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**Rites Tomorrow** 

In Hamilton For

Mrs. Ray Bunting

Popular Young Woman

Died Monday In Hos-

pital At Durham

Funeral services will be held at

Mrs. Bunting had been in ill

The daughter of Mrs. Clara

# Story About The Flying Saucer Is Without Support **People In Forty States Are**

# Said To Have Seen The **Strange Missiles**

Although persons in forty states claim to have 'seen the strange missile, commonly referred to as "flying saucers," no one has yet produced a specimen for inspection, according to available reports. During the meantime, the reports are being recognized as another American move toward the realm of hysteria, or a mere hoax to promote the sale of papers and hold radio listeners spellbound.

Hero for a while was Vernon Baird, a pilot photographer, who dished out the story that he fought a sort of battle with a saucer over Montana's Tobacco Root mountains at 32,400 feetand won.

"It was a pearl-gray clamshaped airplane, with a plexiglass dome on top," averred Baird. "It was about 15 feet in diamter and about four feet thick. It got caught in the propwash of my P-38 and came apart like a clamshell. The pieces spiralled down someplace in the Madison range. There were seven others darting around like a batch of molecules doing the rhumba.

"Don't believe a word of that yarn," continued Baird's boss, L. J. Archer, of the Fairchild Photogrammetric Engineers Co. "Three or four of us were sitting around the hangar gassing. We just made it up.'

Copenhagen cabled there was no basis in fact whatever in reports nublished in the Stockholm Aftonbladet that flying saucers were sighted over Copenhagen.

At Syracuse, N. Y., an unidentified resident said he met an inventor in 1931 who said he had invented a rotary motor which creats its own power while flying and the inventor had written him from Montana saying the flying saucers were his creation.

The Rev. Joseph Brasky, of Grafton, Wis., reported a saucer grounded in his back yard but when dawn came it proved to be a circular saw, blade stamped "high carbon 100 percent steel." John Heathcote, 14, has the distinction of being the first to renort soing flying saucers in the New York metropolitan area, He saw his at Valley Stream, L. I. 17 miles out, and they looked like large aluminum plates moving west in V formation.



"Key to Williamston" to the North Carolina State President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, E. T. Ellis of Charlotte. This presentation was made recently when President Ellis visited the local organization as guest speaker for their installation and (Photo by J-C Lawrence Lindsley.) ladies' night program.

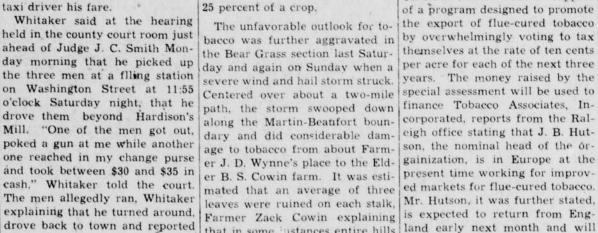
Youthful Robber Is

**Arrested Saturday** 

**Slaughter House** 

LICENSES

Effective this week, drivers of motor vehicles will apply for the new type licenses at the county courthouse each Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and at the Robersonville police station each Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p. m., it was announced by Safety Examiner James Boyce. Licenses will also be



to the sheriff. Investigating the case early Sunday morning, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck went to the scene of the the same territory on Sunday and turn. alleged hold-up learned that the three men went to a near-by home and soon established their identity. Griffin and Gilliam vigorously denied that they had rid-(Continued on page eight)

**Paying Taxi Driver** 

County Young Man

Gets Editor's Job And Blue Star . Thomas Mayo Grimes, native of **Cleaners Robbed** this county, was recently elected to the editorship of Ruritan Na-

tional Magazine, it was announc-Another Robber Jailed For ed this week by Tom Downing, **Breaking Into Roberson** national secretary for the organi-Slaughter House zation.

