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## Potato Growers See Field Demonstration

### Youthful Farmer Is First To Buy Digging Machine

Sweet Potato Coming Back Into Its Own In This County

After dwindling to a low point in the county's agriculture, the sweet potato is rapidly coming back into its own. Its comeback is being supported by a growing interest on the part of the farmer, produce handlers, and an increased acreage.

Assured that a recognized market would be established in the county, more Martin farmers planted more potatoes this year than in a number of years. Little has been said about the crop during the growing season, but considerable interest has been shown in plans for harvesting and marketing the crop.

Monday afternoon sweet potato specialists, and by specialists is turers demonstrated the use of the sweet potato rotary digger on the tatoes dug by the rotary plow after entering the hospital. than on those dug by two-horse

Covington, State College Exten- Company here, serving as its chief ing Monday when he was operatsion specialist, demonstrated field heating engineer. grading, showing how the potatoes should be handled and ex- Baptist church and was a popular ery at that time. plaining the grades, adding that member of Williamston's Volunthey should be handled as if they teer Fire Department for a numwere eggs. He said that the No. ber of years. Helpful and accom-1 potato should measure about modating he never hesitated in Township on December 8, 1915. died at the home of his daughter, 1 3-4 to 3 1-2 inches in diameter answering a call to service, Except for one year spent in Mrs. John M. Fleming, between and have a maximum weight of whether it was to a fire in the one and one-quarter pounds. dead hours of the night or to a "There is a lot of difference in \$3- home where a heating plant was his life. Accepting the responsi- had been in declining health for and 50-cent potatoes, just like out of repair. Jolly and good- bilities of two households, he five years and his condition critithere is in 5- and 65-cent tobacco," natured, he enjoyed an extensive the specialist said, explaining that friendship here and in other secthe way the potato is graded and tions of eastern Carolina. handled makes for most of the dif- Surviving are his widow, the ference. He pointed out that a cut farmer Miss Ruth Jenkins; two or broken end the size of a dime sons, Moses P. Wheeler, Jr., and pushed a potato out of the No. 1 Kenneth Brown Wheeler; his rar- and widow are a daughter, Mary

Growers Association, and Mr. Irving Moore and Mrs. Marvin Nicholas and Saunders Hardison, Covington explained marketing Coburn, all of Williamston; and all of Plymoutn, and Garland methods and plans for maintain, his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Hardison of near Williamston; ing a market in this county. Mr. A. S. Strickland of Tarboro. Covington reviewed much of the Funeral services were conduct- Robersonville, Mrs. LeRoy Grifinformation released at a meeting ed in the Methodist Church here fin of near Williamston, Mrs. held before the Bear Grass Ruri- yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock Clarence Waters of Plymouth,

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## Continues Quite Ill

Mr. Van G. Taylor, prominent county citizen and a leading farmer, continues quite ill in a Washington hospital. After experienc-

#### Suffers Broken Leg In Fall From Auto tomorrow or Thursday.

Mrs. John Hollowell suffered a double leg fracture when she step- of the theater there for some ped out of a car and fell in front months before associating with of her home on North Biggs Street Mrs. Edmondson's uncle in the early Sunday evening. Treated in operation of several farms. a local doctor's office, she return- A member of the local voluned home later that evening and teer fire department, Mr. Ed- fire near the Jamesville and ships, that possibly more mem- a few days ago that Green Coun- time last reports stated she was getting mondson was honored at a fish Washington road intersection, bers would be signed in the two ty was nearing it goal of nearly The couple will live in along very well.

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

Maintaining a strict enforcement of the liquor laws, ABC Office J. H. Roebuck and his assistants wrecked eight illicit liquor stills in the county last month, including a whopper of the submarine type and two copper kettles. The other plants were equipped with oil drums.

