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Plan Freezer Locker Gen. Hideki Tojo Is Plant For The County Near Death Result Of Suicide Attempt

ACTION

After issuing repeated warn-

ings, members of the North Caro-

lina Highway Patrol are now

taking action against the opera-

tion of motor vehicles improper-

ly equipped. The drive against

operating motor vehicles with

improper brakes and inadequate

lights netted about twenty alleg-

ed violators, including one or

two speedsters and a drunken

Accompanying the action was

solemn warning issued by

County Judge J. C. Smith at the

regular session of his court this

week. "Some business man in

this county wanted to know

what would be done if his driv-

ers were not licensed operators.

Well, tell him they will be brought into the courts. And the

speed limit is still 35 miles an hour," he concluded

Increase Noted In

Draft Registration

Forty-three Men, Mostly Boys

In Eighteen-Year-Old

Group, Signed

eighteenth birthday, registered last

service before the draft was created,

have served long periods of time

Just recently the Draft Board

warned that some youths had not

registered after reaching their

eighteenth birthday. Following that

warning, an increase has been noted

largest recorded in recent months.

Samuel Ray Coburn, w, RFD

istering in August follow:

RFD 2. Williamstor

RFD 1, Oak City.

Robersonville.

sonville.

Hobgood.

liamston

Robersonville.

47, Fort Bragg.

Robersonville.

Robersonville.

Robersonville.

Robersonville.

Names and addresses of those reg-

Roy Hubert Bland, w. Williamston.

John Dee Bland, w, Williamston.

Noah Herman Thompson,

Levy Broadie, col., RFD 2, Rober-

Julius Thomas Price, w, Hamilton.

William Alfonza James, w, RFD 1,

Benjamin Edwards, col, Williams-

John Lloyd Corey, Jr., w, RFD 1,

Phillip Elbert Powell, col., Hamil-

William Hopkins, Jr., col., James-

Lonza Langley, col., RFD 2, Rob-

Dean Junior Clark, col., RFD 1

William Henry Peel, col., RFD 1

James Robert Smith, Jr., w, box

Charlie Felton Keel, w, RFD 2,

Ernest Earl Briley, col., RFD 1

James Edward Rollins, col., RFD

Joe Nathan Parker, col., RFD 2,

Clifton Loelen Whitaker, w, Rob-

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EARLY START

Speaking of some of the prob-

lems school authorities have to

face each year, County Superin-

tendent J. C. Manning told how

one youngster in a county school

began his scholastic efforts in

September when his sixth birth-

day anniversary was not due un-

til a year from the next Novem-

ber, a mere 13 months before the

legal age for admittance to the

J. D. Carr, col., RFD 1, Oak City.

Forty-three Martin County men,

For the Past Month

driver last week-end.

Proposed Structure And Equipment Will Cost About \$50,000

Public Meeting Will Hear Detailed Plans In High School Here Monday

In a public meeting at the high school building here next Monday night at 8:30 o'clcok, detailed plans for the construction of a \$50,000 freezer locker plant for the farmers of this county will be outlined and discussed. A representative of the Freezer Locker Corporation will be present to lead the discussion and answer questions in connection with the proposed plant and its operation. Farmers are cordially urged to attend and the general public is invit-

in the number of the control of the number o

following divisions: office, processing room, quick freeze space, aging room, storage room, room for picking and processing chickens, and 500 food lockers.

The estimated cost of the plant will be \$50,000 excluding the building lot. This will include the building insulation, modern machine for picking chickens, lockers and other equipment. The plant will be so constructthere is a sufficient demand for additional lockers. Small feeder plants ber are just eighteen years old. will be constructed within other Twenty-one of them are white. A areas of the county so that it can few of the registrants, entering the serve the farmers more efficiently.

Mr. J. E. Coad, of the Coad and Associates, Inc., of Raleigh met with the county agents and a group of interested business-men of the county and outlined the procedure for freezer locker plant construction.

Mr. Coad explained that his company would operate on either of three plans: 1. Build, own and operate. 2. Build and operate with locally financed. 3. Build and sell to interested local men.