Mr. Grimes who will have his A new wave of robberies was editorial offices in Petersburg nipped in the bud here over the will make his home in Wakefield, week-end when local and county Va., and is to enter upon his new officers arrested five persons, two duties the first of next month. He for breaking and entering and has been engaged in Ruritan work robbery and three for allegedly for the past four years, serving at holding up and robbing a taxi present as governor of District E driver. Four of the five arrested (Fastern, North Carolina). A were given preliminary nearings graduate of the University of before Justice of the Peace Robert North Carolina class of 1928, he Cowen and booked for trial in the was a member of the college superior court next September. newspaper and magazine editorial The fifth defendant is in the boards. He has taught school in hands of Juvenile Judge L. B. eastern North Carolina for a Wynne and it is likely the 14- | number of years and has been acyear-old lad will be placed in the tive in Ruritan work for the past superior court for trial. several years The first in the series of arrests

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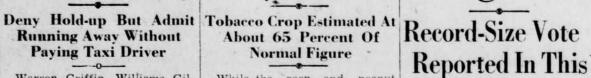
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Warren Griffin, Williams Gil-While the corn and peanut liam and Sam Brooks, young Grif- crops continue in unusually bright fins Township colored men, were prospect tobacco is still taking a arrested Sunday morning for al- severe beating at the hands of the legedly holding up and robbing elements in this county. Conser- To Collect Ten Cents Per Dennis Whitaker, local taxi driv- vative estimates point to a tobacer, of about \$35 in cash shortly cso crop hardly 65 percent of nor after last Saturday midnight. mal in some sections of the coun-Carried before Justice of the ty, and in others production is al-Peace Robert Cowen, the three most certain to fall considerably men denied the hold-up charge below that figure. Some indibut admitted they did not pay the vidual farmers see no more than Carolina went all out in support

> The unfavorable outlook for tobacco was further aggravated in by overwhelmingly voting to tax the Bear Grass section last Satur- themselves at the rate of ten cents severe wind and hail storm struck. years. The money raised by the Centered over about a two-mile special assessment will be used to path, the storm swooped down finance Tobacco Associates, Inalong the Martin-Beaufort boun- corporated, reports from the Raldary and did considerable dam- eigh office stating that J. B. Hutage to tobacco from about Farm- son, the nominal head of the or er J. D. Wynne's place to the Eld- gainization, is in Europe at the er B. S. Cowin farm. It was esti- present time working for improv mated that an average of three leaves were ruined on each stalk, Mr. Hutson, it was further stated. Farmer Zack Cowin explaining that in some instances entire hills were ruined by hail and wind, report to the organization at

> Following the Saturday afternoon special meeting tentatively schedstorm another struck in part of uled to be held soon after his reagain Monday eevning. The Saturday storm did some damage to position to the plan in this county, property on the Bill Bullock farm. one in Goose Nest and one in So far this month more than six Jamesville. The vote was unusinches of rain have fallen in this ually larger; in fact, it was almost county; reports indicating that the precipitation was greater in both in this county and in the some sections than in others. This State. The affirmative vote folimmediate section had its largest lows, by precincts, in this counrain of the year a week ago today while the lower part of the coun-

ty reported an unusually heavy rain Sunday afternoon. Tobacco is turning yellow fast

and where the plant is large encugh, farmers are pulling the lugs in an effort to save them. However, in those cases where the farmers were late in getting a

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**ROUND-UP** 

Acre During Coming

**Three Seasons** 

ed markets for flue-cured tobacco

is expected to return from Eng

Officers Sunday County Last Week Program 2,080 To 2 EDITOR **State for Program** Martin County farmers along with those in the other tobacco

> sections of this State and South of a program designed to promote the export of flue-cured tobacco

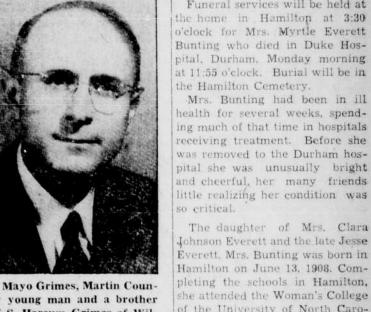
> > ty young man and a brother of S. Harcum Grimes of Williamston, was recently elected editor of Ruritan National Magazine with editorial offices in Petersburg, Va.

