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For Levi H. Davis

Tomorrow at 4:00

Young Man Made Supreme

Sacrifice In France On

June 19, 1944

Funeral services will be con-

ducted Wednesday afternoon at

4:00 o'clock from the home of his

mother, Mrs. Mattie Gurkin Dav-

is, near Jamesville for Pfc. Levie

supreme sacrifice for his country

in France on June 19, 1944. Par-

ticipating in the Normandy invas-

ion, the young man was among

the first, if not the first, from this

county to fall in action in France

Answering the call of his coun-

ry, the young man volunteered

for service in the army on Janu-

ary 28, 1941, about ten months be-

fore Pearl Harbor. He was trans-

ferred to the European theater in

February, 1944, and moved with

his company into Normandy, re-

ports received at the time stating

A member of the Free Will Bap-

during World War II.

Georgia Tobacco Markets To Open Season Thursday

Price Average Expected To Exceed \$38.06 Figure Of Last Year

The Georgia-Florida flue-cured with higher prices predicted despite spotty quality. Last year the belt sold 156,190,825 pounds for an average price of \$38.06. The loan price has been increased to \$39.90 per hundred, but some observers are of the opinion that the price will hold to a figure well above the stabilization point' since the crop this year is estimated to be about 53,000,000 pounds under the 1947 production.

The Georgia-Florida crop was produced mostly under adverse growing conditions. In the beginning there was an abundance of healthy plants and a large number of farmers set out tobacco earlier than usual. The crop was off to a good start, but early in the growing stage a prolonged period of dry weather set in. This resulted in many of the plantings not being able to fully utilize their fertilizer and also caused the tobacco to ripen prematurely. The overall picture, judging from leaf already harvested and cured, portrays a spotty crop. The tobacco in some sections is not up to expectations, notwithstanding large proportions of good qualities. Primings and lugs are cleaner, being somewhat freer of sand than usual. There is still a large amount of tobacco in the fields. At the present time heavy harvesting and curing is in progress and this will continue well into next month. Regular showers will help these remaining crops, but heavy rains would be more detrimental than beneficial.

Commodity Credit Corporation loans for grades advanced through the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation have been increased from \$1.00 to

number of loan rates remain unchanged. The grade price loan rates for flue-cured tobacco average 43.9 cents per pound, which is 90 percent of the June 15th parity price. For "untied" offerings the rate for each grade is 4 cents per pound below the rate for "tied" tobacco of the same grade. Georgia and Florida tobacco is marketed "untied." The loan rates range from \$5.00 for best nondescript to \$66.00 for choice lemon wrappers. Last season receipts of the Stabilization Corporation for the type

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Local Boy Gets

Joseph (Jo Jo) Thigpen, local young man, was recently named sports publicity director for Davidson College to succeed Lacy Mc-

The young man, son of Mrs. J F. Thigpen and the late Dr. Thigpen of Williamston, is receiving his degree in journalism at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in a short time and will enter upon his new duties in early September.

Jo Jo, an army veteran, served as athletic director of the Parachute School at Fort Benning, Ga., and coached a service boxing team in the Pacific Theater during the

SUBSIDING

Although they have been reported in several districts in this county, army worms are believed to be withdrawing from their lines of attack on pastures, peanuts, soy beans and corn. The pest was attacked with poison in several sections, and in others the worm is disappearing into the ground.

Farm Agent T. B. Brandon said this week that another attack is to be expected in about three weeks unless weather conditions are unfavorable to the worm.

Board Accepts Deep Well At Meeting Last Thursday

accepted by the town commissioners in special session here last

and approved by federal-state ge- \$7,500. ologists. The drilling went down At the present time, the town is to about 490 feet and a potential pumping 125 gallons of water flow of between 400 and 500 gal- from each of the two wells at Skelons was predicted. The water warkey. The new well at the was tested and the salt content municipal water plant will inran over 100 parts per million, crease the supply to 400 gallons. While the salt content was hardly The old wells at the water plant one-fourth the amount reported are about shot, but it is still posin water pumped from the court- sible to get about 80 gallons from house well, it was rejected, and each of the three. With the new about 100 feet were filled in, low- well, it will be possible to meet

sentative explained that he was During recent days, as many as willing to move to another site, sixty and seventy-five thousand possibly a mile or a mile and one- gallons of water have been used Jamesville, that Bailey gave a sig-

