

## D. R. Chandler Passes At Home In Robersonville

### Funeral Tuesday Afternoon For Prominent Citizen Of This Section

Mr. D. R. Chandler, prominent Martin County citizen, died at his home in Robersonville Sunday night at 11:40 o'clock. Seventy-five years old, Mr. Chandler became ill last January and the sickness compelled him to retire from his business, the Robersonville Furniture Company. He became critically ill early last week.

Mr. Chandler was born in Randolph County, this state, and in 1902 he moved to Robersonville where he was employed as a rural mail carrier for eighteen years. Following his resignation as a full-time mail carrier, he and Mr. A. R. Osborne formed a partnership which operated as the Robersonville Furniture Company. After several years of successful operation the partnership was dissolved owing to the ill health of Mr. Osborne, and Mr. Chandler continued to operate the business until his death.

In the furniture business here for thirty years, Mr. Chandler continued to serve as a substitute mail carrier until he became ill last January.

He affiliated with the Christian Church here in 1912 and continued to serve the church faithfully with both his time and money until ill health forced his retirement. He was also a charter member of the local Rotary Club and the local chapter of United American Mechanics.

"Doc," as he was known to his many friends and associates, devoted much of his time and talents to everything that was good and worth while for the town and community in which he lived. Courteous and affable he enjoyed the friendship of a large number of Robersonville and Martin County citizens. Mr. Chandler was held in high esteem and every one recognized him as an honest and noble citizen.

He was first married to Elizabeth Peele of Williamston who died in 1938. Surviving this union are two sons, Wilmer of Philadelphia, Randolph of New York City, and one daughter, Kathryn Chandler of the home. He was later married to Mrs. Betty Perry Morris who also survives.

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## Uncover Copy Of Old Newspaper

Old records show that the late Howard J. Herrick was one of the leading pioneer editors in this section, but a sample of his work was not brought to light in this section until last week-end when Mrs. J. J. Cherry of Route 2, Williamston, presented The Enterprise with the September 7, 1894, edition of the "Martin County Sun."

It is not known how long Mr. Herrick published the paper, but it was an eight-column, neatly printed paper of four pages, carrying national and local news.

Mr. Herrick, who was later to attain fame in the theatrical world, is remembered here by many of the older people. He married here and his daughter, Miss Virginia, and his son, Howard, Jr., made their home here until about twenty years ago.

The Enterprise would like very much to get additional copies of the Sun or any other papers prior to the turn of the century.

### ERROR

Reporting the payment of town taxes last week, The Enterprise stated that two percent discount was being allowed. The statement was made in error, the clerk, Dan Sharpe, explaining that the law allowed only one percent discount on the payment of taxes during August and one-half percent in September.

The county tax office was said to have allowed two percent discount, but only in those cases where payments were tendered in June.

## CITIZENS OF TOMORROW



The Enterprise takes much pleasure in presenting another in a picture series of this section's "citizens of tomorrow". So far none has figured prominently in public affairs, but it is a future citizen 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, Louise, six, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Grimes, Williamston; Robert, ten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jinnie Goddard, Williamston; Nancy, eight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Britton, Williamston; Bottom row, Blanche, nine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Manning, Jr., Williamston; Tommy, eleven, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Harris, Williamston; and Priscilla, nine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gurganus, Williamston.

## Directory Of The Buying Personnel For Local Market

### List Includes Number of New Faces This Year, According To Supervisor

Compiling a directory of the buying personnel and assistants, on the local market, Sales Supervisor Edward Corey said the list this year includes several newcomers, and added that all had found living quarters. The group has already developed a smooth working organization, cooperating splendidly in the interest of the market and its patrons.

A list of the personnel and the addresses:

For the American: J. M. Lamb at Mrs. J. W. Manning's, W. Y. Moore at the Murray Holloman on Marshall Avenue, Jack Haynes and Kirkwood Snyder at the P. H. Browns.

For Liggett-Myers: A. B. Ayers at home, W. D. Dills, Mr. Wenzler and Thad Harrison.

For the Export: Archie Ellis and Joe Green at the Joel Muses', Hugh Heath, commuting from Kinston.

For R. J. Reynolds: Gene Averette at the Abernathy's on Marshall Avenue, D. L. Corbitt.

For J. P. Taylor: Norwood Thomas at the J. D. Woolards', W. R. Westbrook at the P. H. Browns'.

