THE ENTERPRISE IS READ BY

ESTABLISHED 1899

To Fix Opening Date Next Week For Leaf Market

United States Ends

are fixed. Whether the commitremains to be seen.

The association, concluding its annual meeting at Virginia Beach yesterday afternoon, voted to continue last season's auction schedbe limited to 400 piles per hour for each set of buyers and the piles are not to exceed 250 pounds in weight, the maximum allowed in the past two years.

The meeting was addressed by Rep. Harold Cooley, J. B. Hutson of Tobacco Associates, and the retiring president, Clyde B. Austin, of the association.

Austin told the association that tobacco sent abroad under ERP "should be a real aid in reconstruction for foreign governments," both as an "incentive product and as a source of internal revenue." Besides, he said, "it gives our farmers and industry an outlet for tobacco for which there is no demand in this country."

Urging cooperation among tobacco growers, dealers, warehousemen and exporters, Austin said "we will need careful guidance . . . to keep our industry on a free enterprise and competitive

"We have supported government aid to create purchasing power for exports . . . in the belief that these will aid European recovery and our own agriculture

that the effects of any program of point, whether that consumer be

"If we subsidize American products or types of products which have become obsolete, or that have lost consumer demand, we are striking a blow" at the Am-

bought their stocks at going market prices and those who are raising the present crops in good

"We must provide a long run farm program which protects all our farmers against wide fluctuations in farm income and assures them a fair return for their ef-

"I want to also suggest that we work toward a better understandand new markets and the placement of buyers in the various

"I would also strongly recommend that our association maintain a representative in Washington during this postwar adjustment period."

Officers Destroy

J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy A bachelor tenant lived in the Peel wrecked a small illicit liquor house, but he had been staying (Youmans) Yoder; Indian Boy, C. B. Clark or old Cromwell farm appreciable scale in this county. plant. They arrived there a short with relatives in the neighbortime after the operators had run hood for the past several days. He

belongings in the fire. capacity fermenter and water and no report on the fire was

lon capacity copper still resembl- Notice of the \$100 cash reward ing a hot water or air pressure was posted this week by Mr. Wil-

CITIZENS OF TOMORROW Native Of County Mrs. J. R. Perry



The Enterprise takes much pleasure in presenting another in a picture series of this section's "citizens of tomorrow" far none has figured prominently in public affairs, but as future citizens they have a tremendous assignment to handle in a muddled world. Certain they'll do a better job than has been done or is being done. The Enterprise presents the youngsters as the one great hope for the future.

Top row, left to right, Dorothy, eight, Claudette, seven, Gerry, six, daughters and son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rawls, Williamston; Maggie, ten, Jo Ann, nine, Lois, seven, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams, Williamston; Ronald, nine, Becky, two, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Coburn, Jamesville; Bottom row, Elizabeth Ann, eleven, Janice, ten, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. Cox, Oak City; Billy, five, Sue, two, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Peele, Williamston; and Janice, six, Annie, ten, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bland, Williamston.

COUNTY BUDGET

Meeting tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, the board of commissioners will set up budget figures for the 1948-49 fiscal year. The authorities are faced with rising costs in several departments, particularly in the weifare and relief departments. And it is going to be difficult to hold the existing rate. It is possible that an increase in the rate will follow.

No official figures are yet available, but revenue in some departments is gradually dwindling to aggravate the rate-fixing task.

Fire Bug Burns Farm Buildings

For Conviction Of **Guilty Parties**

Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, destroyed the corn barn and a tenant house on investigating the fires and are Bond was required in the sum of working on one or two minor \$50. tion coming from the sheriff's of- court costs.

