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State Recalled

Prominent Farm Leaders at Meeting In This County On Friday Evening

the Martin County Farm Bureau in the Methodist Church dining farms, crossing the eastern end of not in the present plans to build room here last Friday evening, U. S. Highway 64 near the Heilig- the truck route, that it could be prominent State farm leaders re- Meyers rurniture warehouse, back five years, ten years or even a called the early trials of the Farm of G. and H. Builders' Supply longer period before a highway Bureau in this State and went on Company mill and on across U. is built along the proposed route. to stress the importance of far- S. Highway 17 between Sunny They point out that a truck route mer organizations.

ness men have already joined the organization since the canvass was started a few weeks ago.

Chas. L. Daniel, president of the the special guests, and called upon J. E. Winslow, the first State on J. E. Winslow, the first State president and who was instrumental in bringing the organization into North Carolina in 1936. Mr. Winslow said that next to the church, the Farm Bureau is doing more to build up our communities than any other organization. But he warned that there had been trials and that continued hard work is necessary.

The former State president recalled a trip to Washington and that the economic ills of that hectic period could be solved by providing agriculture a fair income, adding that while the administration was sympathetic, it was apparent that the farmer had to organize and do something for him-

demand and then expect a good stead it was shipped to the Bunk- Barr, a native of Washington, had price," he said, explaining that at er Hill Naval Air Station. a hearing in 1932 representatives of the tobacco companies admitled that the farmer was never taken into consideration when

hides," he said. Mr. Winslow then reviewed leg-Islation, including the old Triple though no lease was ever obtain- age in Raleigh for a long period A, the Stabilization Cooperative Corporation, Tobacco Associates and other agencies that had been created in an effort to help agri- porated as a non-profit school. culture. He pointed out that there | Surplus property continued to is a movement now underway to pour into the base until August. perfect a world-wide organization 1947. No classes were ever taught in an effort to remove restraints and promote research on a world-

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County Boys To

men of the U. S. Army's 43rd Di- from the Roanoke in fairly large vision are slated to sail from Nor- quantities. Water from the sound felk tomorrow morning for ser- is backing up in the stream and vice in Europe, possibly Ger- the crabs have been found at

No official release could be had ton. but it was reported that Henry Earl Crawford will not be able for a stew. to make the trip, reports stating that he was a patient in the hospital at Camp pickett, Va. Jesse Gray Lilley, another member of the unit, was transferred to Indiantown Gap, Pa. for further training. He is reporting to the new station today.

Funeral Held Here For Infant Last Thursday

James Garland, the 17-day-old infant son of Mrs. James Garland Manning and her late husband, died in a local hospital last Wednesday night at 9:30 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted at the home on West Main Street Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

route or by-pass here is just to Highway 64 just this side of about complete, according to in- Chesson's grocery. The distance Farmers In This Area Are formation gained from engineers of the proposed route is about last week-end.

Speaking to representatives of yet definite, it is proposed to run tween the bridge and Chesson's it straight off the river bridge grocery. across the Wilson and Griffin Side Inn and Joe Peel's black- is needed now, that, in time, Held in connection with the smith shop, on to the Martin farm something will have to be done current membership drive, the and butting into the dirt road be- about relieving traffic congestion meeting was assured that this tween Skewarkey Church and on the present routes, and that it county's goal of 2,000 members. Highway 64 at a point back of the is advisable to chart the route would be reached, that approxi- West End Baptist Church and now and keep it open for the promately 1,000 farmers and busi- Gordon's grocery, and continuing ject.

A survey for a proposed truck from that point up the dirt road three miles which is slightly While the proposed route is not greater than the present route be-

Highway officials declare it is

DRY TIME

Unless there is a marked

increase in rainfall from now

on out, 1951 will go down in

the record as one of the dry

years. Last month was the

driest September in ten years,

Bridgekeeper Hugh Spruill

reporting only .96 of an inch

of rain during the period. In

September, 1941, there was

less than one-half inch of rain

So far this year only 28.35

inches of rain have fallen

here, or about 15 inches less

than the amount recorded in

the first nine months of last

Reported Missing

In Virginia City

Walter E. Barr, Williamston

home in the same boarding house.

