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Martin Farmers Ready to Tackle Serious Tobacco Problem

Alleged Meat And Chicken Thief Is Taken In Georgia

Ed Thompson Caught Driving Car Stolen From a Local Man

The wholesale thievery of meat and chickens in Martin County and other sections of eastern North Carolina was abruptly interrupted in Georgia early last Sunday evening when Ed Thompson, former Martin resident, was arrested by troopers of that state. Contrary to early ports reaching here following the man's arrest, the case is not connected with the sensational murder of a 35-year-old white woman whose body was found in a river, Gainesville, Ga., earlier in the day

The Thompson case was connect ed with the murder in an indirect way, later developments proving the reports unfounded. On the steering wheel of the stolen car was the driving license of Sadie Richardson, Miss Richardson married Mr. Dean Speight, of Williamston, after the license was issued and it had neve been changed. The description of Mrs. Speight appearing on the driv-er's license was similar to that of the woman whose body was found in the river. Georgia State police thought that Thompson and his com-panion had stolen the car and mur-dered the owner, throwing her body into the stream. The case was clear ed up when State troopers called Springhope, Mrs. Speight's forme address, and then got in touch with Attention was centered on Thomp

son as eastern Carolina's No. 1 chick en and meat thief. Federal Bureau o Investigation representatives entered the case as the man is wanted for driving stolen cars across state lines will be returned to the Virginia state prison where he escaped with out completing a sentence imposed for theft of meat in that state, or if he will be taken in charge by the Federal bureau. It is possible that he vill be returned to this county face trial for the alleged theft of several hundred pounds of meat and a few less than a thousand chickens Sheriff Charlie Roebuck is quite anxious to have some Martin County Justice meted out in the case. Thief Thompson has caused the sheriff n end of worry in recent weeks. Th officer has spent sleepless nights thinking about the man and wher the next raid would take place.

Thompson and a young man was thought to have been his barely escaped arrest in Bertie County on the night of September 15. The following night Thompson and possibly the young man came to Williamston and stole the Speight car from Academy Street. No key was in the machine, but the rogue · effected an electrical connection by cutting and crossing switch wires. Last Thursday night the thieves are believed to have raided a meat house near Conway in Norhampton Coun-

England Prepares

warned England to prepare for a long war and intimated that the ec- she was held in high esteem and reconomic side of the war will claim ognized as a good neighbor. At an greater attention in the future. In early age she joined the Primitive support of the announced economic Baptist church at Smithwicks Creek, war on Germany, Chamberlain stat-ed that more than 250,000 tons of until the end. Mrs. Mizelle was a goods consigned to the enemy had thoughtful wife and an understandbeen seized on the high seas.

against a barbarian invasion. Great portions of the city, one of the cherished the love of her family and ranking in Europe, were reported in the friendship of all. flames and the enemy was within

Allies have things well in hand. Fear Erah Maude Mizelle, of New York; was expressed by the French over Mrs. Raymond Wallace, of Tuscathe concentration of German soldiers loosa, Ala., and Jack Mizelle, of along the Swiss and Holland bor- Jamesville. She is also survived by tempt a march across the neutral ter- Everetts; Mrs. Hattie E. Ballard of

Neutral shipping is entering vigor-ous protests against submarine at-tacks, but the dastardly business of sinking them continues, the count

Russia and Turkey are conniving, but details of their scheme are not represented by their scheme are not represented by the scheme are not rep

October 9 Is Tentatively Set Martin Farmers To For Opening Tobacco Market Register This Week

formation received here last eve-ed activities in ground from unofficial sources. Pos-throughout the tobacco territory. sibly no definite date for resuming October 5, one report stating that in the event control is defeated the buyapparent that any and all future acton taken in connection with solv-ing the tobacco problem and the repening of the markets depends upon the outcome of the vote cast on a break in price averages.

