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Leder Brothers Open New Store Thursday Night

To Give Away Orchids and Serve Refreshments 8 to 10 P. M.

Leder Brothers, recognized leaders in the mercantile field in this and two other states, will open their newest store in Williamston Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock, Manager William S. Mc-Combs announcing that a formal were made and the man was program had been planned and thought to have been lost. Rethat a cordial invitation is being cently he was seen wandering in extended the people of the town the woods and Officers Holloman,

and community to attend. given to the first 300 ladies to en spot where he had been sleeping ed the man has made no threats ter the store opening night, the on the ground. The trail also led nor offered to harm anyone. 18th. Refreshments will be served from 8 to 10 o'clock, during which time Manager McCombs and the store personnel hope to get acquainfed with the people of this area.

A modernization program on the store built by Harrison Brothers back in 1917 and more recently occupied by Colonial Stores, is nearing completion, making the building front one of the most modern in this section. The modernizaiton program includes the front of the entire building and is of similar design for both the Leder and Darden's Department Stores.

The store is being staffed by nine employes, including Manager McCombs, Parker Peel, John Mrs. Jimmy Harrison, Mrs. W. E. Dudley, Mrs. R. J. Brock, Mrs. In Hospital Here were well attended and much in-Leamon Keel and Mrs. Carrie Dell Stubbs. Mr. J. J. Segerman, manager of the company's store in Plymouth and a director in the organization, is assisting the personnel of the store here in completing arrangements for the formal opening and for the regular opening the following morning. Farm Life section of Griffins The following were named and tion and maintenance equipment. R. G. Harrison, Sr., of Williamston, and R. G. Harrison, Sr., of Henderson. West Virginia, and attended the University of West Virginia. After three years spent in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, he went with the firm in its Plymouth store and was promoted to assistant manager six months later in November, 1946. He was married to Miss Jean Modlin of

Martin County. The store is unpacking all new merchandise especially for the early fall trade. The store, during the next few days, will offer special bargains in summer merchandise which is being moved to

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Hints On Shrubs Given By Harris

Trees and shrubs selected should not only add beauty to the Hardison of Tarboro. home grounds but should also serve some useful purpose, says John H. Harris, the "Tar Heel Gardner." They should furnish shade or background or should decorate or soften some part of the house. Another appropriate place would be in the border or at a spot where they will screen off unatteactive views. The shrubs should not be planted aimlessly throughout the lawn.

Greenville and Elders M. L. Sim-Many trees will add food to the table. These include pecan, chin- mons and W. W. Roberts, both of quapin, black wainut, mulberry. hickery, persimmon, and, in some the Roberson Cemetery near the sections, cherry and pear, all of old home. which will furnish good shade and also provide edible products. Storm Damage

The apple, peach, plum, damson, and crabapple trees will furnish beautiful blossoms and delicious fruit if given a reasonable amount of pruning and spraying. These trees are less hardy, but they can be used as individual did some damage here last Satur- pasture for some choice corn in shade trees or they may serve as day morning, following a hail B. B. Taylor's field about one a screen or border with perhaps shrubs in front of them.

Although the grape is not a tree or a shrub, it may furnish here and debris covered some of shade for a corner of the yard or, if trained on a trellis, may serve heavy trees barely missed several as a background or boundary homes.

planting. Some of the shrubs which prohaw, elderberry, fig, huckleberry, vice was interrupted the greater possibly exceed \$400, according to percent of his base pay over a and blueberry.

The Past Several Months Program In State Died In Hospital

Believed to be brooding over to farmers' corn and watermelon the loss of some property, Moses patches. It is thought that some-James, 45-year-old colored man, has turned his back on civilization, reports reaching here declaring that he continues to wander more or less aimlessly in the woods near the Ed Burnett farm not far from Palmyra in Goose appearance resembled that of a Nest Township.

James was first reported missing last May. Several searches

ness houses will observe their

be observed as a holiday by

business houses along with

Prominent Griffins Town-

ship Citizen Been In Fail-

ing Health Long Time

Mrs. Sarah Ada Hardison Rob-

weeks ago for the second time in

recent months for treatment. Her

that time and little hope was held

early womanhood she was mar-

D. M. Roberson and Cov J. Rob-

taking membership with the

funeral services will be con-

ducted at the home in Griffins

Wednesday afternoon at 3:00

o'clock by Elder J. L. Ross of

Many of .. Interplent will be in

Reported Here

A wind-rain storm, almost ap-

proaching hurricane proportions,

storm which struck parts of the

county three days earlier. Sever-

the streets. No one was hurt, but

part of an hour.

for her recovery.

four years ago.

those in need.

the tobacco market.

few details could be learned about the man and his movements.

