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State Officials Expected Beloved Resident Robbers Make Big Highway Post Office Market Has Sold Local Man's Car Here Today For Hunt Died At Her Home Haul At Country **Found on Norfolk** About 11 Million For Section Planned Pounds This Year Sunday Afternoon Store Near Here Street Thursday Enjoying several hunts in this] If the Governor and Commis-

No Word Heard From Walter Barr, Missing Past **Two Weeks**

The 1941 green Plymouth belonging to Walter E. Barr, Wiling for two weeks, was found parked in the 600 block of Maltby Avenue, Norfolk,, last Thursday, but no word has been heard from Barr who was last seen with Mrs. Mamie Smithwick when they left morrow and limit their hunt to their Norfolk boarding house the squirrels. evening of October 3 to attend an open-air theater in the Virginia city. The discovery of the car and the findings therein have Barr met with foul play. today.

Mrs. Smithwick's body was found floating in Lake Smith on October 13. Chips of human teeth, found in the blood spattered and bullet-pierced automobile of Barr's, could have been from the mouth of Mrs. Smithwick, a pathologist was quoted as saying. Believing Barr had been murdered, Norfolk police, Princess Anne County officers, State po-

lice and the Coast Guard dragged the bottom of the lake but did not find his body. Barr's automobile, a 1941 green

Plymouth sedan, is now at the Norfolk City Garage.

Investigations have disclosed that the rear seat and the right front seat bore bloodstains. There was also a bullet hole in the roof over the rear seat. Police say it had been made from the inside.

Whether or not the teeth chips also found in the back seat are definitely known.

Paul Hospital, who made the autopsy, said, "They could be, but If Could Spend don't have to be."

He disclosed that several of the woman's teeth were missing, Eisenhower Question Still where her jaw had been beaten and broken. The bullet hole in the car is al-

so a mystery. Dr. Strauss said that no vital

organs in the woman's body had

area during the past two or three sioner Jordan want to make their years, Governor Kerr Scott is ex- hunting mission count, they'll Funeral Service Being Held Loss Runs Into Hundreds find it advisable not to delay pected here late this afternoon longer Local residents, forget-

for another hunt. He is being acting the Governor was in the Forsyth capital, thought he was becompanied by Dr. Henry Jordan, chairman of the North Carolina ing given a 100-gun salute at day liamston man who has been miss- State Highway and Public Works break. It later turned out that Commission, and they'll be the the boys were after the squirrels. guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Abbitt Mixed reports were received on Grace Street. Their hunting yesterday from the hunting grounds have not been announc- grounds. "The woods are full of ed, but they plan to start early to- squirrels," several hunters declared, returning shortly after 8:00 o'clock with the daily bag limit.

The Governor was expected Others, missing the squirrels, dehere early yesterday, but his Win- clared they were few in number. Several organized deer hunts ston-Salem trip delayed him. He was further delayed in Raleigh were launched early yesterday, led Norfolk police to believe that and postponed the trip until late and they were said to have been

Four Car Wrecks

Reported In The

County Recently

Several Persons Bruised

and Shocked But None

Thought Badly Hurt

Several persons were hurt, none

of them believed seriously, in

four motor vehicle accidents on

county highways and streets dur-

accidents involved no personal in-

were made. The two minor

and plowed into the rear of a

and both went about their busi-

brakes on a car were no good and

ing about \$6 damage. James Ar- ton.

not looking what he was doing tery here.

successful.

UNUSUAL For the first time in a number of years. Fire Prevention Week was observed here without a fire. Maybe, all the fire prevention appeals paid off this year. During the prevention week

last year, Williamston's fire department received two calls to fire the first day of the observance. As far back as most of the volunteer firemen here can remember at least one call could always be depended upon during fire prevention week. One hundred percent observance all the year around is the goal.

Dr. A. F. Strauss, of the De More Money Than

Has Them Guessing In **Political World**

thur Howard was carried into Washington .- Though the Sencourt and the fine and cost ate tried to give the Air Force five amounted to \$30.85. extra billions of dollars to speed Mrs. J. W. Watts, Mrs. C. A however, that the decomposed expansion of the air service, the Harrison, Mrs. C. B. Clark, Mrs. Pat Crawford, Miss Essie Peel and Mr. W. B. Watts were bruised and suffered shock when their car, a 1950 Cadillac, was in a three ve-

Of Dollars, Incomplete This Afternoon For **Inventory Shows** Mrs. Roberson

Believed to have been traveling Mrs. Della Brown Roberson, beloved citizen, died at her home in two automobiles, robbers broke here on Park Street Sunday af- into Harris Brothers filling sta ternoon at 1:20 o'clock following tion-store on Highway 16 near a long period of declining health. Williamston early Sunday morn-She had suffered with a heart ing and carried away merchandise valued possibly in excess of a condition and complications for some time, and while her condi- thousand dollars. The exact loss tion was serious at the time she has not yet been determined, of-

was not forced to her bed by her ficers explaining that only a preliminary inventory had been comlast illness until three weeks ago. Her condition became critical last pleted. Friday, and no hope was held for her recovery.

