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Local Physician Victim of Suicide Thursday Night

Dr. Edward Early, Jr., Was To Have Been Tried for Murder In September

Edward L. Early, Jr., local Negro doctor, ended his life at his office-home here on Washington Street late last Thursday night, Acting Coroner W. W. Biggs stating that the man consumed at least two bottles of chloroform and possibly took any number of sleeping tablets and other opiates.

Facing trial in the Martin County Superior Court for the alleged murder of his secretary, Odessa Keyes, last May 28, Early was found in a dying condition by his mother about 11:30 o'clock that night. She called for help and LeRoy Long summoned medical aid and the police. Early died before they reached him.

With few friends and virtually no practice, the doctor had been spending most of the time in Washington, D. C., with his parents after he was released in \$5,000 bond following the untimely death of his secretary in the doctor's office early Sunday evening, May 28. Accompanied by his mother, he returned here last Tuesday evening, reportedly to straighten up his affairs. A few people talked with him Wednesday, but as far as it could be learned he remained in his little office-home all day Thursday and saw only James Earl Watts, delivery boy for the Davis Phar-

Shortly before noon, Early ordered two four-ounce bottles of chloroform, and Watts delivered it. Watts said he talked with Early a few minutes, that at the time the doctor held a partially filled bottle of chloroform in his hand, smelling it occasion- Company Reviews

"Dr. Early told me that since the death of his secretary he had joined the church, been baptized and had quit smoking," Watts was quoted as saying. The doctor, according to the delivery boy, was brooding because his friends had deserted him and he had lost his practice. Although the doctor talked all right. Watts said he be came suspicious and told friends

if Dr. Early killed himself. delivered by Watts was found most phases of the Virginia Eelecother empty 4-ounce chloroform ness in the Albermarle district following the induction, retiring for drunken driven, was detained. bottles were found on the dresser. have increased at least 100 per- President Froneberger turned the Sleeping pills and tablets and cent in the last five years. To gravel over to President Bullock Minor Wreck On other opiates were found scattered around the room.

Early called the drug store for ments to its facilities in the Dismore chloroform but the order trict at a cost of over \$1,500,000, read by Secretary Hamilton, was refused, the druggist explainhe knew the doctor had had little or no practice, that the two bottles of chloroform delivered than sufficient for his practice.

could have been a successful career for the man. Born in Washington, D. C., 34 years ago, Early was graduated from Howard University there and was graduated from medical school in Tennessee when he was only 24 years old. After spending a few months ago. With hardly more than a he soon built up a sizable practice

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DIESEL

Making trial runs the past two Sundays, the diesel locomotive is just before taking over the rails between Rocky Mount and Tarboro. It is not known when the old steam locomotive will run out, but a change to the modern locomotive is anticipated within the next few months or possi-

bly weeks. Heavy track has replaced the light rails with the exception of few sidings between here and Rocky Mount and the change to the new type engine is expected just as soon as all the heavy rail is laid and engine deliveries

Recent Weather Conditions No One Hurt In President Making Over-All Insurance Tobacco Diseases Aggravate Crop Damages

many acres of tobacco to flop, crop. south and southeast of Williamston. To aggravate that condition, storage racks Sunday, the farhail and wind struck last Friday mers explained there wasn't su afternoon, damaging approxi- ficient room to care for it in the ers are making inspections to- ty to areas where barn space was the hail loss could be had. How- green tobacco has been seen movever, unofficial sources said that ing on Sunday on the highways the damage would range from in this county. seventy percent.

there was nothing they could do far this pason.

Crops, materially damaged by about it. Rainsoaked tobacco is excessive rains since the 6th of causing one of the greatest harthis month, felt the continued vest rushes ever heard of in this sting of adverse weather condi- section. Reports said that one fartion over the week-end in this mer housed tobacco from a comcounty. However, the crop out- paratively small acreage every look, except in some few individ- day last week. Barns are being ual cases, is still far from hope- crowded in many instances, and other barns virtually abandoned a figure well in excess of \$1,000 Rainfall, amounting to right at in the past are being repaired for ten inches so far this month, has use, the owners working to try really soaked the earch, causing and save the rapidly deteriorating day afternoon and evening, ac-

Tobacco was seen hanging on

twenty to possibly as high as The rain-soaked leaf is not curing any too well, and farmers 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Flopped tobacco caused much are certain that the crop has been concern, but farmers recognized damaged at least 25 percent so

SIGNED

A contract for the construction of a second story on Williamston's High School building has been signed by the Hardison Construction Company of Washington and work is slated to get under way at once.