Although it does not come up to and sink another well in accordexpectations, a new deep well was ance with the terms of the contract. It was agreed that the town should pay \$6.50 for a well supplying 250 gallons of water per minute. Engineer Rivers explain-Appearing before the meeting, ed that the town could accept the tobacco markets are opening the Engineer Henry Rovers and Re- well on the basis of \$26 per gallon season on Thursday of this week presentative Butler of the drilling flow or about \$3,900, or direct the company, explained that a flow company to start a new well. Inof 150 gallons per minute is cer- vestigating other factors, the tain, with the possibility that the board learned that it would cost more within six or eight months. well a mile or more from town first started, many feet of fine that the present well could be water-bearing sand, were found placed in operation for possibly

current needs without using salt The drilling company repre- water from the courthouse well half out on the Washington Road daily from the courthouse well.

Prominent Woman Died Early Friday

DRAFT BOARD

Meeting in the courthouse here this morning, the chairman of the Martin County Board of Election, the clerk of the superior court and superintendent of schools are trying to select a draft board for the county. First reports from the meeting indicated that the

ning-were finding the selection task a difficult one, that

Lists Steps For **Polio Prevention**

the possible prevention of the been serious since that time. Howspread of polio have been printed ever, with a determined spirit and and issued in a bulletin by Dr. O. a will to live she continued to visit David Garvin, District Health Of- briefly with her neighbors and ficer at Chapel Hill, as a result of other friends until just a short Swimming Pool Crange county's only case of polio time ago. in the current outbreak.

Place In College treatment of polio last spring at late Joseph L. and Augusta Leglist of precautions:

ly indoors.

greater if you travel.

nose drops.

8. Avoid insult to mouth, nose 9. Kill flies.

10. Don't get panicky. Dr. Garvin pointed out that Dr. Public Health Service has demon-

munity to the disease. "Dr. Philip Stimpson, specialist with the National Foundation." liamston. Dr. Garvin went on, "states that for every 1000 persons exposed to David Brown of Jamesville and cross Roads Township. Two ing a motor vehicle, Seth Bailey local hospital yesterday. Rev. N. be learned definitely, but one rethe disease, 45 will have the disease in such mild form that it will first influenza epidemic in Debe disregarded or passed by as a cember, 1918.

Mrs. Myrtle Brown

Beloved Neighbor Had Been In Declining Health For About a Year

Mrs. Myrtle Woolard Brown,

member of a family that pioneerher niece, Mrs. Robert L. Coburn, on South Biggs Street here last Friday morning at 9:05 o'clock, the end coming peacefully in her sleep after intense suffering over a period of almost a year. Mrs. Brown underwent an operation in a Richmond hospital about three Precautionary measures against months ago, and her condition had

Mrs. Brown was born near Wil-Dr. Garvin, who took a refresh- liamston 54 years ago on Septemer course in the diagnosis and ber 28, 1894, the daughter of the the Knickerbocker Hospital in gett Woolard. When a young girl New York, drew up the following she located with her family in cipal Swimming pool has lagged Williamston where she attended to the point where a new and lim-1. Avoid unnecessary contacts school and quickly took an active with groups and crowds, especial- part in the civic affairs of the ranged by the latter part of the community. She was one of the week, it was announced yester-2. There is no advantage in go- early presidents of the Williams- day by Recreational Director ing away, chance of exposure is ton Woman's Club, doing a noble work for society as a neighbor and 3. Continue your normal activi- friend of all. She patiently nurs- past ten days the pool has been ed the sick, cared for the helpless operating at a loss and in view of 4. Treat every fever not readily and devoted her life in unselfish the fact that the town no longer explained as poliomylitis and go service for others. Her thought- underwrites the deficiency in refulness of others and her deeds of ceipts expenses will have to be 5. Don't take medicine for pro- mercy and kindness were extend- reduced The new schedule will tection. Do not use gargles or ed into the homes of both the likely leave the pool open only humble and the well-to-do and on Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturexemplified a true Christian char- days and Sundays. -7. Avoid use of contaminated acter. In her great devotion and in her untiring work in the ser- Belk Tyler Company, has loaned vice of family and many friends, the management of the pool his she found peace and contentment. "pick-up" and loudspeaker to pro-Hers was a noble life well lived, vide music for the swimmers as She enjoyed life because she put an added attraction: There is as much into life, asking little for yet no indication that the grown-

