ESTABLISHED 1899

Illicit Liquor Law No One Hurt In Making Plans For Fourth County Board Of Tobacco Sales Pass Violators Arrested

One Charged With Wholesaling More Than Ten Gallons

Most of the Raids Were Centered Here During Past Week-end

A fairly telling blow was directed against the illicit liquor traffic here and in one or two other places in the county, and, as a result, there'll be a little bootleggers convention in Judge R. T. Johnson's county court next Monday. Most of the alleged violations were minor within themselves, but officers declared that one of the group admitted handling the illicit brand on a whole-

The first of the raids was centered on Faulk Street, the thoroughfare leading to the Odd Fellows Cemetery early Saturday afternon. On William Owens' premises under a trap door they found ten gallons of white liquor. Owens, said to have been indicted for the first time in connection with a liquor law violations, admitted ownership and the officers declared he admitted having sold fifteen gallons earlier in the day to the local trade. Given a hearing before Justice Chas. R. Mobley that afternoon, Owens was booked for trial in the county court next Monday. Officers R. R. Rawls, Cecil Bullock, Roy Peel and Chas. R. Moore made

From there the officers went to the Jas. Everett home near the water plant and picked up three pints of illicit liquor. Everett and his wife are booked for trial next

The next raid was centered in Griffin's Street, commonly known as "Bootleggers' Row". Going to Annie Woolard's home the officers found one half pint of white liquor, but O. K. Harrison, a boarder in the home, stepped in to save the day when he claimed ownership. He is to be tried next Monday

Switching to the upper part of the county later in the day, Deputy Rawls, assisted by Officers Wiley Craft and Minton Beach, Jr., found three pints of white liquor in Tom Council's home. Council blocked the door and allegedly fought officers off, but they succeeded in getting three pints of liquor for evidence. Given a preliminary hearing, Council was required to post bond in the sum of \$700 for his appearance in court next Monday morn-

While officers waited in front of the house, an undercover agent, unidentified and a stranger, went to Mary Jane Payton's front door and bargained for a pint of liquor. He paid \$3.50 for County Boy Likes in with a warrant and found several other pints of legal liquor.

Almost Drowned In The Roanoke

Clifton Powell, 30-year-old Belhaven man and mate on the Atlas Plywood Corporation's tug ed by the beauty of the country boat, "Immigrant", almost lost his life in the Roanoke near here last Friday afternoon.

Powell, standing near the front of the tug, slipped and fell into the water and was thrown under a 100-foot barge by the tug propeller. When the long barge had Little Damage Caused finally past over him, Powell was almost too weak to swim. He made a few strokes toward shore and

ed man out. Powell was treated in a local tom of the barge.

UPWARD

A substantial gain in local school enrollment figures is expected in the white schools here this term, according to a survey made by Principal B. G. Stewart. No marked increase in elementary enro'lment is likely, but the school man believes the high school will pass the 250 mark, boosting the total for all departments to more than 1,075.

Gains are also certain in the colored schools here and throughout the county.

County Teachers Hold Pre-School Conference Here

Schools OpenIng New Term In County Today And Wednesday

Prior to the opening of the nine white schools in the county tomorrow, the teachers held a conference in the high school auditorium here last evening with ed to about \$25 while the loss to various civic representatives, the asphalt truck approximated committee members and P.-T. A. about \$200, according to Patrolleaders as their guests. The event man R. P. Narron who made the attracted a goodly number from investigation. all over the county and a few from outside the county, includ- Highway 64 early last Thursday ing Dr. Richard L. Weaver of the afternoon, Wm. Oscar Roberson, State Department of Instruction, colored of Williamston, stopped Raleigh. The conference was fol- his 1948 Chevrolet to discharge lowed by an informal reception some fishermen. A. Corey of in the home economics rooms.

were ready to start the term to- Modlin of Jamesville, driving bemorrow with one exception hind Corey, hit Corey's car There was a vacancy in the first which, in turn, hit Roberson's grade at the Hamilton School car. No one was hurt. Patrolman which officials are trying to fill B. W. Parker, making the investiwithout further delay.

a general meeting in the high 1940 Ford, and none to Roberschool auditorium with Professor John L. Hassell of Oak City presiding. Group meetings will follow under the direction of special leaders, including: Mrs. Beatrice Mullen, Professor George Mc-Rorie, Professor Carlyle Cox, Mrs Betty Manning, Mrs. Martha Tarkington, Professor H. V. Parker. Jr., and Miss Nancy Worsley.

