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**ESTABLISHED** 1899

Wreck

Ill In Hospital

Abutment When Driver

"Blacks Out"

West Main Street here at 3:30

o'clock last Thursday afternoon.

most of the accident victims were

reported recovering early today

Sammie Holliday, 13-year-old

son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holli-

day of RFD 3, Williamston, con-

tinues quite ill in the hospital. He

uffered chest and internal in-

uries, a broken rib and concus-

Edna Mizelle, driver of School

Bus 46, an old model Chevrolet,

continues in the hospital, but she

is responding favorably to treat-

ment. She suffered chest injuries

and concussion and severe shock.

Dennis Biggs, 13, suffered a

collar bone injury and concussion,

and was being detained in the

with Bridgeman Webb, 14, who

suffered shock and a concussion.

The Biggs lad made it appear as

early as last Saturday that was

recovering favorably when he said

he'd rather be in the field dig-

ging peanuts than be confined

Mollie Marie Biggs, 11, was

Injured when the school bus in

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# Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Tuesday, September 25, 1951

### Upward Trend Noted In Tobacco Average Dallas Lee James Gets Free Pass In Peel Murder Case Postpone Harvest Festival Here Until October 23rd Williamston's Fourth Annuel which has grown into one of the Original Docket Williamston's Fourth Annuel which has grown into one of the Original Docket Victims Of Trials On Friday Reported Improved Harvest Festival, originally sched- most popular annual celebrations Sales Pushing On Witness Freed After A Stay **Thirty-three Cases Cleared** Sammie Holliday uled for Tuesday and Wednesday, in Eastern Carolina, will remain SOIL BUILDERS COMPLIMENT **Of Several Davs In** October 2 and 3, is being delayed almost intact, with the original Nine Continued, Seven until Tuesday and Wednesday, program increased to make the **Toward the Seven County Jail** Are Remanded **Continues** Quite October 23 and 24, it was anevent even more enjoyable than One of the greatest compli-Approximately \$5,000 is nounced today by Al Sweatt, man- was anticipated. After getting off to a slow Million Mark Here Proceedings in the first of the available to eligible farmers that can be bestowed upon aging director of the Williamston The street dance, with round start early last week, the Martin two-week term of Martin County a people, was addressed to the in this county for advancing Boosters, Inc., sponsors of the an- and square dancing, will now Superior Court climaxed last County Superior Court speeded group of jurors serving in the soil building practices, it was take place on Tuesday, October nual event. up its machinery as time passed **Prices Yesterday Were The** Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock announced by the P.-M. A. Martin County Superior Mr. Sweatt stated that the post- 23. The parade and the Harvest School Bus Strikes Bridge when Judge Henry Stevens ruled and by noon last Friday thirtyoffice this week. The soil Court last week. ponement is necessary due to the Ball will now be held on Wed-Second Highest of The that the killing of Grover Peel, three cases had been cleared from Presiding over the term, building practices include unusually heavy amount of tonesday, October 24; with the pa-**Season To Date** 31-year-old colored man, was justhe docket, nine others continued Judge Henry Stevens - said, bacco being sold on the Williams- rade much longer than was planpasture projects, it was extifiable homicide and the defenand seven others remanded to the "Without a doubt, you have plained. A marked upward trend in the ton Tobacco Market this season, ned for October 3. Along with dant, Dallas Lee James, Jr., 17 county court for judgment or the finest group of jurors I Approximately \$19,000 has and the fact that the warehouse the delaying announcement, it tobacco price average was noted walked out of the courtroom a which they were riding sideswiptrial. have ever had the pleasure been distributed in the county facilities which will be utilized was stated that the Atlantic free man. The action came so ed a railroad bridge abutment on of working with anywhere."

on the Williamston market yesterday when 308,806 pounds were sold for \$172,780, an average of \$55.95 per hundred pounds. The price trailed by a very narrow margin the peak reached on Monday of last week when 296,416 pounds were sold for an average of \$56.19 per hundred. Freedom Crusade

Again, it was reported that th high average was traceable to ar upward trend in prices for a num ber of grades and to improved quality of the offerings.