Her father manufactured the the swimming opportunities. strated that "approximately 71 first tobacco barn flues ever made percent of the adult population in this county, and pioneered the Sleeping Sickness have had poliomylitis experience manufacture of the then revoluwithout having known about it. tionary harrow bearing his name. This means that 71 percent of The manufacturing plant was opadults have developed some im- erated at the old country home in Bear Grass Township for a number of years and later in Wil-

> She was married in 1914 to Williamston. He died during the

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Two Minor Road Johnnie Bryant Wrecks Reported In County Friday

Two Persons Painfully Cut But Not Seriously Hurt Near Town Limits

Two persons were painfully cut but believed not seriously hurt in one of two motor vehicle accidents reported on the highways in this county last Friday. Incidentally, the second highway fatality in the flow will be increased to 200 or more than \$15,000 to connect a county this year was recorded earlier in the week when Isaac When drilling operations were with the present water system. Nichols, aged Williams Township colored citizen, died of injuries received in a bicycle-auto accident between Williamston and

Jamesville on July 5. The first of the two Friday accidents was reported by Patrolman Mike Powers that morning about 7:45 o'clock when a pickup truck driven by Warren B. Cherry of Plymouth and an oil truck driven by Seth Bailey of Bear Grass figured in a collision on the Williamston-Jamesville highway just beyond Gardner's Creek, causing about \$125 damage. Patrolman Powers, making the investigation, said that both vehicles were traveling toward nal for a left turn. Thinking Bailey was going to stop on the left shoulder, Cherry started to pass on the right. It soon developed that Bailey gave the signal for a left turn so he could swing around and furn off the highway to the right. Just as Cherry was off against the Bailey vehicle, his pick-up truck was struck in the side. No one was hurt and the Hold Funeral For patrolian said that Bailey accepted the damages.

Driving his pick-up truck out on the Washington highway about 6:30 o'clock Friday evening, G. T. Saturday At 4:00 Gardner declared to Officer Chas. R. Moore that someone forced him off the road and into a transformer light pole just this side of Sunny Side Inn. The driver was painfully cut on the knee and face and Mrs. Gardner, riding with him, receveid an eight-stitch gash lan conditions prior to the Sund ominent local woman and alon her head Treated in the local

tinue to their home on the railroad just off South Smithwich Street. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$50 and it was estimated that \$100 damage was done to the pole and electric system. Lights in that section, including power for the town's two Skewarkey water pumps, were out for more than one and one-half hours or until power company forces were able to plant a new pole and put the wires and transformer on

Support Lagging

Despite the hot weather of recent days, patronage of the Muniited schedule may have to be ar-Stuart Maynard.

Mr. Maynard said that for the

Manager Ernest Mears of the Charles Armstrong of the U. S. herself and giving freely to others. ups are going to take advantage of

Among Workstock

ported in this section over the the Wells-Oates premises where this morning at 10:30 o'clock for ing to break into the home of his week-end, Dr. W. F. Coppage stat- several families are housed. appearance in Williams, Griffins proper hand signal while operat- aker Gurganus, who died in the launched the attack. It could not the river in Bertie. In all there costs. were five cases, the doctor ex-

Seriously Shot

Two Loads of Gun Shot Fir- Proposed Budget Winbush, Colored

Johnnie Bryant, colored tenant on the Everett farn, in Poplar Point Township, was seriously shot by Bill Winbush, another colored tenant on the same farm, about 1:00 o'clock last Sunday morning, the shooting climaxing an argument over a 20-cent debt created in a "friendly" card game. Both of the men were keeping

watch at a tobacco barn, and engaged in a card game to pass the time. Winbush got into debt to Bryant in the sum of 20 cents, it was reported, and a rather heated argument followed. Winbush left the barn and went to his home about one-half mile away and returned with his single barrel shot gun and a pocketful of shells. Just what happened immediately upon but Bryant elected to desert the barn. He had traveled only about twenty-five yards when Winbush cracked down on him, sending the greater part of a load of shot into to move away but he was not fast enough to escape a second blast.

The victim was removed to the was described as serious. However, he is expected to recover if there are no complications.

While other tenants were getting Bryant to the hospital, Winbush started walking to town to surrender. He had walked hardly a mile before he called someone to bring him to town. Local police started to draw their arms when Winbush got out of the car with the gun in one hand and several shells in the other.

