First Road Fatality Start Harvesting Reported In County In Martin County

Johnny Jones, 52, Fatally Hurt On Oak City Street

Half-Brother Killed In Last December Accident Near Oak City

Martin County's first 1950 highway-street fatality was reported by Patrolman R. P. Narron yesterday following the death of Johnny Jones, 52-year-old Oak City Negro, in a Tarboro hospital Sunday morning at 5:40 o'clock. Jones was fatally hurt when he was struck by an automobile on Highway 125 inside the town limits of Oak City last Last Rites Today Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock. Suffering compound fractures of both legs just above the ankles, head and internal injuries, the man did not regain consciousness and possibly never knew what struck him. He was removed to • the hospital shortly after the ac-

Belived to have been drinking, Jones was seen wandering down was struck. Junior Manning, en route to Oak City from Hamilton, in Oak City, Manning started the at 1:30 o'clock. return trip to Hamilton when James Taylor, Jr., young colored man driving Floyd B. Harrell's

Meeting another car, Taylor pital for several days. said he saw nothing in the highway but applied brakes when he felt the car hit something. The car skidded to a stop about 30 or was born near Jamesville 69 years with the least amount of cutting 40 feet away and Jones fell off ago on October 30, 1880, and lived and bruising. Labor saving meth-

Investigating the accident, Pain the yard at the Jones home in Oak City an hour or two before the accident and quoted as saying the man was "staggering drunk".

The victim was in the county court about six weeks and was fined \$50 for being drunk on the highway, reports stating that he would get intoxicated, walk the streets and highways, waving his hands and defying traffic. The victim's half-brother.

Jones, was killed in a vehicle accident on Highway 11 near Oak City last December 24.

Working with Patrolman Narron in the case, Acting Coroner W. W. Biggs said following his investigation that the accident was unavoidable on the part of the death car driver and that no formal inquest was considered necessary. It was brought out that the car was traveling hardly more than thirty miles an hour at the time of the accident, that the driver was not drinking and had his car under control.

Caught Off Guard By Quiz Program

"Stop The Music", a musical quiz program originating from New York studios, called a local resident Sunday night to participate on the program by telephone.

Mrs. Kate York, who was called and kept on the line by the New York operator, said that she turned the radio on and got the program long enough to hear the announcer say that they were Two More Barns trying to get her on the telephone. Although quite excited at the time she recalls that the announcer asked her a number of questions about her florist business, the location of Williamston and her children.

When the program announcer asked her to identify the song playing on the air, she was unable to get anything on her radio but "Playoff", a similar program, she said, adding that she never heard the tune she was to name. sonville. She was advised that the musical

ROUND-UP

Business on the crime front fell off considerably last week-end compared with operation the week before, but police, town and state officers were fairly busy rounding up eight alleged law violators.

Fighting and drinking were the style for the past weekend, the records showing that four were booked for assaults and four for public drunkenness. The list included one white man, and two Negro

The ages of the group ranged from 18 to 46 years.

In Jamesville for Mrs. Lula Mizelle

Well-Known County Woman Died Sunday At **Home Of Sister**

Mrs. Lula Holliday Mizelle, well the highway shortly before he known and highly respected Jamesville citizen, died at the said he had to turn to the left home of her sister, Mrs. John side of the road to avoid strik- Sexton, 117 Brown Street, Washing Jones. Completing his errand ington, N. C., Sunday afternoon

She had been in declining health for some time and went 1941 Pontiac, drove from under to visit in the home of her sister a filling station and started to about a week ago after receiving Hamilton just ahead of Manning, treatment in a Washington hos-

The daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson Holliday and Lydia Margaret Godard Holliday, she the greatest number of potatoes in that community all her life.

trolman Narron said that Jones married to Lewis Mizelle who are the 12 inch bottom plow with was walking in the center of the died last year. No children were a rolling coulter attachment for right traffic lane. Officer Gar- born to the union, but she was de- cutting vines, a middlebuster with at the Williamston High School "The gun crew from our battery right traffic lane. Officer Garland Bunting said he saw Jones voted to her home and tenderly a special vine cutter attached to ginning at 9:00 a m it was an on a towed target.

Athletic Park next Monday, bewas the first to score a direct hit feetly natural, but a very harmon a towed target. years he was an invalid. She rotary attachment for a 12 inch was a member of the Christian bottom plow has proven very Church at Jamesville since her efficient childhood.