**Brief Stop Here** The market today is pushing toward the seven million-pound mark. A report from the mar- Bill Spivey Gets Sore Neck ket at the close of sales vesterday showed that up until that time the market had sold 6,635,974 pounds for \$3,379,436, an average right at \$51.00 per hundred pounds.

for Freedom motorcade reviewed The trend in average prices by grades continued upward last briefly the program being adweek for Eastern North Caro- vanced to pierce the Iron Curtain contendre and the State rested aflina flue-cured tobacco. Volume and challenge Communism. Al Sweatt of the Boosters, Inc., three witnesses. Leamon James, of offerings was heavy although below last week as selling time introduced Mayor Robt. Cowen the witness who blew his breath was cut 30 minutes daily. Quality who welcomed the motorcade heavily charged with alcohol in personnel and the hundreds of Judge Stevens' face the first day of the sales improved.

According to the Federal-State spectators in front of the Roan- of the term, told about the fights Market News Service gross sales oke-Dixie Warehouse. Miss Peel and James boy had at Tapfor the week ending September Phoebe Norton of Raleigh was er's store on the night of August 21 were 53,653,103 pounds for an mistress of ceremonies, and her 19. The witness, a relative of the average of \$52.94. This was the talk, stressing the value of the defendant, said that following the highest weekly average of the Crusade for Freedom movement, fights, the James boy left and season, increasing \$1.67 over the was broadcast over Station late that night took a stand at previous week. Daily general av- WIAM. Romulus Peel's store and shot

erages through the week ranged The group, including Miss Nor- Grover Peel from ambush. The from a low of \$52.13 to \$54.45 paid ton, Russell Reynolds, assistant witness admitted that Peel had Monday for nearly 11 million State director of the crusade; Ma- carried the previous fights to the pounds. Season gross sales to- rion Dority and Larry Currie of defendant, but maintained that taled 226,799,973 pounds at an Charlotte, and Herbert Brantley the victim was on his way home

The compliment came near

the close of the first week

after the jurist noted htat

there was no argument on the

part of the lawyers in select-

**Motorcade Makes** 

Watching Balloons

Disappear

Making a 30-minute stop here

last Friday evening, the Crusade

ing trial juries.

for the building of floats and for Coast Line's caboose float will the Harvest Ball, will not be participate in the Festival parade, available until the later date. in addition to the many units pre-The plans for the Festival, viously announced.

**Court Is Quitting Current Session Sometime Today** 

suddenly that it almost took the

breath out of the private prosecu-

tion and the defendant hardly

realized what had happened until

The case was the last in a se-

ries of three murder actions called

during the curent term of the

court. In one, James Henry

(Slick) Williams was sentenced

to prison for thirty years when

he pleaded guilty of stabbing his

hours after he was released from

few minutes later.

on August 10.

wife to death in Williamston on Seven Divorce Actions And August 26 less than eighteen **Three Other Cases Cleared Monday** 

a road camp where he had served a term for cutting his wife and her mother. In another case, Le-After continuing at least fif Roy Bonner was sentenced to pri een cases for one reason or anson for from eighteen to twenty other, the Martin County Suyears for the baseball bat slaying perior Court opening the second of Osborne Williams in Everetts of a two-week term cleared seven divorce actions and handled James entered a plea of nolo three others cases yesterday to

pave the way for an expected ter offering the evidence of only adjournment sometime today. Following a rather hectic week during which lawyers and officers were closely ruled in con-

tempt of court along with a State's witness who did find his way into and spent several days in jail, the court yesterday attracted very little attention.