Bryant, who was the target of a load of gun shot about a year ago as a result of a family quarrel, was said to have been drinking, that possibly he and Winbush had had some trouble under simi-

were said to have worked side by side in the fields and were considered to be very good friends. ance and expansion of the ceme-

Winbush is being held in the tery were increased from \$5,500 to county jail pending the outcome \$7,300, the additional amount havof Bryant's condition. ing been appropriated to finance

Justice Johnson Hears Five Cases

Justice R. T. Johnson handled five cases in his court during the tions were reduced from \$8,015 to past few days, several of them be- \$3,850. ing of the complicated domestic! department was increased from

Counter warrants were drawn \$18,065 to \$19,300, most of the inby R. B. Speller and his wife, Lu-crease to go for the purchase of eindy Speller, the court finding uniforms and equipment. the husband not guilty and the wife guilty of disorderly conduct. tions jumped from \$22,655 to \$33, While it was apparent the wife 493.46. The increase is traceable provoked the attack, there was to the proposed purchase of \$9,000 enough evidence offered to sup- worth of new equipment and a port a second woman angle. The gain of about \$3,000 in labor ustice first decided to send the costs. case against the wife to the county court for a final decision, but he altered his decision and impos- tions, the estimated expenditures ed a \$10 fine on the defendant jumping from \$17,700.17 last year when it was pointed out the wo- to \$28,920.00 this year. Most of man had three small children at the increase is to go for the new home.

The wife defendant was without witnesses.

The case in which Willie Wilson was charged with an assault when tinue as rapidly as possible the the prosecution witness turned extension of water lines to every and supported the defendant in open court. Wilson was adjudged not guilty and Eunice Oden, booked as the prosecuting witness, was required to pay the \$6.50 costs. She turned to the defendant and principal on bonds and \$10,815.00 he advanced the money to pay the interest, a total of \$25,315.00. Last

Charged with being drunk and to \$28,195.00. disorderly, Dora Williams, young colored girl, was sentenced to jail Funeral This Morning for 30 days, the court suspending the jail term on condition that she The first cases of sleeping sick- remain away from the home of ness among work stock were re- Louis Willoughby and stay off ed in the Holiness church here

cases were reported just across was fined \$5 and taxed with the J. Ward conducted the service and port claimed that Pearsal had mo-

Essie Wilson, charged with distaxed with \$6.50 costs.

Town Board Retains Funeral Services Sunday Morning Old \$2.00 Tax Rate

Calls for Revenue In Sum of \$133 953

Rate Is Based On Assessed **Property Valuation Of** \$3,240,243.00

Meeting in special session last Thursday evening, Williamston's ommissioners tentatively adopted a budget for the current fiscal year, calling for retention of the old \$2 per \$100 valuation tax rate and expenditures in the sum of \$133,953.46.

The budget is based mainly on the general tax levy which is expected to raise \$64,000,00 on an assessed property valuation of \$3,-240,243.00. Last year the valuation was \$3,039,229.00, the total this year showing an increase of next big source of income is water sales which are estimated to bring in to the treasury approximately \$31,000. The third biggest income item is anticipated profits from legal liquor sales and beer-wine taxes which are estimated at \$15 .-000. Other income, running about paving assessments, mayor's court rentals, penalties and solvent credits. Last year these

approximately \$115,135. A general increase in expenditures is noted in most of the departments. While the items in the general administration fund remain virtually the same, new services have been added. The appropriation for badly needed repairs to the city hall , is increased from \$1,000 to \$2,00 including supplies. A 200 was appropriated a rat control program. This year general administration is estimat-

a contemplated expansion there.

eration over to the recreational

committee, the board is reducing

the appropriation there from \$2,-

The fire department appropria-

The appropriation for the police

Street department appropria-

A similar increase is noted in

the water department appropria-

well now being developed on the

municipal water plant property.

The board also included a \$6,000

appropriation for new pipe to con-

Debt service is gradually dwindling, but still constitutes a

major item in the budget. The

board is appropriating \$14,500 for

year, debt service costs amounted

nook and corner in the town.

200 to \$800.