Sexton of Washington and Mrs. so as to prevent bruising. Sweet Roxie Smithwick and a half- potatoes should be handled as of the clinic. sister, Grace Holliday, of James- carefully as eggs, if the maximum ville; and a brother, Wilmer J. price is to be received. Holliday of Jamesville.

In the absence of her pastor. ment will be in the Mizelle family cemetery near Jamesville.

Robersonville To **Get Half Holiday**

The delayed opening of the tobacco markets from Friday of this week until next Monday did the top. When the lid is fasteded, not blow an ill wind for the pressure will be exerted on the clerks and office workers in Robersonville, an announcement from the Merchants Association there explaining that Wednesday afternoon would be observed as a holiday. It'll be the last half- holiday on the schedule, however, and everybody is making ready to make the most of it.

It was first planned to have the stores and offices remain open half-holiday schedule was order- be received. ed maintained when the tobacco market opening was postponed.

Burn In County

Martin County's tobacco curing for the season last Friday when home near the water plant he James farm in Jamesville Town- and turned down Marshall Ave- tions and 25 to those individuals ship. The been was insured.

Earlier in the week, a barn was burned on the J. Bynum Rober- police were called. When the son farm, not far from Rober-

season during recent years.

Agent Offers Hints For the Harvesting Of Crop This Season

Sweet potato harvest will will start on a limited scale in August, and continue through October. The unusual thing about sweet potatoes which differs from most other crops is that there is no such thing as maturity. This makes it important to dig sweet potatoes when they have produced the highest possible yield of U. S. No. 1 grade, but before a killing frost. This can be determined only by trial digging.

When digging sweet potatoes the farmer should consider his buyer and consumer, which is eventually the house wife. The average house wife prefers a sweet potato not less than three inches long and not more than ten inches long, with a diameter varying from one and threefourths inches to three and threefourths inches, and not weighing more than twenty ounces. The farmer who packes his potatoes with this in mind will receive the maximum price.

Many farmers will find sales for their sweet potatoes in the local stores. A point to remember here is "eye appeal". Any product having competition on the market must have "eye appeal". One way to get this is to wash the sweet potatoes just before taking to the store. Today the housewife has lily white hands and red finger nails, and doesn't care to get her hands dirty in the store handling dirty potatoes. Although washing is desirable prior to placing sweet potatoes in the store, the potatoes to be stored

should not be washed. What digging equipment to use is based on being able to uncover In early womanhood she was implements that are satisfactory the plow beam, and a special

Regardless of the equipment Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. used, potatoes should be harvested

After the potatoes have been plowed out, lay them on top of the fall are expected to attend the Rev. Mr. Traylor of Wash- the redges, being careful not to from a dozen or more counties in ington is conducting the funeral scratch them. Let them stay there at the home in Jamesville this af- at least long enough for the soil the rules and mechanics of officiternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Inter- to dry. However, if potatoes are ating and inform both the coaches dug in August, they should be and officials what is legal and put in baskets immediately to what is illegal in the way of ofprevent sunburn.

Practice field grading. Place U kets, and the lower marketable field-run potatoes in baskets is 24.

not a good practice. Fill the baskets so that the potatoes are slightly arched across entire top layer of the potatoes. This will prevent the potatoes from rubbing against each other in transit which causes bruising

and skinning. Use new baskets W seend hand ones must be used, disinfect them when the storage house is disinfected.

As a final reminder, remember that sweet potatoes must be hanthis Wednesday afternoon, but the dled like eggs, if maximum is to

Arrest Prowler Friday Evening

Crazy drunk, George Bonds, local young colored man, lost his em tax and listing the discounts way here early last Friday night for early payment. barn loss count was pushed up and instead of finding his way fire destroyed a barn on the Iona wandered down South Haughton dividual taxpayers, 21 to corpora- for all.

When he staggered into a yard. a bit late. corting him to jail.

