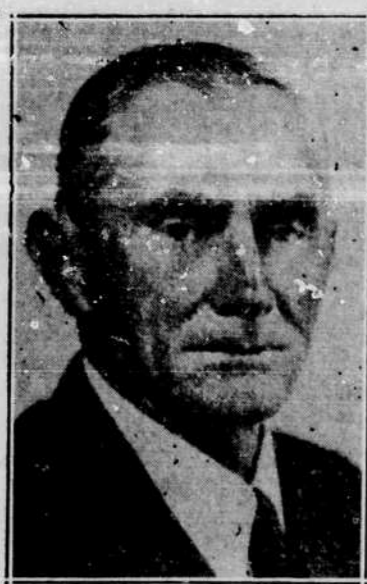


## Operators Ready For Williamston Market Opening August 19



Left to right, Messrs. Elmo Lilley, S. Claude Griffin, Leman Barnhill and Jimmy Taylor, are returning to the helm as owners and operators of the New Carolina and Farmers Warehouses in Williamston this season. These men are well known to the farmers of this entire section of eastern Carolina as leading citizens, farmers, business men and tobaccoists. They have complete plans for the market opening Monday, August 19, and are all set for a successful season.



Pictured left to right, Messrs. Edward Corey, Bob Edmondson, Carlyle Langley and Johnny Gurkin are all set for a big opening next Monday and a successful 1946 marketing season at the Roanoke-Dixie and Planters (Brick) Warehouses. All these men, returning to their positions as able tobaccoists and warehousemen, have established themselves as leaders in this section in various fields of endeavor, especially in business and tobacco.

### Funeral Monday For Dr. Wm. R. Burrell

#### Retired Minister Died Last Friday At Florida Home

#### Funeral Services Are Held In Church Here At 4:00 O'Clock

Dr. William Richard Burrell, former pastor of the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. D. Workman, in Lake Worth, Florida, last Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock after months of declining health. His condition had been critical for several weeks and last Thursday friends were advised here that the end was to be expected. Death was attributable to heart trouble.

The son of the late Charles E. and Lucy Burrell, he was born on September 1, 1871, in Ottawa, Canada. In early youth he attended the Toronto City Schools, and later studied in the School of Infantry, Toronto, and School of Cavalry, Winnipeg. He also studied at University of Seattle and later at McMaster University and Lanier University, Atlanta. He held the degrees of M. A., D.D., and D. Litt.

Going along with several brothers, Dr. Burrell, as a young man, turned to the ministry in early life and was licensed to preach in January, 1894, at the First Baptist Church in Seattle, Washington. He served as student pastor in several Canadian Churches and was ordained in Hillsburg, Ontario; Livingston, N. J.; Northfield, N. J.; Richmond, Va.; Louisville, N. C.; Monroe, N. C.; Murfreesboro, N. C.; Asheville, N. C., and here twice.

Dr. Burrell was president of the Christian Endeavor Union, Essex County, N. J., moderator of Morris and Essex Association, N. J., and vice president of the New Jersey State Baptist Convention in 1906.

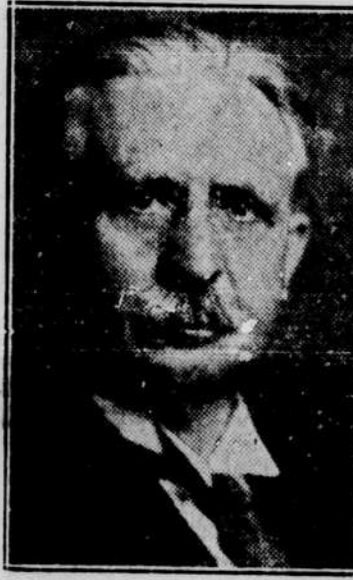
He came to Williamston first in January, 1915, and served until 1921. During that period the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church was built, and he was granted a leave of absence to serve in the armed forces during World War I. He directed religious and educational activities first as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces in England and later as a member of the Mesopotamian Expeditionary Forces, working in the Near and Far East.

After returning to his adopted country, he resigned his pastorate to head the department of religious education at Chowan College, serving as the institution's acting president one year during the meantime. He was vice president of the State Baptist Convention in 1930, president of the Baptist Ministerial Association, Asheville, in 1934, and president of the General Ministerial Association, Asheville and Buncombe County, in 1939.

He was a Kiwanian, holding life honorary membership in the

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#### PASSES



Dr. William R. Burrell, former local Baptist minister, died at his home in Lake Worth, Florida, last Friday. Burial was in Williamston's Woodlawn Cemetery Monday afternoon following services in the local Baptist church.

### Series of Assaults And Robberies In Everetts Saturday

#### Store Entered And Man Found Unconscious In Road Ditch

The Barnhill Supply Company store was entered by thieves and several persons were attacked, including one highway robbery, in Everetts last Saturday evening and night. Officers are still trying to piece together broken evidence in several of the cases, while one defendant was carried into court Monday morning to defend his actions while on a rampage in the county town early Saturday evening.