Before priorities can be obtained for this construction, it will be neces- Jamesville. sary for an education campaign to

be conducted within the county. The plant is to be first of all for the benefit of the farmers. At least liamston. 200 of the proposed 500 lockers must he remaining lockers then may be sold to business men. The rental price of the lockers Williamston. will be about \$15.00 per year per six cubic feet of locker space. Any per- RFD 1, Hamilton. son may have more than one locker if it is desired. The rent of the locker must be paid in advance and money deposited in the local bank. Abut 50 per cent of the lockers must be sold before any construction on the building may begin.

Complete Contracts For War Prisoners

Coming in as early as 6 o'clock ville. Monday morning, hundreds of Martin County farmers applied for German prisoners of war to help with the 1945 peanut crop harvest. All contracts were completed by early Jamesville. afternoon, and other contracts will be considered only in cases where 1. Robersonville. there are cancellations. It was impossible to get a check on the con- ston. tracts and the number of acres the approximately 200 prisoners are Williamston. scheduled to harvest beginning on or about next Monday. It was learned ton that the labor contracted Monday will cost approximately \$14,000.

No contracts were made for after October 13, one report stating that ton the prisoners would either be turned back to industry or returned to Germany about that time.

Last year prisoners of war har- ersonville. vested 2,100 acres of peanuts in this

Filling Station Is Robbed Near Here

Forcing an entrance by tearing a lock from the front door, robbers entered Henry Harris' filling station in Bear Grass Township last Friday night and stole about \$17 or \$18 in pennies, nickels and dimes.

Apparently looking for sugar, the robbers literally tore up the inside of the station-store, upsetting soft drink bottles, bags of seed, boxes and other goods.

Other than the money, very little was missed from the store, officers

Wife Badly Beaten By Husband Last Saturday

According to reports heard here yesterday, Ned Stokes badly beat his wife, Sarah, last Saturday afternoon. Said to have been drinking, Stokes struck his wife with a piece of 2 by 4 timber, inflicting a 4-stitch gash under one of her eyes.

instorians May Disagree Ove Cause of Pacific War, Tojo Declared

General Hideki Tojo, the warmaking premier whose government planned and executed the attack on Pearl Haroor nearly four years ago, was reported early today to be at the point of death as a result of a self-inflicted gun wound. Few details of the suicide attempt could be had immediately, but it was pointed out that the wound is certain to orove fatal, that the old war lord and iron-hand dictator may have al ready died.

The suicide attempt was made just a short time after the No. 1 crimi-nal in the Pacific war had given an interview in which he declared that America can place the blame for war, but that historians 500 or 1,000 years from now may judge different y. While Tojo was denying blame for the war, he was particular not

forward rapidly, but at the same time, Jap armies entertain the idea local building supply work and the that they have not been beaten, reports indicating that they are marking time until they can prepare for another sneak attack. Other reports Builders Supply Company left Tuesment is forming, that there is talk of the Japs trying to perfect a super atomic bomb for another fling at de-

most of them just past their Louis Mountbatten is scheduled to ed as it may be enlarged, whenever month for possible service in the Singapore tomorrow, and the dissoaccept the surrender of the Japs at dition, each man was given from \$2 ning, who declares that vital statisarmed forces. Thirty-six of the num- lution of the Japs' military machine has been ordered by General Mac-

> to a voluntary enlistment basis, but ed to work in the lumber and pulp as well as possible with whatever so far it is making very little prog-

in the registration. The number registering last month was about the wear have been removed from the Antilles group, and is near the coast teachers now although some of the

A return to standard time is proposed for September 30.

Jimmie Rhodes Cherry, w, Wil-Herbert Duran Williams, Jr., w. RFD 2, Williamston.

Honor General Jonathan Wain- in Washington and the immigration Lack of housing facilities here had port for pre-induction examinations authorities have ruled that all for-complicated the teacher problem, at Fort Bragg. Two, Zebb Gaynor, wright, the hero of Corregidor re-authorities have ruled that all for-complicated the teacher problem, at Fort Bragg. Two, Zebb Gaynor, wright, the hero of Corregidor re-authorities have ruled that all for-complicated the teacher problem, at Fort Bragg. Two, Zebb Gaynor, authorities have ruled that all for-complicated the teacher problem, at Fort Bragg. Two, Zebb Gaynor, wright, the hero of Corregidor re-authorities have ruled that all for-complicated the teacher problem, at Fort Bragg. Two, Zebb Gaynor, called the meeting a special convention of the williamston.

