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### Market Had Record Leder Brothers' Sale on Opening Day

#### Reported Official Average Of \$48.39 For Initial Sales

Another Record Poundage Handled Yesterday With Price About Same

Williamston's tobacco market broke all pondage records and set the pace for current season prices last Friday when 386,156 pounds of medium quality leaf were sold for an official average of \$48.39 per hundred.

Delayed a day for the buyers to reach here from Georgia and Florida, the opening did not attract as much attention as usual, but there were thousands here selling tobacco and observing the

For the first time in the history of the market, no sales were rejected on an opening day, and while farmers noted a price drop on certain grades they registered no complaints and declared they were fairly well pleased with the prices received for the better

While the opening day price average fell \$4.75 below the opening-day figure, a year ago, the poundage jumped from 284,404 last year to 386,156 pounds on opening day last Friday.

The quality of the offerings did not measure up to expectations. Charles W. Armstrong, Salisbury, and co-founder of the business crash just out of Williamston on There was some good quality tobacco on the floors but then there were those grades which appeared almost without friends.

Yesterday, the market with 'a much inferior break on the floors, sold 359,708 pounds for an averthis morning by J. Edward Corey, quality was hardly as good as it ers. was on opening day.

the Imperial was fairly active.

are cooperating unusually well in Agents. helping make the booking system indications are that the current Commerce. crop will be marketed and gone almost before one realizes it.

ening day for an average of \$48.39, and W. H. (Bill) Carstarphen. the Eastern Carolina Belt sold 14,opening-day price average.

U. S. and State Departments of Simms. Agriculture said:

ed tobacco last Friday However, Following a delicious dinner primings and low to good lugs served by Mrs. Effie Sparrow, R. amazing. were generally higher when com- E. Kimball was awarded the atpared with the first day of sales tendance prize. last season. The Federal-State Market News Service reports leaf in singing several songs after School Administrative Unit. grades off \$3.00 to \$5.00 per hun- which the meeting was adjourndred. Cutters and fine and choice ed until Sept. 1. lugs were mostly steady. In contrast, low to good lugs, primings, and nondescript grades brought better prices. Gains in these offerings ranged from 50c to \$6.00 per hundred with most up \$2.00 and \$3.00. Extreme prices ranged from \$2.00 for poorest nondeand choice lugs. The bulk of tobacco sold from \$30.00 to \$60.00. Practical top price was \$64.00.

the market was unusually large, Scouts. more than three times greater than the first day last year. There Bear has contributed much of his together with the United Jewish enport said he could not see Rognondescript with a sharp decrease Boy Scouts, arranging their acin the proportion of lugs. The col-tivities and helping to improve or of the offerings did not show Scouting in this locality. He is much change. Primings and good now working with other Scout

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Freed from the punch board, for the most part, under the regime of the late Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, Martin County is now seeing the gambling device return. Appraised of what is happening, Sheriff M. W. Holloman last week-end issued a solemn warning against the use of the

WARNING

"We are confiscating all we find and indictments will follow," Sheriff Holloman said.

### Represent Club At store towns.

The Kiwanis Club of Williams-Club President S. P. Woolford an- and balloons by the hundreds for

More than 95 clubs in the district, embracing a membership of owners, operators and other busi-7,000 business and professional ness men, welcomed the Leders leaders, are expected to send dele- to town. Mrs. Leder, mother of gates to the three-day meeting, the Leder Brothers, came here Woolford said.

ture the appearance of John R. pressd by the friendly reception part of J. Daniel Lilley in the Wright, prominent Lakeland, Fla., accorded her sons and their new insurance executive and trustee business venture. of Kiwanis International. Dr. N. C., health officer and a past nearly a quarter century ago in Highway 125 last Thursday morninternational president of the Whiteville, said he was greatly ing. The inquest was held in the community service organization, pleased with the reception accord- Biggs Funeral Home last evening also will participate in the pro- ed them in Williamston. "We have before Coroner S. Rome Biggs. ective Service is closing many of rolet, swerved to the left and Sparks made many friends here try Mills and Roy Taylor; Hamil-