Judge Henry Stevens of War-(Continued on page eight)

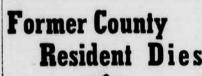


Sgt. Edward Earl Mobley

was slightly wounded in Korea on September 11, according to a message received by his mother, Mrs. Mary M. Thomas, of near Hamilton, last Thursday.

WOUNDED

Few details could be learned immediately. He is the first casualty reported among Martin County boys in Korea in several months. He has been in Korea almost a year. A buddy, returning to the county a few days ago, said he left the 21-year-old boy on the very hill where he was wounded, explaining that he left him hail and hearty at that time.



Mrs. Pattie Sherrod, for many years a resident of Hamilton, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs Pattie S. Starr, in Plymouth Sunday morning, following a long period of declining health.

Proceedings not previously reported

Smallwood Harris, pleading guilty of drunken driving, was sentenced to the roads for eighteen months, Judge Henry Stevens, presiding, suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$200 fine and costs. The defendant is to remain of good behavior, violate no criminal law or take a drink of intoxicating liquor during the next two years He loses his operator's license for

two years. The case in which Jone Lewis Andrews was charged with an assault, was sent back to the county court where the defendant is to accept judgment pre-

viously imposed. The case charging Levy Hill with larceny, was remanded to the county court for trial. James Everett was sentenced to the roads for twelve months and his wife, Eva Everett, was sen tenced to jail for twelve months to be asigned to work at the

county sanatorium when he pleaded guilty of violating the liquor laws. The case in which James Wood ow McQueen was charged with drunken driving, was nol prossed

when it was pointed out that the defendant was serving a five-year term for asaulting and robbing Dennis Barber. James Larry Evans, pleading guilty of robbing Louise Wiggins,

of \$1,169, was sentenced to prison for from two to three years. Mrs. Sherrod, widow of Biscoe Charged with assaulting a fealready for soil building, and time is short for qualifying for the remainder of the \$24,-

# P.-T. A. Meeting **Here Last Night Is Well Attended**

**One Hundred Thirty Five** Join Association Before **First Session Opens** 

The first meeting of the Wil liamston Parent-Teachers' Association for the current school year was held in the grammar school hospital for observation, along auditorium with a large number of parents and all but two of the teachers present. A hundred and thirty-five memberships were se-

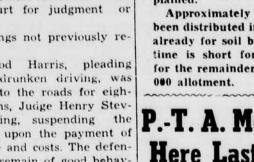
cured at the meeting. An informal social was held in the basement cafeteria of the school with refreshments served under the direction of Miss Mar garet McDaniel, home economics instructor in the school during which teachers and parents were

al basis.

cut about the head and suffered a concussion. Dorothy Rogerson, 12, suffered abrasions and shock, and James Price, 13, was badly able to meet one another and discut in the forehead. They were cuss school problems on a person able to leave the hospital during

to his bed.

Declaring the P.-T. A. to be just the week-end. Miss Mizelle, 18 years old, was as important an organization as driving the bus and its human there is in the town, including' even the church groups, the presi- | cargo of fifty little folks, out of dent announced that the P.-T. A. town when she apparently "blackmeetings would be held this scho- ed out", the bus gradually shiftlastic year on the fourth Monday ing to the right side of the road. vening of each month, barring She was quoted as saying that some real emergency and that she remembered little or nothing parents and teachers could count after passing the junk yard, more on that as the date of meeting. than a block away from the scene A project suggestion box in the of the accident. The over extendhall brought suggestions that the ing body struck the abutment organization sponsor better play- which is flush with the highway, ground facilities for the children a heavy blow, ripping off part of at the grammar school along with the side. The Holliday lad was in ome landscaping and urged that the "line of fire" and his injuries an effort be made to have some- were said to have been the most thing done about the underpass severe. Miss Mizelle bent the on Main Street where a school steering wheel when she was bus was wrecked recently injur- thrown against it. After striking the concrete pillar, the bus coning a number of children. A report from the executive tined about 15 or thirty yards, committee told of plans to contact the driver automatically cutting county school authorities relative off the ignition and placing it to shades for some of the rooms, in gear so the machine would not books for the libraries and steps roll back down the hill. Nearly rected in the case in which Eli for the new high school building all the children were thrown en as well as paving between the masse to the floor and bedlam followed. Some jumped out the (Continued on Page Eight) windows and others fled from the side and rear doors. Andrew Harrison The injured were removed to Brown's Community Hospital, Dies In County about two hundred yards away. In addition to the seven hospi-



