In Winston - Salem

Funeral Services Conducted for Ben C. Crawford Here Last Sunday ...

evening of October 17. Suffering fractures of the leg and arm and other injuries, Mr. Crawford partially recovered from the shock and was able to talk with members of his family the early part of last week. He suffered a relapse a short time later and little hope was held for his recovery.

A son of the late William Thomas and Martha Cotton Biggs Crawford, he was born in the old family home here on the corner of Church and Smithwick Streets on January 9, 1876. He attended the old Williamston Academy and when a young man entered the furniture manufacturing business with Martin and Biggs here. Following the big fire that wrecked the factory just off South Elm Street, Mr. Crawford kept books for Martin and Biggs a short time and moved to Lexington to re-enter the furniture business, contributing many modern inovations

Mr. Crawford was married to Miss Rosemond Pope here on December 25, 1901. She died several years later, and about 1917 he was married to Miss Bessie Sherrill of Greensboro. For the past ten or twelve years he had made his home in Winston-Salem where he was associated with the Sprague Furniture Manufacturing Com-

Possessed of noble principles, he adhered to those principles from a child on down through the years, commanding the genuine respect of all who knew him, irrespective of race or creed or station in life. Despite difficulties and other obstacles experienced by all in the course of time, he bers of his family and renew friendships. In all his dealings with his fellowman he asked but little for himself, but of his means he shared willingly with others, cheering them along the way in times of stress and setting a worthy example for others to follow at all times.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. B. Duke Critcher of Burlington, by his first marriage, and by his second marriage, three daughters, Mrs. C. R. Jordan, Mrs. Harold Hayes and Mrs. C. O. Underwood, all of Greensboro; two sons, Ben C. Crawford, Jr., a student in the University of North Carolina. Chapel Hill, and William Thomas Crawford of Winston-Salem; a sister, Miss Asset awford, and a brother, Kader B. Crawford of Williamston.

The body was brought here late Saturday to lie in state at the home of his brother on North Smithwick Street until 2:30 o'clcok Sunday afternoon when it was removed to the Church of the Advent for the last rites. Rev. John W. Hardy, rector, officiated and interment was in the family of the Episcopal church for a number of years, his humble walk through life and his daily acts exemplifying its creed and its teach-

ROUND-UP

Nine persons, eight of them white, were arrested and detained temporarily, at least, in the Martin County jail last week-end. It was one of the few times in the record that the colored violators did not

outnumber the whites. Four of the nine persons arrested were charged with being drunk and disorderly. two with drunken driving, one each for larceny, assault and issuing a worthless check. Ages of the group ranged from 25 to 44 years.

Prominent Native To Hold County Memorial Elder E. C. Stone Funeral At Home Died On Saturday Service In Robersonville Died At His Home Here Monday For

A county-wide memorial serv-|to the county's war heroes. ice, sponsored by the various vet-

cident on the street there on the Roberson as master of ceremonies. selection. Business houses in Robersonville and in other centers in the county will be closed, and a cor- Robersonville Post, will make a ed with relatives and friends durdial invitation is being extended few remarks and read the roll of ing the early part of last week. to the public and especially to the county's Word War II dead. Devoted to his religious work vice period to pay fitting tribute diction

Mr. Roberson will handle the erans' posts and organizations, will introductions, and Rev. Sidney Boone will read a Scripture selecbe held Wednesday morning of hon, followed by the invocation this week at 10:00 o'clock in the by Rev. John W. Hardy, World Benjamin Coffield Crawford, Robersonville High School audi- War II veteran and past commember of a family for genera- torium for those Martin County mander of the Martin County nent Primitive Baptist minister tions prominent in the political young men who made the supreme American Legion Post. George and well-known citizen of Grifand other affairs of this section, sacrifice in World War II. To be McRorie, also a veteran and com- fins Township, died at his home of North Carolina, died in a Win- broadcast over two radio stations, mander of the Robersonville Le- there at 3:15 o'clock last Saturday ston-Salem hospital at 4:30 beginning at 10:10 o'clock a. m., gion Post, will make a few timely morning, the victim of a heart ato'clock last Saturday morning of the program will last only thirty remarks, and the Robersonville tack and complications. He sufinjuries received in a taxicab ac- minutes with Mr. Sherwood L. Glee Club will render a special fered a heart attack three weeks

ville minister and chaplain of the he was unusually bright and talk-

Home In Bear Grass for

W. A. Bailey

W. A. Bailey, young county far-

wound inflicted at his home in

Mr. Bailey's mother was in an-

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REOPENING

While no definite date has

been determined, it is believ-

ed the tobacco markets will

reopen next week, possibly

on Monday. A holiday, going

when the expert companies

went off the market as a re-

sult of a ban placed on addi-

tional leaf purchases by Great

day approved a plan whereby

the Commodity Credit Cor-

poration may finance Great

Britain's tobacco purchases

and relieve the market slump.