When last seen, James was clad only in old fertilizer sacks, his clothing having worn out. His face was heavily bearded and his white man, Deputy Joe Roebuck said, quoting an informer.

James lived with his brother until debt forced them out of their humble home. The brother, Tom, reportedly went to New York and Moses went to the roads. Some of

Townships Name LAST HOLIDAY Committees For Local stores and other busi-

Highway Program last half-holiday of the season tomorrow afternoon. The holiday schedule has been in Representatives From Ten effect since early June. Districts To Meet Next No other holidays are de-Saturday Morning finitely on the schedule but it

is likely that Labor Day will Committees were named most of the ten townships in the county last Friday evening to make a study of the new road delegations. Mrs. Ada Roberson program and make suggestions to the proper authorities. A comin several centers the meetings

> terest was shown in the program. ment. Three men were named in each representatives will attend a

erson, well-known citizen of the organization. The new manager is a native of Township, died in the local hos- announced by the township meet- This month they directed their ings:

pital at 4:30 o'clock after a long period of declining health. She

Poplar Point: L. G. Taylor, condition had been critical since Gentry Mills.

The daughter of the late Seth E. C. Harrison.

and Louisa Griffin Hardison, she was born in Griffins Township 76

years ago, on November 3, 1872, ward Tyre. and lived there all her life. In;

ried to J. J. Roberson who died Daniel Griffin.

erson, both of Williamston; a dau- o'clock. ghter, Miss Ida Roberson, of the The tentative highway conhome; and three brothers, Mr. Luther Hardison of Williamston, the highway commission and sub- the public as he does with his ter fat during one lactation per- \$50.98 per hundred. This average John A. Hardison of the home mitted to the county commission- own engineering staff. Most peocommunity, and Attorney Henry ers the early part of last week was ple want their roads immediately, Mrs. Roberson was a faithful

Church for nearly sixty years, reports reaching here. Several of the townships dischurch at Smithwicks Creek. She cussed a road widening program, ily, and lent a helping hand to

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Find Missing Hog In a Corn Field

Finding his old sow and several pigs gone and almost certain thieves had been active, Farmer C. C. Rawls of Hamilton called for help and Sheriff Buck Holloman and Deputies J. H. Roebuck and

Roy Peel answered the call. The law picked up a trail, found where the hogs and pigs quit the hundred yards away.

al sizable trees were blown down Damages Car In Road Accident Last Sunday

Leggett Roebuck, Jr., damaged his new Ford car considerably ing held a few days previously. Monday afternoon a terrific last Sunday when he lost control The compensation, coming from electrical storm struck the area, of the machine and ditched it on a the Town of Oak City, will satisfy duce edible fruit as well as being but as far as it could be learned dirt road near Bear Grass. As far a large hospital bill incurred ornamental are the quince, elag- no property was damaged and no as it could be learned, no one was while he was receiving treatment nus, chokeberry, hazelnut, black- one hurt. Light and power ser- hurt but damage to the car will for a broken hip and includes 40

preliminary estimates.

one had been feeding James, but Engineers Now Working on Funeral Conducted at the The First Projects To Be Let To Contract

> By William D. Snider Public Relations Director

State Highway Commission Raleigh.-Governor Scott's ten new highway commissioners will launch the first phase of their \$200,000,000 road improvement program this fall.

Barely three months after the successful June 4 bond referendum the state's new roadbuilders Roebuck and Peel investigated the residents in the community expect to begin announcing which The firm is flying from Hawaii the case Saturday. They did not are a bit uneasy about their safe- roads get first priority under the 300 baby orchids which will be find their man but they found the ty, but as far as it could be learn- expanded program. By late September they hope to release full details about the first batch of bond money roads. That doesn't mean the roads

will get paved immediately, but work will start on some this fall and on many others next winter and spring. Planning these road projects

has been a full-time job for the commissioners since their appointment last May 1.