Mack Henry Cherry, w. RFD 2, Honor in Washington in one of the once. This action was taken because principal of the williamston light John Wallace was transferred to thing but a harvy one. The William Clifton Lawrence, col.,

Justice Hassell Has

William Henry Warren, w, RFD 1, Justice J. L. Hassell had a busy Henry Andrews, col., RFD 2, Robtime in his court during the past few days, and more cases were being Julius Clayton Parker, col., RFD scheduled late yesterday for airings. Herman Earl Crawford, w, Everwas fined \$5 and taxed with the John Pierce, col., RFD 1, James-

William Lanier, charged with dis- humanly possible. Joseph Eugene Wynne, w. Wilorderly conduct, was required to pay \$7.50 costs. Joe Wilkins, Jr., col., Williamston.

Charged with being drunk, Milton Moses Leroy Merritt, w, RFD 1,

Harcum McIver Roebuck, w, RFD \$8.50 costs. John Bryant, drunk and disorder-Albert Lee Edwards, col., Williamly, was taxed \$9.50 costs.

> Leon Jones, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was bound over to the county court under \$50 bond. Turner Hines, charged with dis-

> orderly conduct, was required to pay \$7.50 costs. Charged with seduction under promise of marriage, William Lilley was

John Biggs, colored, charged with he could.

reckless and careless driving result-

superior court in bond of \$500. Thurman James was bound over to allegedly violating the driver's li-

cense law. Charged with an assault with deadly weapon and disorderly conduct, Toby Barber was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$200.

Sam Simmons, charged with breaking into the home of Plab Godard the first of this month, was bound over to the superior court under bond in the sum of \$500 at a hearing last night.

Planters To Receive Leaf At 1 P. M. on Thursday

their tobacco in a dry condition.

AFTER THREE YEARS

After spending 37 months in a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines, Rev. and Mrs. Jack Vinson recently returned to the States and last week they spent days in Bear Grass, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kneezer

Harrison. Rev. Vinson, a former assistant pastor to the Williamston and Martin County Presbyterian Churches, spent several months here before he went to China as a missionary. From China he was sent to the Philippines where he and Mrs. Vinson were stationed when the attack on Pearl Harbor was made.

Barbadians Return **Home Reluctantly**

To Remain In U. S.

to mention the treatment accorded enslaved people of the master race.

The occupation of Japan' is going dians who have been e ployed in pulp industries left this area for eventual return to their home.

day morning. Twenty-eight went from the N. C. Pulp Company on Sunday, September 2. The men were sent to Rocky Mount by bus, and then boarded the train for Just now the enemy is being Camp Murphy, Fla. All travel exrounded up in his last lairs. General penses to Camp Murphy were paid by the employing companies. In adto \$3 spending money by the com- tics indicate present facilities will be panies for the trip.

These workers, who have been with the county concerns since June Kiwanis Club Thursday night, Sup-On the home front, Congress is 4, are a part of a group of 1,644 Bar- erintendent Manning told of the vex taking up the question of demobili- badians who docked at Norfolk on atious problems with which school zation with requests pouring in for June 3. They were brought to the authorities everywhere are now comthe release of more men faster and county by the government to relieve pelled to contend. Some of them, he a limit on the number of draftees. the serious manpower shortage pre- said, are met and solved as they The draft problem is being shifted valent at that time and were assign. come up. Others have to be handled industries by contracts negotiated relief is available through the War Manpower Com- The teacher problem has been The end of meat rationing is in mission. Their native island of Bar- a serious one, as it has all over the sight for October 1, but it is not cer- bados is a British Crown Colony, one state, but all classes in the county are Boots and other rubber foot- of the Winward Islands in the lesser provided with the best available of Venezuela