Albert Williams, bubbling to capacity with watermelon, sweet wine and liquor, took charge of the town. He cursed and abused several persons and chased another one home before a cousin, Robert Crowell, crowned him with a stick. He was jailed by Cpl. W. T. Simpson of the highway patrol.

Later that night, two men attacked Lonnie Williams, white man, threw him into a road ditch just west of the town's business section. His face was badly beaten and when he was found his pockets were turned out and he was without shoes. Most of his clothes were torn from his body. Mrs. Thurman Peakes, hearing a commotion in the street, looked out the window and saw two men throw Williams into the ditch. "We ought to kill him," she heard one remark.

Sometime between midnight and daybreak, some one broke the transom over the back door and entered the Barnhill Supply Company store. A small amount of

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### Varied List Of Historical Data In Leaf Edition

#### Several Stories By the Late C. B. Hassell Are Included In Group

After delving deep into old books and records and pleading with the county's best historians, The Enterprise staff today is sending out its annual tobacco market edition with a varied list of historical data and interesting stories and biographical sketches, including several from the pen of the late C. B. Hassell. A brief summary of the contents follows:

In addition to current happenings, this section of the annual market edition carries a story by Mr. Warren H. Biggs about a late Martin County writer-poet. Rev. B. T. Hurley has an interesting account on Methodism and the local church. On the same page is an account of the sale of a lot in Williamston more than a century ago for \$60. Then there is a story about John Bull from the pen of the late Mr. Hassell, and a brief description of Williamston in 1812. On the third page of the section, a member of the staff dug up a bit about Sir Walter Raleigh. Mr. Hassell has a 3-columned story about Christmas, and there are several other historical facts carried in shorter articles. Then on page four, Mr. Hassell tells about an old-time barber who had many irons in the fire. There's a story on page six related by a former slave, and a few other items relating to tobacco. On the next to the last page in the section there is a short history about witches in Williamston borrowed from the writings of James Ross.

A feature article on the front page of another section lists the names of Martin County men who served in the Mexican war. The facts were found in an edition of the Williamston Mercury buried

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#### SCHEDULE

Getting under way promptly at 9:00 o'clock on opening day next Monday morning, tobacco sales on the local market will run five hours each day, certainly for a while. The sales will continue until 12:00 o'clock noon and will be resumed at 1:00 p. m. to run until 3:00 o'clock. The sales are scheduled for five days each week.

It is possible that the selling schedule will be altered later in the season if deliveries block the factories. Sales will be limited to 400 piles per hour or 2,000 per day, and the maximum weight allowed per basket is 250 pounds. Purchases by warehouses will be included in the number of baskets a market is allowed to sell, it was explained.

#### RED CROSS MEETING

Area supervisors will attend the annual meeting of Martin County Red Cross Chapter members in the courthouse here Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The public is invited and urged to attend.

### Issues First World War II 'Victory Day' Proclamation

Whereas, August 14th, 1945, marked the capitulation of Japan, bringing to a victorious and final close the greatest war ever fought in freedom's cause. More than 300,000 gallant American fighting men and women gave their lives to bring about the defeat of Nazism, Fascism and Nipponism and

Whereas, the day marking the complete military triumph for America and the nations allied with her in the global war of liberation ranks with the most important dates in human history in the building of a new world in which all mankind hopes peace will be enduring and war forever outlawed.

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### Strong Corps Of Buyers Assigned The Market Here

#### Two New Members Are To Report Here For The First Time

Williamston's Tobacco Market this year will have one of the strongest corps of buyers in its history, a member of the local board of trade declared this week. Most of the old buyers are returning, but two replacements are being effected, it was announced. Mr. Bill Averett of Oxford is succeeding Mr. McClure for the R. J. Reynolds company. Mr. McClure made many lasting friendships during his stay of several years here and they hate to see him leave, but Mr. Averett comes highly recommended as a buyer and friend of the farmer. Just recently out of the service, he is now on the markets in Georgia. Mr. Ed Charles, another buyer who made many friends here, is going to the Export Company's factory in Greenville and he is

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### Farmers And Warehousemen Are Optimistic About Prices On The Eve Of Marking Opening

#### Martin Farmers Preparing Tobacco For The Markets

Hardly before the harvest was completed and the last curing was removed from the barn, Martin County farmers opened up their peckhouses and took their places behind grading stands to prepare their 1946 tobacco for the markets. A few started grading last week or about one day after they had cured their last barn. Hundreds are engaged in the task this week.

Conflicting reports have been heard about grading the crop this year. Some leaders are advising a return to strict sorting while others say that loose grading will prove just as satisfactory. However, it is fairly certain that it will pay the grower to separate

the inferior quality from the best. Where the leaf is of about the same color and quality, some farmers are of the opinion that it will be necessary only to bundle it. Reports from the border tell about fairly wide price fluctuations, with the baskets having some inferior quality leaf along with some good tobacco holding to the low side.