During the summer months hey have been poring over highway plans with their engineering staffs, holding public meetings with county commissioners and hearing about road problems from an increasing number of citizens'

Some commissioners have been personally riding over every road plete report on the meetings ear-marked for hard-surfacing. er McCombs, Parker Peel, John R. Roberson, Miss Mary Manning, Died Early Today could not be had immediately, but Others have asked commissioners and citizens' groups to assist in recommending roads for improve-

The new commissioners got of the townships, and the three quick start on their planning program. In June they voted to re-Saturday morning of this week at the \$200,000,000 in bond money. 9:00 o'clock to perfect a county In July they decided to buy \$5,-000,000 worth of road construc-Cross Roads: J. W. Peel, chair- work on all regular construction day afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by lina and Border North Carolina anty Bank and Trust Company. projects waiting to be let to con

Governor Scott's road program chairman, and W. S. White and calls for the hard-surfacing of 12,-000 miles of secondary roads and Farmers Building Bear Grass: T. L. Roberson, stabilization of another 35,000 chairman, and H. G. Harrison and miles. In some cases commisioners will concentrate on stabiliza-Williams: C. L. Daniel, chair- tion before construction. Some man, and Major Gardner and Ho- feel that keeping dirt roads well maintained during the coming Williamston: M. L. Peel, chair- winter should outrank the black man, and Minga Rogers and Noah topping program. Letters have been sent to county school super-Hamilton Township is slated to intendents requesting advice Surviving are two sons, Messrs. hold its meeting in the Hassell about school bus routes needing from the Biltmore Dairy Farms, school building tonight at 8:00 first attention during bad weath- Asheville. They range in age from

The average commissioner struction program advanced by spends as much time dealing with ed from 410 to 621 pounds of but. reviewed at the township meet- and a great part of the road exings, but no final approval of the ecutive's day must be devoted to placed in the county in 1947 from takes time.

Each commissioner has direct responsibility for expenditure of promise of making much better percentage of leaf increased Atlanta, poultry marketing speleast 75 percent. His late corn was devoted to her home and fam- picked out the most important all funds in his division. The routes used by school busses and General Assembly, following remail carriers, but left final ap- commendations of the Commission decides how much money quantity of dairy cows in Martin marketings were common to good shall be affected to construction,

maintenance, betterment, etc. Then these sums are divided ten ways, using a special formula. ed bulls: Frank Cherry, Hobgood; From that point on the division C. C. Martin, Oak City: David the Government loan program on hard-surfacing old ones and main- el; Joe Chance, Robersonville, prices. Weekly deliveries were taining old and new.

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Officer Gets Compensation

Badly injured while performing his duty as a police officer in Oak City on July 31 of last year, Edmond Early last week was allowed compensation by the State Industrial Commission. The decision was reached following a hear-

period of several years.

Man Wanders In Woods For Will Launch Road Native Of County Market All Set For Raymond Rawls Is During Late Fall Early On Friday First Sales August 19

Placed On Floors Here

This Morning

Tobacco sales, scheduled for

the Georgia markets an extra day

Williamston warehousemen as

First deliveries of the new cror

were made to local warehouses

flue-cured tobacco markets. Qual-

ity of offerings was lower than

above the Commodity Credit sup-

Volume of sales was extremely

heavy. Some markets have been

son sales were brought to 84,034,-

The quality of offerings was

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cutters and primings.

vice Officer, 2222.

opening week.

nounced this morning that th

Opening Delayed Home In Palmyra Saturday for D. B. Harrison To Give Georgia Donald Biggs Harrison, native Extra Sales Day

of this county and prominent Halifax County business man, died in a Rocky Mount hospital First of the New Crop Being last Friday morning at 5:00 o'clock. He had been in declining health for some time and his condition had been critical for several months. He was a patient Thursday of this week, have been in the hospital for two months.

A son of the late Cushion B. and Martha Taylor Harrison, he was born in Bear Grass Township to clear their blocks, it was an 71 years ago on July 4, 1878. Af- nounced last week-end. ter spending his early life on the farm there, he moved to Williamston and engaged in the mer- plans for the opening would re cantile business with two of his main unchanged but come just a brothers. A number of years ago day later than first announced. he went to Palmyra and engaged in business with the firm of Baker and Everett, serving also as this morning and large sales are postmaster there for years.

Mr. Harrison was a member of farms state that grading activities the Palmyra Methodist Church are moving forward rapidly, one and a leader in his adopted com- farmer yesterday explaining that munity for years. He was held in about 10,000 pounds had been high esteem by all who knew him made ready for market. and in him the people in all walks | Increased activity is quite eviof life and of various creeds found dent in "Tobacco Town" today. a helpful friend. He was devoted Warehouses are open and tobacwilling to accommodate his cus- the market. tomers and other friends. He was kind and thoughtful of others. fellowman.