# land early next month and wil **Jaycees Planning Contest and Dance**

Only two votes were cast in op-The local Junior Chamber of twice as large as was expected time a "Miss Williamston" will be in the trying position with more chosen to represent the town in thoughtfulness and consideration the state beauty pageant being of others than she did during month.

Jamesville, 154; Williams, 106; Griffins, 214; Bear Grass, 202; Williamston-Poplar Point, 350; are being formulated similar to Cross Roads, 186; Robersonville, 407; Hamilton, 106; Goose Nest, first annual contest was held, and the home front while 288, and Hassell, 67-Total, 2,080. which proved to be a definite suc-Incomplete returns from the State show that 105,545 votes were cess, both from the participants More recently she was employed cast in favor of the measure and and sponsors standpoints.

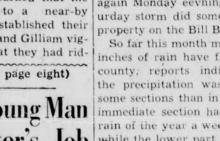
that 1.036 were in opposition to Present plans call for each con- she made more friends, all the the plan. South Carolina tobacco testant to be sponsored by a local while appearing to be getting so farmers voted 14,065 for and 122 business firm, and any firm in- much enjoyment out of life. against the proposal. Official re- terested in sponsoring should conturns will be tabulated at a meet- tact Mr. Mears. There is consider- the Hamilton Missionary Baptist



she attended the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and later studied at East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville. December 26, 1933, she was married to Ray Bunting

who died in 1934. Devoted to her mother and all nembers of her family, Mrs. Bunting spent most of her time at home until the early part of the last war when she accepted a position with the rationing board in Williamston where by her un-Commerce will sponsor their sec- tiring patience and understanding ond annual beauty pageant here she endeared herself to so many the evening of July 30th, at which people. Few could have served

held at Wrightsville Beach next those hectic days when demands eve great and supplies According to Co-chairman Ern- tremely limited. Hers was a work est Mears, the plans for the event well done, and she seemed to get much consolation out of it, knowthose used last July, when the ing that she was doing her bit on were carrying on in actual battle. by the Avers Electric Company



At Palmdale, Cal., Mrs. Amy Herdliska said she sighted a mother saucer followed by five smaller discis which seemed to fly away from and then return to the larger disc.

At Kingsport, Tenn., Charles T. Hamlet said it was all old stuff. He saw flying saucers two years ago but kept his mouth shut, figuring it had something to do with the secret war plant over at Oak Ridge.

Anyway, 1947 is the Year of the Flying Saucers.

At Dayton, O., Orville Wright, 75, co-inventor of the aeroplane, said the flying saucer craze was "propaganda dished up by the Government to support the curto get us into another war."

At Pittsburgh, Conrad Dunbar testified under oath that he saw

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# TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Williamston's first traffic lights, one at the Watts and a second at the Haughton intersections with Main Street, were placed in operation last Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock when former Mayor John L. Hassell turned the control switches.

Following a three-day casual observance, officers stated that the authority vested in the lights was generally respected, that few motorists ran "through" them. Traffic got a little mixed up when the "U" turns were eliminated, but most of the motorists found their way around the block or went to the Biggs Street corner to make their "U" turns.

issued in Plymouth each Monday and Tuesday from 9 to 5 and each Saturday from 9 to 1:00 o'clock.

A antimer Player will issue the licenses in the Martin County courthouse and Examiner Harry L. Martin, Jamesville young man who was recently added to the staff, will issued the licenses in Robersonville.