The officers poured out 2,-700 gallons of mash and more than 58 gallons of white li-

#### Moses P. Wheeler **Died In Hospital** Saturday Evening

ed In Methodist Church Here Yesterday

Moses Paran Wheeler, wellmeant practical and experienced known local young man, died in a fellows, and equipment manufac- Rocky Mount hospital last Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock. He farm of Clyde Revels in Bear had been in declining health for Estate, Jamesville, \$2; Mrs. Lucy Grass Township. The brief dem- several months, but by sheer deonstration, witnessed by possibly termination he continued to go 75 or more growers, proved in until week before last when his comparison with the old conven- condition became worse. He was tional methods that the yield was removed to the hospital last Friincreased from ten to twenty day, a week ago, and his condition bushels per acre, that there were had been critical since that time. fewer bruises and cuts on the po- He never regained consciousness

The son of H. V. and Cora middle buser, and that there was Strickland Wheeler, now of Tara 20 percent labor saving in favor boro, he was born near Spring Hope in Nash County 33 years ago Several farmers were greatly on September 19, 1916. After impressed, so much so that John-spending his early life on the farm ny Gurkin, Jr., bought one of the there, he moved with his family diggers before the day was spent. to Williamston about 1930, and Mr. Revels, owner of the farm after attending the local schools where the demonstration was for a few years he entered the emheld, and Farmer J. Shep Holliday ployment of the Dunn Plumbing are planning purchases immedi- and Heating Company, later forming a partnership and operating o'clock after a short illness. Tak-Following the machine demon- the Ayers and Wheeler Plumbing stration by Floyd Hendrix, form- and Heating Company. More reer Pitt farm agent and manufac- cently he was associated with the illness was serious and did not enturer of the special digger, Henry Corey Plumbing and Heating ter the hospital until the follow-

Monda; night, M. M. Levin, sec- Wheeler of Rocky, Mount; three Handley, stationed in rearry of the Martin County rain sisters, Mrs. K. W. Copeland, Mrs. with the U. S. Army: Georgie,

and burial was in Woodlawn Kansas, and Mrs. Howard Keel of

#### In Washington Hospital Sells Interest In Grocery Here

A partner in the operation of ing relapses during the week-end, the E and W (Edmondson and Primitive Baptist Church for the the county courthouse last Thurs- country, that unless someone is he was reported to have rested Ward) market and grocery here last rites at 2:30 o'clock. Elder P. day evening. It was announced in there fighting for agriculture, better Sunday night and last for several years, Jack Edmond- E. Getsinger, the pastor, assisted at that time that 783 memberships the farmer may not come up with son sold his interest to his partner, Jas. H. Ward, last week and conduct the service. Burial will that possibly more than 200 others On Thursday evening of this Elm City and a resident of Jamesis moving his family to Snow Hill be in the Tice Community Ceme- had been signed but had not been week the canvassers will attend ville for the past fourteen years,

He will be with his brother-inlaw, Dick Daniel, in the operation

## **County Board Of** Regular Meeting

Little Business Before The Officials On Monday Morning

ers on Monday, but the group was were sold for \$163,869, an average a few exceptions. One tobacconin session all the morning hand- of \$56.39. ing routine matters and receiving

running from a point near Smithwick's Creek church toward U.S. 17 at Batt's Cress Roads for stab-County Road Committee.

Paul Bailey was before the poard in the interest of a road in Williamston Township. Since the board had recommended the project to the highway commission Funeral Services Conduct- on two previous occasions, it was suggested that the plea be directed to the district commissioner. M. L. Peel was reappointed

county tax collector at no increase in salary

Tax relief orders, based on errors, death or disability, were issued, as follows: Walter Rhodes Smithwick, Williams, \$13.80; John M. Leggett, Hear Grass, \$2; W. G. Leary Estate, Bear Grass, \$2; Le-Roy Godard, Williamston, \$2; E.

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#### Vernon Hardison Died Early Today In Hospital Here

Funeral for Young Farmer To Be Held Wednesday At Smithwicks Creek

Henry Vernon Hardison, wellnown young farmer and a promising citizen, died in the local hospital this morning at 12:30 en ill on Saturday, September 24, the young man did not think his He was a member of the local Little hope was held for his recov-

The son of Mrs. Mary Lilley Hardison and the late Lloyd Hardison, he was born in Griffins worked diligently and was unusually industrious.

He attended Farm Life school and in early manhood was married to Miss Ruby Griffin. Surviving besides his mother

ents; one brother, Frederick Frances; five brothers, William tan Club a few weeks ago. Mr. by the pastor, Rev. E. P. Shuller, Mrs. William Rediker of Salina,

> The body is being moved from the funeral home here this afternoon to the home of his motherin-law in Griffins Township where it will remain until Wednesday afternoon when it will be carried to the Smithwicks' Creek by Elder Lee of Four Oaks will had been signed and reported, a program in 1950. tery in Griffins Township.