Mr. Edmund Harding, noted humorist, is addressing the group at a luncheon in the grammar school cafeteria at 1:00 o'clock this afternoon.

The seventeen colored schools are opening this afternoon, an unofficial report stating that all teachers reported to their assigned positions this morning.

The nine white schools will open to receive pupils at 1:30

(Continued on page eight)

It In Germany

ly a short time, Pvt. Clayton Her permanent address is Greer, Grant Savage is liking it just fine South Carolina. in Germany, according to letters

The young Martin County soldthat he is near Hitler's retreat

near the Swiss border. Pvt. Savage left the county last March and received his basic training at Fort Jackson.

To School Bus By Fire

Operating with the emergency apparently could do little more. brake in place, a school bus, serv-He went down twice and made ing colored pupils in the Oak another stroke toward shore. City area, caught fire on Wil- day afternoon and burial was in the Rev. Walter Griffin and bur-When he went down a third time, liamston's West Main Street at the cemetery there. river. A deck hand jumped into by the time the town's fire truck Bedford, Va.

hospital for shock and bruises he emergency brake lining, burned Goff, Miss Lelia Mae and Bobby received while bumping the bot- the grease from the universal Goff attended the funeral from George, of Williamston, and Joe joint but did very little damage. here.

Minor Accidents **During Week-end**

Property Damage Approximates \$500, Members Of Patrol Say

No one was hurt but the prop-\$500 in a series of highway accidents in this county last weekend, according to reports coming from the highway patrol office in this county.

The 1948 Chevrolet driven by liamston and a 1950 Mercury driof Ayden were in collision at the creased dances, the parade and incomplete. Ross Motel driveway on U. S. Highway 17 near Williamston last Mercury at \$200.

ward Wynne of Robersonville, came around the bend at Mill Branch and struck the bread truck. Wynne said he started to try and turn out, but feared he would turn his truck and the hot asphalt over and he held his course. No one was hurt and damage to the bread truck was limit-

Driving toward Williamston on Jamesville stopped his Ford be-It was reported that all teachers hind Roberson's car. Bobby Gene gation, estimated the damage: \$50 Today the teachers are holding to the Corey car, \$40 to Modlin's

Missionary Will Review Program

Baptist Church, and now a For- internal injuries, she was report- the postal work. cign Missionary in Nigeria, Afri- ed improving late yesterday in a In early manhood he was marca, is visiting in Williamston this Greenville hospital. week. She will show slides of her work during the Midweek Pray- driving a new Kaiser with seven Surviving are two sons, J. M. o'clock.

Next Sunday, September 9, Miss Guest will speak on her work during the worship service at eleven o'clock. The public is in- injuries. vited to both of the services to near her.

Miss Guest has served as a missionary for the past three years and is now in the States for a furlough of one year. She will re-Although he has been there on- turn to Africa early next year.

Mrs. Gaston Savage. Father Of Local **Resident Passes**

Thomas W. Hott, father of Mrs. Funeral Held For John L. Goff of Williamston, died in a Bluefield, W. Va., hospital last Saturday afternoon following an illness of four months' duration. He was 79 years of age and John W. Williams, retired drug was unusually active until just a store attendant, died in the counfew months ago. His condition ty home late last Wednesday was critical for only a short time night following months of declinand the end came unexpectedly. | ing health. Funeral services were Funeral services were held at conducted in the Shiloh Baptist the home in Narrows, Va., yester- Church here Sunday afternoon by

he hit bottom and bounced back 11:15 yesterday morning. The Surviving besides his daughter etery. up and staggered toward the bank. driver is said to have jumped here are his widow, the former The barge captain, during the out and run, but a passerby stop- Cynthia Johnson, a son, T. W. went to work for the Saunders meantime, had cut loose from the ped and removed the floor boards Hott, Jr., of Narrows, and a dau- and Fowden Drug Store nearly barge and circled back down the and had the fire just about out ghter, Mrs. Everett Wheeler of half century ago. He stopped one

the water and pulled the exhaust- reached there and finished the Mrs. Goff continues in a local season was hardly completed behospital where she is recovering fore he returned to the store to The fire, centered around the from a broken hip. The Rev. Mr. continue a faithful service.

Annual Harvest Festival Commissioners In

other festivities.

Plymouth, Scotland Neck, Wash- anyone.

TALL TOBACCO

Smithwick of Griffins Town-

ship, holds the tall-tobacco

Picking a stalk at random,

the farmer said it measured

ten feet and eleven inches

from the ground to the point

where it was topped. He got

tired harvesting the crop, and

after pulling twenty-seven

leaves from the stalk, he quit,

leaving five or six leaves on

Several farmers in this

county mounted mule backs

to top their tobacco, the Dixie

Bright varieties, this year.