Orders for the materials were placed last week. No completion date is specified in the contract, and it could not be learned when the structure will be ready for

Five-Year Period This Section

Virginia Electric Doubled Its Business In Northeastern Carolina

According to information that he would not be surprised released by S. P. Woolford, dis-One of the chloroform bottles tem in the Albermarle District, as the official Lion tail twister. damage to the truck would run take care of this unprecedented who presided during the remainincrease in volume of business der of the meeting. At 8:00 o'clock that evening, the company is making improve-

ing to Coroner Biggs at an in- records at District headquarters formal hearing the next day that in Williamston disclosed that from June, 1945 to June, 1950, the miles of pole line in the District had increased 105 percent . Butler, Past Band Captain Asa earlier in the day were more from 787 to 1,618 miles. During Manning and Band Captain Gloythe same period the number of den Stewart were guests of the The suicide climaxed what customers increased 116 percent - club and Lion Hildreth Mobley from 6,566 to 14,205. Over 1,500 presented them with a trophy in families served by Vepco lines recognition of the tie-position installed off-peak electric water gained in the Charlotte parade. heaters during the period, now numbering a total of 1,950 water Mangum and James L. Harris

Although it was difficult to obtain construction materials durthe district" says Mr. Woolford club. is proud of the district's record of efficiency in constructing these lines and is appreciative of the patience which rural customers showed while waiting their turn

to receive service. "Naturally, the unprecedented growth in customers, lines and load has necessitated major changes throughout the district. During the five year period the number of employees has increased from 46 to 103."

Two-way Radio communications equipment has recently been installed on all Vepco construction and service vehicles and main stations located at Williamston and Elizabeth City. "The use of this equipment," says Mr. Woolford, "enables Vepco to quickly contact its personnel in the field and repair trouble with a minimum of delay. Since the equipment has been in service, the (Continued on Page Eight)

Officers Installed By the Lions Club Here Thursday

James E. Bulluck To Head Club As Its New President

James E. Bulluck, along with other new officers and directors were installed by Thomas S. gone only a few miles before a Payne, Loins International Councilor for this district form Washington, during a regular meeting of the organization last Thursday evening. Mr. Bullock, the new president succeeds E. Ross Froneberger, under whose direc-Carolina. Other officers include: secretary. Grady Luffman and of Jamesville. Exum L. Ward, Jr., were added P. Moore, Jr., is the new Lion car was parked about 12 inches tamer, and J. D. Page took over

A letter form F. L. Jackson Davidson College treasurer, was A recent check of the company's praising the behavior of the William band members when they were guests of the college during their visit to the Lions convention in Charlotte. Professor Jack

> Two new members, Clarence were received into the club.

President Buliuck, in a short inaugural talk, expressed his in Durham and Tarboro, he came ing the post war period, Vepco thanks for honor bestowed upon to Williamston about ten years has built over 761 miles of rural him, and called on all the memline in Albermarle district since bers for their support in maindollar and a half in his pockets, June, 1945. "Every employee in taining the high rating of the

> The fellowship prize was a warded to Lion Julian H. Harrell

Farmer Drives Splinter Through His Foot In Field

Removing his shoes to battle the mud and water while priming tobacco in his field near Jamesville last Tuesday, Farmer Colon Martin stepped on a partly submerged lightwood stump and drove splinter through his foot.

He was put to sleep while doctors cut the splinter out.

IMPROVING

Critically ill following an operation for appendicitis last Thursday morning at 6:00 o'clock, Little Miss Vickie Martin, daugh ter of Commissioner and Mrs. C. C. Martin of Jamesville, was reported improving in the hospital here this morning. She was taken ill suddenly and the appendix

Minor Accidents Report To Nation

Six Marines Had Only A Indications Point To Call Short Time To Meet Cherry Pt. Deadline

No one was badly injured, but property damage pushed to in two automobile accidents on county highways and streets Suncording to reports coming from the highway patrol office early Monday.

Six U. S. Marines, returning from a visit with friends and relmately 200 acres of tobacco in barns. Some farmers were haul- atives in Baltimore and Philadelthe Popular Point area. Adjust- ing green tobacco across the coun- phia and trying to meet a 6:00 o'clock Sunday evening deadline day, and no official estimate on available. It is the first time at their base at Cherry Point, escaped injury when their 1948 Chevrolet skidded and went out of control within the Oak City town limits on Highway 125 at Several of the Marines were bruised and battered a bit, but there was no blood, and they were able to continue on their way.