average of \$51.03 per hundred. of Raleigh, traveled in a Chevroand did not move on the defenlet station wagon donated to the dant. The markets have been operating

\$56.42.

Increases in grade averages hundred as compared with last week. Better leaf grades, all

smoking leaf, cutters, lugs, primings, and thin nondescript brought the highest prices paid this year. This is the third straight week that most grades of better smoking tobacco moved at slightly higher levels. Only a few grades of heavier-bodied offerings showed small losses.

The proportion of fair to fine leaf grades and cutters was larger this week. The shift was mostly

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**Miss Bland Joins** Army Air Forces

It was announced this week by the local Army and Air Force recruiting office that Miss Mamie been accepted by the Air Force. Miss Bland is a Graduate of

Farm Life High School, and has worked in Williamston for some time since finishing school.

Sgt. Monteith stated that she left for Lackland Air Force Base Thursday of last week where she will receive her basic training an introduction to Air Force Life.

## EXAMINER

The Motor Vehicle driver's license bureau in the Martin County courthouse is open each Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m., it was announced this week by Examiner J. B. Parvin.

There's no big rush at the bureau these days, and those in line for licenses will find it very convient to take the tests. The office formerly was opened from 8:30 a. m. until 5:30 p. m.

23 sales days. For the same time cause by General Motors, and a The defense tore into the witlast year gross sales amounted to truck donated by the Ford Motor ness's record which dated back to 261,694,298 pounds averaging Company. Starting in the extreme 1937 and was climaxed by his western part of the State a few

days ago, the motorcade completday of last week. The witness was were mostly \$1.00 and \$2.00 per ed its tour of about half the counsober and in god shape when he ties in the State last Saturday in took the stand for the State early Manteo.

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**A** Third Complete

The movement is being sponsored in this county by the Jay cees, preliminary reports stating Membership Drive that the drive for funds to finance the operations is meeting with fair success.

Jaycee Bernard Harrison re leased a balloon just like those being released in Western Germany and destined for points behind the Iron Curtain. The red

bership drive in this county was announced about one-third complete at a meeting of canvassers balloon, about the size of a bushel held last Friday evening.

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**Father Of Local Resident Passes** 

Richard Dillard Elliott, Sr., faslow and Haywood Dail of Greenther of Mr. R. D. Elliott, Jr., of ville and Mrs. B. B. Everett of Williamston, died in a Raleigh Palmyra are being extended in-Bland of Rt. 1 Williamston has hospital at 8:15 o'clock last Sat- vitations to attend the meeting urday morning. He had been in on Friday night of next week. declining health for a long time. Convinced of the good accom-The son of the late Richard plished by the Farm Bureau, the and Martha James Elliott, he following canvassers have been was born in Chowan County 791 and are still working for mem-

years ago, but made his home in bers without any reward what-Hertford for many years. ever:

Surviving besides his son here D. C. Gurkin, Oscar B. Robare three daughters, Mrs. Grady erson, H. U. Peel, Robert Griffin, G. Dixon of Ayden, Mrs. J. R. C. L. Daniel, and Mrs. Howard Futrell of Hertford and Mrs. S. Coltrain, all of RFD 1, Williams-