The corn barn, containing only a small quantity of corn, was fired and burned between 8:30 and 9:00 o'clock last Friday evening The owner and several others went there but the fire had gained too much headway to be checked. Several remained there until the out and when the last person left this coming Sunday at 6:15 p. m. there wasn't a single spark to be seen. Some suspicion arose at that time, but not too much thought was given to the unexplained utes, the concert will be given in

origin of the fire at the time. 2:00 e'clock Saturday morning, the six-room tenant house was found burning rapidly. It was auditorium cool and comfortable. then that the owner reached the conclusion that a fire bug had number, followed by Golden crop was harvested in this county April 16. been operating there.

and only \$500 was in force on the tenant house which would cost siring, chorale, Bach; Holy is the

Dies Suddenly At | Dies In Hospital

By Jumping Into Well **Last Tuesday Morning**

James E. Green, native of this

County financial circles, was born in Bear Grass Township in De-Jesse V. and Tart Eason Green. He covery at that time. was the last one of four brothers and sisters and three half-brothers and two half sisters. He never

After attending school in Bethel in Pitt County one year, returnin to Williamston where he stu- about 25 years ago, was to Mr died as many other young men of Perry who survives. that day, telegraphy under the late William A. Ellison. He first served at Wharton's Station in Beaufort County, going to Winterville about fifty years ago and tending its services regularly and serving as railroad agent and telegrapher until he retired about seven years ago. In addition to his railroad work, he engaged in extensive farming operations, formed the Bank of Winterville Worthless Checks Flooding and served it as president and director for years.

Mr. Green was active in the Winterville Baptist Church for Justices John L. Hassell and R. many years, attending its services T. Johnson heard several cases in and the Sunday school regulartheir courts here this week. All ly down through the years, and of the cases involved minor crim- contributing liberally to its pro-

outnumber all other kinds com- he suggested that she go for cool drinks, insisting that she take her

Charged with fishing without in the house. Looking into the heavy timpers had been removed Owner Offers \$100 Reward ed with \$6.50 costs each. The de- from an old abandoned well. Go- At the end of eight weeks he il cesses found, it is quite evident ing there she found his shoes and watch and two notes, one on each side of the well. Both read, "In Drunk at the bus station, Roy well." It is thought that he had

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Dies Early Today

Pollie Lucille Hardison, 11, died in a local hospital this morning at 1:30 o'clock following five weeks illness developing from a ruptured appendix. She was the daughter of Andrew and Lucy Perry Hardison of Williams Town-

Funeral services will be held from the home at 5 p. m. Friday, conducted by Rev. F. A. Lilley of Washington and interment will be in the family cemetery.

Besides her parents, survivors include three brothers, Andrew Jr., James Durham and Frank Hardison, all of the home, and four sisters, Mary Evelyn Hardison of Portsmouth, Va., and Marjorie, Nellie and Claudie Katherine Hardison of the home.

Winterville Home From Fall Injury

James E. Green Ends Life Funeral Service Will Be Conducted at Home Friday Afternoon

county and prominent Pitt Coun- Perry, highly esteemed citizen of the contest will be close. ty citizen, died suddenly at his this county, died in a local hos- The Johnson forces have said The polls open Saturday more-

first married in early womanhood and Greenville, he taught school to Willoughby Roberson who died in 1917. Her second marriage

She was a faithful and devoted member of the Williams Chapel Methodist Church near Oak City for a long number of years, atcontributing to its support.

Surviving the first marriage are three daughters, Mrs. L. A Thompson of Oak City, Mrs. W. F. Ley of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Mrs. Jack Vaughan of Scotland Neck; and three sons, J. W. Roberon of Palmyra, M. L. Roberson of the county agent has found that the home, and T. J. Roberson of tobacco farmers have held their Scotland Neck. No children were plantings well in line with the asborn to the second marriage. Also signed quotas, according to a re-

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County Boys Enter The Armed Forces

Acting to beat the draft, several ted to the old Triple A office. As Martin County young men re- far as it could be learned no farmcently volunteered for service in er had intentionally exceeded his

Dennis Moore, Jr., signing up found when the remaining thirty for three years in 'he army air percent of the farms are checked. corps, is now receiving his basic Mr. Slade pointed out that while training at San Antonio, Texas. draw an assignment. Aris Green that most of the farmers planted and Bobby Edmondson, signing right up to the allotment. for two years of service in the regular army, are receiving their basic training at Fort Jackson in ment will not be eligible for par-South Carolina.

SPEAKS.

injured to tie the 1947 record.

The following tabulations and last and for each year to the present time.