**To Hold Meeting** an organization of their own, have

met with success in advancing a price protection program. Recently the sweet potato growers in the Carolinas formed the Sweet Potato Council and the new or-

ganization is holding its first annual meeting in Florence, S. C., on Friday of this week. The meeting will attract prominent agrirent State Department campaign culturists from several states, including Dr. Julian Miller who is recognized as the country's outstanding research horticulturist

> sweet potato breeding and development.

toes, marketing and potentials claimed that he was about half William will be discussed at the meeting, drunk when he broke into the Cross it was announced by A. R. How- slaughter house through a win- Robers ard, secretary of the organization. dow. Sobering up the next morn-

No Additions Made

Reports, stating that Larry Parker, retiring member of the Ahoskie police department, had been employed for the police dethat something was said about department, according to reports

reaching here,

was made last Friday night when Matthew Williams, 33-year-old

Irish potato growers, forming

guilty when arraigned before Justice Cowen yesterday morning, Williams is charged with stealing five stands of lard, a dozen hams,

a quantity of fat back, pork loins, several pounds of butter and about twenty pounds of cheese. Williams hid most of the stolen property in some weeds beside the railroad where it was found before he could make arrangements

to have it hauled away. Officers and who is considered the leadestablished a lead in the case seving authority in the world on eral days later and Williams' arrest followed.

Improved strains of sweet pota- Following his arrest, Williams ing he claimed that he realized

he had done wrong and decided to To Police Force Here leave the stolen goods where the

owner could find them. Williams, a former employe of the slaughter house, was released under bond in the sum of \$300.

olored man, was taken into cus-

tody by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck for

allegedly breaking into and rob-

bing Roberson's Slaughter House

on the night of June 28. Pleading

Cornelius Jones, 14-year-old partment here, are apparently a colored boy, was trapped at the bit premature. It was learned cash register of the Blue Star that Parker had been contacted, Cleaners on Washington Street early last Saturday evening by making him a motorcycle cop in one of the owners-operators, Williamston, but no official action George Hatton Gurganus. Jones, has been taken on his applica- one of seven children who with tion, as far as it could be learned their mother were deserted by today. Parker's resignation is ef- their father some time ago, adfective today, with the Ahoskie mitted breaking into the Blue

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ed-up and jailed here last week-end to face the courts for alleged violations or variwith being drunk and disordthree with highway robbery.

lows. Two were charged with breaking and entering, four erly, two with assault and All of the defendants were colored and their ages range from a low of 14 to 39 years.

Martin County Tax Values

Recovering from a slight decrease reported in the 1946 listings, personal property values in Martin County for the current year pushed upward to approximate the record listings of the 1918-19 period. Tax Supervisor M. L. Peel recently stated that personal property values climbed from \$5,230,892 in 1946 to \$6,659,249 this year, a gain of \$1,428,357 or a percentage jump of 27.3.

While several townships reported losses in their personal property listings for 1946, every one of them came forward this year with a gain, ranging from about \$10,000 to almost half million dollars. A review of the listings for 1946 and 1947 follows with the increase and percentage gain, as follows by townships and races: PERSONAL NO 1

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	W	HITE	
	1946	1947	Gain
ville	\$1,000,569	\$1,382,853	\$ 382,284
ms	107,569	117,851	10,282
าร	294,337	337,947	43,610
Grass	250,848	279,061	28,213
mston	1,191,155	1.627,763	436,608
Roads	207,464 *	268,351	60,887
sonville	883,173	1,196,397	313,224
Point	117,888	136,980	, 19,092
ton	261,617	317,664	56.047
Nest	357,469	380,341	22,872
als	\$4,672,089	\$6,045,208	\$1,373,119
		LORED	
	1946	1947	Gain
ville	\$ 48,204	\$ 53,945	\$ 5,741
ms	15,168	16,803	1.635
ns	19,560	19,480	80
Grass	25,278	28,450	3,172
mston	93,121	102,484	9,363
Roads	28,989	34,046	5,057
sonville	134,239	149,993	15,754
Point/	12,553	12,554	1
ton	70,351	81,192	10,841
Nest	111,340	115,094	3,754

\$ 558,803 \$ 614,041 \$ 55,238 Real-property listings will be compared in a future issue. force for about twelve years.

Eleven persons were rounddid last Saturday.