Thursday of next week. Glutted markets are expected just

atively set as the date for reopening date for reopening the markets is he tobacco markets, according to in-ormation received here last eve-ed activities in grading houses

No official information has sales will be announced until after released, but it is quite likely that the referendum is held on Thursday, the six-hour selling day proposed by ing companies will likely ask that with the possibility that the selling the holiday be continued. It is quite period will be limited to five hours reopened. The short selling week has also been mentioned as a possibility to prevent a glut of the markets and

With the successful passage of control program, it is reasonably ceras soon as sales get underway, re-ports from over a wide territory stat-well stabilized, making it unnecesng that grading activities have been sary for farmers to rush themselves carried on with little interruption to death in an effort to get their ever since the holiday became effect-ve two weeks ago today. The an-first few days or weeks.

Farm Bureau Mapping **Big Membership Drive**

P. T. A. MEET

The first regular meeting of the local parent-teacher associaschool auditorium tomorrow af-ternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and the

urging a full attendance.

An entertainment program followed by a social hour has been planned, it was announced.

An interesting program fea turing short talks by Mrs. S. A. Maxwell and Elbert S. Peel, has been arranged. Mr. Peel will speak on economic and social change affecting the home. Mrs. Maxwell will speak on the fun-damentals of home building. At the close of the meeting the parents and teachers will be entertained by the home economics

department. All patrons of the school are invited to be present.

Mrs. John D. Mizelle Dies On Saturday At

Funeral For Highly Respected Citizen Held Yesterday

Mrs. John D. Mizelle, highly remorning at nine o'clock following a hour later.

The daughter of the late William E. and Mary Roebuck Manning, Mrs. Mizelle was born in Griffins Town For Long Struggle ship on September 13, 1886. She spent most of her life there, marrying Mr. Speaking to parliament this morning, Prime Minister Chamberlain ing the past few years the family home was made in Jamesville, where ing mother, and her happiness and The tragic spot in the war today welfare were made secondary to centered on Poland where a starving population is making its last woman, one who walked humbly in the sight of the Creator, and one who

Besides her husband she leaves five children, Mrs. Carroll Brown, Artillery duels featured the actividies on the Western Fronts where the worth Holliday, of Jamesville; Miss thinking Germany would at- three sisters, Mrs. B. B. Biggs, Robersonville, and Mrs. Sherrod Cor-

yet known.

In Washington the early repeal of the embargo provisions carried in the neutrality act is predicted. Howmunity of Griffins Township.

Value Of Bureau Is Pointed Out In Big Meeting Last Night

Joe Winslow and Chas. Daniel Chosen To Head Drive For Members

Recognizing the splendid done by the Farm Bureau Federation and realizing a greater need for a live organization of their own in the future, Martin County farmers set machinery in motion last evening for conducting an extensive membership drive for the organization following a mass meeting held in the county courthouse. In launching the drive, the farm leaders, Messrs. Joe R. Winslow, of Robersonville, and Chas. L. Daniel, of Williams Township, are directing an earnest appeal to all farmers, professional and business men to join in the movement and taken the lead in stabilizing the peanut market and more recently has made possible the creation of a plan

to save the tobacco farmer.

J. T. Cooper, representative of the State organization, briefly addressed a large gathering of county farmers in the courthouse here last eveers in the courthouse here last evening and pointed out the work done by the Farm Bureau toward saving a 119 million dollar appropriation from which funds will be drawn to finance the purchase of tobacco in the place of the Imperial Tobacco term and the courthouse here last evening and pointed out the work done. Miss Ruth Ward, playing the part derlying the serious problem now facing the farmers rather than dictional to finance the purchase of tobacco in the pastor. Among the other characters will possibly participate in the place of the Imperial Tobacco the past of the past mear Conway in Norhampton County and stole about 200 pounds of meat which was still in the car when Thompson was run down in Georgia. Last Friday night, Thompson is believed to have returned to this county and visited the chicken lot of (Continued on page six)