found in Lake Smith near Nor-

tendent of the Methodist Orphan-

prior to his death about three

years ago, was believed to have

been strangled to death before

Barr, 34, came to Williamston

with his parents when the Saun-

ders and Cox mill was built here

He married here and had worked

at various mills and plants until

a few months ago when he went

to Norfolk to work as a carpenter

He returned home every week

until last week-end, it was report-

In Road Wreck

Frank Perry, prominent Bertie

County farmer of the Midway

section, was critically injured

early last Friday morning when

his pick-up truck which he was

driving was knocked off the high-

way a short distance this side of

the Conine Creek bridge on High

way 17. He suffered head and

shoulder injuries when the ma-

chine went off the fill and turned

over. A colored man, riding with

Perry, suffered shock and bruises,

but his injuries were not consid-

ered serious. Tobacco, loaded on

the truck, was scattered on the

Reports reaching here stated

that two sailors, traveling in a

1951 Ford and apparently at a

speed close to 90 miles an hour,

The car was said to have been

storen in Norfolk the night be-

the case. It was reported that the

highway and along the fill.

to aid the wreck victims.

Farmer Injured

she was thrown into the lake.

year.

in this immediate section.

Surplus Property County Farm Bureal, recognized Racket Uncovered

Five Millions Worth of Materials Sold For Few Thousand Dollars

Washington, D. C .- Congressman Herbert C. Bonner released a report through his Subcommittee revealing a chain of events which enabled certain individuals his appearance before a U.S. to obtain property purchased by Senate committee. He explained the Government for nearly 5 1-2 million dollars. These individuals paid approximately 35,000 dollars as the cost of this property to

Mr. Clayton C. Harrah, an air ereft parts dealer, and Mr. Howard L. Pemberton, formerly a test pilot, along with three other "We looked around for an or- individuals started acquiring ganization to tie to, and decided Government surplus property in resident, has been reported misson the Farm Bureau, but there December, 1946. This property ing since he left his Norfolk were problems and we barely had was acquired in the name of the boarding house to attend a driveenough members to keep the or- Bunker Hill School, which was in theater there with Mrs. Mamie ganization in tact," Mr. Winslow an existing high school in Indiana. Smithwick, a native of Washingsaid. "But we had been told to None of this property was ever ton, N. C., who was making her organize, set production to meet delivered to the high school. In-

The Air Station was leased from the Navy for a dollar a year plus maintenance by the Town of folk last Saturday afternoon, but Bunker Hill, Indiana. The Town Barr and his 1941 green Plymouth they went on the markets to buy had subleased the Air Station to a car have not been seen since Wedtobacco. "The companies were in private corporation which was nesday, according to reports a competitive business, and they farming the land and renting the reaching here. Mrs. Smithwick, were loking after their own buildings thereon for storage. The 57 and the widow of Worley proposed school used this facil. Smithwick, maintenance superinity as their base of operations, ed from the corporation or town.

In March, 1947, the Bunker Hill School of Aeronautics was incor-

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Take More Crabs In The Roaneke

With the river holding to and Go To Germany with the river holding to and even slightly below sea level. crabs, ordinarily found only in Several Martin County young brackish water, are being taken points almost as far up as Hamil-

David Joyner took twenty or Roberson, Carl Johnson, Bill Gur- more sizable crabs from the ganus, Russell Roberson and Gar- stream early yesterday morning, land Taylor would be in the and Hugh Spruili and Darryl group. It is likely that Herman Clayton, Jr., made preparation

ROUND-UP

Nine persons were rounded-up and detained temporarily, at least, in the county jail last week-end, officers explaining that there was a slight increase in activities on the crime front during the

period. Four were booked for public drunkenness and one each for drunken driving, reckless driving, assault and bad check. A ninth person was held for Edgecombe authori-

Five were white and the ages of the group ranged from 19 to 45 years.

Poiato Markets

Delaying Digging After Big Rain Monday

Little activity has been report ed following the opening of the sweet potato markets in this section last week and yesterday, and ing the remainder of this week, according to reports released to-

The sales so far have been to such limited volume, that a true picture of the price trend is hardly to be had. First deliveries made to the Bethel market last week were unofficially reported to have averaged around \$2.50 per bushel. Deliveries were said to have been limited

In accordance with an ansouncement made last week, the market was opened here yesterday by the Martin County Yam Growers Association, but no deliveries were reported immediate-

Following the rain that fell late Sunday night or early Monday morning, farmers in this section decided to delay digging operations until next week, if not

