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ESTABLISHED 1899

Pounds Sold Here So

Far This Season

age ever recorded in the history

of the Williamston Tobacco Mar-

ket was chalked up yesterday

when 307,726 pounds of the gold-

en leaf were sold for an official

average of \$62.19 per hundred

pounds. The price peak zoomed

right on past everything, includ-

ing the top figures recorded back

After holding to a figure slight-

y above the \$50 mark for most of

the season, the market started

climbing a week ago after a de-

termined fashion. By last Friday

the price average had pulled

right upto \$60 per hundred and

then plunged upward again for

another gain of more than \$2.00

Observers said the price in-

crease was traceable to two fac-

tors. Tobacco that had been sell-

per hundred.

in the 1919 hey-day period.

The highest daily price aver-

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Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Tuesday, October 2, 1951

Highest Daily Average In History Recorded Here-Yesterday Citizens Ask Wider Get Requests For Williamston Boys Shine At Critically Hurt Tobacco Sales Pass Main Street Bridge Better Highways In Martin County Williamston boys have been the company from five candidates In Accident On East Main Street East Main Street Eight Million Mark

Submit Petitions For Improvement Of Walks-Streets

Board to Make Last Appeal Before Going To Court About Underpass

After years of waiting and hoping, representative citizens, supported unanimously by the parent-teacher association, pleaded with the town commissioners in regular session here last night for action, looking toward the widening of the railroad bridge and the installation of sidewalks on West Main Street. The plea stemmed from a serious school bus accident at the highway underpass week before last, and it is quite evident that some action will **Deadliest** Fire follow. It was explained by the board that the problem had been repeatedly discussed with the railroad company and the highway commission, that each batted it from one to the other.

The board last night went on Fire Prevention Week Next railroad for relief. If the plea record as favoring a last appeal to the highway authorities and railroad for relief. If the plea fails, the town will go into the courts for a ruling.

Those supporting the plea were D. L. Reynolds, speaking for the tion's history. The story, originat- yond 1940 were written off when torney Wheeler Martin, Dr. and lows:

Mrs. V. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Tice and Mr. Carroll States history was for years the collector for another year. Jones

continues critically ill in a local a fire in the United States. hospital as a direct result of in-

Yesterday was pay day in the Martin County School system, the 303 teachers, principals, janitors, and bus drivers receiving approximately \$78,000. Individual salaries were in-

creased as much as \$39 over the schedule in effect last term, and the total was boosted by a few thousand dollars. Teachers quickly pointed out they had no money to lend, that the first month check and several more would be needed to catch up those bills and expenses incurred during the summer months when there were no pay checks.

In U. S. History Cost 1,152 Lives

Week Recalls To Mind **Tragic Event** Fire Prevention Week, begin-

ning Sunday, October 7, brings to four farms. mind the deadliest fire in this na-

Parent-Teacher association, At- ing in a little-known town, fol- it was found that the listings had The most fatal fire in United

least known. This is the terrible

The fire was hidden in history juries received when the bus because of two reasons: Few peocrashed into one of the bride sup- ple in 1871 had heard of Peshtigo \$4,827.05 of the \$284,594.80 levy stream and escaped.

PAY DAY A Short Session Monday Morning

sioners handled routine duties and heard several requests for improved roads. A small delegation from Goose

Nest asked the board to recommend for widening and stabilization a road running off Highway 125 about one-half mile north of Conoho Church northwest via the Buck Powell and Love Williams farms and on around to Highway 125, a distance of 4.2 miles.

A request for widening and stabilization was also received for a road in Griffins Township, beginning at a point near the E. H Manning home and running via

Life Road, a distance of 1.7 miles. The petitioners pointed out that

twelve farms. The Goose Nest group also asked that three-quarters of a mile of

Oglesby's corner and running toward Oak City to the Claude Lynch farm be worked as a com-

> Old tax claims dating back bebeen in error.