Agriculture officials yester-

STILL MISSING

Disappearing from his home in Cross Roads Township on October 14, presumably to go squirrel hunting, Andrew Roberson, 40-year-old farmer, is still missing, the sheriff's office reported this week.

Even though extended searches have been made over a wide area, no trace of the man has been found, leading some to believe that he is either dead or he has gone to unannounced points. Searchers continue to look for the man, the sheriff said.

Miss Celia Stokes Wins Scholarship Award In Contest inches

In 4-H Club Electric - Methods Contest

lived a full life, enjoying greatly this county, Miss Celia Stokes of intentionally could not be deter-Hamilton forged ahead to take one mined. First reports reaching Alabama; four step-children, Mrs. of the first Virginia Electric and here stated that friends had no-Power Company territorial ticed he had been moody, that fin and John A. Griffin, all of Wilawards in the 1947 4-H Club Bet- possibly he was brooding over ter Methods Electric Contest held automobile accidents in which he of Beaufort County; two brothers, in Raleigh yesterday and this figured and in which two or three Walter Stone who made his home morning. The award is valued at persons lost their lives. He was \$100 and Miss Stokes's success- driving the car in which Garland and Fred Stone, both of Coventry; ful bid for a first place in the ter- Bailey, a relative, lost is life some ritorial contest make her eligible months ago at the intersection of to participate in the state-wide Highway 17 and the Bear Grass contest, the winners of which will highway. be announced at an early date.

Howard Bennett of Bear Grass other part of the house and his won first place for boys in this wife was feeding the chickens county and he made the trip to when they heard the rifle fire. Raleigh where he was reported Going to the living room they to have made a creditable show- found him lying on the floor with ing in the territorial contest.

High School and a member of the | the rifle with his toe. 4-H club there.

Albert Ellen of Halifax County won the first prize for boys in the report early today. territorial contest and he is to receive a \$100 scholarship award. Second prizes, gold watches, were Jr., of Conway, and Hazel Garris

of Pitt County. The territorial awards were Mr. Crawford had been a member E. Wiod, executive vice president and she surives with a small son, cue supper and harvest friendship S. Clayton Bailey, William Clartion. party held in the Tar Heel Club ence Baiey, Robert A. Bailey and at Raleigh last evening.

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Aged Man Faces Charge In Court

Julius Eborn, about 70 years old, was returned from Princess Ann County, Virginia, yesterday to face a non-support charge in the courts of this county. Hardly able to support himself, the aged man is charged with deserting his 70-year-old wife here. He is the third man to have been called or brought back to this county for alleged non-support.

Deputy Sheriff Buck Holloman and Officer W. E. Early returned the man here.

Saturday Morning

Funeral Sunday Afternoon Retired Farmer Had Been For Prominent Primitive Baptist Minister

Elder Edward C. Stone, promi-Rev. J. R. Everett, Roberson- critical since that time. However,

relatives of the war heroes. "The The memorial address will be by and ready to answer a service service will not memorialize any Rev. James M. Perry. Following call, Elder Stone faltered slightly one of the heroes, but all of the hymn, "Rock of Ages" by a while conducting a funeral service them," Mr. Roberson explained, ladies' quartet, Alvin Wise, a vet- the sixth of this month, the minand it is hoped that all activities eran, will sound taps and Rev. Mr. lister placing the call of duty can be suspended during the ser- Hardy will pronounce the bene- ahead of his own physical well-

Born in Coventry, England, 71 years ago on October 21, 1876, he in his native land. About fifty Dies In Hospital years ago he migrated with two brothers to this country, locating Of Bullet Wound first in Florida where he operated orange groves. After a few years in Florida, he settled in Funeral Wednesday At Edgecombe County where he farmed and operated a cotton gin. He was married to Miss Annie Elizabeth Redmond of Tarboro and a few years after her death he was married to Mrs. Sallie mer, died in the hospital here last Corey Griffin of this county in night at 11:00 o'clock of a bullet 1921, making his home near here since that time.