Local Girl Hurt

ville street.

Others injured:

Delbert Smith, Mack Smith and

Helen Roebuck, bruises and la-

Faithful Worker

ial was in the Odd Fellows Cem-

Williams, about 70 years of age,

year to farm, but the harvest

Surviving are two brothers.

Harry Williams of Wilson.

record.

To date, Farmer John T.

Williamston will play host to ington, and an Army or Air Force he area when its Fourth Annual band from Fort Bragg. Most are Harvest Festival is held on Tues- expected to accept the invitation | Little Business Other Than day and Wednesday, October 2 and for most of them, it will be and 3, it was announced today repeat performances from last by Al Sweatt, Managing Director year. Princesses are being invited of the Williamston Boosters, Inc., from all the nearby towns and erty damage climbed to nearly sponsors of the popular annual af- communities and there will be approximately fifteen of these royal Mr. Sweatt reports that plans beauties competing for the title are shaping up very nicely and of "Queen of the Harvest, 1951".

that even at this early date, it ap- For the Harvest Festival Ball, pears that this year's Festival will to held on Wednesday evening, be the best ever produced for the October 3, in one of the tobacco Mildred W. Gurganus of Wil- public in this section. Many new warehouses, it is expected that a features will be in evidence this name band will play for the event, ven by Wm. Claudius Cannons year, as well as enlarged and in- although negotiations are as yet

The Annual Williamston Har-Bands for the parade will total vest Festival has steadily gained Friday afternoon. Investigating at least twelve and there is a pos- in importance among this type of the accident, Patrolman R. P. sibility that there will be as many celebration held in Eastern Caro-Narron estimated damage to the as fifteen. Already, bands from lina and ranks favorably with the Chevrolet at \$25 and that to the Tarboro, Edenton, Williamston Azalea Festival, held each spring White and Colored High Schools in Wilmington, according to the A bread truck, ditched a few have accepted invitations to par- reports on the previous Festivals miles out on State Highway 125 ticipate as well as a Marine Band held in Williamston. For many when a tire blew out, was being from the Cherry Point Marine residents of Eastern Carolina, it pulled clear by a wrecker when Air Base. Other bands invited in- has proved to be the "One Big an asphalt truck, driven by Ed- clude those from high schools in Festival" of the year, and if pre-Ahoskie, Elizabeth City, Green- sent plans are any indication, the ville, J. J. Clemmons of Roper, 1951 Festival will not disappoint

Former Local Man Died Thursday At

Funeral Last Saturday For J. Martin Carstarphen, Retired Postmaster

Home In Tarboro

Joseph Martin Carstarphen, naive of Williamston and a promiyears, died at his home in the Edgecombe capital late last Thursday night following several years of declining health. He had undergone two major operations in a Durham hospital in recent years, and his condition had been recognized as serious for

The son of the late James K. and Fannie Martin Carstarphen, he was born in Williamston 66 Miss Chloe Price, daughter of years ago and spent his early life here. At the age of thirteen Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price of years, he went to Tarboro to near Williamston, was painfully make his home with his grandbut believed not critically hurt in parents, and a few years later enan automobile accident in Green- tered the postal service. He serv-Miss Ethel Guest, former Edu- ville early Sunday morning. Suf- ed Tarboro as postmaster for thircational Director of Memorial fering three broken ribs and other teen of the fifty years he was in

> ried to Miss Susie Gray Baker, David Smith, college student, who died about a year ago.

er Service Wednesday night at passengers, was said to have tried Jr., and Manley M. Carstarphen, Memorial Church and will tell to pass a car on a curve, struck a both of Tarboro; a sister, Mrs about some of her work. The parked pick-up truck and then Mary Louise Tallon of Suffolk; prayer service will begin at eight crashed into a tree on a Green- a brother, Frank Carstarphen, of Williamston, and three grandsons. The driver and all seven pas- He was a member of the Cal-

sengers were hospitalized, all ex- vary Episcopal Church in Tar cept two suffering rather severe boro and funeral services were conducted there last Saturday af-Smith had just returned home ternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the and the family went to get ice rector, the Rev. S. Grayson Clary cream and were returning home Interment was in the church Woman Painfully when the accident happened. cemetery there,

\$45,000 BOND QUOTA

David Smith, hip injuries and Martin County has been as Florence Smith, fracture of hip, signed a \$45,000 quota in the cur-Barbara Smith, fracture of jaw. rent defense bond drive, Chair Marie Roebuck, hip and other man H. A. Bowen announces.

MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau at the Courthouse in Williamston, Thursday night, Sept. 7th, at 7:30 o'clock. This meeting is open to all farmers, businessmen, and anyone who would like to attend. Mr. John A. Winfield, Di-

rector, Markets Division, Department of Agriculture, has been assigned to help conduct the meeting and discuss the program of agriculture and the Agricultural Foundation in North Carolina. He will be prepared to speak and answer any questions regarding the five cents per ton program, known as "NICKEL FOR KNOW-HOW" campaign - a plan to expand agricultural research in North Carolina through the direct contributions of farm people. The public is urged to attend.

That Of Routine Nature **Handled Monday**

Meeting in regular session on Monday, Martin County's Board Commissioners handled very ittle business other than that of routine nature, but discussions of various matters held the officials in session until about 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon. The board ruled that no action

can be taken on future petitions, calling for the surfacing of roads It was explained that all the bond money has just about been allo cated, that if there is any surplu left after the present program completed, petitions will be reeived and considered.

Road matters, aside from peti ions, asking for resurfacing, re quired considerable time, the board expressing hope that all roads not in the surfacing pro gram can be widened and stabilized. The following roads were re commended for immediate wid ening and stabilizing:

The Price Road in Williamston! and Bear Grass Township of about two and one-tenth miles: The Tyner Road, running nine nths of a mile in Williamston

The Cross Roads, running 1.3 niles from the Price Road to the Williamston-Bear Grass Road, near the Hadley farm;

A road running about one and three-quarter miles in Goose Nest Township from Highway 125 about three miles north of Oak City at the J. T. Matthews farm and running westwardly via E. R. nent citizen of Tarboro for many Turner's to the old River Road.

Upon a special request from the Robersonville Town Board of Commissioners, the county officials are petitioning highway officials to make an alternate route for 258, beginning in Kinston and running through Ayden, Greenville, Robersonville, Hamilton and Palmyra to Scotland Neck.

The board took no action on a at the Red Front, Adkins-Bailey tion as moderator. and Central Warehouses. The ersonville Road to the 903 junc-

been collected in 1951 taxes. The on human relationships. exact size of the levy has not been determined, the officials explain- has its eyes to the future, and as ally \$1.00 per hundred. Other ing that all corporation listings it progresses materially I'm sure had not been filed by the Raleigh the churches will keep step in ed \$1.00 and \$2.00. Some markets commission. The collector said the march of progress," the min that \$321,422.43 of the \$336,635. levy for 1950 had been collected. All but \$7,468.37 of the \$313,706.69 the church experienced such and \$71.00. evy for 1949 has been collected, marked growth than it has under There is a balance due of \$4,961.40 his ministry. The parsonage was ing August 31 amounted to 43,-

(Continued on page eight)

Said to have started over a boy friend, a quarrel at Guawk Councit's store near Hassell was cli-maxed by a labifs attack last Sun-been added to the church roll, sharply. Also, the percentage of

uty R. R. Rawls said that Louvena and the work of the church has sold with the decreases chiefly Roberson opened a 15-stitch been extended to all fields of en- in low to good qualities. Prinwound just under Lessie B. Cher- deavor, looking toward a better cips) sales were common to good ry's left arm. The victim was town and community. treated in a Bethel doctor's office and is expected to be able received with profound regret by to attend a preliminary hearing before Justice Chas. R. Mobley his own denomination, and while in Williamston Wednesday evening at 6:00 o'clock.

Pitt County and both are said new home. to be married.

Everetts Boy Accepts

Completing his internship in the Duke Hospital Pharmacy, Mr Rudy Hardy of Everetts has accepted a position in the new Gaston Memorial Hospital as purchasing agent and pharmacist. his new duties today.

Regular Meeting Two Million Pounds

YOUNG DEMOCRATS

Holding a Dutch supper at "The Switch" this evening at 7:00 o'clock, young Democrats in Martin County will elect officers and name delegates to the State Convention to be held at Carolina Beach next week, it was announced by President LeRoy Harrison.

All young Democrats are invited to attend and participate in the meeting.