M. L. Peel was reappointed tax The collector reported that

been collected. There is a balance due of \$7,238.24 on the \$313,-

Raiding in the area that morning, ABC Officers J. H. Roebuck and Cecil Bullock turned off Highway 64 a short distance this side of Welch's Creek Bridge and moved up the stream almost a mile where they found an old model pick-up truck parked. Of-

Williamston boys have been the company from five candidates shining out at the U.S. Naval whose outstanding work in re-County Commissioners In Training Center in San Diego, cruit training has been recog-Calif., according to delayed re- nized by the company commandports reaching here. Jack H. er. Factors considered for the Welch is the latest to be singled Honorman are leadership, sports-

Meeting in regular session Mon- out for the distinct honor by manship, military bearing, initiaday, the Martin County Commis- commanding officers at the cen- tive, response to orders, cleanliter. Hilton Peel established the ness, a good shipmate, and an precedent quite some time ago. outstanding individual in all phas-He was followed by Warren Goff. es of recruit training.

Bobby Harrison was next and "The Honorman certificate is now Seaman Welch comes along awarded with appropriate naval according to reports coming from to annex the title of Honorman. ceremony at the brigade parade the highway patrol office and po-In a letter to Seaman Welch's by the Commanding Officer or lice. parents, Captain T. H. Copeman, visiting dignitary.

U. S. Navy, commanding officer, "I know you must feel a justi- Williamston about a year ago to fiable pride in your son's achive- make her home after a long res-"As your son's Commanding Of- ment and I wish to extend to you dence in Lanham, Maryland, was ficer, it gives me great pleasure my personal congratulations. Your run down on East Main Street

to inform you that he has been son has proven that he has all the near the Biggs Street intersection selected Honorman of his com- qualities of a good citizen and about 8:15 o'clock Saturday eveis a credit to the Naval service ning. She was said to have suf-

"The Honorman is selected by and his country."

W. A. Manning's and R. S. Corey's to the Smithwick Creek and Farm Life Boad a distance of 12 miles the road is traveled by RFD car-riers, school busses and serves Flight From Officers road leading from a point near Jumps Into Creek IMPROVING **And Drowns Near** munity road project. It was Dardens on Friday **Body of Eborn James Drag**ged from Creek; Second Man Made His Escape

In a bold flight from the law, Ebron James, 40-year-old Negro It was reported at the meet- fire at Peshtigo, Wisconsin which \$177,318.24 of the \$370,939.90 levy of Jamesville Township, plunged ing that one of the recent acci- killed 1,152 people-the largest for 1951 had been collected. All into Welch's Creek near Dardens dent victims, Sammy Holliday, number of people ever killed in but \$14,318.34 of the 1950 Jevy has last Friday morning and drowned. A companion, leading the way into the water and from the offi-706.69 levy for 1949, and all but cers, made it safely across the for 1948 has been collected, it was Commissioners C. C. Martin of The petitioners explained that tion of the day Chicage burned Grass and Henry S. Johnson, Jr., of Hamilton were present for the

County Highways And Streets Past Week-end Mrs. Mary Roberson Hawes was

Six Accidents Reported On

critically injured and one or two others were hurt in a series of vehicle accidents on county highways and streets last week-end.

Mrs. Roberson, returning to

fered compound fractures of both legs, a head injury and was cut on one hand. Her condition con-

tinues serious in a local hospital where she was carried for treat-

Police, assisted by Patrolman B W. Parker, said Mrs. Hawes was run down by James Ramsey, Jr., 23-year-old colored man of Williams Township, who was driving a new 1951 Plymouth car, Ram sev, accompanied by a man named Lanier, was driving up the main street, and was quoted as saying that Mrs. Hawes was walking

across the street and turned and started back. Sh ewas said to have been almost in the middle of the street when she was struck and knocked about twelve or fifteen in Goose Nest Township near Pal- been offered during the past sevfeet. Officers said the car skidded its tires a distance of forty-eight feet. Mrs. Hawes has been unable to tell about the accident, and as health for several years, suffering corded at \$78 or more per hunfar as it could be learned there with arthritis. More recently he dred. were few eye witnesses. No direct had been troubled with a heart \ So far this season, the Williamsreport has been released on the ailment, and suffered an attack ton maket has sold 8,085,348 accident by police and a hearing a short time before he died. He is being delayed, pending the out- had been a patient in hospitals come of the victim's condition. Witnesses, traveling up Main years.