Two automobiles were seen parked at the station-store between Saturday midnight and Mrs. Roberson, daughter of the

late Alexander and Sallie Ann about 3:00 o'clock Sunday morn-Lilley Brown, was born in James- ing. Travelers told officers they ville Township 77 years ago, on saw the cars there, that it was September 17, 1874, and spent her thought one of the machines had early life there. Following her broken down and that someone marriage to Mr. H. Thad Rober- was working on the motor. Apson February 19, 1896, she made parently the scene was arranged her home in Griffins Township to make it appear there was car until January 1, 1919, when he trouble and to take attention was made sheriff of Martin Coun- away from the robbery.

ty and the family located in Wil-The robbers prized iron bars iamston. Mr. Roberson died on apart and entered a rear window, November 22, 1947. and completely ransacked the Mrs. Roberson, a devoted mo

ther, a kind neighbor and thought- appearance of an amateur job ful friend, was a member of the when the safe was found with turn there that evening at 7:00 Primitive Baptist Church at the combination and hinges o'clock. The bus operating out of Smithwicks Creek for more than knocked off but the door unopen- Raleigh and serving the western a quarter century, exemplifying ed.

ing the past few days. Two of the its teachings in her daily walk According to the incomplete olina capital at 5:00 o'clock each through life down through the inventory, the following merjuries and property losses were years. Her pastor, Elder P. E. Get- chandise was missed: \$400 worth turn there at 5:55 o'clock in the less than \$15 in each case, officers singer, assisted by the Rev. W. B. of watches, including two men's evening. explaining that no official reports Harrington, Baptist minister, will wrist watches; twenty cartons of

conduct the funeral service at the cigarettes, half dozen boxes of B. S. Davis, superintendent of wrecks in the series took place on home this afternoon at 3:00 gun shells, twelve dozen pairs of Postal Transportation District 8, also found in the back seat are those of Mrs. Smithwick is not Offer Air Force williamston's Streets. In one of o'clock. Interment will be in the nylon hose, several boxes of boys' will offer better service at a low the two, the driver said he was family plot in Woodlawn Ceme- sweaters, half dozen pairs of

men's work shoes, several pairs Surviving are one daughter, of overalls a number of ten-pound busses handling first class mail New Jersey car on the main Mrs. M. Luther Peel, of the home; bags of flour, a number of work street. The two drivers agreed, two sisters, Mrs. N. R. Manning shirts, and various other items. Much of the stock was torn ness. In the other accident, the inson of Hopewell, Va., one bro- from the shelves and papers, including invoices and records, were

the machine struck another, caus- M. L. Peel, Jr., both of Williams- scattered all over the floor. (Continued on Page Six)



Operate Between Norfolk - Raleigh Six Days A Week

Two Large Busses And Two Trucks To Connect In Williamston

According to unofficial infornation reaching here vesterday mail service between Norfolk and Raleigh will be handled by motorized highway post offices be ginning November 1.

Few details could be learned immediately, but plans for the service have been pending for possibly as long as two years. Designed to take over the service handled by Norfolk Southern trains between Norfolk and Raieigh, the highway post offices are to make Williamston their terminal or connecting point.

have not been released, but one Jamesville Fair division will leave the North Car **Exhibits Equal Any To Be**

morning except Sunday and re-Seen Anywhere; Large Jamesville's third annual com-The new system, according to

munity fair last week possibly was the climax in the series, reports declaring that the event ater cost to the government. tracted more and better exhibits and was attended by larger

In addition to the two large service, the new transportation two. While the entertainment plan includes the operation of program was stressed more this large trucks behind the highway post offices for the handling of parcel post, it is understood.

