#### ESTABLISHED 1899

# His Home Saturday

**Funeral Services Conducted** Yesterday Morning At 11 O'Clock

Walter Halberstadt, well-known local citizen and a direct descendant of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, died suddenly at his home on West Church Street here Saturday morning at 5 o'clock. Following an unusually active schedule of activities on his farm during the week, Mr. Halberstadt complained of being tired on Thursday evening after completing his work for the day. He did not feel very well the following day and complained of having the indigestion. After taking some medicine gestion. After taking some medicine, his condition improved and he returned to his farm that afternoon. Early that evening, he suffered an attack, but was found to be getting along very well when his doctor visited him a short time later. He took some medicine and retired, apparently as well as usual. Saturday morning about 4 o'clock he complained of having a severe attack of indigestion and explained to Mrs. Halberstadt that he could hardly get his breath. She suggested calling for the doctor, but he insisted that he would be all right in a short while. He went outside on the porch, but as his condition became worse he returned to his bedroom, placed his hands and head on the bed. Mrs. Halberstadt hurried to call for a doc tor and before she could get back to him he was breathing his last News of his death came as a shock to relatives and friends, many of whom had discussed farming and other topics with him just a short time before.

The son of the late Casper and

America Wilson Halberstadt, he was born in Philadelphia 59 years ago last February. After completing his education, he started traveling for a St. Löuis firm, and came to Williamston in 1911. Two years later he was married to Mrs. Sallie Asby Crowell and established his home here. About six years later he re-tired as a salesman, and bought a farm here. Interested in agriculture mainly from a scientific standpoint, he applied new principles to this section's farming schedule. He fol-lowed a diversified program, and was keenly interested in poultry, live-stock and soil conservation. Enjoying the atmosphere of a congenial home and expressing a keen inter-est in his work, Mr. Halberstadt seemed to get much out of life during the years spent here.

While he was friendly and accom-modating and possessed of a pleasant nature, he found his greatest happiness not in the crowd but in his home and in his work. He appreciated the basic ideals of society, and always took a fearless and definite stand for that which was right and just in his sight. Sympathetic with the drive against liquor, he accept-ed the post of United States Commishere back in 1938. While he was stern with those who appeared before him in his court, he made certain that justice should prevail for the accused. In his home he was thoughtful and kind, and in his dealings with his fellowman he was considerate and respectful of the opin-

Mr. Halberstadt, besides his wife, leaves two brothers, Messrs. Leon Halberstadt, a short-time resident of Williamston, but who is now at home in Parris, Missouri, and Casper Halberstadt, of Philadelphia, and a sister, Mrs. James Brumback, of Memphis, Missouri. He was a cousin of the inventor of the Winchester rifle. and was a member of a prominent family of Wilson who came to this country the early part of the past

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday morning at 11 o'clock with Reverends B. T. Hurley, John Hardy, Z. T. Piephoff, J. H. Smith and John L. Goff officiat-ing. Burial was in the family plot in the local cemetery.

### Several Sentenced In Federal Court

Several Martin County men were sentenced to federal prison in At-lanta and several others were placed on probation by Judge Isaac M. Meekins in federal court at Washbill was not returned by the grand jury in the case against Llewellyn and George Barber and Lewis Simp-son. There was some doubt about this case at first, but since it involver Walter Halberstadt sent it up for

James Keys, Joe James, Fate Smith, Lorrie Williams, and Lemuel

# Walter Halberstadt Hunters In County Are Urged Young School Girl Passes Suddenly At To Help Prevent Forest Fires

fires that will prove costly to woods-land and game. Game Warden Ab-zens in that district volunteered \$30 bitt says the prospects are good for hunting this year, that there have been few violations of the hunting started from a wash pot, was re-laws and that licenses are on sale by ported in Williams Township, but it the same firms announced last sea-

Forest fires flared up in the counvin Leggett said yesterday that sev-eral hundred acres of timberlands At few times has the danger

Hunters turning to the woods tomorrow in search of squirrels are being urged to exercise every case possible in preventing forest fires. The
dry season is offering a dangerous
situation, and unless care is exercised, hunters are subject to start
fires that will prove costly to woodswas brought under control in very few hours.

According to the warden prosecuty on a fairly large scale last week, tions are expected to follow in one at least one of them having been or two cases, and some action is started by a "sportsman" hunting pending against one man who refus-out of season. Forest Warden Mar-

were burned in various parts of the county during the period. A fire, people of the county are urged to starting last Tuesday in the Hassell help hold the menace in check.

