

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.

The firm is flying from Hawaii 300 baby orchids which will be given to the first 300 ladies to enter the store opening night, the 18th.

A modernization program on the store built by Harrison Brothers back in 1917 and more recently occupied by Colonial Stores, is nearing completion.

The store is being staffed by nine employes, including Manager McCombs, Parker Peel, John R. Roberson, Miss Mary Manning, Mrs. Jimmy Harrison, Mrs. W. E. Dudley, Mrs. R. J. Brock, Mrs. Leamon Keel and Mrs. Carrie Dell Stubbs.

The store is unpacking all new merchandise especially for the early fall trade.

Hints On Shrubs Given By Harris

Trees and shrubs selected should not only add beauty to the home grounds but should also serve some useful purpose, says John H. Harris, the "Tar Heel Gardener."

Storm Damage Reported Here

A wind-rain storm, almost approaching hurricane proportions, did some damage here last Saturday morning.

Monday afternoon a terrific electrical storm struck the area, but as far as it could be learned no property was damaged and no one hurt.

Man Wanders In Woods For The Past Several Months

Believed to be brooding over the loss of some property, Moses 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.

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Mrs. Ada Roberson Died Early Today In Hospital Here

Mrs. Sarah Ada Hardison Roberson, well-known citizen of the Farm Life section of Griffins Township, died in the local hospital at 4:30 o'clock after a long period of declining health.

The daughter of the late Seth and Louisa Griffin Hardison, she was born in Griffins Township 76 years ago, on November 3, 1872, and lived there all her life.

Surviving are two sons, Messrs. D. M. Roberson and Coy J. Roberson, both of Williamston; a daughter, Miss Ida Roberson, of the home; and three brothers, Mr. Luther Hardison of Williamston, John A. Hardison of the home community, and Attorney Henry Hardison of Tarboro.

Mrs. Roberson was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church for nearly sixty years, taking membership with the church at Smithwick Creek. She was devoted to her home and family, and lent a helping hand to those in need.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home in Griffins Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Elder J. L. Ross of Greenville and Elders M. L. Simmons and W. W. Roberts, both of Williamston.

Damages Car In Road Accident Last Sunday

Leggett Roebuck, Jr., damaged his new Ford car considerably last Sunday when he lost control of the machine and dived it on a dirt road near Bear Grass.

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Will Launch Road Program In State During Late Fall

Engineers Now Working on 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 expect to begin announcing which roads get first priority under the expanded program.

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.

Some commissioners have been personally riding over every road ear-marked for hard-surfacing. Others have asked commissioners and citizens' groups to assist in recommending roads for improvement.

The new commissioners got a quick start on their planning program. In June they voted to request issuance of \$50,000,000 of the \$200,000,000 in bond money.

The following were named and announced by the township meetings: Cross Roads: J. W. Peel, chairman, and H. M. Ayers and W. L. Allsbrook.

Poplar Point: L. G. Taylor, chairman, and W. S. White and Gentry Mills. Bear Grass: T. L. Roberson, chairman, and H. G. Harrison and E. C. Harrison.

Williamston: M. L. Peel, chairman, and Minga Rogers and Noah Daniel Griffin. Hamilton Township is slated to hold its meeting in the Hassell school building tonight at 8:00 o'clock.

The tentative highway construction program advanced by the highway commission and submitted to the county commissioners the early part of last week was reviewed at the township meetings, but no final approval of the plan was suggested, according to reports reaching here.

Several of the townships discussed a road widening program, picked out the most important routes used by school busses and mail carriers, but left final approval to the county commissioners.

Find Missing Hog In a Corn Field

Finding his old sow and several piglets 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 pasture for some choice corn in B. B. Taylor's field about one hundred yards away.

Native Of County Died In Hospital Early On Friday

Funeral Conducted at the Home In Palmyra Saturday for D. B. Harrison

Donald Biggs Harrison, native of this county and prominent Halifax County business man, died in a Rocky Mount hospital last Friday morning at 5:00 o'clock.

A son of the late Cushion B. and Martha Taylor Harrison, he was born in Bear Grass Township 71 years ago on July 4, 1878. After spending his early life on the farm there, he moved to Williamston and engaged in the mercantile business with two of his brothers.