## Firemen Called Out

out here last Friday afternoon was progressing rapidly in Wil- at the top of the list of counties dinner last Wednesday evening. Very little damage was reported. districts than were signed last 2,500 members.

### Tobacco Prices At Highest Town's Officials Commissioners In Peak Of Season Yesterday

terday when more than 100,000 some of the remaining eighty perpounds sold for an official aver- pounds to be sold. It will be a Very little business of major age of \$57.57. The price was a close call if the market pulls on up importance was up for discussion little more than one cent a pound to nine million pounds. It was their calendar, Williamston's town at the regular meeting of the Mar- above the previous high reported pointed out that the customers are tin County Board of Commission last Friday when 290,598 bounds still sticking with the market with

So far this season, the market farmers followed all the / way reports from the various depart- has sold 8,140,590 pounds for \$3,- through this year than possibly board renewed its efforts to have Mrs. Mary B. Hodges of Griffins hundred pounds, the price figure satisfied and definitely convinced asked the board to recommend including all types of tobacco that they made money by staying he road in Griffins Township, from scrap to that selling at 99 at home to market all their crop. cents a pound.

ers and warehousemen indicate fore the opening in this belt, and ilization. She was referred to the that well over 90 percent of the that loss is now being reflected in trians on West Main Street, the township committee of the Martin crop has been marketed in this the sales.

Tobacco prices reached the section. It is estimated that more highest peak of the season on the than 80 percent of the farmers Williamston Tobacco market yes- have marketed their crop, that cent have only a few hundred ist declared vesterday that more

The market lost a fairly large Late estimates offered by farm- poundage to the border just be-

#### MEDIUM-FAIR

Martin County farmers are well advanced in digging what has been described as a medium-fair peanut crop. With the exception of those areas where the crop was all but washed away and on heavy low land, the quality is said to be fair, better than it was last year.

Farmer J. B. Everett, explaining that the quality was fairly good, estimates the yield in the Hamilton section at about ten bags per acre. Farmer Paul Edmondson thinks it will run around 12 to 15 bags per acre in the Hassell area. Rev. W. B. Harrington says the crop is medium to poor in his section. Farmer Marion Hodges says the crop in this section is better than it was last year, that he expects 12 to 15 bags per acre.

Most of the crop will have been dug by the end of this week in the county, weather permitting.

#### **Native Of County** Died On Saturday Near Greenville

In Bear Grass Church Monday Afternoon

James A. Rogerson, native of this county and a retired farmer, Washington County he lived and Stokes and Greenville last Saturfarmed in Griffins Township all day afternoon at 1:00 o'clock. He cal for some time.

He was born in Bear Grass Township, this county, 67 years ago and spent most of his life on the farm there. In early manhood he was married to Miss Eva Estelle Webb, also of this county, ter, Mrs. Fleming, in Pitt County He was a member of the Primi-

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#### Mrs. Lena Manning Died At Home In Griffins Sunday

Funeral Held There For Well-Known Citizen **Monday Afternoon** 

Mrs. Lena Taylor Manning, of a family for many years prominent in the affairs of this county. died at her home in Griffins ber of the firemen's relief fund. Township Sunday morning at 2:00 o'clock after a long period of decondition was critical during that mately \$3,000.

vate school in Tarboro, and in and from school. early womanhood was married to Bear Grass Township, living there been collected. until she was married to John J.

member of the Primitive Baptist amount represents one half of one is some doubt if the appeal will with red cards, it was explained. ed on for a ruptured appendix. Funeral Service Conducted Church for many years. She was percent of the tax the utilities are be perfected. a thoughtful wife and mother and required to pay the State.

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#### Farmer Recovers Stolen Tobacco

house in Goose Nest Township Friendship Train committee of last Friday, were recovered the ficers discussed plans for loading Each of the litigants was require the support price, assuring them following morning.

of the barn, the thief or thieves! hid it in an abandoned watering ed its support, President Chas. I trough. It was discovered by ac- Daniel stating that it offered and following her death in 1927 he trough. It was discovered by acwatch was maintained Saturday this county to do something direct night by the owner and Constable for suffering humanity. "I sinreturned for A.

### Bureau Membership Drive Half Complete In County

half completed, President Chas. L. Daniel reported at a meeting of Declaring that the economy is the membership canvassesrs in not yet on an even keel in this submitted to the secretary.