Bear Grass late yesterday after-Elder Stone was active in the noon, He died without regaining Primitive Baptist Church for nearly forty years, holding sever-The bullet, a rather long one al pastorates and occupying pulfired from a rifle, entered the pits in churches throughout eastforehead and came out the top of ern North Carolina and in Virhis head, tearing through the ginia in addition to special misbrain structure and possibly fracsions to churches in other states. turing the skull for several

While he missed his relatives and boyhood friends back in his Few details of the shooting native land, he found happiness could be learned immediately, in his adopted land and seemed to To Compete For State Prize and no theory has been offered. get a great deal out of life, walk-The young man returned to his ing humbly before his fellowman home near Bear Grass late Mon- and his Maker.

Surviving are Mrs. Stone; two Winning first place for girls in ing room with his rifle. Whether children by his first marriage, a the shot was fired accidentally or daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lott of Raleigh, and a son, Philip Stone of Johnnie Gurkin, Miss Effie Grifliamston, and Mrs. Hugh B. Ward in this country for several years. and two sisters, Misses Amy and

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Throngs Attend **Church Meeting**

The Primitive Baptist Associa-

the rifle across his chest. One re- tion, setting a new precedent, at-Miss Stokes, daughter of Mr. port said that one shoe had been tracted visiting ministers from and Mrs. Frank Stokes of Hamil- removed from his feet, giving rise five states and an estimated 1,500 ton, is a senior in the Oak City to the possibility that he and fired friends and acquaintones. wide territory at Smithwicks Investigating the death, the Creek last week-end. Playing the county coroner had not filed his part of gracious hosts, members of the church and friends and mem-The deceased was a son of Mrs. bers of other congregations par-Allie Peele Bailey and the ticipated in the two-fellowship about fifty yards. late Warner A. Bailey of Bear which was climaxed by a picnic awarded to Robert Dennis Ricks, Grass. He was born in Bear Grass dinner so willingly shared, so de-Township twenty-three years ago, liciously and abundantly preparand lived there all his life, worked. It was indeed a happy occasing in garages and farming. He ion in the religious life of the compresented to the winners by W. was married to Miss Velma Bailey munity, the friendship and good fellowship extending to all irre- Seeking A Parole of the VEP Company at a barbe- Phillip Ray Bailey; four brothers, spective of belief or denomina-

> Established in 1803, the church held what is believed to be its first program at night last Saturters from outside the local organi- James himself. into effect today, was ordered ning of Cary, N. C.

moderator and clerk, respectively. Jamesville Township shortly.

Nicholas Griffin

An Invalid For About Nineteen Years

at his home here on South Biggs Street last Saturday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock following years of feeble health. A victim of arthritis, he had been an invalid for nineteen years, spending much ago and his condition had been time in bed at intervals during that time. He had been confined to his bed for more than three months during his last illness, and his condition had been critical for a week before the end.

A son of the late John Bryant Annie Elizabeth Roberson Griffin, he was born in Griffins Township 58 years ago on March 9, 1889, and spent his early life on the farm there. When a young man he was married to Miss Bertie Idell Manning and located in Williams Township some time Young County Man spent his early life on the farm later. In 1935 he moved to Washington where he lived until he lo cated in Williamston in 1944.

Surviving are his widow, five daughters, Mrs. Idell Riddick and Mrs. Jimmy Jones of Williamston, Mrs. Paul Ange and Mrs. W. H. Marshall of Norfolk and Mrs. Paul L. Baker of Washington; a sor Henry Griffin of Washington; one brother, H. Dennis Griffin of Williamston; and five sisters, Mrs. Ben Bateman of Goldsboro, Miss Mary E. Griffin and Mrs. Emmett Hines of Williamston, Mrs. Levin Most Farmers Sell Graded Ange of Jamesville, and Mrs. Wheeler Ange of Plymouth.

During his long years of intense suffering Mr. Griffin never complained, but bore his affliction with great patience, remaining thoughtful of others and cheerful ness just a few days before the

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Negro Painfully Shot Late Sunday

was painfully but not seriously into his face and neck late last eve, but the man's vision was not

"My head feels mighty tight," Smith said when he reported to a local doctor's office yesterday the market had sold 10,963,622 bodies of 6.200 young Americans ed 48th as to size of class enrollmorning for treatment. While the man did not say definitely what per hundred. caused the "tight" feeling, it is possible that he was laboring under a "hangover."

evening.