> Investigating the accident, Patrolman R. P. Narron said that the car skidded on a curve, ran off the road and turned over on its side in a ditch during a heavy rain. The top was mashed into the shape of an accordian, the windshield was knocked out along with glasses in the windows. William A. Cabet of Philadelphia and Cherry Point was driving. After recovering from the shock the boys righted the wreck and drove away. They had tire went flat. After Patrolman Narron had helped them get the fixed, they continued on their way about 3:30 o'clock. Damage to the car was estimated at \$400.

Driving a 1948 mail truck belonging to C. S. VanLandingham tion the club maintained a top about 8:00 o'clock Sunday evenposition among the clubs in North ing, Nathaniel Augustus Mobley lost control and ran-into a 1942 Ben D. Courtney, first vice presi- Plymouth car parked on its left dent; W. H. Abernathy, second side of the highway about onevice president; R. L. Welch, third half mile this side of Dardens on vice president; Clyde Manning, Highway 64. No one was in the treasurer, and Charles Hamilton, car belonging to George Moore

Investigating the accident, Patrolman J. T. Rowe said that the from the hardsurface, that the Councilor Payne was intro- about \$300 and that to the car duced by Wheeler Manning, and at about \$600. Mobley, booked

Road In County

Driving a truck belonging to Edgar Davis of Hamilton, Lonnie Green narrowly escaped injury when he dozed off and the truck went out of control and turned over on its side in a ditch between Hamilton and Palmyra last Tuesday afternoon. Slab wood, loaded on the truck, tore through penned the driver in, Patrolman gation, said.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$50.

Automobile Catches On Fire Here Thursday

Chevrolet sedan at the corner of door and dashed the boiling box ment, and at the same time pro-Haughton and Church Streets last lye water into his face as he Thursday afternoon at 4:15 started to enter the house. Some

fire and had it out by the time fect. volunteer firemen reached the scene with the truck.

ROUND-UP

Ten persons were roundedup and temporarily detained in the county jail last weekend by local, county and state officers. Three of those jailed were booked for publie drunkenness, and two each for assaults, drunken driving and liquor law violations. A tenth one was held for investigation.

One of the ten was white and the ages of the group ranged from 20 to 40 years.

On County Roads On War Tomorrow Plan Discussed Here Sections Cf State

NEW PRESIDENT

James E. Bulluck, local

business man, was installed

as president of the Will-

iamston Lions Club at a cere-

mony held here in the Wo-

man's Club hall last Thurs-

day evening. He succeeds E.

noon in Church For

Mrs. Hardison

Surviving besides her son with

two grandchildren.

Hamilton.

Jamesville.

Waverly Parker

Accident Victim

Funeral services were conduct-

ed in a Suffolk funeral home Sun-

day afternoon for Waverly C.

Parker, 55, who was fatally in-

jured in a vehicle-train accident

near Suffolk Friday morning. His

son, Fred Parker, also injured in

the accident, was removed to a

Suffolk hospital for treatment.

Interment was in the family

Besides his father, J. R. Par-

ker, he is survived by his widow,

the former Miss Ethel Holland;

two daughters, Miss Elizabeth

Parker, Martin County home

demonstration agent of Williams-

ton, and Jean Parker of Sunbury;

two sons, Waverly C. Parker, Jr.,

brothers, Hallett Parker, Roy

Parker, Emmett Parker and Dal-

Raymond Parker of Norfolk.

cemetery near Sunbury.

Ross Froneberger.

For More Money And Larger Forces

President Truman is almost certain to call for a sizable increase in military appropriations and several hundred thousand more men for the armed forces Farmers Show Much Interin a message to the Congress Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock. At 9:30 o'clock Wednesday night, the President will report to the nation, outlining that action "deemed necessary to cope with the Korean war crisis."

An administration official said the President is expected to ask Congress for upwards of \$5,000,-000,000 in new defense funds and call for new high limits on authorized manpower in the armed forces perhaps some 770,000 above present strength.

Salient features of the emergency program as described by

1. A request for new military funds or contract authorizations totaling \$5,000,000,000 to \$600,-000,000

2. A proposal for legislation authorizing 160,000 more men for the Army above the present legal limit of 837,000, and 60,000 more for the Navy which now cannot exceed 666,882.