For the Imperial: Fred Jones at Mrs. J. W. Manning's, Gene Gurganus at Mrs. W. E. Warren's, James Harrington at home.

For the Washington Tobacco Co.: Arthur Beale and Gabe Roberson at home.

For W. I. Skinner Co.: W. I. Skinner, at home.

In addition to the buyers who are listed first in each group, there are three government graders. W. D. Morrow and R. C. Cone are stopping with the H. L. Swains', and W. L. Rawls is stopping with the W. C. Windleys'.

## Farm Packhouse Burns In County

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a packhouse, about \$1,000 worth of tobacco and about twenty barrels of corn on the Slade White farm in Poplar Point Township about 7:30 o'clock last evening.

Mr. White went to the barn about the time the fire broke out. According to a report reaching here he found the fire burning in a pile of tobacco on the second floor. He ran for some water and almost extinguished the fire but while he was away getting a second supply the fire went out of control.

The barn, constructed of timbers hewn from the hearts of logs, was placed together with pegs years ago. It held two acres of tobacco except for the lugs which had been marketed and the tips which were still in the curing barn.

## Quartet Arrested For Violations By Various Officers

### Bound Over To The Superior Court For Breaking Into Parmele Store

Bill Mozingo, J. R., Wilmer and W. C. Whitehurst, Jr., young white men of the Robersonville and Bethel sections, were bound over to the superior court for trial next month when Justice R. T. Johnson found probable cause of guilt last Saturday in the case charging them with breaking and entering and larceny and receiving. Bond was required in the sum of \$100 each except for the youngest of the Whitehurst boys who was recognized by the trial justice.

The boys allegedly broke into Tom Clay's place of business in Parmele sometime during last Thursday night or early Friday morning, taking cigars, sugar and other groceries and some money out of a piccolo, valued in excess of \$50.

Leaving the scene of the crime, three of the youths traveled to Everetts where they picked up the third Whitehurst boy and continued to Williamston where they were detained a short while when police became suspicious of their actions.

At least two of the boys admitted they had driven the car and all of them were found without drivers' licenses. Mozingo having lost his reportedly for drunken driving. Two of the four were said to have been "drunk." The youths were formally charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and were booked for trial in the county court.

The quartet picked up Elbert Whitehurst in Everetts and gave him a ride to Williamston. He was booked for operating a motor vehicle without a license, but in open court he was adjudged guilty of public drunkenness, and drew sixty days on the roads. W. C. Whitehurst, Jr., and Melvin (Bill) Mozingo charged with operating a car without a driver's license, were fined \$25 each, plus (Continued on page eight)

## Fire Threatens Windsor Suburb

Starting from a spark in the pump-house, fire damaged the storage tanks of the Harrison Oil Company and threatened Bertie, Windsor suburb, late last night. John Langsdale, driver of a transport for the Reliable Transport Service, was severely burned when he tried to keep the fire from spreading. One report said that his fingernails were burned away, that he was badly burned about the face and arms.

Persons, living in the little settlement, took their children and moved out as fire-fighting equipment moved in from Windsor, Williamston and Edenton. Equipment was rolling to the scene from Elizabeth City when the fire was brought under control and the truck was turned back.

Using special chemicals, the Edenton firemen had the fire out a few minutes after their arrival while Windsor and Williamston firemen laid approximately 2,000 feet of hose from the river.

Other than the personal damage, and that done to the transport truck, the loss to the Harrison Oil Company property was estimated at about \$10,000. None of the big tanks exploded, but fire burned rapidly through the vents and the tanks were warped by the extreme heat.

## Suffers Broken Wrist While Swimming In Surf

Miss Dorothy Mizelle of Jamesville and an employe at the North Carolina Pulp Company plant, broke her right wrist while swimming in the surf at Virginia Beach last Saturday.

Treated in a hospital here, she was able to return home Sunday, but doctors state it will be six weeks before she'll be able to return to her work. She was accompanied here by Misses Grace Brewer and Mary Perry.

## Jasper S. Leggett Hangs Himself At Home Last Friday

### Imitating A "Wild West" Stunt, Boy Strangles Himself To Death

Imitating "Wild West" stunts, Jasper Stuart Leggett, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Leggett, hanged himself accidentally at his home just across Beaver Dam bridge near Everetts on U. S. Highway 64 last Friday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. The crudely made noose strangled the little fellow to death.