Minister Accepts Call to Richmond Virginia Church

Leaves Baptist Church Here September 30

The Rev. Stewart B. Simms, following an unusually successful pastorate here during the past cepted a call to the large Woodland Heights Baptist Church in the latter part of this week. Richmond, Virginia. After discussing his plans with the Memorial Baptist Church Board of Friday grossed right at one mil-Deacons last Friday evening, the lion dollars, or an average of minister announced his resignation at the close of the last Sunaccepting the resignation with his last appointment on the eve- the best, if not better than it had ning of September 30 and move at any time this season.

thereafter to Richmond, it was here from Texas on March 1, 1948, and immediately launched Commission for a belt line into this section and is currently serv-

proposed belt line would begin Simms said it was difficult to with most markets filled to canear the railroad crossing be- break the ties of friendship form- pacity by Friday. tween Everetts and Robersonville ed during his stay here. "I have and follow the old Everetts-Rob- never lived at any place where I there were more grades displaywith all people," the minister Declines appeared more frequent-Tax Collector M. L. Peel report- said, adding that the story might ly in grades sold in heaviest d that \$133,805.79 had already be different if it were based only volume. A few leaf, smoking leaf

ister said.

Posibly in no other period has same time, the church has had a 535,718 pounds for \$56.98. remarkable spiritual growth. Proportions of common and 66 by baptism. Attendance fig- nondescript was larger. Less Investigating the attack, Dep- ures have set new high records, lugs, primings and cutters were

News of his resignation was people outside as well as inside they regret to see him and his family leave, they wish for them Both of the women are from happiness and success in their

The new church, located on Position In Hospital dozen Baptist churches there with more than 1,000 members, it was Friday of this week, as follows:

Suffers Broken Arm In Farm Accident

After spending the week-end son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Edward 3:00 p. m., Love Williams'. youth was trucking tobacco. | lie is invited to attend.

Block Sales Grip Most Markets In The Eastern Belt

Upward Trend Predicted in Prices With Delivery Of Better Leaf

Reporting comparatively light sales following the opening two weeks ago, the local tobacco market went into a big block last Friday, and by noon today a day's block was still on the floors. Aggravated by a holiday yesterday, the sales just piled up, but a fivehour selling day has been ordered continued during the remainder of this week and there is some hope of keeping the sales fairly well up with deliveries just as soon as The Rev. Stewart B. Simms the existing carryover is cleared. The market went over the two

million-pound mark last Friday, and is now in line to pass the three million-pound mark by the latter part of this week. Heavy deliveries of inferior

types are holding the general two and one-half years, has ac- price average down, but an up-The 2,024,948 pounds sold on

the local market through last

right at \$50 per hundred pounds. day morning service, the group noon today said that there was a deep regret. Mr. Simms will fill that tobacco was possibly selling

The following report, released Numbered among the church's partments of Agriculture, reablest pastors, Mr. Simms came views the sales in this belt through last Friday

During the second week of an effective work not only within Eastern North Carolina flue-curhis denomination but also in the ed tobacco sales average prices community and the section. for grades held relatively steady He has gained recognition as a with opening week. The Federalrequest to petition the Highway minister and religious leader in State Market News Service re-Robersonville to connect with 903 ing the Roanoke Baptist Associa- er quality marketings lowered the weekly general average. Announcing his resignation, Mr. Volume of sales was fairly heavy

> From an overall standpoint enjoyed a happier fellowship ing slight price gains than losses. and nondescript grades and low "Williamston, a growing town, orange primings were off generprimings, lugs and cutters gainreported a practical top of \$69.00 with eccasional baskets of best lugs and cutters still at \$70.00

Gross sales for the week endmade into a church annex to ac- 767,443 pounds for an average commodate its expanded activi- of \$49.89 per hundred. This averties. A new parsonage was pur- age was \$1.19 below that estabchased. Tower chimes were in- lished during the four days openstalled and the church auditor- ing week. Season gross sales were Cut Last Sunday ium has recently been redecorated. Financially the church has eraging \$50.31. Last year the first measured up in everyway. At the nine days sales had grossed 103,-

leaf, low and fair primings, fair

(Continued on page eight) **Tobacco Grading**

Demonstration Roy R. Gordon, tobacco market-Spring Hill Avenue at 31st Street ing specialist, will conduct six in South Richmond is one of a tobacco grading demonstrations in the county on Thursday and

> Thursday: 10:00 a. m., Cleveland Manning's; 1:00 p. m., Willie Latham's and, 3:00 p. m., Johnnie Mizelle's.

Friday: 10:00 a. m., Rudolph William Warren, 15-year-old Parker's; 1:00 p. m., Frank Bell's;

with his parents in Everetts, Mr. Warren of RFD 1, Oak City, suf- Similar demonstrations, con-Hardy and his wife left for Gas- fered a broken right arm in a ducted in past years, have provtonia where he is entering upon farm accident last week. The ed high beneficial, and the pub-