Tobacco Market Motorcade Seeing Eye Dog Tobacco Markets To Crop Of Potatoes Meets With Success Monday Is Brought Here

Reviving a custom in favor making impromptu talks and ap years back, tobacconists and pealing to farmers for patronage others yesterday ran a motorcade this tobacco marketing season. Master Trained With Dog throughout most of the country, Mr. Page explained that the marreports following the group de- ket would open on Monday, Aug-

torcade attracted right much at- rent crop. tention, and "Smike Bones and

claring it was very successful. ust 21, that the warehouses would Without little advance notice be open on Thursday of this week and no definite schedule, the mo- to receive the first of the cur-

Members of the motorcade, His Musical Nightmares" furnish- numbering fifteen or more cars representative of the North Caroed the entertainment. "Smike" at one time or another during was indisposed and could not yesterday, said they heard very handled work for the commission make the trip, but there were able encouraging reports, that the Wil- in this and Bertie County. liamston market holds the good The market's new sales super- will and good confidence of the visor, Paul Page, and Al Sweatt farmers throughout this section, with the dog at Morristown, New of the Williamston Boosters serv- that all indications point to a ed as masters of the ceremonies, great season this year.

NO HOLIDAY HERE

There'll be no balf-holiday here on Wednesday afternoon of this week, it was officially announced late yesterday.

"It is true that the tobacco market opening has been delayed, but when the holiday schedule was fixed some months ago for the year, the ruling was to suspend the half-holiday schedule on the Wednesday before the opening of the tobacco market," the executive secretary of the Boosters announced. "To make a change would only be confusing," it was explained.

Football Officials To Have Clinic Here On Monday

Prospective Officials and Coaches from Wide Area To Attend Sessions

One of three to be held in Eastods should also be considered. The ern Carolina this month, a football ginning at 9:00 a. m., it was an- on a towed target. ville. Mr. Jones and L. J. (Hap) Perry, executive secretary of the N. C. H. S. A. A., will have charge

> Coaches and officials or former football players and college stars who plan to officiate at games in this section. The clinics will cover fensive or defensive actions.

The first of the clinics is being S. No. 1 grade in one set of bas- held in Williamston Monday. The others are at Kinston on August grades in another set, putting 23 and at Lumberton on August

> There will be no registration fee or other charge and all coaches and officials are invited to attend. Mr. Jones has asked Coach Maynard to provide classroom space as well as a partially marked field and 22 boys are also needed for running of plays so that actual ed. There will be no rough con-

All Are Doing All Right In Georgia, 1st Sergeant Says

National Guard Unit Will Return Home On Sunday, August 20

Members of the local National Guard Unit are doing all right blind graduates of the School adown at Camp Stewart, Georgia. Writing for the group, 1st Sgt. Pete Fowden said,

"Tell the home folks that their be very proud of them.

"We have been here only five fast, and the veterans, the back-

prospective officials is to be held and we are all proud of the men. warnings.

Jones head of the Northeastern to go out and fire the big guns. guiding their masters among pe- of white men and women and col- delay in the opening had been Official Booking Office, Farm- They will have some fine stories destrains on the sidewalk. While ored male and female citizens. to tell when we return on the 20th Seeing Eye dogs normally ignore of August.

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Large Rattlers Killed In County

Checking damage done rattle snakes. He knocked out one more easily solved."

teen rattles and the other had ten.

Mr. Roberson was quoted as playing conditions can be simulat- positions just a few feet apart, were coiled and ready to strike when he saw then and widehed

(Continued on Page Eight) Thousands Of Tax Notices Are Placed In The Mails

Thousands of tax notices - the county.

ever levied in any one year in listers, 25.

little pink slips - were placed Even before all the notices in the mails over the week-end cleared the mails, property ownby the Martin County tax col- ers started moving into the collector's office, revealing the a- lector's office to pay up and take

making ready to place its tax no-The collector explained that tices in the mails, and a tax-8,280 of the receipts went to in- paying good time is in prospect

Taxpayers were listed in numwho listed their property holdings bers by townships, as follows: the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 p. m.