C., merchant and governor of the Whiteville and all the other towns Thomas, Walter Speller and Gayage of \$46.17, it was announced Carolinas Kiwanis District, will where Leder Brothers operate say lard Harrison served on the jury in Williamston's city hall, will be into Farmer Frank Weaver's yard T. and Susan Bilbro Sparks. Surjand R. A. Haislip. preside at the convention, which just that. "We are not coming to and submitted a report fifteen consolidated with the one in Eliza- and ripping away about \$25 worth added that there was little change ences, a discussion of plans for the of business. We come here bein the price base, but that the coming year, and election of offic- cause we know it is a good town. The case is now slated for a re-

market yesterday and today, and International, long has been ac- ing the town, community and all coroner's jury the charge of involtive in civic affairs in Florida. He the people," the company official untary manslaughter is likely to The booking system is working is vice-president of the Florida said. out unusually well, a report from Housing Officials association, a On the occasion of the opening ing tonight Judge Johnson will the market stating that only two director of the Florida Water- of a new store in Whiteville a few find probable cause and fix an appiles of damaged tobacco had ways Congress, and a former days ago, the Whiteville News- pearance bond or dismiss the acbeen seen on the market during member of the board of the Reporter had the following to say tion. the first two sales days. Farmers Florida Association of Insurance about J. Herman Leder, co-

In Lakeland, he is chairman of firm: successful, and its advantages are the city aviation committee, and J. Herman Leder, who dropped publicly a few hours after the

Delegates who will represent dent of Leder Bros., Inc.

erage of \$46.42, the belt average man of Williamston and Bill community. falling \$5.51 below last year's Simms of Wake Forest and Ral- Leder's role in the progress of Patrolman J. T. Rowe, making learned. Reporting on the opening, the of R. E. Kimball and Rev. Stewart one throughout the years. With- to him that the motorbike veered

Eastern North Carolina flue-cur- Goff pronounced the invocation.

Rev. Simms then led the group

#### "Little Bear" Is Given A Watch

Several merchants, business script up to \$65.00 for top cutters Williamston presented Jeffrey Mimen and scouting enthusiasts of chaud (Little Bear), a 17-jewel waterproof Wittnauer wristwatch The quantity of primings on his work with the local Boy Friday morning in appreciation of

For the past two years Little and fine lugs were the principal leaders to organize an advanced that few worthy cause have not ness, said he was traveling in the offerings. Condition was good. Scouting unit, the Explorer

# Thursday Night

More Than 1,500 Attend **Event Marking Opening** Of New Store Here

Leder Brothers were warmly greeted upon the opening of their said. new store in Williamston last Thursday evening when more than 1,500 people from all sections of the county and a goodly number from other areas attended the formal event. All joined in to welcome the new business and greet the owners and personnel of this and from at least ten of the company's other stores in three states. Flowers were sent by friends, supporting the cordial relations enjoyed in other

The 300 baby orchids, flown District Meeting from Hawaii, did not last long in the crowd that started forming more than half hour ahead of the opening. More than 500 gift towton will be represented at the 1949 els were given to the ladies and convention of the Carolinas Ki- more than 1,200 soft drinks were wanis District to be held August distributed along with special 28 to 30 at Chapel Hill., N. C., cakes. There were funny books the children.

Local people, including store from Whiteville for the formal The speaking program will fea- opening and she, too, was im-

Morris Leder, vice come to be one of you," Mr. Leder Messrs. Lee Bert Jenkins, Wheel-H. Spurgeon Boyce, Durham, N. said, and reports from citizens in er M. Ward, Ben Grimes, Guy Wright, who will serve as the come to accept and accept willing-Right many tips were on the official representative of Kiwanis ly our part of the task in promot- of the findings reported by the

founder and president of the

being observed daily. Bookings has been president of both the anchor in Whiteville a quarter tragedy. It was pointed out that are going forward rapidly, and all Senior and Junior Chambers of of a century ago, is the modest, Mr. Lilley was driving out on unassuming but dynamic presi- Highway 125 in an oil truck and

the Kiwanis Club of Williamston One of the founders of the local driveway to get some medicine Building, Elizabeth City, N. C. While Williamston was selling at the convention will include S. store, which grew into a chain, he when Rogers, riding a motorbike, more than 386,000 pounds on op- P. Woolford, John H. Gurganus has remained in Whiteville to be- approached from the opposite dicome a vital link in the chain of rection. The vehicles, it was At the August 18th meeting of good citizens which has contri- brought out, crashed just a few board clerk, is tendering her rescheduled in the case before Jus-003,756 pounds for an official av- the local club, Sheriff Buck Hollo- buted to the development of the feet off the hardsurface on the

For example, at the present light and fell to the ground beime he is:

A trustee in the Whiteville

An active member of the executive committee of the Colum- Rowe, adding that a later investibus County Chapter, American gation conducted by himself fe-Active member of the Colum-

bus County Shrine Club. Member of the Rotary Club.

f Whiteville. Radio Station WENC.

chants Association. To these could be added many Pepper truck and trailing Lilley other activities.