# County-WideDrivefor FarmBureau Members

BOOKMOBILE

Making its first trip in the county as a county-sponsored-project, the library truck or bookmobile placed 79 yolumes, and laid the foundation for an increased patronage next month. The bookmobile, operate by Miss Bernice Ward who is being accompanied on its initial run by Miss Elizabeth House, librarian Hyde Regional Library Association, is making its second trip in the county today and will maintain an announced sched-

ule through Friday.

The service is being hampered to some extent by a book shortage, but this will be elim-inated soon. Weekly schedules will be maintained in the coun-ty once each month.

### Russia's Stubborn Resistance Holding Nazi Invaders Back

Winston Churchill Releases a Bright Report on the War Today

Offering an almost unbelievable esistance in the face of great odds, he Russians today were reported to the central sector where the Germans were hurled back in vast numbers and with costly losses both in more attention to them when shopmen and equipment. Twelve parter divisions in that area were placed in full retreat, creating a vast "graveyard" of German tanks.

The high command claimed that a Swain, Harrell Everett, Charles

Russian tank unit in a northwest Daniel and C. A. Roberson. sector had slain or wounded 1,500 No. 2, J. R. Winslow, Robersonmore enemy casualties were rolled ben Everett, Rey Taylor, Jesse Crisp, John Eagles and T. L. House.

No. 3, D. V. Clayton, of Williams-The morning communique said 113

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### Victim Of Accident Dies Last Evening

Injured in an automobile accident on Williamston's main street on May 30th of last year, Robert B. Elliott died in the county home near here last evening at 8 o'clock. Pneumonia, developing just a few days ago, was given as the immediate cause of his

Funeral services are being con-

About 70 years old, Elliott came to Williamston as a wandering scissors grinder on May 29. Early in the ington yesterday and this morning. evening of May 30th he walked into Two defendants facing the court the street on the brink of the river were found not guilty, and a true hill and was struck by a car driven by S. W. Manning, Jr. One of his legs was badly broken. Removed to the hospital here, he spent about two months there before he was carried to the county home. Although he vired an accident with a federal offi-cer's car, the late U. S. Commission-arthritis gripped him and for many months he was a helpless invalid, lying day in and day out in the county home unable to move even a fin-

Harrison, Robert Taylor, Robert Bailey, Jr., James Russell Cherry, Foy man's case. He was said to have been Rogers and Toby Bowen were placed on probation for 18 months. Arkansas, but if he had any people Charles Razor and Cecil Pippen were or friends anywhere in the world the control of th Charles Razor and cent rippen were of triends anywhere in the world found not guilty. William James, James Pippen and Simon Gardner deresses and all other facts about himwere sentenced to prison for a year and a day.

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# Goal Set For 1,000 New Members In County This Season

Membership Teams Named at Special Meeting Here Last Friday

Appreciative of the work the Naional Farm Bureau has done for years, farm leaders and other inter-ested county citizens in a special neeting held in the legion hut last Friday evening formulated plans and immediately started out to round up 1,000 members in the county this ear for the organization.

Considerable interest was shown in the membership campaign, and present indications are that the goal Ed O'Neal, president of the National organization, has already promis-ed that he will visit Martin County and address the annual meeting of the members if the goal is reached. Few things have gained for Martin County more favorable publicity throughout the State and parts of the United States than its leadership in the Farm Bureau. Business men are showing more interest in the organzation, and farmers are now realizing more than ever the value of farm organization.

Headed by captains, six membership teams immediately went into be holding the Nazi invaders in action following the meeting last check from nearly one end to the other of the 1,800-mile-long front. other of the 1,800-mile-long front members have been signed since Startling reverses were reported in that time. Business memberships are recognized by a small red card, and mans were hurled back in vast num- Farm Bureau members are paying

German officers and men, while 600 ville, captain; Lester Everett, Reu-

No. 3, D. V. Clayton, of Williamston, captain; W. R. Everett, Herbert Roebuck, J. B. Whitfield, E. V. Smith, T. B. Slade and J. H. Ayers. No. 4, H. U. Peel, of Bear Grass, captain; George Griffin, Marvin

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### **Merchants Battling New Tax Schedules**

Meeting in the Chamber of Commerce office on Washington Street yesterday afternoon, local merchants and other business men tackled the ducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock by there was some uncertainty as to Rev. James H. Smith and interment how the tax will be handled, it was will follow in Potter's Field, near the old county home. definitely determined that the law requires the retailer to pass the tax on to the ultimate consumer. Viola-ion of the tax provision subjects the evening of May 30th he walked into that the tax cannot be absorbed by the retailer. Another worry feature about the new tax schedule is the added bookkeeping.