Henry M. Covington, horticultural specialist, and John M. Curtis, market specialist, of the State Extension service, released the following memorandum this week, and marketing of sweet potatoes:

in North Carolina and in the en-I trade. tire country as a whole is estimated to be one of the smallest in history. North Carolina is expectas compared with 6,785,000 bush-Louisiana is expected to produce 5.500,000 bushels as compared with 10,290,000 bushels last year. In other words, it seems to be one half to two thrids of a normal

tatoes. With an extremely short search in other countries," all means, don't give them away America. this fall! Why not store at least a part of your crop for sale after

"In the past we have recommended that you put up the best possible field graded U. S. No. 1 pack and keep the lower grade at home for livestock feed, etc. With such a short crop expected this year we suggest that you save every potato that you think you can sell. I would make at least two grades in picking up in the field-U. S. No. 1 and U. S. No. 2 -and preferably a third-Jumbos -if they are free of growth cracks. Do not pick them up "field-run". The lower grades do not usually sell to good advantage during harvest season. Top prices will be paid for the best pack.

"It is always important to handle your potatoes carefully-as we say, "like eggs". Don't let up on quality-quality always, pays

Returning Man To Philadelphia

Charged with non-support, Augustine Jones, a native of this county, is being returned to Philadelphia to answer the charge Jones was unsuccessful in his fight against extradition. The papers were cleared last week-end and the man's return is pending. the sheriff's office reports.

According to Jones, he has good defense. He explained that he went to Pennsylvania some plowed into the rear of the truck years ago and married there. Afwithout warning. The sailors ran ter a number of years in a steel into the woods without offering mill he was forced to quit on account of a physical ailment. Unable to make a living there he returned to his old home in Goose fore, and the FBI has taken over Nest Township to farm, but his wife would not leave the city sailor discharged from the service Jones told officers he had offered on September 28, had been idenhis wife a home in this county tified. He is a native of Utah, but but that she refused to move his name could not be learned south, that he had extended support to her in the city.

Early Trials Of Survey for Proposed Truck Little Activity So New Price Record Reported On Four Injured In Farm Bureau In Route Here About Finished Far on the Sweet The Tobacco Market Vesterday Series Of Road-The Tobacco Market Yesterday

Reviews Program Of World Tobacco Congress At Meet

few sales are anticipated here dur- Organization Working For Free Movement In World Trade

Raleigh, Oct. 8 .- J. B. Hutson, president of Tobacco Associates, Inc., discussed the work of the recently concluded World Tobacco Congress here this week.

"Providing for the free movement of tobacco from country to country rather than its curtailment through a world organiza tion," was the main accomplishment of the Congress," held in Amsterdam, Holland, the Associates' president told the officers and directors at their meeting here, J. Henry Vaughn, Elm City presided at the meeting.

Hutson, just back from the Congress of which he was elected to serve as its first President, point ed out that the Congress has great educational value, where an exchange of statistical information will benefit all nations.

Beginning September 17. seven-day conference served as a means for discussing the history) of tobacco grown in various counin connection with the harvesting tries; natural science; technologymethods of curing tobacco; and "This year's sweet potato crop economics - consumption and

In connection with the Congress, samples of leaf tobacco were ed to produce 4,400, 000 bushels countries engaged in tobacco production. According to the tobacco els harvested last year. Further, expert, these samples were of good quality tobacco with bright has been booked for Wednesday color and good eye-appeal, "Practically every country had some flue-cured tobacco exhibited," Hutson said. He also pointed out that these samples showed the center. z"From a marketing standpoint, need for continued emphasis on what does the above mean to the production of "superior qualyou? Supply and demand large- ity" leaf in the flue-cured area ly govern the price of sweet po- of this country. Emphasis on recrop, prices will be higher than said, 'can be of great help to us." usual. If I may hazard a guess, For example he pointed out the you will see the highest prices Granville wilt resistant variety on record next May or June. By developed from stock from South

Hutson, who has been making tours abroad for a number of years in the interest of tobacco trade, said the present prestige of the United States in these countries is the highest it has ever been. 'They feel they need the advice and support of the United States in most of their problems (Continued on Page Six)

Club Foundation Conducting Drive

Negro 4-H Club members are foundation's program, it was announced this week.

are being asked to raise \$1,100.

most worthy fund raising pro- could not be learned when it jects, has been endorsed by State would arrive. officials and is being directed in this county by M. M. Levin, K. P. rett, son of Mr. Carl Garrett and Lindsley, N. W. Slade, C. Slade and J. W. Rodgers.

finance the establishment of a home State 4-H camp, create scholarships and supplement the general last February 18, and Cpl. Gar-4-H program, it was explained.