Street, said that the Ramsey car The son of the late Noah Thom- pounds, a report from the mar-

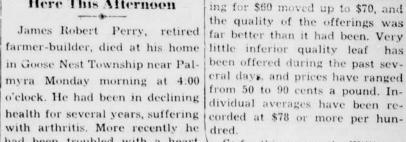
Official Average MEETING CALLED Of More Than \$62 A meeting of the Williams-Is Listed Monday.

ton Recreation Committee together with interested parents of the town has been called for the courthouse on Well Over Eight Million Wednesday evening of this week at 8:30, the hour being set so as to avoid conflict with prayer meeting services.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss ways and means of reopening the youth center in Williamston this winter, with the idea that it not be made a financial burden on anyone. Those requesting that the meeting be called declared the young people themselves are interested in cooperating to a greater extent than has been the case heretofore.

James R. Perry **Died In County Monday Morning**

Last Rites Being Held In **Biggs Funeral Home** Here This Afternoon



pounds for \$4,209,732, a resulting average of \$52.07. The sales toat intervals during the past few day are almost certain to carry the total to almost 8,400,000



said:

pany

ports. It was explained that a from around a lung, and that the great Chicago fire. Fire Presame spot today.

petitions had been submitted, re- out. questing sidewalks on West Main The basic ingredients of fire taken since last May. It was point- air. A big supply of all three ed out that work on the project existed in Peshtigo on October 8, had been delayed, pending the 1871. Peshtigo was a prosperous had been delayed, pending the 1871. Peshtigo was a prosperous settlement of the bridge problem. pioneer lumber town of 2,000 peo-It is now proposed to build the ple on the Peshtigo River seven sidewalks to the underpass as miles inland from Gren Bay. It soon as possible.

The first petitions for paving miles inland from Green Bay. It three month drought had made under the Powell Bill plan reachthe woods tinder dry. ed the board last night. Curb and At the time of the holocaust, loguttering were asked on Biggs Street between Halifax Street cal forest fires were burning on and Simmons Avenue, on Ray all sides of the community. Here was the source of ignition. Resi-Street and on Franklin between School Drive and Woodlawn.

Sidewalks were also asked on Franklin and Ray Streets.

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Miss Moore Joins Vepco Staff Here

Miss Reta Elizabeth Moore, a native of Leaksville, North Carolina, has joined the Virginia Elec- Jamesville High School announctric and Power Company organi. ed today that plans are about Albemarle District. Miss Moore nual Agricultural Fair at James- tent of her injuries immediately. attended Leaksville schools and ville next Friday, October 12. the Woman's College of the Uni- Rides will be on the grounds Greensboro. She majored in Home exhibits of livestock, farm mach-Economics and received her Home inery, crops and on education are Ec. Degree in May, 1951. While being prepared. A parade and in college Miss Moore was active a speech by a prominent public in basketball and other campus figure will be held Friday after- Time contest drawing held Sating in May she has been training this week.

for her position at the Virginia Electric and Power Company of- Local Man Continues fice in Richmond.

Miss Moore was transferred to Williamston on September 25, and is now residing with Mrs. P. H. ailment, Mr. C. B. Clark, Sr., con- Company; Miss Anna Crawford, Brown at 111 Academy Street. tinues quite ill in a Rocky Mount winner of an old world maple out the Albemarle District of the received here today. His left leg at Woolard Furniture Company Company, which includes four- is packed in ice and his condition and Sue Peele of Route 2, winner

no improvement.

North Carolina.

and, the weirdest of coincidences pint of blood had been drained this fire started the same day of reported. more is being drained from the vention Week is observed the Jamesville, J. H. Edwards of Wilweek of Oct. 9th in commemora-

stood surrounded by a forest. A.

Planned Oct. 12th

meeting. Commissioner Herbert Street, that no action had been are fuel, a source of ignition and L. Roebuck was unable to attend in his family.



Verna Bell Bell, 11-year-old loretts about noon Monday. She saw the officers.

dents of the town had fought the badly bruised about the body. fires from time to time, but felt Her sister, Lona Ree Bell, 17, no alarm. Past experience had according to one report, lost a shown that rain would eventually dollar bill out of her pocket and the young sister tried to retrieve (Continued on page eight) **Jamesville's Fair**

have been traveling about 30 or 35 miles an hour at the time, witnesses stating that she struck the concrete and rolled like a ball.