Everett of Palmyra and she sur- sold 140,720,422 pounds for an av- sash. vives with a son, Don Harrison, erage of \$40.89. Sales last week ter, Mrs. Della Green of Williams-

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By R. S. Edwards Negro Farm Agent for Martin County Twenty-one bull calves were

delivered to Martin County farmers last week.

These animals were purchased port price. four weeks to five months old, and came from dams that produc- ing the week 48,900,736 pounds iod. All of them were sired by was 78c above the first week. Seaproven bulls.

From the three bulls that were 042 pounds and averaged \$50.66. member of the Primitive Baptist plan was suggested, according to explaining why roadbuilding the Morrocroft Dairy Farm, Char- lower this week because of more lotte, at least sixteen good heif- common and low leaf grades and ers are being grown out that show less fine and choice qualities. The family cows than their dams. If sharply with less lugs and primgood breeding practices are used ings. Lugs continued to predomwith these bulls, the quality and inate by a small margin. Chief County should be greatly improv- | leaf, fair to infe age, low and fair

ed in a few years. The following farmers purchas-William Langley, Robersonville, placed at around 11 percent of and William Little, Romus Lee, C. C. Jones, Arthur Williams, Robert Andrews, Henry Bell, Matthew Gaynor and A. L. Modlin, all of To Help Veterans

ROUND-UP

Williamston.

Crime broke out on several fronts in the county over the week-end, and six alleged violators were temporarily detained in the jail. One each was booked for larceny, assault, drunkenness, speeding, drunken driving, and issuing a worthless check.

Two of the six were white men, and the ages of the group ranged from 22 to 59 years.

COTTON

Cotton bolls are opening, a Martin County farmer stating yesterday that he did not know whether to start picking cotton or grading tobacco. Coming unusually early, the first few bolls to open in this county were found early last week on the old Staton farm near Williamston.

Farmer C. F. Harris stated that the heavy rains this season had damaged the cotton crop to some extent.

Robbers Entered Post Office And Bank in Hamilton

anticipated. Reports from the Get \$175 Money at the Post Office And Nothing From the Bank

Breaking into the post office and bank in Hamilton during the early hours of Monday morning, robbers got about \$175 in cash tary policeman, to the police force to his family and faithful in his conists, including several buyers, from the post office but could do is expected. work, and one who was always are reporting for assignments on nothing with the bank safe and left there empty handed.

Reports from the markets farther south state that record adjoining office and bank through Asking little for himself, he found poundages are being offered, that a window, the robbers removing ders who resigned the first of this enjoyment in the service of his possibly the Georgia-Florida crop a large glass by scraping away will exceed 150 million pounds, the putty. After the robbery, the Highway Patrol. He was married to Miss Blanch Through last Friday, Georgia had window glass was replaced in the

Jr., of Goldsboro; two daughters, totaled 46,909,936 pounds, the av- bills, was taken from a pocket- and they moved yesterday to Ethel Everett and Martha Della erage price standing at \$36.93 per book hidden under some old papcounty meeting in the courthouse quest issuance of \$50,000,000 of Harrison, both of the home; a sis-Stabilization Corporation has re- papers were stolen. In the bank, ton; and two brothers, J. E. Har- ceived about fourteen percent of the robbers pulled out counter rsion, Sr., of Williamston, and the crop in Georgia and Florida. drawers and scattered papers on regular August meeting, and the Higher average prices and the floor, but apparently made no people regret to see him and Mrs. Funeral services were conduct- heavy volume marked the second effort to force the money box. Saunders leave. He was stationed engineering staffs to speed up ed at the home in Palmyra Saturweek of sales on the South Caroweek of sales on the South Caro-

Officers, including Sheriff M. W. Holloman and Deputies J. H. lice. Roebuck and Raymond Rawls of Practically all grades advanced the county department, R. L. Hail Storm Hits last week report the United States | Thompson of the postal inspection and North Carolina Departments service, S. B. I. Agent Walter Up Dairy Herds of Agriculture. Most increases Spence and F. B. I. Agent Petit, were from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per hun- all three of Elizabeth City, and dred, however, several grades Constable Pete Leggett and Chief jumped as much as \$4.06 to \$10.00, of Police Jesse Everett, both of inch and one-half rain fall, hail Low orange leaf and cutters Hamilton, went into action imme- badly damaged crops in the showed the greatest gains. The diately after the robbery was dis- Smithwick Creek Church terrimajority of averages was well covered.