1947 0 0 0 Comparisons To Date

1948 69 29

First Of Current Tobacco Crop Harvested This Week

Again (Coward) Teague; Ameri- carly that morning and pulled al- described as only fair.

ton farm near Williamston. Farm- favorable.

days ahead of the harvest period Possibly Farmer David Gur- of last year. However it will be

most enough from four acres to Recent dry weather has retard-

Both Candidates Entering Miss Katie Leggett Primary Claiming Victory Wins Top Honors

second primary on Saturday of this week. this week, claiming victory while It is pointed out by some that a the political dopesters are holding small vote will give an advantage to a conservative stand with a no to Johnson, while a large vote, Mrs. Bettie Brown Roberson more daring prediction than that coming mainly from the rural

home in Winterville last Tuesday pital last evening at 7:15 o'clock little about the bandwagon in the ing at 6:30 o'clock and will close morning about 10:00 o'clock. In following a ten-day illness. Mrs. second round of the campaign, at 6:30 o'clock that evening. declining health for several years, Perry, wife of James R. Perry, but they have been digging deep The Enterprise is planning to was crowned Miss Williamston of he ended his life by jumping into suffered a broken hip in a fall into the records and coming up tabulate the returns Saturday 1948, before a large audience at a deep well and drowning himself, at her home near Palmyra on with just about everything in the evening with the cooperation of the high school auditorium here Mr. Green, retired railroad man June 15, and her condition had book, loosening it with full force, the election officials Returns last evening. Miss Leggett was and prominent figure in Pitt been serious since that time. She Epithets have been hurled com- should come in fairly early since selected from a group of 20 of was removed to the hospital plete with handle by both sides, there is only one contest to be shortly after the accident, but but even the mud-slinging has at- counted in this county. The pub- Martin County's loveliest young cember, 1876, the son of the late little hope was held for her re- tracted little attention from John lic can greatly aid the vote can- ladies, and will represent Wil-

The daughter of the late John analysis, the average voter is not until the poll holders have had a be held at Wrightsville Beach on and Molly Caine Brown, she was greatly interested in the fate of chance to report the returns. Calls July 17th. Miss Leggett was sponborn in this county 78 years ago either candidate, but there should after a reasonable time will be sored by A. J. Manning's Sinclair on September 12, 1870. She was be sufficient interest for every re- gladly answered.

Tobacco Farmers

Hold Acreage To

Farmers Asked To Report

Soil Building Practices

Handled To Date

Checking on approximately

seventy percent of the crops in

this county to date, the office of

port released by T. B. Slade, sec-

It was reported that quite a few

farmers had planted slightly in

excess of the allotments, but near-

ly everyone, if not everyone, had

destroyed the excess before the re-

ports were prepared and submit-

It has been ruled that the farm-

er planting in excess of his allot-

the tobacco is sold. Heretofore, it

was possible for the farmer plant-

ng in excess to estimate the sur-

plus, pay the penalty prior to mar-

keting time and have an adjust-

been sold in its entirety.

lime and pasture seed.

ment made when the crop had

Farmers, participating in the

soil conservation program, are be-

ing asked to report their soil

building practices to date as soon

as possible. It it not necessary

for them to report directly to the

office of the county agent, Mr.

Slade explaining that they may

mail in their bills received for

For their 1947 soil building

practices, Martin County farmers

received approximately \$45,500.

The maximum they can receive

for the practices in 1948 is \$27,000.

It has been pointed out that a

shortage is anticipated in Austrian

winter peas, vetch and clover

seed, and the office of the county

Assigned Quotas

Both Charles M. Johnson and gistrant to get to the polls and W. Kerr Scott are entering the cast his or her vote on Saturday of

areas, will boost Scott's stock.

Q. Voter. Reduced to the final vass by not calling The Enterprise liamston in the State pageant to

LICENSE RUSH With the deadline staring

them in the face, motor vehicle drivers whose last names begin with the letters C and D are rushing to the examing boards to get the new type of drivers' licenses. Next Wednesday is the last day drivers whose names begin with the letters C and D may legally operate motor vehicles with their old drivers' licenses. It is estimated that no more than two-thirds of the C and D group have applied for the new type license.

Beginning July 1, drivers whose last names begin with the letters, E, F or G will be required to procure the new type license. They'll have six months to get them, but those who are now forming lines advise immediate action to avoid the rush.