Anxious to market their crop as rapidly as possible, farmers are expected to block the warehouses, certainly during the early part of the season. However, a slight decrease in deliveries is to be expected after the first few days and then again during those periods the farmers are busy harvesting other crops.

### Production Drop Big Drawback In Several Sections

#### Good Tobacco Expected To Sell High; Inferior Types Lower

Eastern North Carolina farmers are truly optimistic about the price outlook for their tobacco crop as the Bright Belt markets make ready for what is expected to be the most successful opening in all history next Monday, August 19. Last-minute details for the opening here are being handled, and the golden leaf is expected to start moving on or about Thursday of this week when the four large houses—Roanoke-Dixie and Planters—the New Carolina and Farmers—officially open their doors.

The Williamston market has never been in a better position to offer more prompt selling advantages, and every arrangement has been effected for the successful handling of the farmer's crop.

The best in warehouse personnel and market arrangements are synonymous with the market's name, and well satisfied that Williamston is the place to sell, farmers are talking more about price prospects than anything else. Present indications point to a record high average, but reports from other belt markets state that sorry quality tobacco is selling for a low price and that medium to good quality is selling high.

Based on estimates made first hand by local tobaccoists, the price average for this opening is expected to range right around \$50 per hundred pounds. The better grades are selling on the border for seventeen to twenty cents a pound more than they did a year ago, but the fixed top is around 65 cents. Occasionally a pile will bring a slightly higher price. Sorry lugs or lugs of the scoured or oak leaf type and the rough green tips are selling considerably lower than they did a year ago. The price has ranged as low as one cent a pound, but no piles were "passed."

The disturbing drawback in several sections of this belt is the certain decrease in poundage. Despite an increase in care and excess plantings in quite a few instances, production will hardly measure up to last year's figures. Some estimates indicate the crop will be from 200 to 300 pounds lighter this season than last, that in some sections less than fifty percent of a crop was produced on account of excessive rains. However, with an expected price average increase in effect, farmers in this county are hopeful of an income from the crop equally as large if not larger than the amount they received for their 1945 plantings.

### Three New Firms Will Open Here

Three new business firms—McLawnhorn - Conway Furniture Company, and Leggett's Soda Shop—will hold their formal openings here Saturday morning of this week at 9:00 o'clock.

The furniture firm, Messrs. D. C. McLawnhorn and B. L. Conway, owners and operators, is to occupy the Godard Cafe building next to Warren H. Biggs' drug store, and will handle a general line of furniture, floor coverings and appliances.

The Muse Jewelry Company, Mrs. Margaret Manning Muse and

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### Vital Statistics Report For Past Year In County

#### Over 700 Births And Less Than 200 Deaths Are Reported

According to a report released by the health department a short time ago, 750 babies were born in this county last year, including twenty-two stillbirths. Deaths numbered 179.

Despite war and unsettled conditions, the birth rate held up well during the past five years, but the count fell forty-three short of the number reported for the year of 1935. Deaths, increasing slightly last year over the number reported in 1944, were thirty-three less than the total for 1935. However, with an estimated population drop of about 3,000 in the county during the war, the birth rate was possibly higher during that period than it was ten years ago, and the death rate was definitely lower.

Possibly one of the most unusual features of the 1945 vital statistics is the proportionately larger number of white male births over the white female number, the report listing 175 white male births and 139 white female births. On the other hand there were 203 Negro male births and 211 Negro female births. Although the population is almost equally divided between the white and Negro races, the Negro births outnumbered the white by an even 100, or 414 to 314, exclusive of stillbirths.

The report shows that only six of the white mothers were attended by midwives, but the midwife was in attendance upon 207 Negro mothers. There were one white and 65 Negro illegitimate

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### Mayor John L. Hassell Renews Invitation To People In This Entire Section Of State To Visit Williamston

The Williamston Tobacco Market will open with the other markets in the Bright Leaf Belt on Monday, August 19th, 1946, for its forty-fifth season.

The operators of the Roanoke-Dixie, Planters, Farmers and New Carolina Warehouses are all in readiness for the great annual event.

These warehouses are under the management of experienced tobacco men who have been in the business for years and know the value of tobacco and how to make it bring the high dollar. You will find at all those warehouses competent and experienced help and you are assured every courtesy and consideration in handling your tobacco. These warehouses comprise about four acres of floor space well lighted and in good shape for the handling of the golden weed.

Buyers representing all the leading tobacco companies and independent buyers will be on this market and the tobacco farmer is assured of receiving top prices in Williamston.

Williamston is the logical place to sell your tobacco as it is the hub of a system of hard surfaced roads extending in every direction and easily accessible from all parts of Martin and adjoining counties.

Williamston extends to every one a cordial welcome to visit us not only on tobacco opening day but all through the marketing year.

You will find in Williamston wide awake merchants with everything for the family and a visit to them will assure you that our town is the proper place to do your shopping.

Remember that you are welcome at all times.

Mayor John L. Hassell