Bond and other drives is too and slowed to 10 or 15 miles an Appeal, have occupied much of ers at the time, and added that the his time in recent years.

To all of them he has contri- pavement at the time of the colbuted liberally of his time and lision.

#### Flim-Flammers Strike But Five Wrecks Are Formal Opening Fail To Score On Prospect

here in several season and a few of the money. Brown, wise to the days behind their usual fall sched- old gag, hesitated. "When I held ule, flim-flammers struck but failed to score yesterday morning, bushes," Brown said. "I saw a Chief of Police John Roebuck preacher and explained that I

to score on their picked prospect, hurriedly," Brown declared to the they were slick enough to become police. suspicious and slip away just ahead of the law.

ored farmer, was walking down the time. Harrison Street when one of a ed quickly, and insisted that parts.

Making their first appearance Brown participate in the division out on them they took hold of me and tried to pull me into some The seene was laid in the back- and they agreed to wait. I

Brown said they were poor Charlie Brown, Bear Grass col- had very little money on him at

Flim-flammers operated here were real. The confederate mov- attempted in these immediate

### **Find No Criminal** Intent In Fatal **Highway Mishap**

Hearing Involving Involuntary Manslaughter Charge Scheduled

No criminal intent was found by a six-man coroner's jury on the death of Benjamin C. Rogers, 32year-old white man, who was fat- Closing Draft president ally injured in a truck-motorbike

be considered, and upon his find-

Very little evidence was brought out at the coroner's inquest that had not been reviewed was making a left turn into his

motorbike driver's right side. eigh were recognized as the guests Whiteville has been a prominent the investigation, said it appeared out going back into past history, off the right side of the road and be active in so many different patrolman, must have been fields of community effort is thrown over the handlebars, struck the cab, broke a clearance Band Parents

> side the road. Patrolman M. F. Powers, the next witness, corroborated the evidence offered by Patrolman vealed that tracks or a tread, believed to have been those of the motorbike, were found beside the road. Questioned by Juryman

Director and vice president of motorbike left the pavement about eight feet away from the Director of Whiteville Mer- spot of the actual crash. Bill Davenport, driver of a Dr.

at the time, said the oil truck His record in Red Cross, War gave a light signal for a left turn truck had its front wheels off the

#### ROUND-UP

Eight persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail over the week-end, two for drunkenness, two for drunken driving, and one each for larceny, non-support, assault, and careless-reckless driving.

Four of the eight were white. Ages of the group ranged from 17 to 41 years.

announced today. members of the board in this county. He also pointed out that youths are still required to regisbirthday. Provisions have been made to have the youths register with Mrs. Edna Bondurant at the Red Cross office, third floor of the city hall in Williamston any day from Monday through Friday from 9:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m.

Should any registrant have octions to Local Board, Carolina

to teach school in Hamilton, it was ville...

Since the draft board office was o'clock Charles DeAngelis, Baltiopened in this county a year ago, more youth stationed with the

### Picnic Friday

Director of First National Bank Ben Grimes, the patrol officer to bring along all their immediate was reported. Marvin O. Clark, family as well as the one who is in the band.

Honor guest at the picnic this year will be Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Close Oak City Butler of New York state who are here visiting their son, Jack Butler, director of the local band.

There will be a full dress concert starting at 6:00 o'clock which will serve as a wind-up of the picnic will follow the concert and terday. a very important business session of the Band Parents Club will be held immediately after the picnic. ago, served seventy one families son in Williamston.

# Reported On The

Only One Person Said To Have Been Slightly Hurt In The Accidents

One person, a young Marine, wanted to see him a minute was said to have been injured in a series of highway accidents in lots near Rose's store and hardly told the preacher to go for the this county over the week-end. more than two blocks from the law and it was then that the flim- Four of the accidents were repolice station. Even if they failed flammers got suspicious and left ported by members of the patrol, and independent report said that the driver lost control of his car and ran it into an embankment judges of men, explaining that he near Black Swamp on the newly surfaced road from U.S. 17 to Bear Grass. It was the first wreck on the road that had been quartet of colored men, dropped very successfully in years past, completed less than a week. Few a padded pocketbook. Brown said taking \$1,800 from one victim sev- details about the accident could the wallet was packed with paper eral years ago. It has been quite be learned, but one report said no bils but he did not know if they some time since the ole game was one was hurt, but the front of the car was badly damaged.