In New Jersey During Past Several Weeks

The first seeing eye dog seen in this section was brought here last week by Mrs. Laura Miller lina State Blind Commission who

Mrs. Miller recently completed a training period of several weeks Jersey, and is gradually adjusting the animal tosits duties. The Seeing Eve organization re

leased the following information: The helpful and kindly-intentioned public is a greater hazard to Seeing Eye dogs than the traffic of Times Square in New York, according to the reactions received from its graduates by the Morristown, New Jersey, School, which educates dogs as guides for blind people. The public, even though realizing that the dog is capably and efficiently taught, interferes constantly with its efficiency by attempting to lead cross streets, intersections and

even around obstruction on the

sidewalk

lic is to be kindly and helpful," sons, brothers, husbands and fa- Henry A. Colgate, President of thers are doing fine. Personally The Seeing Eye, Inc., said, "the speaking, it's the finest bunch of result produced is similar to that men,-not boys anymore-that I which would occur if you grabbed have ever had the pleasure of be- the arm of a man who is driving ing with. They, their families, an automobile rapidly in heavy and before we got here they hard- traffic. Seeing Eye dogs are com- perior court by the board of com- bacco is moving from this area days, including Sunday, and I in all kinds of traffic, wherever the first week, beginning on Sep- opening here before starting the never realized so much could be they would go. However, Seeing tember 18, and nine of that num- marketing task. done. The guys have fired the Eye dogs cannot be expected to ber will be drawn for a year's big guns three of these five days, watch for speeding automobiles duty on grand jury. The remain- dates is getting to be an annual an dbefore we got here they hard- and at the same time to cope with ing twenty of the fifty are to re- affair, and the skullduggery busly knew the muzzle from the trail. the interference of some person port for duty during the second iness was aired in the Raleigh The non-veterans have learned who may have taken their mas- week when mostly civil cases meeting. ter's arms and be pushing or pull- will be called. bone of the outfit, can't be beat. ing in an opposite direction, or elinic for high school coaches and The officers are doing a swell job who may be shouting words or judge of Nashville, is to preside on the crop in this belt. This year

> ful tendency to pet Seeing Eve the court. dogs who are busily engaged in many strangers. The public can Brown. master to meet and solve the and Ben Lilley. problems of traffic as they have Jersey. If the public could un- Fenner L. Hardison and Rufus the crop. by derstand that these two do not A. Coltrain. coons and bears in a lower field need help and do not seek it, on the Corey farm in the Farm Life even if such help were not def- Roberson and J. S. Hodges. section of Griffins Township last initely harmful, the problem Saturday morning, Farmer Eu- these blind people face in relation Bullock, C. P. Cullipher, John E. gene Roberson killed two large to their own handicap would be

with a pistol and could only Over sixteen hundred Seeing car Tice and S. H. Grimes. wound the other one before emp- Eye dogs have been issued to ting the gun. Bringing up reen- blind persons in 48 States, the Everett, Jesse E. Bullock and forcements, he completed the kill. District of Columbia, Puerto rving Coburn. Measuring about nine feet, both Rico and Hawaii. The dogs learn of the snakes measured about ten their jobs through an intensive inches in diameter. One had fif- three months' course at The See. Ben R. Brown. ing Eye School in Morristown, New Jersey, After the dog has saying that both snakes, holding been thoroughly educated, a selected blind person spends one

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Making Changes In Clinic Dates

Pointing out that the treatment of veneral diseases has been shortened, County Health Officer John W. Williams announced this week that clinics will be held only once each month in Oak City and Hamilton, at Oak City. It is not necessary to meet the mount of the 1950 county advalor- advantage of the special discount. patients once a week as we have The Town of Williamston is been doing in the two towns,"

the health officer said. Clinics for per-natals and babies will be held at Oak City each Farmer Degrees. third Thursday and at Hamilton

Jamesville, 896; Williams, 335; All patients who have been young man is a leader in the Oak The master tax book had not Griffins, 424; Bear Grass, 492; treated can meet the health of City FFA Chapter. His brother, police car approached, Bonds was been totaled today, but the com- Williamston, 2,383; Cross Roads, ficer and nurse on those days for David Etheridge, also of Oak standing in the middle of the bined levy for 1950 is expected 474; Robersonville, 1,556; Popular blood tests. Babies will be given City, was awarded the Carolina The barn losses are belived to street waving for a ride. He was to approximate \$340,000.00, an a- Point, 214; Hamilton, 696: Goose their immunization "shots" for Farmer Degree along with Alprogram was sending her a gift be the largest reported in a single accommodated, the officers es- mount ranking with the largest Nest, 810; corporations, 21; late whooping cough and diptheria on fonzo Perry, member of the made many friends during their

By Mrs. Miller Open On August 21

ELECTRIFIED

Running after a fashion for more than forty years with occasional attention and repairs, Williamston's town clock went modernistic last week when specialists replaced worn parts and electrified

The hands and striker were synchronized, and now its the same time on all four sides with the striker going into operation right on the hour.