Mr. Harrison was a member of the Palmyra Methodist Church and a leader in his adopted community for years. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him and in him the people in all walks of life and of various creeds found a helpful friend.

He was married to Miss Blanch Everett of Palmyra and she survives with a son, Don Harrison, Jr., of Goldsboro; two daughters, Ethel Everett and Martha Della Harrison, both of the home; a sister, Mrs. Della Green of Williamsston; and two brothers, J. E. Harrison, Sr., of Williamston, and R. G. Harrison, Sr., of Henderson.

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Palmyra Saturday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by Rev. J. H. Roebuck.

Farmers Building Up Dairy Herds

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 from the Biltmore Dairy Farms, Asheville.

The following farmers purchased bulls: Frank Cherry, Hobgood; C. C. Martin, Oak City; David Fields, Oak City; Manson Council, Hassell; James Chance, Bethel; Joe Chance, Robersonville; William Langley, Robersonville; and William Little, Romus Lee, C. C. Jones, Arthur Williams, Robert Andrews, Henry Bell, Matthew Gaynor and A. L. Modlin, all of Williamston.

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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 compensation, coming from the Town of Oak City, will satisfy a large hospital bill incurred while he was receiving treatment for a broken hip and includes 40 percent of his base pay over a period of several years.

Market All Set For First Sales August 19

Opening Delayed To Give Georgia Extra Sales Day

Tobacco sales, scheduled for Thursday of this week, have been delayed a day in this belt to give the Georgia markets an extra day to clear their blocks, it was announced last week-end.

Williamston warehousemen announced this morning that the plans for the opening would remain unchanged but come just a day later than first announced.

Increased activity is quite evident in "Tobacco Town" today. Warehouses are open and tobaccoists, including several buyers, are reporting for assignments on the market.

Reports from the markets farther south state that record poundages are being offered, that possibly the Georgia-Florida crop will exceed 150 million pounds. Through last Friday, Georgia had sold 140,720,422 pounds for an average of \$40.89.

Higher average prices and heavy volume marked the second week of sales on the South Carolina and Border North Carolina flue-cured tobacco markets.

Practically all grades advanced last week report the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture. Most increases were from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per hundred, however, several grades jumped as much as \$4.00 to \$10.00.

Volume of sales was extremely heavy. Some markets have been blocked since opening day. During the week 48,900,736 pounds were marketed for an average of \$50.98 per hundred.

The quality of offerings was lower this week because of more common and low leaf grades and less fine and choice qualities. The percentage of leaf increased sharply with less lugs and primings. Lugs continued to predominate by a small margin.

Deliveries to the Flue-cured Stabilization Corporation under the Government Loan Program on the border were cut about half last week due to higher average prices.

When adequate storage facilities are lacking, eggs should be marketed at least two or three times a week to hold their quality in hot weather.

High temperatures and lack of moisture are enemies of egg quality, Wise said, and extra care in handling is necessary if the farmer is to market summer eggs successfully.

Wise pointed out that the sooner eggs can be taken to receiving stations after they have been gathered, properly cooled, and packed in cartons or cases, the better the quality will be when they reach retail markets.

To Help Veterans With Applications

The N. C. Veterans Commission and the American Red Cross are asking for volunteer workers with some typing experience to assist in the preparation of applications for premium refunds for veterans of WW2.

Raymond Rawls Is Added To County Sheriff's Office

Temporary Appointments Made To Police Department Last Week-end

Several major changes were made in the county and town law enforcement personnel over the week-end when Raymond Rawls, former member of the local police department, resigned to accept appointment as Martin County Deputy Sheriff.

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Robbers Entered Post Office And Bank in Hamilton

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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.

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Crops, particularly corn, on the farms of Clarence Gurkin and Eason Revels also suffered some damage. The shelter covering the tobacco at Arthur Beckley was blown completely off its base and large trees fell in the yards of Henry Hollis and Mrs. Mamie Griffin.

The size of the hail in the section receiving the most damage was estimated to be from one inch to an inch and one-quarter in diameter. The rain lasted for about thirty minutes and the hail showered down most of the time was raining.

COTTON

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ROUND-UP

Crime broke out on several fronts in the county over the week-end, and six alleged violators were temporarily detained in the jail.

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