> The first in the other series of accidents was reported by Patrolman E. P. Simmons about three miles out of Williamston on U.S. 64. Fred White, Jr., of Roper, was driving Farmer Linwood Knowles' one and one-half ton International truck toward Williamston. A tractor-trailer truck with two flat tires was parked partly on the hardsurface, and White slowed down to go around the broken down machine. When he slowed down, Morrison B. Hardison plowed into the rear of early life there. After a number Marvin Leggett, Arthur Revels the International with his Jeep of years spent in Lenoir County, and Oscar Roberson; Bear Grass: pick-up. No one was injured and damage was limited to about \$30 ciated with the old Martin County Gormer Harrison;

Board Offices The second in the series was reported Saturday morning about The second in the series was re-6:30 o'clock when Emmett Saund-Facing a shortage of funds, Sel- ers lost control of his 1939 Chev- in the automobile business. Mr. Poplar Point: Slade White, Genits county offices, and the Martin plowed down about 25 feet of Dr. and e 'en returned for visits until ton: Ernest Edmondson, Woodrow John Williams' fence in West End a few years ago. County Draft Board, maintained on Highway 64 before plunging He was a son of the late James Nest: J. H. Hopkins, H. A. Early will highlight committee confer- Williamston to put anybody out minutes after the evidence was beth City, Chairman Eugene Rice of shrubs. Damage was estimated at \$75 to the fence, \$25 to Chairman Rice explained that shrubbery and about \$150 to the Special Report of New Bern, Miss Johnnie by A. Corey as chairman, will with a splendid future. And we view before Justice R. T. Johnson the function of classification and come to accept and accept willing in his court tonight. In the light his companion, Lucy Bullock, was charged with public drunkenness. Saunders, maintaining sobriety, ter when they attain their 18th as he traveled out of town.

Sunday evening about 7:00 o'clock Wm. B. Powell was turning into his driveway on the Hassell-Butler Bridge Road and was hit by a car driven by Virgis Scott of Oak City. Investigating the accident, Patrolman R. P. Narron said that Powell gave a signal, casion to contact the draft officials that the brakes on Scott's 1941 they should address communicaplowed into the side of Powell's Funeral Held For 1937 Chevrolet. No one was hurt The office in this county is clos- and damage was limited to about ing at the end of the business day \$75 on Scott's car and about \$50 Friday. Miss Mildred Everett, on the Chevrolet. A hearing was signation with Selective Service tice H. S. Everett in Roberson-

Sunday morning at 12:20

two men have been inducted at a Marines at Cherry Point, started The meeting convened with the his ability to direct the affairs struck the truck which at that cost running well into the thousaround "dead man's curve" a Leaf grades sold for lower singing of America led by Bruce of a three million dollar annual time had part of the cab off the ands of dollars. Consolidation short distance west of Gardner's prices on the opening sales for Wynne after which Rev. John business and at the same time concrete. Rogers, according to the will lower the cost but not much. Creek on U. S. Highway 64 and lost control of his father's 1947 Cadellac. Going off the ficiated, and burial was in Woodthe car, DeAngelis recalled, turned a somersault one time, and Patrolman J. T. Rowe and M. F Powers, making the investigation, The annual pienic of the Green said the car made two other simi-Wave Band and Band Parents lar turns before coming to a stop Club will be held on Friday eve- 142 yards from the spot where it ning of this week at the Wil- left the road. DeAngelis suffered liamston High School grounds and a head injury and was unconscithis year it is to be observed as ous for a few minutes. He also family night also since the mem- suffered a hand injury, but re-

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## **Cannery Today**

The Oak City Cannery will close its year's operation today, summer program of music. The Mr. J. L. Hassell announced yes-

The cannery, a community project which originated four years This will be the first time the and 6,000 cans of foods were can-

### Road Committee For County Highways This County Named

SPEAKER

Governor Kerr Scott has tentatively accepted an invitation to address the first annual community fair in Jamesville on Friday, October 14, Oscar Davenport, speaking for the fair committee,

announced last week-end. It will be the first time Governor Scott has made an address in this county either as a candidate for the governorship or as chief executive of the State.