Professor Vaiden B. Hairr of pital where she was reported in a semi-conscious condition, hospital attendants stating that it was zation as Home Economist for the complete for holding of the an- impossible to determine the ex-

the Woman's College of the Uni-versity of North Carolina in at Jamesville all next week and Furniture Show **Contest Winners** Winers in the Home Fashion

activities. She is a member of the contest drawing heid Sat-Cornelian Society. Since graduat-Jamesville, winner of an Ezra Storm mattress at B. S. Courtney

and Son; Mrs. Tom Forehand of Quite III In Hospital Williamston, winner of an occasional chair upholstered in Bolta-

Suffering with a circulatory flex at Helig-Meyers Furniture Miss Moore will work through- hospital, according to last reports chair with Grandma Moses cover teen counties in Northeastern was said to be showing little or of a Kingsdown box springs from McLawhorn Furniture Company.

ficer Bullock continued up the stream several hundred yards and saw James and his companion moving down the stream in a boat with a cargo of liquor. He hid himself from the couple and worked his way back to the truck, meeting Officer Roebuck

along the way. As the officers cal colored girl, was painfully and closed in the two men had transpossibly seriously hurt in a fall ferred the fifteen gallons of lifrom a farm truck on Highway quor to the truck and were mak-64 between Williamston and Eve- ing ready to leave when they

The companion, instead of suffered a head injury and was choosing a land route, ran to the creek and plunged in, James following a few feet behind. Folthe officers saw the first man it, either jumping or falling from make it across the stream with-

out delay. James waded a bit the truck. The truck was said to cautiously, the efficers pleading with him to tern around. When he was in the water almost to his shoulders, he turned and looked at the officers, said nothing and She was removed to a local hoscontinued toward the Washing-

but he waded on toward the other shore. About that time he

stepped into a hole, the officers stating that the last they saw of the man at the time was one (Continued on Page Eight)

ROUND-UP

Seven persons were rounded up and placed in the county jail by local, county and State officers last week-end. Five of the seven were chargwith assaults, including one with an automobile. One each was booked for carrying a concealed weapon and one with careless and reckless driving.

One of the seven was white, and the ages of the group ranged from 20 to 35 years.

Wounded in both legs by enemy machine gun bullets, S/FC Edward Earl Mobley, son of Mrs. Mary Thomas of near Hamilton, and the late Charles Mobley, was reported improving in a hospital in Japan last week-end. In Korea for about a year, the 23year-old sergeant was wounded in action there September 11.



Opening their annual White Cane Drive vesterday, the members of the local Lions Club are

soliciting both residential and business sections of Williamston lowing them to the water's edge, this week in an effort to help raise the \$30,000 which is the goal of the state-wide campaign. The drive is the one state-wide

fund raising project sponsored by the North Carolina State Associa- A 1947 Oldsmobile, stolen from thers, Albert T. and Arthur Per- current crop is disappearing raption for the Blind. Aid to blind its parking place on Washington ry of Williamston, Perlie Perry of idly, some observers declaring people, where no other resources Street in Williamston last Satur- Gadsden, Alabama, and W. H. that 75 to 80 percent is already are available, is rendered by this day night about 10:00 o'clock, was Perry of Dardens; one sister, Mrs. marketed.

association. First created in 1934 found burned on a dirt road near Bertha Tetterton of Williamston; ton County snore. Officers again by Lions and other interested in- Hobgood by Patrolman B. W. three step-sons, J. W. Roberson pleaded with him to turn back, dividuals, the association's first Parker. of Palmyra, and Tommie and Mil-

purpose was to work for a State A report from Oak City said ton Roberson, both of RFD agency for the blind which would that the thief stopped there and Palmyra ;and three step-daugh have trained personnel to devote had the car gassed up. The driv- ters, Mrs. Emily Thompson of all its time working for and with er, a colored boy, was accompan- RFD 1, Oak City, Mrs. Jacob the blind. The association has ied by others, the patrolman said, Vaughn of Scotland Neck and continued its work state-wide an- but their identity has not yet been Mrs. W. F. Ley of Wyoming. Funeral services are being con-

swering wherever there is need determined. The car was owned by Jos. L. ducted in the Biggs Funeral ferred to Jacksonville, N. C., over and no funds. For a number of years this state Godard of Williamston. It could Home here this afternoon at 3:30 the week-end with instructions to has led the nation in finding em- not be learned if the vehicle was o'clock by the Rev. Woolard Sherman, pastor of the Williams Chap-