F. Pollard of Columbia, N. C .: ton :S. T. Everett, R. S. Everett, two sons, M. S. Elliott of Omaha, J. Marion Griffin, J. R. Winslow, Neb., and Darius W. Elliott of and Mrs. Fred Taylor, all of Rob-Nebraska City, Neb.; a brother, ersonville; D. V. Clayton, Mrs. Miles S. Elliott of Edenton; two V. G. Taylor and M. L. Peel, Wilsisters, Mrs. Bessie Brinn of Hert- liamston; J. Carl Griffin, E. N. ford and Mrs. Pauline Deans of Modlin, J. L. Knowles and Mrs. North Wilkesboro; a half-sister, Dan Fagan, Jamesville; W. Mayo Mrs. John Q. A. Wood of Eliza- Hardison, Lester Bryant, G. H. beth City, and eight grandchild- Forbes and L. G. Taylor, RFD 3, ren. In early manhood he was Williamston; E. H. Harrell, Jack married to Miss Mary Alice White Smith and J. B. Whitfield, Oak who died a short time ago. City; J. H. Lillard and J. B. Eve-Funeral services were conduct- rett, Hamilton; D. R. Edmondson, ed at the graveside in Hertford's Hassell; E. C. Harrison and Mrs. Cedarwood Cemetery Sunday af- Johnnie Gurkin, RFD 2, Wilternoon at 4:00 o'clock by the liamston; H. A. Early, E. V. Rev. Charles F. Wulf, rector of Smith and Mrs. Maude Bennett, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. | Palmyra-

submitted its report in open court

that afternoon and took leave of absence until December. The re-"run-in" with the judge on Mon- port follows in detail:

All bills of indictment presented were passed on by us.

The reports of the Justices of the Peace were .checked and found filed with the Clerk of Court and all fines paid to the County Treasurer, with the exception of Mr. O. B. Roberson of Robersonville. We do not have report from him.

We found the County, Jail clean The annual Farm Bureau memand in good condition. There were 8 colored male inmates. We checked the County Home

Plans are being made to step up the tempo of the drive during the next two weeks. The canvassers are to hold a "Dutch" supper main building. in the Methodist Church educa-

The TB Ward has 8 colored women, 3 colored men, 1 white Firemen Beaten to tional building October 5 at which time they hope to be nearman and 3 white women. Other inmates of the Sanitorium in- Draw Two Times ing the goal. Messrs. J. E. Winclude 4 colored men, 1 colored woman, 3 white men and 4 white

vernen. We have checked the report submitted by Mr. Narron of the Highway Patrol, which shows that all school buses were put in good condition before they were issued to the drivers for the beginning of the school term. We examined the office of the clerk of court and found it to be in excellent condition with guar-

dians' reports and accounts filed as required.

### ROUND-UP

Ten persons were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail over the weekend, six of them finding their way there on Sunday.

Four were charged with violating the liquor laws, two were jailed for alleged drunken driving, two for public drunkenness, and two were taken for violating probation. Two of the ten were white, the ages of the group ranging from 21 to 51 years.

Completing its work Tuesday, Sherrod, moved from this county the Martin County Grand Jury about fifteen years ago to make

her home with a son, Dr. W. B. Sherrod in Winston-Salem. About two years ago she moved to Plymouth to live with her daughter there. She was a member of St Martin's Episcopal Church in

Hamilton for many years. She was 83 years old. Surviving besides her daughter in Plymouth are, two sons, B. B. Sherrod of Richmond, and Dr W. B. Sherrod in Winston-Salem a sister, Mrs. Lena Butterworth

of Scotland Neck; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren

Funeral services are being conducted in the Plymouth Episcoand found that the rear steps need pal Church this afternoon at 2:30 repairing, all outbuildings need o'clock by the rector, the Rev painting, including roofs. The E. M. Spruill. Interment will be County Commissioners have in Trinity Episcopal Church Cemstarted painting the inside of the etery, Scotland Neck.

Voicing no objections whatever were beaten to the draw twice county court. in a row last week and yesterday

men drove the equipment out of the station, but a follow-up call advised them that a fire on the Slaughter House road had been brought under control.

o'clock, a call was received from the Williamston Lumber Company and the firemen were driving out of the station when they were advised that a fire in a

shanty there had been brought under control.