An increase may also be ordered for the 502,000-man Air Force. The three services are now some 550,000 men short of their combined authorized strength of

3. Announcement by Mr. Truman that he is delegating to the Defense Department authority to order selected reservists to duty, instead of asking for volunteers

4. No action now on mobilizing any of the 27 National Guard divisions. Some authorities have speculated that six to nine divisions will be called up shortly, along with reserves.

According to some reports, Mr Truman may give Secretary of Defense Johnson authority to call up National Guard units if nec-

Mr. Truman's message is not expected to ask for rationing or government officials have predicted the President will seek tax increase. They expect the request to emphasize voluntary control procedure.

Girl Attacked Her Step-Father

Threatened with scalding if she did not report for work in the first by attacking her step-faththe glass of the cab and almost er, T. F. Dawson, 50, on a farm on the River Road near Palmyra B. W. Parker, making the investi- last Saturday morning. She sent did not sell for enough to comhim to the hospital, last reports pensate for the loss. from the institution in Tarboro stating that he would be a patient there for at least two and possibly three weeks.

Boiling a pan of water and mix-Starting from a short circuit, ing in it a liberal pontion of box fire damaged Pritchard Lindsley's lye, the girl took a stand by the prove a burden to the gave, n of the water got into his eye but Seeing sparks fly from under it is not belived he will lose his the dash board, Billy Allsbrooks, sight. However, the burns were the driver, parked it and pulled severe around his nose, mouth production. the wires loose. Residents in the and chest, some striking the neighborhood dashed water on the thighs and knees with telling ef-

> Dawson, rendered almost crazy by the pain, ran almost a third of a mile for help, crying for mercy and pleading for help.

The sheriff's office was notified and an investigation is being made but no action is anticipated until the victim is able to leave the hospital.

Local Man Continues Quite Ill In Hospital

tal here. However, this morning water moccosin. his condition was better than it | Treated by Plymouth doctors, to have company.

State Committee To Include One

est In Coverage At Meeting Held Monday

County In Plan

A multiple insurance plan for multiple crops was discussed with a group of Martin County farmers at a meeting held in the courthouse Monday. Explaining the plan, W. A. Kitchin of the State Production-Marketing Adminnstration committee, said that the government proposed to include one eastern county in the program for next year, that possibly one of the three counties of Halifax, Edgecombe and Martin would be singled out to inaugurate the program, Similar programs are in effect in other sections of the nation, but so far peanuts have not been included.

The plan, providing mainly insurance against actual production losses, does not necessarily conflict with old-line insurance, it

According to a report released following the meeting, the multiple insurance plan would offer Died In Everetts protection on just about all the basic crops on a farm against losses from hail, wind, insects, weather conditions and even fire other words, if it costs \$250 to produce an acre of tobacco, the insurance would be based at the rate of one and one-half percent, the farmer would receive \$250.

The multiple feature combines all cash crops on a farm. If the ness of more than a year. farmer planted four acres of tobacco, five acres of corn, two acres of cotton and three acres of she was born in the Jamesville at \$1,200, then he would pay an womanhood she was married to farmer met with failure after em- number of years ago after the ploying normal farm practices family had moved to Williamston and he sold his crops for only in 1926. About two years ago she \$500, then he would receive \$700 moved to Everetts to make her in insurance. It was explained home with a son, Joseph Garthat if one of the crops failed and land Hardison. controls over steel, curbs on the others sold for more than consumer credit, and possibly a the estimated cost of production, then there would be no insurance, Mr. Kitchen adding that the plan ber of years, and was a faithful was designed to cover only the mother and thoughtful neighbor. cost of production.

The amount of insurance due in case of crop failures would four sons, Grover N. Hardison of be determined when the crops Raleigh, Elmer N. Hardison of are sold. If the cost of produc- Miami, Donnie and Leland G. tion is not covered by the sale of Hardison of Robersonville; one the crops then the insurance sister, Mrs. Cynthia Simpson, and would make up the difference. A farmer could house his tobacco 12-year-old colored girl, acted and have it destroyed by fire just ed in the Everetts Baptist Church before marketing time, then he Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock would receive full credit for the loss, provided the other crops

Production costs as figured by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics are to be accepted, it was erson family cemetery near

Congress is interested in a plan in so far as it will not necessarily ures. It could eliminate the gamble in farming, but the plan does not mean that the grower will be protected beyond the cost of