These workers were returned be- staff were lost to other counties paycause their initial 90-day contract ing supplements to the teachers to Amidst the postwar problems, the has been automatically terminated increase their pay over the amount nation yesterday took time out to honor General Jonathan Wain- in Washington and the immigration Lack of housing facilities here had

ers Supply Company said all his men perhaps only after a change in the years of age. expressed a reluctance to leave, and national economic picture before the Names and indicated that they would prefer men return to the class rooms, he called are, as follows: Charged with operating a trailer scale of Barbados. Although they without lights, J. Archie Whitaker accepted their departure in a resigned manner most of the men stated Williamston school this year, there Hamilton; Julius Ward, Roberson- mate profit from the sale of two or that they would return here if it was will be 28 next year on the basis of ville; John Wallace, Jr., Williamston three quarts.

workmen, one fair and the other partment. three were of local caliber," Mr. Harris was fined \$1.50 and taxed with Griffin said. "It was unfortunate for us that they had to leave soon ton schools, Superintendent Manning Hassell; after they had got accustomed to our said that no further expansion was work and had acclimated themselves.

Mr. Griffin stated that the Barbadians did not have large, fine quality mules in their native land. One property is not capable of handling Whit Clemmons, Williamston; Coremployer, became devoted to a pair building there would not leave sufof mules owned by Messrs. Griffin ficient room for playgrounds, he said. nurse them as if they were babies. he added, permit the children room Hamilton; Marshall Augusta Scott, When he left, with tears in his eyes, bound over to the higher court under he told them to be good to his mules of classes. for he would return just as soon as

It is doubtful whether high Ameriing in the death of Lewis Sheppard can wages resulted in the return of and William Godard near Bear Grass any new-made capitalists to Barbalast April, was bound over to the does. In addition to the regular withholding tax and social security payments extracted by Uncle Sam, the county court in bond of \$50 for the employers sent a flat 25 per cent of each man's gross wages to the British government.

Local Boy Travels

J. H. Rodgers, Jr., is a member of under advisement. a Negro unit in the Motor Transport Service which has performed a vital tion plan came up for discussion at job in getting supplies to China over the meeting, but no definite action the Stilwell Road.

the convoys of trucks traveling the intendent was instructed to move one Unable to get their floors cleared 1,079 mile route. The Motor Trans of the two teachers there to the nmediately following a sale, the port Service maintained repair staproprietors of the Planters Ware- tions and camps for the personnel other with 43 pupils. It was tentahouse here today stated that it working all the way from Ledo, in tively agreed last year that no acwould prove advantageous to all con-northeastern India, to Kunming, tion would be taken to consolidate erned to wait until Thursday at China. Working in a primitive land, the school with the one at Robersono'clock to start receiving tobacco under blistering heat, through mon-ville as long as attendance figures following the sale there tomorrow. soon rains, and in knee-deep mud, averaged 45 or more. A special plea is being directed men of the motor transport service

Tobacco Sales Exceed Three Two Nearly Cut To And One-Half Million Pounds | Death Here During

Entering their thirteenth day, to-cated that 1 150,000 pounds of leaf pacco sales on the local market today were on the warehouse floor here lew past the caree and one-half mil- at lion pound mark with prices for were waiting in line to unload a nearly all grades holding steady. soon as space was cleared on the first However, there is much damaged to- sale this morning. oacco on the floors and price averages are not up to the level reported keep their tobacco from spoiling earlier in the season. Despite in- when packed on warehouse floors reasing amounts of damaged leaf, days head of the sales, some farmer the price average last Friday for have quit preparing any for market 307,706 pounds was \$43.38.

Sales through last Friday totaled way, and it is feared in some quar 3,226,590 pounds, reports from the ters that a price drop will follow market this morning indicating that During the meantime there is a pos-

To Center Around

High School Site

County Superintendent Says

Present Facilities Are Now

Filled To Capacity

A building program for the Wil-

liamston school system in the near

future is regarded as necessary by

County Superintendent J. C. Man-

In an impromptu talk before the

veterans members of the county

wholly inadequate soon.