Delaying action on the project at their meeting last Tuesday, the commissioners reconsidered and ordered the \$785 job handled after making investigations.

Work on the town hall was started in 1907 and the clock was installed in 1909.

Draw Jurors For **Next Session Of** Superior Court

To Preside Over The Two-Week Term

Fifty Martin County men and women were drawn for jury duty during the two-week term of supetent to guide blind people who missioners in a recent session. to the border, but a vast majority have been educated to use them, Thirty of the group are to report of the farmers are waiting for the

pedestrians, they cannot help but Jamesville Township: H. L. "Your National Guard Battery, be distracted when affectionate Davs, J. R. Overton, D. D. Copats or caresses are offered by burn, C. A. Askew and Edgar D.

Seeing Eye dog and its blind Hardison, Mrs. Annie Roebuck crations, that last week ninety

Griffins Township: James B

Bear Grass Township: Jack Williamston Township: James E. Peel, L. R. Donaldson, C. D. Carstarphen, Gaston L. Savage, Os-

Hamilton Township; Whit C.

Robersonville Township: N. C.

Purvis, P. C. Edmonson, Sr., and tives of the Old Belt also opposed

Fields and P. F. Lee. Second Week

Jamesville Township: M. H. Ange, Mrs. Leo R. Gardner, E. O. Hopewell, W. B. Gaylord and Wil-

lie Mayo Gardner.

Griffins Township: B. Roy God-(Continued on page eight)

County Youths At Recent FFA Meet

Martin County was well represented at the State meeting of Future Farmers of America in Raleigh last week. One young man took second honors and a valuable prize in the State-wide public speaking contest and two others were awarded Carolina

Kip Etheridge, winning second on the third Tuesday between place in the speaking contest, received \$90 cash awards. The Jamesville FFA Chapter.

Farmers Asked by Warehousemen To Delay Deliveries

Change In Opening Date To Assure Full Corps Of Buyers Here

Advised that buyers and other market personnel could not finish the marketing task in Florida-Georgia in time for the scheduled opening on Friday of this week, eastern North Carolina tobacco markets reluctantly agreed to delay the opening until next Monday. The action was taken following a long and heated meeting held by the Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association held in Raleigh last Saturday night.

Following the announced delay in the opening local warehousemen directed a plea to farmers day of this week to deliver tobacco to the market. "If we thought it advantageous to the farmer to do so, we would open our houses earlier, but we sincerely believe "While the intention of the pub- Judge Walter Bone Slated tobacco packed down in the farmer's barn will keep better than on the warehouse floors if it is placed there too long before the sales," local warehousemen explained. Heavy deliveries are expected by the week-nd

Judge Walter J. Bone, resident market operators have their eyes as a result of an exchange with the crop down that way was not "The public shows also a per- Judge John Jay Burney of Wil- as far advanced as it was in this The jury list includes the names those on the border. If any long proposed, some operators in this belt were getting ready to suggest that the border markets be closed

Reports from Florida-Georgia declare that some of the markets be most helpful by allowing a Williams Township: Melburn there have already suspended oppercent of the crop there had been sold and that sales this week can been taught at Morristown, New Harrington, Archie T. Coltrain, take care of the remainder of

until adjustments could be made.

To help salve over the wound created in this belt the meeting in Raleigh agreed to add an extra hour to the selling time during the first five days beginning next Monday. Despite the little candy sucker bait, representatives from this belt at the meeting declared that facts do not justify delaying openings in eastern North Carolina, and five of the six delegates opposed the delay. Representathe delay, but it was settled by Goose Nest Township: Haywood postponing the opening by three

Local Minister **Answering Call**

The Rev. James I. Lowery is leaving the Presbyterian church here to answer a call received from the Armstrong Memorial Church in South Norfolk, the congregation was advised at a meeting following the last Sunday morning service. He will enter upon his duties in early October, it

was learned. The church here, showing a steady progress under his leadership during the past 'wo and onehalf years, asked him to reconsider and withdraw his resignation, but Mr. Lowry, it was said, planned to go ahead and make the

change. The resignation was received with much regret not only by his congregations but also by the people of the town and county.

The minister and Mrs. Lowry, who are now on vacation, have