At home with his sister, Peggy Jean, youngster was playing alone in the back yard. Taking a rope he fastened one end to a frame supporting a home-made shower bath in the back yard. He placed the noose around his neck and was standing on a cross member of the frame when he fell off, leaving him hanging about two and one-half feet from the ground.

Peggy Jean, who is older, happened to go into the back yard and saw him hanging and she immediately cut him loose. Mr. and Mrs. Leggett who had been away from home only a short time returned a few minutes later and they picked him up and carried him to Brown's hospital where he was pronounced dead.

No formal inquest was considered necessary by Coroner S. R. Biggs who said the youngster was reported to have imitated stunts handled by cowboys and those appearing in cheap comic strips as a means of entertaining himself.

The victim of the accident moved to this county from Beaufort County about two years ago. He attended school in Everetts where he was a promising young student.

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## Band Club Names Executive Group

Deferring the election of officers until the next regular meeting, the Band Parents Club of Williamston High School last night named an executive committee to handle various phases of the club's work and complete plans for a Band Day or Tag Day in late September or early October.

The meeting followed a rehearsal by the band in the high school auditorium which many of the parents attended and enjoyed. A marked improvement over the first full rehearsal the parents listened to about a year ago was noted and Professor Jack Butler explained that the band was recharged the point where it could be expected to give a good account of itself with hard work and diligent study.

An invitation to take part in a V-J day celebration at Elizabeth City has been declined, Director Butler said because the day set apart for that event is the same as the organization day for the new school year at the high school and the band could not get away in time to make the event away from home. However, the band is tentatively scheduled to make a trip out of town on October 2 to play for one of the big football games in the state. Definite word on that will probably be released later this week.

Report cards on band work are to be issued this year right along with the scholastic reports and the various items to be touched upon in this report were explained by the director.

The Tag Day or Band Day this year will be to raise funds for transportation, for music supplies, to supplement the uniform fund, and possibly to supply a state and national flag for the band which is receiving school colors from the Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Appointed to the executive committee to work on various departments were: Julian Harrell, transportation; M. M. Levin, finances; Mrs. B. G. Stewart, attendance; Mrs. R. L. Carver, handicraft (looking after uniform repairs, attaching letters to pennants for parades, etc.); and Lee Reynolds, publicity. Each of these is to have help in handling their work as they may need it from other members of the club.

## Registration For Draft To Be Handled At One Center

Meeting last Thursday evening in Williamston, Martin County's newly appointed draft board advanced tentative plans for handling the 1948 model draft registration which is slated to get underway next Tuesday. Convinced it would be next to impossible to get a sufficient number of volunteers to handle the task in all parts of the county, the board members agreed to set up and maintain one registration center. Registrations will be handled in the American Legion Hut of the John Walton Hassell Post in Williamston for about fifteen days, at the end of which time the registration center will be transferred to the draft board offices on the third floor of the town hall.

Personnel for handling the registrations has not been named, but

the board members are searching for helpers, and any one who can and will participate in the task is asked to contact Board Chairman Eugene Rice at Davis' Pharmacy in Williamston.

Miss Mildred Everett, for several years employed in the Martin County Triple A office, has been named as clerk to the draft board and she is entering upon her new duties immediately. However, no furniture has been received and it could not be learned when the draft board offices would be opened to the public. During the meantime, business of the board is handled by the chairman at his place of employment.

Besides the chairman, Messrs. Chas. Gray of Robersonville, and L. R. Everett of Hamilton attended the last week meeting.

## Mill Workers Vote Against Union Here

### MISSION

County Commissioners John Henry Edwards, W. M. Harrison and C. A. Roberson and County Attorney E. S. Peel are to confer with Dr. Ferrell in Raleigh Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock as a preliminary step in submitting to a vote of the people the question of a hospital for the county.

The group was named some time ago to investigate the matter, looking forward to a vote on the proposal.

## Griffins District Road Project Is Near Completion

### Plan To Start Surfacing Farm-to-Market Road In Short Time

Under construction for about a year, the Griffins Township farm-to-market road is nearing completion, Highway Engineer Asa Moore stating last week-end that the contractor planned to complete covering the road with three inches of rock and sand the latter part of this week. The road then will be machined and shaped for a sealer of tar. Fine rock will then be placed on the route to be completed by the end of the month.