It has been pointed out that no sored last year will be given pref- until the end. andidate or proposal ever polled erence this year. vote of 100 to 1 as the proposal

In the face of uncertain condibe judged while wearing bathing a nephew. tions existing on the world front, suits and evening dresses, the obacco exports are certain to en-

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New Oil Company Starts Business Former Resident

Recently organized here, the Wholesale Oil Company opened for business last week-end with

W. Tom Crawford as manager Williamston resident, died sud- leigh last week. Representing and John Roebuck as salesman. denly of a heart attack while at- the Jamesville Chapter of the Fu-The company completed its tending a baseball game in Suf- ture Farmers of America, the storage plant on Highway 64 be- folk last Thursday night. A na- three young men won top place in tween West End and the county tive of Colerain, Mr. Sessoms was the contest and they are to rehome last week and the first Con- employed by Harrison Brothers ceive a free trip to Missouri next oco products were delivered and Company here for several October. Thursday. Handling the Conti- years. He was 52 years old and a In addition to the judging con-

nental Oil Company's products, veteran of World War I. including Conoco gasoline, kerosene, oils and greases, the new was married to Miss Maude Mc- Perlie Modlin, Jr., who won firm is now making truck deliv- Lean of Raeford, and she with two fourth place with an essay on ing preparations for supplying oil children, Jean and Martha Ses- wildlife conservation. Modlin Pct. for tobacco curing to farmers in three brothers and one sister. 38.2 this section.

Funeral services were held in year. 9.5 Locating their bulk plant out-Suffolk last Saturday morning, 14.8 side town upon the recommenda-11.2 tion of the parent company, the cemetery.

36.6 new firm will be supplied with oil 29.3 products by large transports op-35. erating out of Norfolk where the Doctor Looking 16.1 Continental Company supplies its For A Location 21.4 large storage center by tankers. 6.3 Refined near the fields in Okla----- homa, the products are piped to

According to unofficial but re-29. seaports and loaded on tankers for distribution to eastern centers. liable information received here,

Pct. "The Continental company for- Dr. E. C. Jenkins of Pinehurst is 11.9 merly supplied other companies, contemplating locating in this 10.7 but now it is expanding its own section. The young doctor, a 0.4 sales outlets and we are assured member of the American College 12.5 an ample supply of products," of Surgeons, was here last Satur-10. Manager Tom Crawford said. The day afternoon surveying the field, 17.4 manager of the new local firm has but he could not be reached for 11.7 had about fifteen years of ex- an interview, and it could not be 0 perjence in the oil business ex- learned if he reached a decision cepting a few years spent in the or whether he will give this sec-15. 33.7 Navy as a chief petty officer. The tion further consideration. firm's salesman, Mr. Roebuck, was A World War II veteran, the

9.8 a member of the local police surgeon is a native of Ohio, it was learned.

ng of the organization's officials able publicity attached to a spon- Church since girlhood, remaining Raleigh on Friday of this week. sorship, and those firms that spon- faithful in its service and support

Surviving are her mother, one

In additions to the handty consider the Hermon Everett, and a test, in which the contestants will sister. Miss Mildred Everett, and

Jaycees plan to have a dance following. Arrangements are pend- Jamesville Boys ing with an out-of-state orchestra Win Big Honors to furnish music for the occasion.

Competing on a state-wide basis, three Jamesville youths, Billy Brewer, Billy Martin and **Passes Suddenly** James Herbert Perry, walked away with great honors at a live-Stanley Burt Sessoms, former stock judging contest held in Ra-

test. Jamesville was well repre-After leaving Williamston he sented an an oratorical contest by state organization for the coming

The young men were accomand interment was in the Raeford panied to Raleigh by Professor Hairr,

SURPLUS SALES

Surplus property costing the - government \$17,867,165, 000 has been disposed of since 1944, according to last reports. Although the government paid nearly eighteen billion dollars for it, the property brought only \$3,534,833,000. or a recovery rate of 34.3 percent.

At one time the War Assets Administration was disposing of property at the rate of one billion dollars a month. However, very little of the property has reached individual hands at one-third the original cost.