Meets Reporters

"Vecovian", trade magazine is- Mrs. Robert McGraw, Windsor; Power Company, and his assist- Following the crowning of little ant, Bill Cogbill, both of the Miss Williamston of 1948, by vice Richmond office, met with re- president James Bullock, each of porters of the company's south- the three winners was presented ern district here this week and with an attractive doll baby by discussed various phases of their the Jaycees. Miss Constance ity loans. It was also pointed out work. The discussion was follow- Chesson, 1947 winner, reigned that penalties imposed on excess ed by a luncheon in the Hotel over the 1948 event, along with plantings will be collected this George Revonlds Tuesday. year right at the warehouse when

Editor Hermann and his as- Miss Williamston. sistant are preparing a feature Last night's event was attended tion in August.

with the members of the "Veco-| Following the contests a dance vian" staff were E. W. Fortune, district manager of Roanoke Rap-Sam Woolford, manager of the and members. local district; and R. H. Goodmon,

Apparently impressed by the Southern Division, Editors Hermann and Cogbill extended their

Town Board Holds

parking meters at two sessions- yesterday. one last week and another on Miss Eleanor Jenkins Hall, a Fire On Tuesday of this week—the local native of Virginia's Westmorecommissioners will make a selec- land County, reported for duty Fire, starting from a short cir- tion and place an order for met- yesterday and immediately startcuit, did considerable damage to ers at their regular meeting next ed preparing a schedule of ac-

In Beauty Contest

Patsy Ann Holloman Chosen Little Miss Williamston in Junior Event

In the third annual Beauty Pageant, sponsored by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce, Miss Katie Leggett, attractive brunette,

Finishing in second place was Mildred Thomas, who was sponand third place winners were Other contestants finishing in the top five were Misses Lena Price

and Alyce Wynne. Judges for the senior contest were Don Pierce of WRRF, Washington; Johnnie Mimms of WCPS, Tarboro; Phil Sewell of WRCS, Ahoskie; P. D. Allen of Plymouth and Hampton Brett of Windsor. and the judging was on the point

in the little Miss Williamston or Sweetie Pie" contest, the judges hose Miss Patsy Ann Holloman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Holloman, as the winner. In secdaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peele and finishing third in the balloting was Miss Fran Monteith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Monteith. There were 22 entered in this contest, and the judges had a very difficult task of selecting

the top three from such a select A. H. Hermann, editor of the Mrs. Johnnie Mimms, Tarboro;

Miss Angela McLawhorn, 1947

article for the magazine on the by approximately 500 people, at Albemarle District for publica- which Jaycee Old-Timer J. Paul Simpson served as master of cere-Reporters attending the con- monies and did a creditable job. ference here included, Mrs. Eliza- Piano music was provided by beth Cannon of Roanoke Rapids, Miss Mary Neil Ward, and Joe Miss Marjorie Phelps of Ahoskie Davenport rendered two vocal seand Miss Maude Lee Raper of lections as a part of the program, Elizabeth City, and the district's President Exum L. Ward, Jr., welassociate editor, Miss Edna Barn- comed the audience and crowned hill. Attending the conference the winner of the senior contest.

was held in the gymnasium. Jaycees Thad and Bernard Har-

ids; Bob Childrey, local manager rison served as general co-chairof Ahoskie; Harry Jones, local men of the project, assisted by a manager of Elizabeth City; and number of committee chairmen

Home Economist Reports for Duty

Suspended during the early part of the war, services of a home economist are being resumed on Special Meeting a full-time basis by the Virginia Electric and Power Company in After studying various makes of this district, it was announced

It has been a long time since to all patrons of the company and

agent advises farmers to place The first of the current tobacco er Harris transplanted his crop on

Glow, overture, Johnson; Beauti- on Monday of this week when The harvest, offering the farmful Garden of Prayer, Fillimore Farmer Dock Hardison barned er his most gruelling task of the insurance was carried on the barn (Trumpet solo, Miss Marie Peele, a few hundred sticks in the Farm year, is at least a week or ten

when he went into his field on the the work gets underway on any novelty. Bennett; I'll See You between Williamston and Everetts Quality of the first harvest was portment was called out and the such determined fashion as that sible the use of electrical ap-

Tuesday evening. The fire de- competition was presented after will glady assist in any way pos-

near Williamston. C. F. Harris earlier than would have been the bad been eliminated he went into In operation only a few months, ginia Electric and Power Com-The public is invited. No charge also harvested a barn on the Sta- case had conditions been more his home and a short time later the light is not operating properly pany in February of this year at the fire broke out.

and cannot be repaired.