The contract calls for the completion of the road by October. If it can not be completed by that time the surfacing must be delayed until next spring.

Approximately three miles of surfacing has been placed on Highway 171, connecting the road leading into Jamesville and running toward Washington. The addition gives that section approximately four and one-half miles on that route, leaving a gap of several miles between that point and the Beaufort County line. The work on 171 was handled by highway forces.

Unfavorable weather last fall and winter delayed work on the project for weeks, and the contractor has experienced many other handicaps. The latest difficulty was presented by a shortage of gondola train cars. To speed up the work, the contractor agreed to accept stone in coal cars. The arrangement did not work very satisfactorily, but more recently the other type car was made available and the workers are now near Piney Grove Church, leaving only a small portion of the road to be covered with the three-inch-deep rock base, a task that can be completed possibly by the end of this week.

More than two hundred carloads or approximately 10,000 tons of rock will have been placed on the road when the base is completed, Engineer Moore said.

### IMPROVING

A patient in a Rocky Mount hospital for about ten days, Mrs. C. D. Carstarphen, Sr., continues to improve and expects to return home soon.

## Price Average Of Tobacco Is Down In Past Few Days

### Sales Late Yesterday And Early Today Reported Much Stronger

After starting off at an all-time high record on the opening last Thursday, tobacco prices started leveling off later in the day and followed what was recognized by farmers as a downward trend until late yesterday afternoon. At that time the market appeared to be stronger and today the sales were more encouraging. Farmers were of the opinion that the price was off, but they were agreed that quality of the offerings was not any too good; in fact, it is now agreed that the quality of opening-day "break" was not as good as many first thought it was.

The early sales last Thursday pointed to a price average of around \$55 per hundred pounds, but as the day progressed the price trend started downward. The market sold 284,404 pounds for \$53.14. Farmers registered no complaint, but it was fairly evident that they were disappointed. The Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Cooperative Corporation was a big buyer during the day, but its purchases dwindled before the day was spent and it is taking comparatively little tobacco on the current sales.

Last Friday, the market handled 253,526 pounds at an average of \$48.58, and yesterday 223,634 pounds were sold for an average of \$47.35.

Today, the market has an estimated 150,000 pounds on the floors with prices stronger, but not up to opening-day figures.

Fairly light sales are to be expected for a day or two, but heavy offerings are in prospect for the latter part of this and next.

While most of the crop has been harvested, most farmers have had little time to switch to the pack-houses and prepare for the markets. A few farmers are not expected to complete the harvest until next week.

Individual farmers with good tobacco said this morning that they could see little or no difference in prices. "I sold over 900 pounds opening day for a little better than a 60-cent average, and between 700 and 800 pounds yesterday for a 64-cent average," a Cross Roads farmer said.

Through yesterday the market had sold 761,564 pounds for an average of about \$49 per hundred as compared with 455,860 pounds sold in the first three days of last season for an average of about \$45 per hundred pounds.

## Body Of County Boy On Way Home

The body of Alton Wesley Gurganus, former Jamesville young man, is on its way home from Italy where he made the supreme sacrifice on Sunday, November 14, 1943, relatives were advised last week-end by the distribution center at Philadelphia. It will be possibly three weeks or more before the body will reach the county. The family plans to bury the fallen hero in Williamston's Woodlawn Cemetery.

He was among the first if not the first man drafted from this county to lose his life in action in World War II.

## Suffers Broken Elbow In Fall

Mrs. Anna Harrison suffered a broken elbow Monday, August 16, in a fall on the stairs of the hotel where she was staying while vacationing in New York City.

Following her release from a New York hospital Thursday she returned to Tarboro to the home of her sister, Mrs. A. D. Mizelle. Doctors in Tarboro, after checking X-rays taken of her arm, found the bones to have been set incorrectly and Mrs. Harrison was taken to a bone specialist at Duke Hospital the latter part of last week. The specialist was unable to break the elbow to reset it and Mrs. Harrison will undergo an operation today to straighten her arm.

### ROUND-UP

Nine persons were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail over the week-end, most of the arrests coming on Saturday following the opening of the tobacco market on Thursday.

Five, including a colored woman, were booked for public drunkenness, and one each for larceny, assault with a deadly weapon, larceny and drunken driving.

Three were white and six colored, their ages ranging from 25 to 55 years.