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blocked since opening day. Dur- Frequent Selling Of Eggs Suggested

When adequate storage facili- Eason Lilley, the wind, hail and ties are lacking, eggs should be rain did considerable damage in marketed at least two or three a territory covering several times a week to hold their quality square miles. With two pullings in hot weather, farmers were ad- of tobacco still in the field Mr vised this week by Harry Wise of Gurkin said it was damaged at cialist for the Production and was also badly torn and blown Marketing administration.

ity. Wise said, and extra care in that which fall to the ground. handling is necessary if the farm-Deliveries to the Flue-cured er is to market summer eggs suc- farms of Clarence Gurkin and Stabilization Corporation under cessfully.

Mans take over. They make final Fields, Oak City; Manson Count the border were cut about half or eggs can be taken to completely. So the completely and blown completely as in the border were cut about half or eggs can be taken to completely as in the border were cut about half or eggs can be taken to completely as in the border were cut about half or eggs can be taken to completely as in the border were cut about half or eggs can be taken to completely as in the border were cut about half or eggs can be taken to completely as in the border were cut about half or eggs can be taken to completely as in the border were cut about half or eggs can be taken to completely as in the border were cut about half or eggs can be taken to completely as in the border were cut about half or eggs can be taken to completely as in the border were cut about half or eggs can be taken to completely as in the border were cut about half or eggs can be taken to completely as in the border were cut about half or eggs can be taken to completely as in the border were cut about the cut about the border were cut about the border were cut about the cut about the border were cut about the cut about the cut about the border were cut about the cut decisions on locating new roads, cil, Hassell; James Chance, Bethgathered, properly cooled, and large trees fell in the yards of packed in cartons or cases, the Henry Hollis and Mrs. Mamie better the quality will be when Griffin. "I have been living here they reach retail markets.

> He offered these other market-With Applications Eggs should be thoroughly cooled blowing such a gale we felt most before they are packed, as prop- uncomfortable." The N. C. Veterans Commission erly cooled eggs help maintain Crops on the farm of Mr. and and the American Red Cross are constant temperature within the Mrs. Garland Perry also received asking for volunteer workers with cases. On the other hand, he ex- their proportionate share of dasome typing experience to assist plained, even a few relatively mage but most of the damage was in the preparation of applications warm eggs can raise the temperafor premium refunds for veterans ture of the entire case high en- of the tobacco has been harvest-

> of WW2. The work required will ough to cause a loss of quality. be part-time for approximately To protect eggs en route to marone week, beginning on 30th of ket against the summer heat, Wise August, 1949. All persons inter- suggested covering cooled egg cas- was estimated to be from one inch ested in helping the veterans of es with a tarpaulin. This will help to an inch and one-quarter in dithis county are asked to call Mrs. hold the temperature low and will ameter. The rain lasted for about Bondurant, Red Cross, 2661, or protect the eggs from the direct thirty minutes and the hail show-Edgar J. Gurganus, Veteran Ser- rays of the sun until delivery, he ered down most of the time was

Added To County Sheriff's Office

Temporary Appointments Made To Police Department Last Week-end

Several major changes were week-end when Raymond Rawls, former member of the local police department, resigned to accept appointment as Martin County Deputy Sheriff, Rawls, World War II veteran, has served the town well as an officer for several years. He entered upon his new duties Monday morning and ran headlong into a bank and post office robbery the first thing. During the time he served on the police force he made many friends and earned the respect of the pub-His appointment is favorably accepted. He lives in West

He is the ninth deputy to be added to the department by Sheriff M. W. Holloman and is the only new man on the force.

Following his appointment, local town officials named Willie Modlin to the police force, and the appointment of Noah Gurganus. World War II veteran with about fifty months' experience as a mili-

Officer John Roebuck, promoted from the ranks to police chief. An entrance was gained to the entered upon his new duties last

The former chief resignation was reluctantly ac

Parts Of County

Striking simultaneously with an tory late last Thursday afternoon. Twelve or more persons were The hail and rain was accompanied by strong winds and according to residents of that section the storm was one of the worst they ever experienced.

Beginning at the home of Mr Church and back to the store of down. Although his early corn High temperatures and lack of was damaged the results will not maisture are enemies of egg qual- | be serious unless bad weather rots.

Crops, particularly corn, on the Eason Revels also suffered some Wise pointed out that the soon- damage. The shelter covering the seventeen years and it was the worst storm I have ever seen since ing suggestions: Proper packing living here," Mr. J. Heber Peel offers another opportunity to re- said. "It blew the top off my duce quality losses in hot weather, plow shelter and the wind was

confined to the corn crop as most

The size of the hail in the section receiving the most damage