Richmond.

Annual Meeting

Tobacco Association of The

Meeting in Raleigh next Tuesday, a committee of the Tobacco Association of the United States will fix the dates for opening the flue-cured tobacco markets for the coming season. The crop in this section is well advanced over that of a year ago and some of it will have been cured before the dates tee will take into consideration the the early crop in this section

ule of five hours daily. Sales will

price supports and export grants or subsidies must also be considered from the consumer's standdomestic or foreign.

erican competitive system. Austin urged support of a farm program "which will maintain

guard against crop failures and to provide for possible increases in domestic and export consumption. We must, however, assure that these surpluses do not reach unmanageable proportions, and that they are not dumped at prices which would injure those who

ing and formulate some equitable fire had completely burned itself yardstick for the control of old

Still In County

Raiding in Griffins Township

of beer mash. barrel and confiscated a 30-gal- heard here immediately.

the plant, exhausting the supply was reported to have jost all his

an New Cross, march, Panella. The raiders wrecked a 50-gallon No general alarm was sounded have been working hard this week Sam Clark also harvested en- sibly the heavy rains two weeks smoking that he put in a new briefly the traffic light at the cor- Teachers' College, Farmville, Va.,

> ganizing just over a year ago. is being made for the concert.

The Courts Here During Recent Weeks

Justices Handle

Several Cases In

Court This Week

inal offenses, and most of them gram. centered around the issuance of For the past 28 years he had worthless checks. Justice John- lived in the home of Mrs. Alex son pointed out that the worthless Evans in Winterville. Tuesday papers have been handled by the morning he asked her to go for dozens, that worthless check cases the mail. Soon after her return

ing into court these days. Near Gold Point license, Mrs. W. J. Killebrew and ward a short distance from the house, she noticed that some

> from another section of the State, Beacham was fined \$5 and re-

> fendants came into this county

quired to pay \$8.50 costs. Probable cause appearing in the the John Williams farm near Gold case in which he stands charged Pollie Hardison reasonable stocks of tobacco to Point last Friday night and early with larceny, Sam Gorham was Saturday morning. Officers are bound over to the county court.

clues. During the meantime, Mr. In Justice Johnson's court, Hu-Williams is offering a \$100 cash bert Smith, charged with attemptreward for the arrest and convic- ing to pass a car at an intersection of the guilty parties. Sus- tion, accepted the damages in the picion points to one or two parties, sum of \$120 resulting to the secbut no arrests have yet been made ond car, and judgment was susin the case, according to informa- pended upon the payment of the

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The program for the concert by the Williamston High School Band was announced yesterday by Professor Jack Butler, the director.

Lasting about forty-five minthe high school auditorium with Five or six hours later, at about the young musicians in uniform. It is planned to have as many fans as possible on hand to keep the

America will be the opening soloist); Jesus, Joy of Man's De- Life section.

Director Butler and the band fill a small barn.

THE RECORD

A year ago the vehicle wreckers took a week-long holiday in Martin County, but during the 25th week this year the ghastly business was still going on. One person was badly hurt and another

offer a comparison of the accident trend; first, by corresponding weeks in this year

25th Week Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 1948 2 2 0 \$ 200

their orders without delay. A fairly plentiful supply of rye grass seed is in prospect, it was said. Auto Damaged By

fire was confined to the interior. advanced by na king met. ed the growth of the crop and pos- afternoon he had notice the car The commissioners discussed A graduate of State Virginia and hope to be set for their first ough of his crop to fill a small ago followed by dry weather caus- battery cable and replaced one or ner of Haughton and Main Streets Miss Hall taught school several Sunday public concert since reor- barn on the Andrew Clark farm ed the lugs to ripen in some crops two wires. Thinking the trouble and called for bids for a new one, years before going with the Vir-