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pace to make the fair a real agri-According to information reach cultural event. As far as quality ing here, the new mail transporta- is concerned, nothing finer can be tion method will serve Elizabeth seen at the State fair in Raleigh hundred were noted principally City, Edenton, Plymouth, Wash- this week. ington, Greenville, Farmville and The fair was opened officially

Total of \$5,825,908 Paid **To Farmers Through** Yesterday

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FAMILIES TWICE EACH WEEK

ESTABLISHED 1899

Pessing school busses while Williamston's tobacco market, discharging or taking on huaveling in high gear for several man cargoes can be costly as veeks, was today pushing on towell as dangerous business in ward the eleven million-pound mark with prices holding firm. Gus Lee Sheppard found Farmers are marketing their crop out the hard way in the counjust as rapidly as they can grade ty court Monday when he and move it. Possibly another was fined \$100, plus costs, for passing a bus while it was

COSTLY

stopped to discharge passeng-

ers on Highway 125 between

Williamston and Hamilton.

Sheppard said the brakes on

his car were no good, that his

brother snatched the wheel

and ran the car by the bus on

the left instead of the right

Sheppard explained the

white patches all over his

head covered wounds put

there during a "friendly" ar-

gument with a member of his

Last Week Rated

Best Ever Held

Crowds Attend

this county.

side.

family.

million pounds are left on the farms in this area, making it fairly certain that the market will sell between eleven and one-half and twelve million pounds. It is believed the season will have ended by the early part of next month. Final sales last year were held on October 31.

Yesterday, the market here sold 270,858 pounds for a \$62.37 average, the day's receipts pushing the total to 10,669,322 pounds and the cash paid farmers to \$5,-825,908.43. The price average for the season through yesterday is \$54.31.

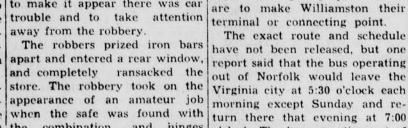
Sales today are comparatively light but the prices continue to hold firm.

A review of all the markets in the belt by the departments of agriculture follows:

Prices by grades last week for Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco held generally steady to slightly stronger as compared with the high averages set the previous week. General quality of the offerings continued to improve. Volume of sales was the heaviest of the season on Monday but some lighter the rest of the

week. The Federal-State Market News Service reports that as a result of the better prices and quality a crowds than either of the other new record weekly general average of \$61.35 per hundred was . Aller paid for gross sales of 51,340,411 year than last, the other departpounds. This average was 92 ments still maintained a rapid cents over the previous high established the week before.

Increases of \$1.00 to \$3.00 per for medium quality leaf, lugs and lower smoking leaf, primings and



been pierced by a shot. He did say condition of the woman's body Defense Department and the powwould have made it possible for ers that be prevailed, and Cona bullet wound to have been over- gress was told the money could looked in some sections of the not be spent this fiscal year. Thus body.

Patrolman C. E. Carlson has made Air Force. a fingerprint examination of the The Administration reaction to

vealed. Previously, aerial photographs were about all the services could had been taken by investigators take care of in a year. In the case in an effort to locate the automo- of the Air Force, it was argued,

bile in the densely wooded area the planes and equipment just around the lake, and conferences were held with several members whether or not more money was

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Former Teacher Died Saturday

Neck; a niece, nephew and an ter a short illness.

one was a daughter of the late Gideon and Lily Shields Lamb. Following her teaching here, she returned to Scotland Neck where she taught for almost a quarter century.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs Mary Lamb White of Scotland Neck ;a niece, nephew and an aunt.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in the Trinity Episcopal Church by the Rev. John W. Drake, a former rector of the Scotland Neck Church.

ROUND-UP

Six persons were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail last week-end. Four of the six were booked for public drunkenness, and one each for larceny and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

. The ages of the group ranged from 17 to 36 years. Two of the six were white.

the Senate voted only about an Norfolk City Police report that extra one billion dollars for the

car, but would not disclose what, the sudden increase voted in air if anything, the examination re- power funds was that the Defense Department's original requests

could not be obtained any faster.

voted. The Air Force did not deny the Administration argument, and therefore, the Senate effort to increase the size of the air service faster than the government plans failed to a large extent. One naturally wonders if this is

Miss Nannie Shield Lamb, 56, the Administration refuses to a teacher in the Williamston change its armament program deschools back in the early twenties, spite an obvious disagreement died at her home in Scotland with Congress. The Air Force would be much stronger today had not President Truman refused to use money setually voted

> by Congress several years ago to (Continued on Page Six)

Declare Sympathy For Dry Raleigh

raffic, a water line cracked on ternoon and for hours water flowed over the streets in several directions from the Washington

Giving way under the heavy County Persons At the main street here yesterday af- Detection Clinic The Cancer Detection and Diag-

Street intersection. Tens of thousands of gallons of clear water Edgecombe-Nash Medical Society repaired the line at midnight. People, passing by the flooding American Cancer Society, last waters would pause long enough week examined several persons to say, "It's too bad some of the from Martin County, according to water could not be piped into dry information reaching here. The clinics are held each Wed-Raleigh."