308 blind persons were placed in rendered by the combined efforts of the Lions, the Association and the North Carolina State Commis-

sion for the Blind, are eye clinics the Critcher Shoe Company store at several points throughout the on Main Street for the past severstate, pre-school clinics for blind al years, was closed by the ownbabies and their mothers, medical er, G. P. Hughes, last Saturday. treatment and surgery when The fixtures are being offered for sale by W. R. Banks. needed.

sales. DuPont project near Kinston.

speeded by them near the foot of as Perry and Louisa Walker Perket shortly before noon declaring the river hill, that they saw the ry, he was born in Beaufort that puces were holding firm. car swerve just about the time it County 75 years ago last May. He Block sales continue to grip the hit Mrs. Hawes. Two New Jersey spent most of his early life in market, but the selling organizamarines, traveling into Williams- Griffins Township on the farm, tion is gradually catching up with ton, said that the Ramsey car and in early manhood was mar- the possibility that little or no would speed up to them and then ried to Miss Emma Lassiter who tobacco will be left unsold tofall back, that they pulled over died in 1917. Following his mar- morrow. Farmers from about to the side of the road and allowed riage he located in Washington twenty counties have been delivit to pass.

Ramsey, charged with an as- struction, returning to this coun- sales, and the operations have sault with a deadly weapon, an ty a year later. He lived on the attracted attention from over a farm in the Williamston area un- wide area. automobile, was detained.

dents reported during the past married to Mrs. Bettie Roberson average of the season stood at several days was on Highway 125 of near Palmyra, making his home \$59.44, the 279,664 pounds avernear Conoho Creek between Oak there since that time. City and Hamilton last Wednes- When a young man he joined Until the record was broken

Cemetery here.

Local Youth Breaks

day night. Howard Garland Bun- the Macedonia church, and at- yesterday, the highest average dy of Elizabeth City, traveling tended Williams Chapel M. E. ever recorded on the local market

toward Hamilton, lost centrol of Church regularly during his res- was on September 1! 1950, when his 1951 Studebaker on a curve, idence in the upper part of the 338,014 pounds sold for an averand the machine skidded seventy county.

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where he engaged in building con- ering tobacco a day ahead of the

The first in the series of acci- til the early twenties when he was Up until today, the highest aging that amount last Friday.

age of \$60.14.

Surviving are three sons, Noah While a new daily average re-Perry of Hopewell, Va., Joseph cord was made yesterday, the Perry of Peoria, Ill., and Evans market this year is trailing the Perry of Griffins Township; three over-all price of last season by a daughters, Mrs. Mary Rawls of little more than \$5 per hundred. Burned Saturday Williamston and Mrs. Myrtle If the present trend can be main-Perry Weaver and Mrs. Fannie tained, much of the difference Williamston and Mrs. Myrtle If the present trend can be main-Jacobson of Brooklyn; four bro- can be wiped out. However, the

Highway Patrol Officer Moving

Cpl. R. H. Chadwick, popular member of the State Highway Patrol with headquarters in Williamston, was unexpectedly transreport for duty at his new station as of October 1.

el M. E. Church. Interment will Here for only three months, be in the family plot in Woodlawn Cpl. Chadwick had little comment to offer, but declared that he had enjoyed his short stay here and that he hated to leave. Arm While Playing For the present, Mrs. Chadwick and children will make their Robert Weston, son of Mr. and home here.

Mrs. Frank Weston of Marshall Up until late yesterday no re-Avenue, is able to be back in placement for the corporal had school after receiving treatment been announced. However, it is

Mrs. Exum Ward of the Lions Mr. Hughes plans to go with for a fractured arm. Robert frac- fairly certain that the position Club is heading the White Cane the construction contractors on tured the bone of his left arm last made vacant by the transfer will week while playing at school. be filled as soon as possible.



Owner Last Saturday

The pool room, operated over