It is not definitely clear just what or how many articles are affected by the tax. It is assumed that the new defense levy will be placed on luxuries in general and on such specia items as jewelry, cosmetics, hair preparations, and toilet preparations in general. These items are taxable at 10 per cent of the retail price. Automobile tires are to be taxed at 1-2 cents per pound and inner tuber at the rate of 4 1-2 cents a pound. Plain matches are taxed at the rate

of 2 cents per thousand matches. The new tax schedule becomes ef-fective tomorrow, October 1st, and

# **Fatally Injured In Everetts Accident**

Funeral Services for Lela B. Mobley Held in Cross Roads Sunday

Lela Brown Mobley, thirteen-yearold school girl, died at the home of checks for the 201 teachers, thirteen her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny janitors and forty bus, drivers, mentary teachers were increased ed citizen, died at his home in Cross Mobley, in Cross Roads Township, from an injury received on the Everetts school playground early that afternoon. Her death came as a decided shock to her many little playrelatives and numerous friends in the school and in her home

Struck by a foul ball, the seventh grade pupil slumped to the ground. At first it could not be learned what had happened, but several children on the grounds later stated that they saw the ball when it struck her in he temple, but her condition was not regarded as serious. Removed to the first-aid room, she revived but did ot know what had happened. After Principal Gaskill had made arrangements to take her to a doctor, her condition apparently had improved and at her suggestion and the suggestion of a number of children who knew her she was taken to her home not so far from Everetts. She told the school man and one of the school teachers where she lived, and with assistance was able to get out of the car and walk into the house. The services of a doctor were not considered necessary even then, but later that afternoon she became worse and before a doctor could be called she died. It was stated that a blood clot had formed back of her ear, and that medical aid could have

been of little or no value. While she was not participating in the game, she stood about fifteen agriculture in North Carolina and feet from the home plate and ap-Martin County during the past few parently enjoyed seeing the other years, farm leaders and other interthrowing the ball very easily, and it hardly seemed possible that she could have been hurt seriously. In fact ,the players did not realize at the time that she had even been hit and it could not be learned who was batting at the time.

The only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mobley, she was a good student of 1,000 members will be reached. in the school, Principal Gaskill stating that she had a very pleasing personality and was very dependable. She was an active member of the Christian Endeavor Society at Christian Chapel and enjoyed the friend-ship of all her playmates. She was a native of Jamesville Township, but had spent most of her life in

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville Burial was in the Clark cemetery, not far from the home.

The accident was one of the first if not the first on a school play

### District Clubs To Meet Here Friday 28 cents.

here next Friday morning. Ranking Choice officials in the State organization, Fine including Mrs. D. B. Rankin, of Mt. Good Gilead, president; Mrs. C. B. Beas-ley, of Colerain, second vice presi-dent, and Mrs. J. D. Joyner, of Farm-Good ville, district president, are to Fair have parts on the program which Low will get underway in the Baptist Common Church at 10 o'clock that morning. Fair (Greenish)

Officials of the two local clubs are Officials of the two local clubs are Low (Greenish) 31.00 urging a 100 per cent attendance by Red Leaf arging a 100 per cent attendant the their membership. Members of the Low Common N. C. Green and make reservations Orange Smoking Leaf for the luncheon in the club hall. Fine Mrs. Charles Leohard and Mrs. Good Wheeler Manning will be in charge Fair of the luncheon arrangements for the Low Junior club.

The district includes thirty clubs, junior and senior, in the counties of Fine Bertie, Beaufort, Hyde, Pitt, Tyr-rell, Washington and Martin.

#### ALMOST

The paving project on the river fill was almost complete at 2 o'clock this afternoon, a report stating that the sand sup-ply was running short and that the paving would fall short of completion possibly by a few feet. Just about 100 feet were to be paved at that time, and there was guessing on both sides as to whether the sand supply would last. Representatives of the cono'clock this afternoon that the project would be completed within another hour or two.