The annual membership drive, year. Canvassers in other areas now being conducted by the Mar- say they are finding a ready suptin County Farm Bureau, is about port, and it is fairly certain now that the goal will be reached and be announced later.

Volunteer firemen were called vassers declared that the drive ing that period and keep Martin ficiated.

## In Short Meeting Here Last Night

Call for Grade Crossing At Slade Street And A **New Underpass** 

With little new business on officials held one of their shortest regular sessions last evening in

Convinced that a grade crossing is needed on Slade Street, the 071,107, an average of \$48.78 per in any other year, that they were the project handled. It was pointed out that a goodly number of persons could be served and that part of the colored school traffic could be handled over the street with a grade crossing. Recognizing the growing danger to pedesofficials also went on record favoring a new railroad bridge there. The matter is to be carried before both the railroad company and the highway commission.

> The board was advised that a court order had been issued, directing J. B. Roberson to remove tenant houses off property in Woodlawn Cemetery.

In compliance with a new State law, the board directed volunteer firemen to report to the Rhodes-Harris Clinic for physical examinations, the doctors having agreed well-known citizen and member to handle the examinations at

was appointed to serve as a mem-

An order was placed for a carclining health. She was confined water lines on North Sycamore to her bed for five weeks and her Street, the pipe to cost approxi-

A new control mechanism, cost-The daughter of the late Eli and ing about \$225, was ordered pur-Sarah Virginia Mobley Taylor, she chased and installed in the traffic regular term in this county, movwas born near Williamston 67 light, corner of Main and Watts ed over to Tarboro early last week machines are to be provided for years ago on May 20, 1882. After Street. During the meantime, an to hear the contempt cases against determining the moisture conattending the schools in her home officer is to be stationed at the strikers at a Tarboro cotton mill. tent. community she studied at a pri- corner when children are going to Judge Halstead, recently appoint-

Mack G. Mobley who died during ported that \$66,630.36 of the \$67,- in this county during the second marketing tobacco. Those farmthe influenza epidemic in 1919. 479.38 tax levy for 1948 had been week. Mobley she made her home in the \$75,394.22 levy for 1949 had previously reported:

#### Friendship Train **Committee Meets**

Holding a joint meeting with Approximately 150 pounds of representatives of the Martin good quality tobacco, stolen from County Farm Bureau in the court-Farmer W. R. Copeland's grading house last Thursday evening, the Slipping the graded tobacco out in November or early December.

The Farm Bureau group pledg-Wiley Craft, but the thieves never cerely hope all our people will support it," the official said,

County chairman of the Friendship Train, W. May Hardison, said that the county is being asked to contribute 40,000 pounds of corn or about two bushels per farm Committees have been named for the ten townships, and the leaders are hopeful the project can be handled in the course of a few days. Dates for the canvass will

# Couple Marry In

William A. Moore, formerly of a "Dutch" supper and map plans and Otelia Rascoe, of Jamesville, Home," and the dedication of the ally heavy sign-up had been ef- reau Week in the county, October Mary Baptist Church, Jamesville, put on the church. Here Last Friday fected in Williams, Griffins and 10 to 15th. It is planned to com- last Sunday evening. Rev. A. R. Robersonville Townships. Can- plete the membership drive dur- Winborne, pastor, of Plymouth of- tions by the Bear Grass Trio. Mr. liamston and Ada Elsie Peaden of

Moore is one of the few Indians when some trash in a truck caught liamston and Bear Grass Town- leading the way. It was reported living in this county at the present cordial welcome to all former pas- beth Tice of Virginia Beach and

bride's home at Jamesville.

## **Outline Plans For** Marketing Peanuts

#### ROUND-UP

There was little activity on the crime front in this county over the week-end, officers stating that only three persons were arrested and temorarily detained in the county jail. One was held for tate prison authorities, and one each was jailed for carrying a concealed weapon and for public drunkenness.

