000 visitors are expected here for the initial sales Thursday, reports from a number of counties maintaining that entire communities will load up all members of the family and travel here for the day to gain first-hand information on price averages and to enjoy a day of rest following a long season of hard work back home. If the expectations hold to the preliminary estimates, Williamston can look for around 2,000 more visitors than were here for the opening a year ago. Special entertainment in local theatres and a ball game have been arranged for the day.

No one is certain about the price, but there is strong hope the average will exceed by several cents the opening-day figure of 22 cents a year ago. Most of the reports coming from warehousemen and others connected with the market predict an average ranging from 24 to 29 cents, many of them guessing a quarter. Realizing that the crop is short, farmers figure that an average of 30 cents or one even higher will be necessary to maintain an economic balance in this section during another year. There has been very little pessimism over the outlook.

All the buyers, representing every known company, have reported and are ready for work when the curtain is raised Thursday morning. The buying personnel and supporting forces are recognized as the strongest ever to come to the Williamston market, and it is sincerely believed that old friendships will be continued and many new ones built up during the season at hand. The people of Williamston are extending a cordial welcome to the thousands of farmers and their families, trusting that they will find their visits here pleasant and enjoyable.

### Hearing Postponed In Fake Doctor Case

A hearing in the case charging George Barnes, Tarboro colored man, with the practice of medicine without license and the administering of drugs that caused the death of Chaney Wiggins near Hamilton on August 13, was postponed today until next Tuesday morning. Unable to get the State laboratory to make an analysis of the "medicine" allegedly prepared and prescribed by Barnes for the Wiggins woman, officers made arrangements to have an analysis made in a private laboratory.

No report on the findings has been received here, and no further action in the case will be taken before next Tuesday, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said today.