The pavers are to handle a small private contract for the Brown Community Hospital be-fore moving back to South Caro-

The company had its first ac-M. O. Smith stepped into the path of a truck and suffered a broken arm. He is out and on the

## Pay Day Tomorrow for School James Reuben Keel Employees In Martin County

office of the superintendent has been colored elementary teachers which busy these past few days drawing total jumped from \$6,347 to \$7,672. ouses in greater numbers.

ers, principals, janitors and bus term. White high school teachers are attending physicians holding no drivers amounts to \$24,278.50, the receiving \$2.868, or \$59 more than hope for his recovery from the start. 101 white teachers and principals re-ceiving \$14,194, and the 91 colored compared with \$949 last year. Bus Mr. Keel, unable to lie down, sat

Completing the first month of the bus drivers will bring up the rear current term and having earned their with \$380 in cash. The combined pay-salaries during the past four weeks roll for the first month this term is of summer weather, Martin County \$2,506.00 larger than it was for the teachers tomorrow will enjoy their same month, a year ago. Most of the first pay day in five months. The gain is centered in the salaries of

192. The thirteen janitors will pay off five months of accumulated debts with a total of \$502.50, maybe. The are sharing in a \$47 gain.

they did a year ago, and the janitors hours without confidence in the second teachers are to get \$958 as interese suffering are sharing in a \$47 gain.

# Tobacco Prices Hold in Cross Roads Township 65 years ago, the sixth of this month. He spent his entire life in or near his birth-Firm On Market Here

## Yesterday's Block Sales Are Cleared **Early This Morning**

Better Grades Leveled Off in The 40-Cent Class; Poorer Grades Higher Sky-high prices, reached on the

Williamston Tobacco Market last Friday, are holding their own to farmers stating that they are unable to detect any change at all in the price schedule. The peek for individual sales has apparently beer reached and for the most part prices seldom range above 50 cents, but those grades of inferior quality seem to be showing added strength. Those prices ranging from 40 to 45 cents are popular with the buyers, and i takes a pile of exceptionally good to bacco to bring fifty cents or more There were a few piles selling this morning around 50 cents, but the 40

to 44-cent piles were numerous.

The quality of the offerings ye terday and today is hardly up to that of last Friday when a new high ed right at 39 cents. Yesterday's average for 256,000 pounds was right at 38 cents. Block sales were reported yesterday, and the approximately 55,000 pounds on the block were cleared from the floors this morning the sales schedule by early this af-

The market to date has sold right The market to date has sold right tural Fair officially got underway at five and a quarter million pounds here this morning. The opening was or about one million pounds more without pomp or ceremony, reports than was sold during the entire 1940 from the grounds stating that everyseason. It is estimated that the aver-

A comparison of prices received on the local market and based on feder-43.00 41.00 39.00 28.00 41.00 40.00 30.00 Lemon Cutters 41.00

### **Funeral Friday For** Mrs. Jas. Beacham

44.00

Funeral services were conducted last Friday afternoon in the Bethany Holiness Church for Mrs. James H. Beacham who died in a Washington hospital on Wednesday of peritonitis.

A portion of the convoy stopped at Mickey's Inn for lunch, the entire the teacher training program, and group moving into Goldsboro where with the Greenville institution. Research to the pight and Sunday be with the Greenville institution. She had been sick only a short time. Rev. Tom Harris conducted the last rites and interment was in the Bown family cemetery.

Miss Effie Wynne before her mar-

riage, she was 38 years old, and the daughter of the late Lawrence and Elenzia Wynne, of this county. She married Mr. Beacham when quite young and he survives with the following children. Robert Beacham, Mrs. Essie Modlin, Samuel Maurice, John Lawrence, James and Harold Saunders Beacham, all of this county.

The maneuvers are to last during to accommodate five teachers each college eniors in home economics will study here during the school will

#### IDLE

County and local police were idle for the most part last week-end, and Jailer Roy Peel got a well-carned rest. For the first time in recent weeks, not a single person was jailed in the county's hoosegow during the week-end. The jail was filled almost to overflowing on the previous week-end, and a few less than a dozen were jailed on Saturday and Sunday, a week before that.

There were one or two minor disturbances during the weekend, but the one or two persons falling into the hands of the law arranged bond.

The officers, jailing four persons yesterday, apparently are off to a fairly good start on a new weekly record.

# Legion Post Opens Here This Morning

Keen Competition Apparent In Community and Vocational Exhibits

Hassell Post of the American Legion, tive in advancing things that were the annual Martin County Agricul good and uplifting. While absent of

bers of women's clubs in this, the fifteenth North Carolina district, are expected to most in the state of th \$47.00 and it was evident that the awards would not be announced before pos-44.00 would not be amounced before possibly the latter part of the week Quite a few exhibits have been en tered in the poultry, swine and cat-tle buildings, but just before eleven o'clock this morning all the deliveries had not been made.