A large pipe carrying water to nesday at 12:00 o'clock, noon, in siding Bishop of the Twelfth Epis- a beautiful Columbia ring from he was charged with an assault matter, retire for their night's street.

On Local Street

of Jamesville and Mrs. E. E. Rob-

ther, P. H. Brown, and a grandson,

Child Run Down

Joseph E. (Peter) Leggett, six year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Staton Leggett of Pine hicle accident in West End on Street, was run down by a pick-Highway 64 last Friday afternoon. up truck on a local street and Several of the victims were repainfully but believed not sermoved to the hospital for examiiously hurt about 4:30 o'clock yesnation, but they were released terday afternoon. following treatment. Mrs. Craw-

The younster, skating with othford suffered a cut on her arm er children in the 500 block on and was bruised a bit. All of the Haughton Street, was said to have victims declared they were fortudarted into the path of the small nate to go through the accident with no more injuries than they truck driven by O. L. Spivey, Jr., 21-year-old Windsor man. Rereceived.

moved to a local hospital, the vic-A power company pick-up truck, driven by C. A. Glass and tim was treated for a head inheaded east on the highway, was jury, bruises and shock. The vestopped to make a left turn into hicle apparently did not run over Park Avenue, the old fair ground the lad, one report stating that entrance. While the truck was it knocked him a few feet to one waiting for the approaching traf- side.

fic to pass, a 1950 Chevrolet, driv- Spivey stopped and asked that the same old story again, when en by Gaston Cartwright, a solan ambulance be called. Neighdier on his way home from Fort bors picked up the child, placed him in a car and carried him to Jackson on a three-day pass, the hospital. Spivey, returning plowed into the rear of the pickfrom a visit with friends on Pine up truck, knocking it across the road and into the path of the Street, followed the car down Watts car. Mrs. Watts swerved Grace Street, became frightened and turned right into Smithwick her car to the right in an effort and continued to his home in to get out of the way, but a telephone pole blocked the escape Windsor. Local officials, after wit-

route and the truck crashed into nesses identified the vehicle, is sued papers against the young the side of the car. Glass and man, charging him with leaving his companion, W. D. Urguart, Cartwright and a companion were the scene of an accident without the following towns: Edenton, It may be possible for the comgiving his name, address and oth-(Continued on Page Six)

er deails. Spivey returned with his father shortly before midnight last night after arranging bond in the sum

Mock Conference In

nostic Clinic, operated by the Beginning Friday night, the were lost before the entire water in cooperation with the North Williams Chapel A. M. E. Zion schools. system was shut off and workmen Carolina State Board of Health Church wil conduct a "Mock and the local chapters of the General Conference" in the announced today by the pastor, new Queen of the Harvest will "Smilin' Jack." Christopher Colthe Rev. J. H. McMullen.

of \$500.

Bishop H. T. Medford, A. M. D. D., of Washington, D. C., and pre-

a flush tank was cracked when a the Rocky Mount municipal build- copal District, A. M. E. Zion Peele's - Jewelers. Dancing will with a pop bottle. manhole cover was pushed down ing, and are open to persons for- Church, will preach the closing be from 9:30 PM to 1:30 AM; with Kined \$10 and taxed with the safety program of the P.-T. A. on it by heavy traffic on the ty years of age and older, regard- sermon Sunday evening at 8:00 the selection and crowning of the cost, Eborn had one of those for- Miss Mary Whitley is chairman of les of race or ability to pay. o'clock.

Visitors to Williamston's fourth annual harvest festival next Tuesday and Wednesday, October 23 and 24, are assured of having the to Williamston and from Williams- the frogs croaking out a warm best times of their lives, according to Al Sweatt, Managing Diservice all the way around. rector of the Williamston Boosters, Inc., sponsors of the annual event.