Turning the swimming pool op-

POSTPONED

The United Nations Appeal for Children has been postponed in Martin County for several weeks, it was announced a few days ago. Calling for \$2,500 as this county's share in a nation-wide drive to keep thousands of little children from starving, the organization was advised that every effort would be made to have this county go over the

Making splendid progress in every state in the nation, the drive was given initial support by contributions from members of the Kiwanis club a few weeks ago. The amount raised at that time will be added to the amount to be raised later.

modern and extensively equipped entered the service. Tar Heel building next to the bus Rev. O. B. Nickens, Plymouth \$1,000 or less, is anticipated from station here Thursday morning at Baptist minister, will conduct the

Elaborately planned, the open- from the John Walton Hassell

Assistant superintendent in a promising young man and had charge of store openings, W. D. equipment and stocking the store.

Horace Davis, Jr., who made the

that his outfit was among the first Colonial Opening to set foot on French soil during the invasion. **Brand New Store** tist Church at Corinth near

ing will bring here officials of the Post of the American Legion in sources of income raised a total of company, including Messrs. H. W. Williamston will have charge of McCullough, district manager of the rites at the graveside in the the North Carolina Division, and family cemetery near his old Carlton Mercer, produce mer- home. chandiser of Norfolk; C. F. Cannada, grocery superintendent; and November 14, 1919, the son of Mrs. W. J. Cartner, meat superintend- Mattie Gurking Davis and her late

opening time Thursday morning

and modernized, is fitted with

est type, including an open top

self-service dairy case, self-serv-

ice frozen food case, a sparkling

produce rack with the mirror

back. The grocery and package

racks, heavily stocked, are neatly

arranged with prices plainly

marked. The store offers just

about the latest in modern and

meats and produce.

successful opening.

convenient merchandising, includ-

Special prices are being adver-

In addition to the manager, Col-

Morton, manager of the meat de-

stockmen; and John VanLanding-

Victim Of Knife

Attack Saturday

Lafayette Pearsall, young col-

The store, completely renovated

many friends in the lower part of Harton, and his assistants have the county where he was well done an able job in placing the known. Surviving besides his mother Truckloads of merchandise have are one brother, Durham Davis;

He was born near Jamesville on

loaded late tomorrow and before drick of Gadsden, Alabama, and The body, just returned from a

military cemetery in France, is scheduled to reach Tarboro this afternoon at 3:21 o'clock, and will

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USES Reports Job Bonanza

ing a 28-foot meat case and large Washington.-The U.S. Emrefrigerated storage rooms for ployment Service said last week the manpower supply is almost as tight as at the wartime peak. tised in the various departments The service said in its monthly

and a number of valuable food publication that "this peacetime baskets will be given away at the job bonanza" was created by the opening. Manager R. L. Bowling, unusually high level of industrial twelve years with the company, is activity. looking for a large crowd and a It listed these four important

changes in the character of the onial will continue the following war: personnel, most of whom have

been with the firm for years: Ed now greatest in construction inpartment; Durward Johnson, pro- demand for trained scientific speduce superintendent; Ben Peel, cialists has created a "manpower Archie Coltrain and Whit Mallory, famine" in science fields.

Concentration of labor has shiftham, assistant butcher. Miss Bes- ed from the coastal shipbuilding sie Griffin and Mrs. Belva Daven- centers to the Great Lakes, New port, two of the company's best England and Middle Atlantic recashiers, will continue at their gions.

Apprentice and seniority standards have been re-established and

Men are replacing the women who held many skilled and semiskilled jobs.

ored man, was attacked and badly cut on his neck and arm by J. T. Perry, also colored, on Washing-For Gurganus Infant ton Street near the Cotton Club here about 10:00 o'clock Saturday Funeral services were conduct- night. Pearsall was charged with try-

Dannie Ray Gurganus, one-day- estranged wife and police were ing that the disease had made its | Pleading guilty of giving an im- old son of Dan and Frances Whit- looking for him when Perry interment was in Woodlawn Cemlested Perry's wife at the club.

His wounds closed with eight plaining that four of the attacks orderly conduct, was fined \$5 and Besides the parents, a brother stitches, Pearsall was moved to the county jail.

ROUND-UP

Although there was a flareup on the crime front in this county last week-end, only six persons were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail. One each was charged with

drunkenness, drunken driving, assault, attempted breaking and entering, assault with a deadly weapon and rape. Three of the group detain

ed were white, including a female. The ages ranged from 25 to 50 years.