morning at nine o'clock following a long period of declining health. While she had experienced feeble will be forced to great that the Commodity Credit Corporation will be forced to withdraw its stabilization plan. "In that event, the fered an attack at the breakfast table, death coming peacefully an ble, death coming peacefully an long period of declining health. While she had experienced feeble will be forced to withdraw its stabilization plan. "In that event, the origination plan." In that event, the origination plan. "In that event, the origination plan." In that event, the origination plan. "In that event, the origination plan." In that event, the origination plan. "In that event, the origination plan." In that event, the origination plan. "In that event, the origination plan." In that event, the origination plan. "In that event, the origination plan." In that event, the origination plan. "In that event, the origination plan." In that event, the origination plan. "In that event, the origination plan." In that event, the origination plan. "In that event, the origination plan." In that event, the origination plan. "In that event, the origination plan." In that event, the origination plan. "In that event, the origination plan." In that event, the origination plan. "In that event, the origination plan." In that event, the origination plan. "In that event, the origination plan." In that event, the origination plan. "In that event, the origination plan." In that event, the origination plan. "In that event, the origination plan." In that event, the origination plan. "In

being launched on time for the new

Selecting their workers by drawing numbers ,the membership campaign captains plan a county-wide

On Captain Winslow's team are: Nest Township; Henry Johnson and Lester Everett of Hamilton Township; J. W. Eubanks, of Hassell; J. L. Knowles, and Elmer Modlin, Jamesville Township; W. M. Hardi-Township; C. L. Green and T. L. House, of Robersonville Township; R. J. Hardison and Floyd Moore, of Williams Township, and H. L. Barn-hill and J. P. Woodard, of Williams-

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Arrested For Alleged Theft Of Automobile

Ralph Worthington, Washington City man, was arrested near the fair In Washington the early repeal of the embargo provisions carried in the embargo provisions carried in the neutrality act is predicted. However, the opposition continues hard he was heading for Concord.

All Farmers Urged To Make Sure Their Names Are On the List

The large scale registration of far mers for the tobacco control referen dum to be held possibly some tim during next week is slated to get un derway in this county on Wednes day and Thursday of this week. Registrations will be handled at Bear Grass and Hassell all day tomorrow and at Everetts, Oak City, Griffins Township House, Hamilton, James ville, Robersonville, Williams and at county agricultural building for Williamston and Poplar Point Town-ship farmers on Thursday Committeemen will have the registration books at the appointed places' and farmers are urged to make sure that their names are on the lists

Partial registrations have already en prepared by the county office but it is certain that the registration is not complete in any of the districts The registration prepared by the county agent's office is based on par-ticipation in the 1938 conservation program. This is not complete, farmers are advised, and it is very im-portant that all farmers interested in the referendum should visit the nearest place of registration and see that his name is on the register gress Administration. The general unc Owners of those farmers where the exhibits, while limited in number, limited conservation program was in effecthis year can almost be assured that their names are on the register, bu it is possible that the names of all their tenants do not appear on the list. These farmers are asked to ch the list and have all their ter qualify for the referendum. The farmers who did not participate in the program this year, as a general rule, have not registered. They have a perfect right to participate in the

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Dramatic Service In Local Church

 The dramatic worship service in-stituted in the local Methodist church Sunday evening drew the largest congregation that has worshipped at support the organization that has the church for several months. This in connection with the tobacco con type of service is built around some trol referendum is getting underway particular interest of the church and in the county this week with meet is set forth by dramatic interpreta- ings scheduled in nearly every tured the benevolent obligations of ned by the office of the county con the church and was interpreted by twelve characters assisted by the

spected county citizen, died at her finance the purchase of topacco in the passar Annual to spected county citizen, died at her finance the purchase of topacco in the passar Annual to spected county citizen, died at her finance the purchase of topacco in the passar Annual to specify the place of the Imperial Tobacco ters interpreting the causes served by the gifts of the church were Prof. Cooper said that D. N. Hix. H. L. Swain, Mrs. Sam Ed-

Following the mass meeting, quite night when a chorus, a quartet, and a few farmers remained to perfect soloists from the Maple Grove Chris the machinery for conducting the tian church will interpret evangelisextensive membership campaign, the goal of which has been 1,000 new has a reputation for splendid evanmembers within the next month. The gelistic music. The quartet and solo last campaign, netting nearly 500 ist from the group have appeared in members in the county, was started a bit late, but the current drive is expected to enjoy this new type of service Sunday night. This second service in the series of dramatic worship is under the direction of Mr. H