The festivities get underway or Tuesday evening, October 23, with a free street dance, featuring both round and square danc **Youth Center Will** ing. The following day, Wednesday, October 24, at 1:00 PM, the main street will be closed to traf-**Close Two Weeks** fic to allow the appearance of score of clowns in "Clown Alley"

This has proven to be one of the Because the American Legion While all the exhibits were up more popular features of the an-Hut on Watts Street has been to par, possibly the home-farm nual affair and is being repeated rented for special revival services exhibit by J. C. Griffin attracted again this year. from Friday evening of this week the most attention with the J. B. Following the appearance of through Sunday night, October Holliday display holding a close 28, the Youth Center program second. On display and attracthe clowns, one of the most spectacular street parades ever seen in operation there will be sus- tively arranged were grapes, carin this section will get underway, pended until the week-end of rots, pears, apples, eggs, a beau-In addition to the participation of November 2, 3 and 4th, it was an- tiful ham, cabbage, collards, cot-

the fourteen "Princesses" prev- announced last week by Ben D. ton, tobacco, squash, peppers, iously announced, there will be twenty fierdimin torcycle ciub, boy and girl scout troops, the Atlantic Coast Line caboose exhibit and ten bands. The bands who will definitely of October 19, 20, 26, 27 and 28th, appear are from high schools in Plymouth, J. J. Clemmons of Ro- mittee to find some other place

per, Scotland Neck, Tarboro. to operate the recreation program Washington, Williamston White during the nights the hut is used ren's Sleep" and several numbers for revival services, but nothing by the High School Glee Club are and Williamston Colored. In addition, it is expected that the had been done about this early in features of the program to be preband from Ahoskie High School the week. A building suitable for sented before the Williamston will also appear, although defi- such a program of activity for the Parents-Teachers Association in nite word has not as yet been re- young people of the town is sore- the High School auditorium next Local Church Friday ceived. Smaller bands to partici- ly needed, with perhaps a snack Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock. pate include the Rhythm Bands bar or other facilities.

from Farm Life and Hasssell **Defendant Loses Smile**

On Wednesday evening at the Harvest Ball in the Planters church on Rhodes Street, it was Warehouse, the selection of the

> take place. The selection will be made from fourteen "Princesses"

Queen taking place at 10:00 PM. lorn looks with a sour base.

Raleigh and other local points with a parade at 12:30 Friday, and nondescript. Most of the gains with Williamston as a connecting State Representative Wayland were \$1.00 and \$2.00. Better offerings held about firm. There were point or terminal. Spruill of Bertie made the formal

fair a success.

Williamston post office author- address on an open-air stand. But a few scattered losses of \$1.00 and ities explain that the proposed "Cousin Wayland" got his animals \$2.00 which were more than offsystem will relieve a bottle neck mixed up when he said that as he set by gains.

for mail destined from Raleigh approached Jamesville he heard Season gross sales through October 12 amounted to 383,878,729 ton to Raleigh, and enhance the welcome to Martin County. It pounds for an average of \$54.31. per hundred. The U. S. Crop Rewas a prize milch cow that bel-While no schedule has yet been lowed the welcome and did so re- porting Board as of October 1 esannounced, it is believed that the peatedly even while he talked. A. timated that production in this mails from Raleigh and Norfolk Corey, introducing the speaker, type would reach 483,610,000 will reach here before noon with outlined the purpose of the fair pounds. This was an increase of more than 7 million pounds over and listed it as one of the projects sponsored by the Jamesville Ruri- the September 1 report. Based on this estimate and after allowing tan Club in cooperation with the for resales the crop to date is Woman's Club there. J. B. Holliday was master of ceremonies and nearly 75 percent marketed. Total he expressed appreciation to all flue-cured production was placed who in any way helped make the at 1,412,141,000 pounds, slightly

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Robbers Reported In Laundry Here

Robbers entered the local laundry sometime during last Thursday night and carried away a few clothes, including several, shirts and coals and possibly one of two suits. The operators explained that it was difficult to complete

an inventory check until all the bills had been examined. It is thought that the robber

creted himself in the piant late the day and was locked there at closing time.

The thief was a bit choice in his selections, a report declaring that he ripped the bagging or covering from a number of clothes bundles and numerous suits before finding any to fit his size and taste.

The Glee Club, under the direc tion of Miss Anne Royster, will offer: "Moonlight Bay" by Wenrich, "My Buddy" by Donaldson,

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For P.-T. A. Meet

A film entitled "Your Child-

"I Love A Parade" by Arlen, and Booked under the name of "Listen to the Lambs" by Dett. The film deals with the imporumbus Eborn of Goose Nest wore tance of the attitudes and atmos anything but a smile on his face phere in the home at the time and the winner will be awarded in the county court Monday when children, or grown-ups for that

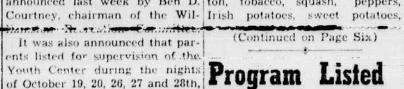
rest and sleep. It is a part of the the program committee this year.

Forrest West, the fellow who was booked as a "chicken eater" at the clip-joint

carnival near here last week, changed his diet during his stay in jail. West did not appear in the

county court Monday for trial, and his \$125 bend was forfeited.





In The County Court

will be advanced on the schedule