CLOSED

The Chowan River bridge is closed to traffic this week while contractors are removing the draw bridge to a temporary location where it will be used temporarily or while a larger bridge is erected on the main route.

Closed to both highway and water traffic, the bridge will be reopened on or after Saturday of this week, it was announced. It was first proposed to close the route for several days last week, but the action was delayed.

NUMEROUS

Hunters in this section are loking forward to a good season for squirrel and deer. Reports declare that both squirrel and deer are fairly numerous, that possibly there are more squirrels this year than in any other period in recent

The season for taking squirrel, deer and bear open next Monday, and Governor Kerr Scott is expected to participate in the early hunts.

Game Warden C. A. Manning, Jr., says that few are killing squirrel out of season. "There are a few sections where the law means little, but as a whole, the people are observing the regulations," Manning said.

Good Outlook For Jamesville Fair

"The Jamesville Community Fair, opening this week for its third successive year, promises to be the best of 'em all," Professor Hairr announced today

The Jamesville gym has been arranged to receive a record number of exhibits, including family and farm displays and commer cial entries. The farm produce will start moving to the exhibit hall possibly tomorrow. All de partments are being readied for

An amusement center was opened on the school grounds next to the football field last night, and a special entertainment feature evening at 7:00 and 9:00 o'clock The Laryingitis Four, featuring Evan Griffin, will be on the special program at the amusement

The big day will be Friday with a parade, led by Williamso'clock, and a public address at 1:30 o'clock. The Jamesville High School football team, playing follows: eleven men this season for the first time, will meet Columbia that afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

The exhibit hall will be held open through next Sunday, it was announced, and the people of Jamesville are extending a cordial invitation to all the people of this county and area to attend. No better exhibits will be seen at any fair, the sponsors, The Ruritan Club in cooperation with the Woman's Club, declare.

Bodies Of County Men On Way Back

ty young men are on the long were for lower quality grades starting a drive in North Carolina journey home from the battle- Weekly averages on all cutters to raise \$50,000 to supplement the fields in Korea, relatives have good to choice lugs, low to choice

There are 1,500 Negro 4-H club of Everetts were advised last Sat- levels by Government grades members in this county and they urday that the body of their son, Previously the highest prices had Cpl. Harry Paul Roberson, had The drive, considered among the left the Far East by ship, but it 1946, 1948 and 1950 seasons. The

The body of Cpl. John H. Gar-W, the late Mrs. Garrett, has arrived in the States, but it is not Funds raised in the drive will known just when it will reach

> Cpl. Roberson died of wounds rett was killed in action last April 30.

Discuss Peanut **Marketing Plans**

Meeting in Windsor today, peanut buyers and cleaners are dis-

ing the season now at hand.

385,942 Pounds Of Tobacco Sold For **Average Of \$63.72**

Sales Are Pushing Right On Toward The Ten Million Mark

Tobacco prices, climbing to allime high peaks last week, continued to push upward yesterday when 385,942 pounds of the golden leaf were sold for \$245,916, an average of \$63.72 and a figure nearly half dollar per hundred pounds higher than the previous high record of \$63.26 recorded last Friday for 292,564 pounds.

Never in the history of the market, has the price been so tenacibowing out in favor of the one the next day. Entire rows have been selling for more than seventy cents a pound straight through, and individual piles have sold right up almost to the Big Dollar. Three piles in one row sold above 90 cents without the buyers batting an eye.

Through yesterday, the market here had sold 9,401,888 pounds for an average of \$53.50 per hundred pounds. The marginal advantage of about four cents a pound held by the 1950 crop is gradually dis-

At the close of sales today, it is fairly certain that the market will have sold more tobacco than was sold during all of last season but with the current season income trailing that of last year by approximately one-third of a milion dollars.

The block sales yesterday are being cleared today, the farmers declaring the crop is rapidly being sold down to a thin point with the possibility that there'll be no more big sales this season. The market went back on a 5-hour selling schedule yesterday, the longer selling time helping cut

A Department of Agriculture report, covering the entire belt

During the seventh week of sales in the Eastern North Caroling flue-cured tobacco belt near ly two-thirds of the offerings brought the highest average prices ever established by U. S. grades. The weekly general average for 50,933,741 gross pounds auctioned was \$60.43 a hundred, also a record level, reports the Federal State Market News Service.