Smith claims he won, Smith went home and was walking by Hoover's home when Hoover allegedly fired upon him from a distance of

"They have got it in for me," Smith said as he told an incoherent story of the attack to

For Milton James

day, the service attracting a com- was sentenced to the roads for lows. Despite this a few grades fortably filled house. There were violating the liquor laws, is in line showed a higher trend. visitors from many sections of the for parole, unofficial reports saycountry, including eight visiting ing that the parole movement is eldsr, representing seven associa- being sanctioned by prison offictions. Among the visiting minis- ials and friends as well as by

zation, were Elders T. R. Craw- A helpiess invalid, James has ford of Cairo, Ga., J. Harvey Dail- proved a problem to the authoriey of Sperryville, Va., C. E. Ben- ties since he was sentenced to the son of Clark's Summitt, Pa., S. L. roads last June. He was passed Hornsby of Tallahassee, Ala., J. A. like a hot potato from one camp Fagg of Winston-Salem, C .W. to another until he landed in the Miller of Arlington, Va., C. J. prison hospital at Raleigh where Huffman of Asheville, J. M. it seems the best of medical care Young of Fender, Ga., M. M. Den- and good treatment just did not agree with him. If there are no Elder P. E. Getsinger and Asa J. objections, it is quitely likely that Hardison, both of the host church, James will be back in his home are serving the association as in the Free Union section of

Little Activity Reported Educator Speaks On Peanut Market Locally

Although a few farmers started to hold off the market until peathreshing the current peanut crop nuts are in a marketable condi in this county last week, there has tion," the local representative been little or no activity reported said. on the markets. As far as it could While it is possible be learned late Monday only one crops are dry and ready for Nicholas Roberson Griffin died market transaction has been threshing, inspections have provhandled in this county. The re- ed that the peanuts were picked port stated that an independent while in a wet or, at least, damp buyer in the Hamilton section had condition. It has been pointed out rector of Student Teachers and purchased 108 bags for \$10.65 per that while favorable weather will Field Extension at E. C. T. C., adhundred pounds, that the peanuts clear up the condition and the dressed the members of the local were moved by truck early Mon- peanuts will be all right, it has PT-A at their monthly meeting

> reported no activities on the mar- nuts will affect the market. ket here other than crop inspections. "We are finding in those ed in operation this week, but sev- physically handicapped men were cases where we have examined eral operators withdrew, declar- preferred as teachers and that the crop that the peanuts are too ing that the peanuts were not in women were only temporary "fill-'heavy'," a representative of one proper condition for threshing.

day morning to a Plymouth plant. also been pointed out that unfav- held last night at 8 o'clock in the Company buyers, representing orable weather will cause the grammar school auditorium. plants in this state and Virginia, peanuts to spoil, and spoiled pea-

Quite a few pickers were placcompany said, explaining that the "It'll take a cool, piercing wind to Oppelt cited that the social life of peanuts were just too wet for safe condition the crop for threshing, handling. "Our instructions are a buyer said.

Tobacco Sales Pass **Eleven Million Mark**

Sales Suspended **Pending Outcome** Of Export Plans

Tobacco Before Holiday Went Into Effect

Despite the order suspending sales for an indefinite period on account of the foreign market situntil he lapsed into unconscious- uation, sales continued unusually heavy right on up until the last dry before the holiday went into effect today. And before the close order went into effect the market here had passed the eleven million-pound mark with the possibility that another million would be sold here after the holiday is

Even though the Imperial and Hoyt Smith, young colored man, Export Companies went off the hurt when Joe Hoover, also color- up fairly well last Thursday and ed, fired a load of small gun shot Friday, reports on the marketing activities yesterday stating that Body of Lloyd M. Hassell Sunday night in the Dardens sec-prices were possibly stronger than tion of Jamesville Township. Sev- they were the latter part of last eral shot pierced the skin and one week. However, price averages or two struck near the man's left tumbled from around \$47 per hundred to the low forties with only the Stabilization Corporation pre-

venting a price collapse. At the close of sales yesterday,

belt follows:

week. The declines ranged from 213 of them to come to Charlotte that thus far only 228 had joined 50c to \$3.00 per hundred with for final distribution in this State, the PTA. President Mobley chalmost between \$1.00 and \$2.00. The first of the week there was a gen- Charles A. Hassell of Jamesville in helping to reach the goal of 500 eral strengthening of prices but and the late Mrs. Maude Dillon members. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck yesterday with the announcement Thursday Hassell. He was born in Creswell of the withdrawal of all export on September 30, 1918, but moved purchasers, prices tumbled. All export grades fell \$3.00 to \$8.00 with this decline continuing through Friday. Domestic grades Runs Buick Auto also plunged and as a result, by the end of the week prices for in-Milton James, colored man who dividual grades neared season Action taken by the Flue-cured

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SUPPORTER

Convinced of its value and appreciative of the work it has done for agriculture, Farmer Billy Cratt a few days ago put five members of his family in the Martin County Farm Bureau.