In England for Discharge

Completing a "stretch" in the Army Air Corps, Sgt. Simon Lilmonth.

Llewellyn Barber male. was found not guilty. The case in which Dallas Johnson was charged with non-support, was continued.

Charged with drunken driving, Wm R Moran had his case sent back to the county court. A continuance was granted in the case charging Matthew Gurganus with violating the liquor laws.

Anna Woolard was sentenced to women's prison for twelve months when she pleaded guilty of violating the liquor laws.

A continuance was allowed in the case in which Ben Biggs was charged with forcible trespass. A verdict of not guilty was di-Davis, Jr., was charged with the larceny of a \$10 shot gun.

The case in which Washington Manning was charged with drunken driving was remanded to the county court for trial.

A continuance until Decemper was allowed in the case in which Henry A. Gray was charged with drunken driving.

The case in which B. F. Whit-Williamston's volunteer firemen driving was remanded to the



etery near Bear Grass. Mr. Harrison, son of the late Lester Whitfield, 48-year-old Slade Biggs and Doshia Mizell Robersonville man, died of a heart attack this morning at sev- Harrison, was born and spent all

en o'clock in Camp Butner Hos- his life in the Bear Grass Community. He was a farmer and a The son of J. L. Whitfield and member of the Rose of Sharon the late Mrs. Whitfield, he had Free Will Baptist Church.

entered the hospital Monday and Surviving are his wife, Mrs. was believed to be getting along Betty Mizell Harrison; four sons, John Andrews, James Henry, Ronicely until his sudden attack. Funeral arrangements had not bert Lee, and Odell Harrison, all of the home; two daughters, Mabeen completed early today. Surviving are his widow, the rie and Betty Jean Harrison, of

former Carrie Louise Grimes, one the home; three brothers, Earl son, Bobby, who is serving with Harrison of Chocowinity, Floyd the navy in Korea; two daughters, Harrison of Williamston; and five ley, Jr., flew home from England Joyce and Janyce, both of the sisters, Mrs. Julian Gurganus of last week. After visiting his pa- home; his father, J. L. Whitfield, Greenville, Mrs. M. G. Cowan rents near here a few days, he of Robersonville; one brother, and Mrs. Otis Edwards of Sufleft Sunday for Lanley Field, Va., Jarvis Whitfield of Robersonville folk, Va., Mrs. Henry Bailey of where he expects his discharge and two sisters, Mrs. Doug Dunn Halifax, and Miss Fanny Harrithe middle or latter part of next of Ahoskie and Mrs. Jesse Bunt- son of Edenton; and several nices ing of Robersonville. and nephews.

talized, six were said to have been Andrew Harrison, 48, died at treated for minor bruises and his home near Bear Grass early cuts.

was charged with drunken Friday morning after several Cpl. R. H. Chadwick and Pamonths of illness. Funeral ser- trolman B. W. Farker of the vices were conducted at the Rose Highway Patrol, and Chief of of Sharon Free Will Baptist Police John Roebuck investigated Church Saturday afternoon at the accident, while neighbors 3:30 o'clock by the pastor, the near the scene and passersby Rev. C. D. Hamilton, and burial helped get the victims to the hoswere in the Wilson Mizell Cem- pital.

> Patrolman Parker said the bus was in perfect mechanical condi-(Continued on Page Seven)

> > **IMAGINE IT!**

Landing in Germany August 14, Cpl. James W. Ward, son of Mrs. Jordan Ward of Williamston, writes back that he enjoyed a steak supper in the service men's club at Stuttgart a t-bone steak super for ninety cents. Just imagine that!

The young soldier, nine days crossing the Atlantic and just recently promoted to the rank of corporal, says he is liking it very much in Germany and is getting along all right.

Flies Home From Base

Yesterday morning at 10:40 pital.