This service opens the "Church In terest Month" series that is being put on by the local Methodist church Sidney Beacham and Joe Griffin, of Bear Grass Township; Gaston James day. The morning service will cenand W. L. Ausbon, of Cross Roads Township; M. H. Leggett and H. L. tions of the church. A special fea-Township; M. H. Leggett and H. L. tions of the church of the "Pay Manning, of Griffins Township; Rob-ert Everett and J. H. Ayers, of Goose Out Offering" for connectional obligations and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

SPECIAL

Suicide Bob Hayes, a former employee on the local tobacco market, is offering \$25 to any person who will ride with him when he attempts to jump fourteen stock cars in front, of the Williamston fair grounds Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The only condition the daredevil passenger will be required to meet is a written release in case of injury or death.

It is possible Hayes will have a passenger, reports stating that Fred Chesson, garage mechans, is considering the offer.

Thousand Farmers Crowd Into For Leaf Election And Around the Courthouse Last Evening To Hear Discussions

Sizable Number Exhibits and Big MidwayatFairThis Week

Opening for the first time in recent measure up to expectations in quanston fair today has a surprisingly fast preparing an interesting display large number of exhibits and a greater midway than were expected. a exhibit hall. The Plymouth, James hurried review of the grounds this ville and Oak City chapters of Funeasure up to records established pleted their exhibits in recent years. In addition to the general entertanment program, Suicide Hayes and midget auto races

The Art Lewis midway, recognized as one of the fastest ing preparations this morning to

health department and Works Pro-gress Administration. The general under the old Colonial barter sys

years under clear skies, the William tity, and the colored high school is ton fair today has a surprisingly fast preparing an interesting display forning indicating the fair will ture Farmers of America have com "We realize the unfavorable con-

and Friday afternoons respectively shows in the South, was rapidly mak- Chambliss said today, adding that

ditions existing in this and adjoin will feature the show on Wednesday and Friday afternoons respectively and Friday afternoons respectively recogniz-growing bringing here what we consider the growing people will enjoy." Manager N Y week of merriment is quite timely open the 1939 edition of the fair with while the markets prepare to reopen dozen rides and amusement stands. week after next. As a special induce-Eighteen group exhibits had been ment, the management is accepting curtually completed this morning by 4-H club members, home demonstration clubs. Boy Scouts, the county Wednesday More than 3,000 pounds

PlanningCounty-Wide Campaign for Control

Basic Facts Will Be Placed Before Farmers Of County

Large Numbers Expected To Attend Series of Meetings

A whirl wind campaign to place basic facts before tobacco growers tion. The service Sunday night fea- of the ten community centers. Planservation agricultural association the meetings will stress the facts un ontrol program.

The campaign got underway in the ounty courthouse last night when a large crowd heard prominent farm leaders discuss the problem now fac ing the tobacco grower. Tomorrow might at 7.30 o'clock, the campaign to guarantee a stabilized market,"

The second service in the special Goose Nest and Griffins Townships series will be given next Sunday The Goose Nest meeting will be held in the Oak City High School audi orium, and the Griffins meeting u scheduled in the Farm Life scho Thursday night at the same hour neetings will be held at Everetts and Hassell On Friday night, September 29, a large number of farmers are expected for meetings at Bea Grass and Jamesville. The campaign will be brought to a close, according to a schedule formulated in the office of the county agent here yes-terday, at Robersonville and in Wilams Township next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock

While recognizing the inheren right of every grower to vote as he chooses, Williamston business men sensing the serious situation facing this community and all its people are addressing a sincere appeal in behalf of the control program, "We are vitally interested in the welfare

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Tico Hurt In Factory Accident Here Monday

Roxie Wilder and Helen Ormond. mployees in the plant of the Skinner Tobacco Company here, were for a number of years. She later to find a solution some of them are painfully but not seriously injured changed her membership to the Presin an accident there yesterday morning. No bones were broken, but the victims were badly bruised. They are expected out within the substance of the substance o are expected out within two or three A shafting was said to have torn loose from its mooring and fell on the two women. One or two others were slightly hurt, but they Poplar Point Sunday afternoon by ing pleasures and never find time to were able to continue work after her pastor, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff. Inmedical attention was rendered the terment was in the family plot in lent to promote their spiritual being," the Bowen Cemetery, near here.