To try the plan, the P.-M. A. advises that at least 1,000 growers participate in it. The State P.-M. A. committe is expected to select the county where the plan will be given a trial not later than the early part of next September. Quite a few farmers in this county could have participated in the plan this year to a great ad-

Bitten By Snake Near Jamesville Thursday

Reaching down to pick up a leaf of Norfolk, and Fred Parker of of tobacco behind a flue in a to- Sunbury; three sisters, Mrs. L. E. Mr. B. S. Courtney, prominent bacco barn on their farm near McCoy and Mrs. J. M. Barrow, local citizen and business man, Jamesville, Mrs. Clarence Barber both of Sunbury; and Mrs. Frank continues quite ill in the hospi- was bitten on the hand by a Ellenor of Gates, N. C.; five

was last week-end. He isn't able she was reported yesterday to be ton Parker, all of Sunbury, and getting along very well.

Appearing In All

Agent Advises Identification Of Disease And Take Precautions

By S. A. Tuten Assistant County Agent

Tobacco diseases of various tobacco fields in Martin County this year. It is estimated that approximately 5 percent of the entire tobacco crop has been lost extent of loss on individual farms ranges from 10 percent to about 60 percent. Most of the loss is credited to a disease known as Black Shank which, although relatively new here, is not a new disease in the flu-cured tobacco area. It was identified in western North Carolina in 1931 and has been gradually speading through the flue cured areas of Virginia, western and eastern North Caro lina and Georgia. Black Shank appeared in Pitt County and western Beaufort county several years ago. It was found in the vicinity of Old Ford, Beaufort County, about three years ago and has slowly spread through that area and the southern part of Martin County. The disease was also found in the vicinity of Palmyra

about three years ago. Former Resident This year black shank has been identified on farms throughout the county. If no steps are taken to control the disease and if it continued to spread as it has in Saturday Morning other areas of the State, a good field tobacco in this county would after the crop is harvested. In Funeral Held Sunday After- be almost as rare five years from is at the present time. Briefly, Mrs. Lizzie Newman Hardison, or \$3.75 an acre. If there should former Williamston resident, died will continue to spread. The sobe a complete crop failure then at her home in Everetts last Sat- lution is neither expensive nor urday morning following an ill- time consuming.

First, a grower should carefully The daughter of the late Wil- observe his crop this year. If diseased plants are found, the diliam and Minerva Ray Newman, sease should be correctfully idenpeanuts, and the cost of produc- community 68 years ago and spent tified. If, for example, the Grantion of all the crops was figured most of her life there. In early ville Wilt instead of black shank at \$1,200, then he would pay an insurance premium of \$18. If the Joseph S. Hardison who died a because Oxford 1 is not resistant to Granville Wilt Incidental have been found in the county.

Secondly, obtain seed, preferably certified, of a variety resistant to the discase and if possi-Mrs. Hardison was a devoted ble, rotate the crop in 1951; howmember of the Williamston Meever, resistant varieties, especimorial Baptist Church for a numally Oxford 1 seldom go down more than 5 percent even on badly infested land.

Black shank in advanced stages whom she made her home, are can be more easily identified than other major tobacco diseases. The first symptom is rapid wilting of the entire plot. Usually the disease is at first confined to a definite part of a field and will spread to other parts of the field Funeral services were conductby surface drainage. The stalk near and below the top of the by Rev. W. B. Harrington, county stages, all roots are dead and the Baptist minister and a friend of stalk can be pulled up easily. Cutthe family for years, assisted by ting the stalk legth wise will the pastor, Rev. E. R. Stewart of show a pith separated into dry disc like layers similar in shape to Interment was held in the Robgun wadding.

Varieties resistant to black shank are Oxford 1, Oxford 2, Oxford 3. Oxford 1 is most popular because it has the best quality. Other varieties are Vesta 11 and Vesta 47. Two new varieties resistant to both black shank and Granville wilt were released by the N. C. Experiment Station in December 1949. Dixie Bright 101 has Granville Wilt resistance

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NO DEVELOPMENTS

No definite instructions have yet been received for reactivating the Martin County Draft Board, Chairman Eugene Rice said this preliminary However.

plans for reopening the office are about complete, and Mrs. Henry Handy has been appointed clerk to the board, it was learned.

The chairman said that he had not received a call for men, that possibly the first call would be handled by the district office for this county in Elizabeth City.