Two of the three were white, and the ages of the group yanged from 18 to 42

## Superior Court In Final Session Of

Two-Week Term Comes To Premature Close After **Cases Continued** 

The two-week term of the Mar-

tin County Superior Court, scheduled for the trial of criminal and civil cases, came to a premature close last Thursday afternoon aft- While the grading system is little Commissioner Leman Barnhill er quite a few cases had been changed from what it was last continued until the special ses- year, the moisture content is to be sions are called in November. Judge Leo Carr of Burlington, the for each one-half of one percent load of pipe for the extension of previous week, continued several moisture content in excess of criminal cases until December and eight percent and peanuts with withdrew from the county in fa- ten and one-half percent moisture vor of Judge W. I. Halstead of will not be accepted. Camden. Judge Carr, slated to containing less than eight percent preside over both weeks of the moisture will bring a premium Town Treasurer Dan Sharpe re- pinch hit for the Alamance jurist will be similar to those used in

Parking meter income for the Haislip against John A. Griffin,

was heard that the defendant was ed by the buyers and are forwardsubmitting a long statement of ed to the Raleigh office along account and that it would be with various reports. claiming \$995.98 under a contract last wear. The same \$276 for services, \$200 for auto- row on his peanuts and store them mobile use, \$282 for use of Chev- himself. rolet truck, \$240 for use of Ford | Going into detail, Harry Wes-

suck and \$47.98 for tools, less a cott of the Paper and convice, said

sum of \$2,435.79 plus interest

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### Homecoming In Oak City Church

The annual Homecoming Day services will be held Sunday, Oct. 9th, at the Oak City Christian Church. This church was organiz-County Sunday ed by the Rev. J. M. Perry on Wednesday, November 19, 1919, with twenty charter members. The Rev. Olin Fox, pastor of the

church, will bring the morning this county last Saturday issued message entitled, "Christ and The It was indicated that an unus- for the observance of Farm Bu- were married in the Weeping new painting which has just been month. Among the licenses issued Special music will include selec-

served on the school campus.

#### State Inspectors Will Grade Crops **Under Quota Plan**

#### Peanut Marketing Cards To Be Similar To Those Used In Selling Tobacco

Representatives of the Federal and State Departments of Agriculture and the Production and Marketing Administration outlined plans for marketing the current peanut crop to approximately two hundred farmers, shellers and buyers at a meeting held in the Williamston High School auditorium last Friday afternoon. G. T. Scott, State chairman of P.-M. A., presided and James Potter of the State office, Mr. Aikers of the Term Thursday Washington office, Harry Wescott of the State Department of Agriculture, Bob Hines, assistant district supervisor, and others led the discussions and outlined the several phases of the program being advanced under the new quota

According to the department representatives, the will grade all peanuts this year. considered. A penalty is provided price, it was explained. Special

Mr. Potter explained that mared to the bench, was named to keting cards for peanuts this year ers, planting within their allotand those planting in excess of the In the case of Jodie and Nina allotment will get red marketing cards which are subject to penal-Manning in 1927 when she located past month amounted to \$647, and colored man of Everetts, the jury ties. Peanuts marketed with in Griffins where she had since the town treasurer received found in favor of the plaintiffs, white cards will be guaranteed \$307.55 as its share of the utility awarding each \$300 damages. No- the support price, but there'll be Mrs. Manning was a faithful tax for the past quarter. The tice of appeal was given but there no support for those marketed All set for a long trial in the dums of sale and make weekly case of Melvin Godard against L. reports. Penalties on excess W. Hardison, the court arranged plantings, figured on a converted for a sudden closing when it was rate basis and listed on each red found after some of the evidence marketing card, are to be collect-

> 'virtually impossible for the jury | Aikers explained that three to remember all the figures in methods of support will be in efdetail." A referee, Charles H. fect this year. The government is Manning,, was nan.ed to hear the entering a contract with the shellevidence and report to the court, ers who agree to pay no less than ed to make a \$50 deposit with the support for shelled goods of cerreferee, but the reference was not tain grades. The government will with consent of either the plain- again open receiving warehouses tiff or the defendant. Godard is and operate them just as it did

that peanuts would be inspected A judgment was entered in the to determine the actual grade, that the Commodity Credit Corporation was willing to pay, what the peanuts are worth but no more. He appealed to the farmers to properly harvest their peanuts, stack them right and not to "pull" them too soon. He reviewed the inspection features, explaining

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#### Issue Several Marriage Licenses In The County

After reporting little business during the month of September, the marriage license bureau in nearly half as many licenses as were issued in all of the previous three went to the following:

William Howard Cherry of Wil-Dallas Cox will give the words of Faulkland; John Arthur Sibert of welcome. The church extends a Virginia Beach and Susie Elizators and all members and friends Williamston; Joseph Edward Wilof the church. Dinner will be liams of Aulander and Carthine Shaw Daigle, RFD 3, Williamston,