RESOLUTION

facing the tobacco territories and realizing that a concerted effort on the part of everyone in those territories is necessary to win the battle, a large gathering of Mar-tin County farmers in the courthouse Monday evening upon the motion of Rev. W. B. Harrington, of Farm Life, endorsed res olutions urging all business and professional men to fall in line and help carry the control pro-gram over the top on Thursday, October 5. "It is a critical time. We need and we want the help of our business men," Harrington

Recognized as 100 per cent for control, local business men have been a bit hesitant to enter the campaign for fear they would be branded as meddlers, but with the invitation extended last evening, it is certain that business men and other interested persons will do all they can

Funeral Held For Mrs. Wm. Roberson

Died Last Friday Near Robersonville

Williamston, died at her home near would agree to lend money on the Robersonville last Friday night at current tobacco crop unless there 30 o'clock following an illness of nly three weeks' duration. The daughter of Mrs. Annie Glenn,

f Williamston, and the late Robert Glenn, Mrs. Roberson was born Williamston on December 21, 1901 ried to Mr. Roberson, and he with eight children, Mrs. Lawrence Pittbaby, the latter only a few days old, Williamston, George Glenn, of Portsmouth, and James Glenn, of Uniontown, Ala., and two sisters, Mrs. Hen-ry Russell, of Suffolk, and Miss Lena reported. Sunday evening, support

Williamston for a number of years, moving to a farm near Robersonville itself. about a year or two ago. She attended the Williamston schools, and was have viewed the problem with much a member of the local Baptist church concern, and failing in their efforts devoted mother and a thoughtful turn to the worship services in great-wife, one who placed the interests of er numbers in the future.

Schaub And Floyd Cite Urgent Need For Leaf Program

There's Hope If Program Is Carried; Little Hope If Program Fails

facing them, nearly 1,000 Martin County farmers, their faces stern and their nerves tense, made it quite house here last night that they are ready and anxious to tackle the tobacco problem at the ballot box on Thursday of next week.

upon sound business judgment, the speakers made it quite clear and un-

serious situation, but it is in the hands of the farmers to determine if r them or turned against them,

afternoon, told the interested group The need for a production control good business sense by the head of the State extension forces in State "The world wants about 750 million pounds of our tobacco anmually At the present time there two years supply on hand, and to aggravate that situation the produced over a billion pounds this more than was needed or wanted. perial Company withdrew from the markets, losing an outlet to the far ners of one third of their crop. Oth r buyers, sensing the serious situa tion forced the closing of the mar kets because they could not cope with the problem. A meeting was held in Raleigh, and representatives of farmers business and profession-I men and others wanted to know that the government could and would do An amended control law made it possible for a referendum to be called at any time after July 1 inlead of after November 15 and the empowered to make loans" Dean

Schaub explained "Now the anti-control forces say the government is forcing the far-mers to vote for control. We are not In County Sunday dictating a single vote but we are trying to explain what is strictly a Daughter of Mrs. Annie Glenn business proposition. There is too much tobacco The government has agreed to take the Imperial Company's place on the market but it must have the assure that farmers will reduce production next year. Mrs William Roberson, a native of Bankers or no other business man was some assurance of production

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Increased Church Attendance Here

After experiencing an almost botman, of Wilson, Louise, Havel, Resa temics, attendance shoop, William Lee, Evelyn, Esther, Ernest and a ston churches last Sunday reported an increased interest in religious survive. She also leaves besides her worship, one report stating that mother, three brothers, Lee Glenn, of nearly 100 persons were present for were present at a second church.

Mae Glenn, of Williamston of the various denominations con-Following her marriage to Mr Roberson she made her home near of one religious leader, a far more

her family ahead of her own.

Funeral services were conducted in the little Presbyterian Chapel in that so many find time to seek pass-