Mining" Frogram Bes Drivers

Realizing that it is impossible to However, the rush is still on in a big

the day's offerings would boost the sibility that selling schedules will be season total to date to well over altered again, some observers declar hree and one-half million pounds. ing that the one day holiday each A conservative estimate released week is not offering needed relief in by W. B. Watts late yesterday indi- redrying plants and factories. After 90 Days Work Williamston's School

of the county schools says that

all buses to be operated during

the year have been assigned to

drivers approved by the Safety

Department of the State High-

way Commission. Besides the re-

quirement that they be compe-

tent drivers, they must also be

more than 16 years of age, he

said. The last vacancy was filled

last week when an applicant who

had previously passed other tests

Men To Report For

Pre - Induction Test

Men Are Included

gusta Wiggins, Williamston; Ray-

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'SIGNS OF TIMES'

According to the Christian Sci-

ence Monitor, there has already

been a "reconversion of view-

point" in at least one Boston,

Mass., grocery store.

Ditches Car To Avoid

observed his 16th birthday.

The Past Few Days

farmers' trucks Drunks Wallow In Streets and Bootleggers In Special Convention Monday

> Alcoholic beverage control all but ost its grip on the liquor situation in this immediate section last week-end when the drunks moved in on Williamston in numbers and two persons were dangerously assaulted with knives, axes and baseball bats, the crime orgy being climaxed by a hig convention of alleged bootleggers in the county court on Monday. During he period, the Proctor Shoppe was entered, possibly on Sunday night.

Approximately seventeen drunks ere counted on the streets Saturday ight. Exact locations could not be ad for all, but one report declared that two were stretched out in front Many Of The Men Were Good Workers And Wanted Plant To Be Expanded of the new dime store, one in front of the old dime store, one in a yard on the main streets, two at the Two-Way Service Station. Two were plac-

> Davis with a knife on Washington Street late that night and almost killed him. The victim, dangerously One of the difficulties which stabbed in the back and cut on the have haunted school officials for side of the head, was removed to a Washington hospital. Wiggins was the past several years, appears to arrested yesterday by Officers John be well taken care of this year. Roebuck and Chas. R. Moore and Superintendent J. C. Manning

escribed as serious late yesterday. Early yesterday afternoon, Daisy Thompson and Harry Reddick attacked John Wilder at his home on Elm Street. Using a knife, axe and baseball bat, the two nearly killed the victim. A bad gash was made in his shoulder with the axe. One ear was almost cut off and there were knife gashes on his head and face. Thirty-one stitches were necessary to close the wounds. Reddick was Board Calls 27 Negro held for the higher courts. One report stated that the attack had its port stated that the attack had its origin over a fifty-cent debt, the at-tackers claimed Wilder made about a month ago when he bought a drink

placed in jail. A hearing is being

delayed pending the outcome of the

attack victim's condition, which was

As an aftermath to the deadly weapon attack, the Thompson woman nd Nellie Wilder, the daughter of About Half of Group Came John Wilder, engaged in an affray. From Farms; Few Married | Each of them was fined \$5 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

The drunks and the attacks attracted little public attention, but the Twenty-seven Martin County coltrials of a goodly number of alleged ored men were called Monday to report for pre-induction examinations bootleggers in the county court yesgreatest welcomes yet accorded a the end of the war is expected to School had not been able to locate Philadelphia and Dallas Whitney was thing but a happy one. There was alleviate the shortage of labor in this living quarters here for his family. transferred from Norfolk. Only two much moaning and groaning heard country, and with the huge number Despite the increased pay now al- of those called are married, one of during the convention, and unusual of war veterans that are returning lowed teachers by the State School the fathers leaving three children evidence was offered before the seshome, it was considered imperative authorities, Superintendent Manning and the other leaving one. Thirteen sion was brought to a close late in to take all possible steps to avoid an does not anticipate a rapid return of of those called came from the farm the afternoon. One defendant was Busy Time In Court anticipated congested labor market condition.