Compared with the previous week, leaf grades were up \$1.00 to \$6.00, cutters \$1.00 and \$2.00 smoking leaf and lugs \$1.00 to \$4.00, nondescript \$1.00 to \$3.00 generally and a small amount of primings \$2.00 to \$6.00. Most of the increases were from \$2.00 to The bodies of two Martin Coun- \$4.00 per hundred. Largest gains smoking leaf and practically all Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roberson low to fine leaf were at record been paid at times during the practical top price was \$71.00 with some of the better grades (Continued on Page Eight)

Electrical Storm Hits This Area

A meaningful electrical storm. accompanied by some wind and .97 of an inch of rain, struck here late Sunday night. Lightning split the skies during the greater part of an hour, and although several bolts are believed to have struck close by, no damage has been reported.

The rain, the largest downfall cussing the marketing plans for in nearly seven weeks, brought the new season. The Production- some relief but did not conquer Marketing Administration is lead- the dry spell. The almost one ince ing the discussions. Buyers from of rain late Sunday night or early all over this section of the State Monday morning followed a third were invited to attend the meet- of one inch of rain reported last week.

No marketing plans have been Temperature readings, holding that some changes are being made toppled as much as thirty dedown to fifty this morning.

Series Of Road-Street Accidents

Property Damage Estimated At More Than \$2,100 In Seven Accidents

Four persons were injured, none of them believed seriously, in a eries of seven motor vehicle acidents on highways and streets in this county during the past week-end. Only one vehicle was officers explaining that the drivers were featuring flips during the period. Two of the accidents, including one of the most serious in the series, were reported on Williamston streets.

The first in the series ported shortly before midnight last Wednesday when a 1940 pickup truck skidded, went out of control and turned over on its ide about six miles south of Williamston on Highway 17, pinning the driver, Linwood 2023 Field Road, South Norfolk, underneath it. His leg caught under the vehicle, Engrem remained there about ten minutes before a group of young boys came along and lifted the truck off him. Patrolman R. P. Narron, investigating the accident, said the man wasn't hurt very much and estimated the damage to the truck

No accidents were reported Thursday, but late Friday afternoon business started picking up. At 5:30 o'clock that afternoon, Walter Lee Lynch, driving his 1948 pick-up truck on a 12-foot tater ridge near the Halifax County line, lost control of the machine, ran it into a road bank, the vehicle coming to a stop bottom side up. Lynch was not hurt, but Patrolman R. P. Narron said the damage to the machine would amount to about \$150.

Driving on a dirt road near Sweet Home Church in Bear Grass Township, Leon Hall Rawls lost control of his 1950 Mercury and turned it bottom side up, causing about \$300 damage to the car. Rawls was not hurt, according to Patrolman Narron who made

Saturday night about 9:00 o'clock, Clay Winfield Harris of RFD 2. Williamston, was driving north on Highway 17 about five miles south of Williamston when Elzie Lee, colored man of Palatka, Fla., traveling south, pulled to his left to pass traffic and plowed ino Harris' 1948 Chevrolet with a 1946 Chevrolet truck. No one was nurt, but Patrolman W. M. Boysin of Washington estimated the lamage to the car at \$400 and that o the truck at \$50 following his investigation. The truck was owned by Leonard Mullberry of Florda, Patrolman Boykin said. The triver was booked for careless

ind reckless driving. Joseph Raymond Williams lost ontrol of his 1950 Chevrolet on a urve in the road running from he J. Eason Lilley store to the Iolly Springs-Farm Life road Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock (Continued on Page Eight)

Insurance Rumor Declared False

Contrary to repeated rumors, J. A. Wetherington declared last week-end that he carried no insurance on his farm properties ear Robersonville, that the 7,000 fire about a month ago was complete loss. Everything we nad, including building, tobacco, nules, corn and hay and farm upplies, was a complete loss, the armer said.

It was rumored that the property was insured, but the owner said that none was carried. Mr. Wetherington adding that gossipers in the community had misrepresented the facts.

Accident Victim Back In Hospital For Treatment

Little Miss Lila Ruth Lamm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Lamm who was critically burned while playing around a fire at her home in West End here seven weeks ago, re-entered a local announced, but it is understood up in the ninties last week-end, hospital today for a series of skin graft operations. She is getting in the system to be followed dur- grees early Monday and went on along as well as could be expect-