A few more supporters like Mr. Cratt would easily carry the county over the top in its current drive for approximately 2,300 members.

ABOUT COMPLETE

Williamston's street improvement program, launched last Friday, is nearing completion today. Parts of School Drive, Halifax and Park Streets were surfaced with two inches of sand-asphalt, and resurfacing was done on Hassell, Grace, Elm, Ray, Warren and Washington Streets and Marshall Avenue. The drive to the grammar school is also being surfaced.

In addition to the public project, the contractor plans to handle one or two private jobs if the supply of asphalt is sufficient.

Bodies Of World War II Dead Are Expected Shortly

Reached New York Last Sunday

lost his life in the Battle of the ment. Bulge, Belgium, arrived in New In conclusion Dr. Oppelt point-A general report for the eastern Battle or other encounters in the on public education. wity of instances. The United no path covered with flowers for

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Off River Bridge

Driving west on the Roanoke River detour bridge here about 2:30 o'clock, Dr. Edward L. Early lost control of his Buick sedan on the first curve and drove the machine off the structure. The car did a half somerspult, landing with all four wheels in the size The driver and his passenger were

hurt, but believed not seriously. A truck transport came along shortly after the accident and he dropped a rope down to the car owner-driver and his passenger and they pulled themselves out of the swamp.

Special wrecking equipment was called this morning by patrolmen to get the car out of the

To P.-T. A. Group Here Last Night

ESTABLISHED 1899

THE ENTERPRISE IS READ RY

OVER 3,000 MARTIN COUNTY

Organization Driving To Boost Membership From -- 228 to Over 500

Speaking on the subject, "Teaching Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," Dr. J. L. Oppelt, di-

In his address Dr. Oppelt first reviewed the teaching profession ins" for the youngest children. Dr. early teachers was quite restricted and that there was no typical

In introducing the second phase of his talk, Dr. Oppelt pointed out that there is still not a clearly ed today but he continued by saying that "teachers are expected to lead exemplary lives." Dr. Oppelt continued by pointing out that the present day curriculum is detached from life in general. He also mentioned that North Carolina ranks 39th on the list in the matter of salaries

As for the teacher of tomorrow, Dr. Oppelt presented the view those who are above the average in scholarship; also, that the teacher will pledge himself to serve for several years. The teachprenticeship period and will work with children outside the school.

said. He must possess a wealth of sonality traits. He must understand and love children.

"Knowledge alone will not sure a successful teacher." Tomorrow's teacher will stimulate creative work and independent thinking. He will be an expert in evaluating his own teaching dally and will encourage pupils to be critical of their work. Future The body of Lloyd M. Hassell, teachers will develop attitudes U. S. Army private first class who and lay stress on cultural refine-

York last Sunday. Carrying the ed out that North Carolina rankpounds for an average right at \$42 who made the supreme sacrifice ment and that less than 2 1-2 perin World War II during the Bulge cent of the state income is spent

Western European Theater, the Mrs. Irving Margolis reporting Prices by grades during the United States Army Transport for the membership committee Smith swearing out a warrant ninth week of sales on the Eastern docked at New York where it announced the following awards for Hoover, said that the shooting North Carolina flue-cured tobacco paused overnight while a special for the most memberships: Gramclimaxed a fight the two had at markets were steady to lower memorial service was held in the mar School, Miss Baker, first prize Peter Rogers's store earlier that than the previous week in the ma- city's Central YPark. The ship, of \$2.00; Miss Jenkins second Following the fight which States and North Carolina Departten miles at sea, moved Monday Mrs. Gorham's 11th grade won the ments of Agriculture report that to a Brooklyn pier where the first prize and Mrs. Manning's the losses were not as severe nor bodies will be removed for ship- 10th grade took second place. The as numerous as in the previous ment to the distribution centers, committee chairman pointed out Pfc. Hassell was the son of lenged the adults to do their part

Chairman Hack Gaylord of the lunchroom committee reported on the operation and efficiency of the grammar school lunchroom. Mr. Gaylord stated that the lunchroom was now operating at a deficit and as a result of this milk was no longer served in the unchroom. A committee compos-

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CALL MEETING

Important and urgent business is scheduled for consideration at a call meeting of the local Woman's Club to be held in the club room Wednesday evening of this week at 8:45 o'clock, it was an nounced yesterday by the club president.

The meeting was called by the president following a meeting of the executive committee held in the home of Mrs. Henry Griffin on Grace Street last Friday evening.