men to the teaching profession they were called upon to leave because of duction center some time ago. Nine- to Judge J. C. Smith, explaining that Mr. Griffin of the G. and H. Build- the war. It will be some years and teen of the men are just eighteen she was disgusted with the liquor business, that she was guilty and Names and addresses of the men wanted to get her trial over with, In court yesterday afternoon she pleadstaying here to returning to the believes. There used to be half a Joe Henry Spruill, RFD 3, Wil- ed not guilty. The defendant was crowded conditions and low wage- dozen men on the high school faculty liamston; Zebb Gaynor, Parmele; sentenced to jail for ninety days, the Dallas Whitney, RFD 3, Williamston, court suspending the term upon the While there are 25 teachers in the and Norfolk; Oscar Paul Cherry, payment of a \$20 fine, the approxi-

> present figures, two in the high and Philadelphia; Berlin Briley, RFD | As far as it could be learned noth-"Eight of the men were excellent school and one in the elementary de- 2, Robersonville; Daniel Webster ing was missed from the Proctor James, RFD 1, Jamesville; Benjamin Shoppe, officers stating that the back Speaking of the imminence of a Edwards, Williamston; Haywood door to the store was found open

James Summerlin, RFD 1, Robersonville; James Junior Taylor, RFD Lime And Seed Are To Be Distributed

Applications for lime will be reeived in the Triple A office in the mond Moore, RFD 1, Williamston; Martin County agricultural building and Bill Harrison. He would feed and An increased enrollment would not, Ingran (Jack) Tillery, Star Route, in Williamston on Saturday of this week, it was announced this week. Deliveries will be made in October. Last spring, approximately 1,400 tons of the lime were delivered to farmers in this county. The farmer pays Crash On Road Near Here 95 cents cash plus \$3.40 which will be deducted from his soil payments Mrs. Dorothy Rolls Manbeck, 1475 for each ton he contracts for. W. Mannehaha, St. Paul 4, Minne-

Orders are also being taken for sota, and Hampton, Va., ditched her Italian rye grass seed, the office ex-1940 Chevrolet coupe in front of the plaining that 4,000 pounds had al-W. L. Taylor home on Highway 17 ready been delivered and that 6,000 Appearing before the members of near here last Sunday afternoon at more pounds are now available. The payments without any cash cost to he farmer, it was explained.

Mrs. Manbeck was not hurt and Several Injured In Creek Bridge Wreck

Three persons were hurt, two of them badly, when their car crashed nto an abutment on Conine Creek Bridge on Highway 17 early yesterday morning. Few details could be had, but members of the highway patrol stationed here declared that the car, a 1938 Plymouth sedan, was

Cpl. Jos. Redden and S/Sgt. Fred Gaertner, U. S. Marin | prps, Cherry Point, and Mrs. Gaertner were injured. Mrs. Gaertner was only slightly cut and bruised.

The injured were removed Windsor for treatment.

building program for the Williams- Morris, Jr., RFD 1, Oak City, and yesterday morning.

possible within the limits of the present facilities and that expansion 1, Oak City; Willie Davis Hassell, would have to be by way of new RFD 2, Williamston; James Vand. B. buildings. The elementary school Reddick, RFD 2, Williamston; James of the men, according to the local expanded facilities as any further tez Hassell, RFD 2, Williamston; Auto run and play when they were out

"It has been 10 years since we did (Continued on page six)

Along with the removal of point-value charts and the posting of "No Point" signs, says the Monitor, one grocer was observed taking down a wall sign that said: "Please be kind to our clerks-they are harder to get than customers.'

In its place went another sign: "The customer is always right."

Jamesville Board Seeks Teacherage

the Martin County Board of Educa- 5 o'clock to avoid a crash with an- seed cost 10 cents a pound, but the tion Monday, Messrs. J. C. Kirkman, other car, according to Patrolman W. purchase price is deducted from soil Johnny Gardner and Joe Martin, E. Saunders who investigated the acmembers of the local committee, ask- cident. ed for a teacherage for Jamesville. The Stilwell Road The petitioners explained that the damage to her car hardly exceeded one bought and now in operation \$10. there was not adequate to meet the Ledo, Assam, India.-Pfc. Robert needs. The board took the request

The Gold Point School consolida was taken to move the children to Rogers traveled the road serving Robersonville. However, the superschool in Robersonville. leaving the

All board members except Mem-

to farmers, urging them to deliver played a big part in the India-China ber Leslie Hardison attended the their tobacco in a dry condition. Theater mission.