Much attention is being centered in the main exhibit building where keen competition is apparent for the community and vocational depart-ment prizes. Oak City, Robersonville and Jamesville are well represented by their vocational departments, and (Continued on page four)

# 31.00 Coast Artillerymen

the fall maneuver areas in eight their special work, they will iden-North Carolina counties along the tify themselves with the whole

North Carolina counties along the South Carolina boundary.

Reaching here about 12:30 Eastern Standard Time, the convoy was more than one and one-half hours passing a given point. The large president of Eastern Carolina Teachtrucks, many with trailers attached, traveled in groups and a few minutes. Funeral services were conducted traveled in groups and a few minutes school had been approved by the

grounds.

# Died At His Home Early Last Sunday

Funeral Services Yesterday For Well-Known Citizen and Farmer

James Reuben Keel, well-known Checks for quite a number of color- from \$7,872.50 to \$8,330, the gain here Roads Township Sunday morning at ed teachers will not be delivered to-morrow because their schools were the colored elementary teachers. closed when the children turned to the cotton fields and tobacco pack-\$1,750 as compared with \$1.342 last Keel underwent treatment in a hosbuses in greater numbers.

Year. The colored principals are reputal for some time, but had spent ceiving \$364 against \$337.50 last the last several months at his home, eiving \$14.194, and the 91 colored compared with \$34.5 last year l

Elizabeth Bowen Keel, he was born sion for a livelihood and living

peaceably with his fellowman.

When a young man he was married to Miss Mollie Brown, and four children, Mrs. Carl Rosenbaum and Miss Velma Keel, of Tarboro: Mrs. Hoyt Cowen, of Bear Grass, and Claudie Keel, of Cross Roads, survive this union. Following the death of his first wife he was married to Miss Sylvina Harrison. Four children survive this union. They are Willie Keel, of Cross Roads; Joseph Keel, of Bear Grass, Miss Mary Eliz abeth Keel, deputy clerk of the Martin County Superior Court, and Leamon Keel, of Burlington. His last marriage was to Mrs. Tempie Stalls Taylor, who survives with two children, Ludie Faye Keel, and Norwood Keel, of the home. He also leaves two step-children, Mrs. Clyde Carmichael, of Raleigh, and William Herbert Taylor, of Bear Grass; three sisters, Mrs. Staton Bullock, of Cross Roads, Mrs. Stephen Bullock, of Wilhamston, and Mrs. Samuel Biggs, of Bear Grass, and two brothers, Messrs Augustus L. Keel, of Bear Grass, and W. J. Keel, of Williams-

A member of the church at Cross Roads ever since boyhood, Mr. Keel in his daily life set a worthy example for others to follow. He was con siderate of his fellowman, and seem Annual County Fair ed to enjoy the fellowship and confidence of others. While he was a loyal supporter and faithful to his own church, he was active in the reigious life of other denominations He found time to visit other churches, to prepare lunches and participate in the big yearly meetings on other church grounds. Possessed of a cheery and humble dis position, he could be found supportall pretense and marked by humble-ness, his life was patterned after Christian ideals, and even in trying periods of despair he seemed to en-joy its fullness, entertaining at all times an implicit fatth and a never A last-minute rush marked the delivery of exhibits, and even as the
deadline neared, the exhibitors were
rushing to get the last items on display. The judges' schedule had not
been announced early this afternoon,
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ry. D. W. Davis and Z. T. Piephoff. Interment was in the Stalls family

# In Local Schools

Five members of the senior class the Sandy Ridge, Bear Grass, Farm of Eastern Carolina Teachers College reported to the Williamston High School yesterday morning where they will engage in observa-tion and practice teaching until December 19th when the fall quarter ends at the Greenville institution. Pass Through Here Preparing to teach home economics and science in the high schools of Traveling in more than three hundred vehicles, 1,500 soldiers from curriculum and methods in these Camp Pendleton passed through here last Saturday afternoon en route to teaching problems. In addition to

they spent the night and Sunday be-fore continuing to the maneuver garded as an honor for the local school, the request was readily Quite a few local people took granted and arrangements made to

New Jersey and New York.

The maneuvers are to last during kinson; Ida Ruth Knowles, and Pauline Mitchell, Trotvil