Plans for the fair are advancing rapidly and the community is looking forward to a big event, Mr. Davenport

### Former Resident

hospital Sunday morning at 8:00 chairman appearing first: ing health for some time.

viving are his widow, the former Miss Clemmie Moore of Roberson- ed of the chairman in each of the ville; four daughters, Mrs. H. B. township committees and headed Mrs. Charles Griffin of Kinston; will be made subject to the apthree sons, J. Ellis and W. H. proval of the community groups Sparks of Elizabeth City and Mor- and the people, it was explained. grandchild.

kins, and interment was in Maplewood Cemetery there.

### Victim Of Wreck

ed in the Community Christian best interest of the entire county. Church on the Hamilton Highway | Chairman Corey declared that the near here last Saturday morning problem of spending more than at 11:00 o'clock for Benjamin C. Rogers, young white man who in the county will require diplowas fatally injured in a truckmotorbike accident near here last "It must not be sectional and it Thursday morning. The pastor, must not be selfish," Mr. Corey Rev. D. A. Hudson of Roanoke . .id, adding that we must look at Rapids and Rev. W. B. Harring- the program from the standpoint lawn Cemetery here.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Lula Mae Gardner, sin Shikhan, Peggy, Bennie, Jimmy, Felton, Margaret and Martha the people would place that work

## **Haughton Street**

Carroll Jones, manager of the store on the grounds of the Williamston Lumber Company for several years, recently purchased the store of his brother, Alex Jones, on South Haughton Street. The transfer of the property took place this morning and Mr. Carroll Jones is now actively in charge of the store. His position at the mill commissary will be filled by Mrs. Mary Coltrain.

position with Gordon's Products. FCX MEETING

Mr. Alex Jones has accepted a

elder Butlers have visited their ned in the three months it was membership meeting here this af- be confined to his bed and under ternoon at the high school.

#### **Group Will Study** Road Program at **Meeting Saturday**

A. Corey of Jamesville To Head Committee For The County

Meeting in the court house last Saturday morning, thirty representatives from the ten townships in the county perfected a committee organization and advanced plans for studying the proposed road program under the 200 million dollar bond program.

After considerable delay, A. Corey was elected chairman, J. H. man and F. M. Manning, secre-Dies In Kinston committeemen named by the citizens at community meetings held a few days previously, the town-John Mattocks Sparks, former ship members including the folocal resident, died in a Kinston lowing with the name of the

o'clock. He had been in declin- Jamesville: A. Corey, C. G. Gurkin and Clarence Barber; Wil-Mr. Sparks was born in Onslow liams: C. L. Daniel, Walter Gard-County 78 years ago and spent his ner and Howard Tyre; Griffins: he came to Martin and was asso- T. L. Roberson, E. C. Harrison and on the Jeep, Patrolman Simmons Buggy Company in Williamston M. L. Peel, N. D. Griffin, M. E. for some time, moving thirty or Rogers; Cross Roads: J. W. Peel, more years ago to Robersonville. H. M. Avers and W. L. Ausbon; More recently he had made his Robersonville: C. L. Green, V. L. home in New Bern where he was Roberson and Reuben Everett; Purvis and Clayton House; Goose

ris Sparks of Kinston; a sister, Next Saturday the ten-member Mrs. Ann Forrest of Greenville; county committee will meet in nine grandchildren and one great- the courthouse to make a study of the proposed road program in this Mr. Sparks was a member of county, remembering the recomthe Methodist Church in Rober- mendations coming from the dissonville. Funeral services were tricts. During the meantime the conducted in a Kinston funeral township committeemen are to home Tuesday morning at 11:00 discuss their individual road proo'clock by Rev. Howard G. Daw- grams and enter the Saturday meeting in the courthouse with fairly definite plans for the pro-

> Reporting for the last Saturday meeting, the thirty or more township committeemen showed much interest in the road program and expressed the desire that a definite plan could be advanced for the one and one-half million dollars macy and careful consideration.

cathe county as a whole. Late reports from several of the township meetings held more than a week ago stated that much interest is being shown in mad widening projects, that some of Ann, and a brother, Chas. Pogers ahead of the surfacing work. It is possible that recommendations will be made in that connection along with a study of the other features of the program at the meeting the latter part of this

The organization has been given no official name, but for the present it is referred to as The Martin County Road Committee.

#### Victim of Accidental Shooting Returns Home

Henry Lee Hardison, young man of near Williamston, has returned home after receiving treatment in a Washington hospital for a foot wound accidentally received while hunting bears near Roper two weeks ago. Aithough he The FCX is holding its annual is getting along very well he will a doctor's care for some time.