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OPS Will Review Pricing Charts In Meeting Here

Two-Day Session To Be Held In Woman's Club Room Next Week

 All merchants in the Williamston area operating under Ceiling Price Regulation 7 are required to attend a price-chart correction clinic to be held here February 26 and 27 by the Raleigh Office of Price Stablization, District Director Alton G. Murchison has announced.

Mrs. Nina M. Shaw and J. C. Allers, Jr., from the Raleigh office will be at the Womans Club from 10 AM until 12 Noon and from 2 PM until 4 PM each day. Merchants have been notified as to which day's session they are expected.

"We expect merchants to attend these clinics because it is compulsory that all pricing charts be mathmatically correct without further delay; and, for the merchant, this is the most practical and convenient plan we could devise", Murchison said.

Merchants must bring their pricing charts and work sheets to the clinic, the OPS said. The OPS representatives will bring with them the charts filed by local Braddy, in Scotland Neck Monmerchants with the Raleigh office day afternoon at 12:15 o'clock. Afshowing the necessary mathematical corrections. The analysts will personally assist merchants in making similar corrections on the chart retained by them.

The morning session will be time devoted to a discussion on pricing rules and application of the 68 years ago on September 29, rections on individual charts. The from the same firm can attend.

that this was the final phase of oluntary compliance, and that accelerated enforcement activity adopted communities. would be instigated.

their obligations"

other clinics, of an expected atlendance of 800, there have been grandchild. only 8 willful absentees; and arrangements were made for

end must submit a new and corrected chart to the Raleigh office within 15 days after this clinic, and is subject to investigation by the Enforcement Division at Participate In any time.

At the conclusion of the clinics, consideration will be shown only to those merchants who have made an honest effort to correct ensic League speaking contest, and properly use their pricing sponsored by the Greenville charts, OPS officials said. Failure Lions Club in the high school where she is undergoing treatto meet these requirements sub-

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Hold Brotherhood Dinner Tomorrow

Williamston Christian Church joins with thousands of Churches in its Brotherhood for the Week of Compassion, Febru-My 17-24. During this week and culminating with an offering for the broken hearted and destitute of Europe and elsewhere the goal of one half a million dollars will heart. The Brctherhood Dinner, a to six. part of this Week of Compassion among Disciples of Christ, will have for its guest speaker, the Rev. C. N. Barnett, Pastor, First Christian Church, Plymouth. The dinner will be held in the cafeteria of the Williamston high

local Church will be made.

school or Wednesday 7:00 - at and a few other firms will -

merchandising have Williamston tion of North Carolina are exmerchants offered greater bargains than those advertised for greater booster days on Thursday, cent in the movement, members during the three days. Merchants, in every field of merchandise, in- the bargains are being extended cluding hardware, clothing, fur- to cover all merchandise. niture, jewelry and other items.

thousands of thrifty shoppers shopping event.

pected to attend the three-day event and take advantage of the savings.

Clerks are being added to the Friday and Saturday of this week. sales forces to take care of the Cooperating one hundred per- brisk business certain to come

While prices are not the lowest been extended to thousands on record by any means, bargains throughout this section to parhave never been greater, and ticipate in the big three-day

Funeral In Oak City Wednesday For Mrs. Johnson

Native Of Bear Grass Died In Scotland Neck At Noon Monday

Mrs. Susie Rogers Johnson, a native of Bear Grass and a resident of the Oak City community for about 47 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Susie ter enjoying splendid health just about all her life, she suffered a heart attack at 5:00 o'clock last Saturday morning and her condition had been critical since that

She was born in Bear Grass

thart, with the afternoon hours 1883, the daughter of the late spent in making necessary cor- Thomas and Martha Ausbon Rogers. She spent her early life there, OPS said that if the manager or joining the church at Christian owner cannot be present, he Chapel in girl hood. Following should send the person respon- her marriage in 1905 to Jack sible for marking the merchandise Johnson she moved to Goose for the firm, or several people Nest Township. Shortly after Mr. Johnson's death last year she Murchison cautioned merchants went to Scotland Neck to live the OPS program to bring about thoughtful neighbor, she was held

Surviving are five daughters, experienced personnel who are City, Mrs. Francis Harrell of other sons, Jack H. Moye, Jr. bringing the charts with them to Hamilton, Mrs. Susie Braddy of Randall D. Moye, Lenwood K personally assist businessmen in Scotland Neck, Miss Alice Johntheir own city represents the at- son of New York City and Mrs. titude the Raleigh OPS has shown Martha Williams of Robersonfrom the beginning to do every-ville; three sons, Jonas Johnson thing possible for the people", of Palmyra, Samuel Johnson of Murchison said, "and we feel we Seaboard and Johnny Johnson of have done more than our part. Bethel; a step daughter, Mrs. Maand it is up to the people to meet mie Sorrie of Enfield; a sister, Mrs. Elsie Morrell, of Society The OPS official stated that at Hill, South Carolina; thirty grandchildren, and one great-

Funeral services will be conducted in the Oak City Christian those with justifiable excuses to Church Wednesday afternoon at attend similar clinics in nearby 3:00 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. Olon G. Fox, assisted by the The Raleigh OPS cautioned that Rev. W. W. Thomas, Pentecostal any merchant who does not at- Holiness minister of Scotland Neck. Interment will be in the Oak City Cemetery.

Speaking Contest

Participating in a National Forauditorium there last Saturday students gained recognition.

Ernest Taylor, speaking on "An Analysis of Socialized Medicine," won honorable mention in the diwere 27 participants in that

Three other local students, Lelia Mae Goff, "A Tribute to Robert E. Lee"; Katherine Spruill, "A Tribute to Abraham Lincoln," and Wayne White, "A Tribute to Benjamin Franklin," were given splendid ratings and tied for honorable mention in their division.

Each speaker appeared three times before a seven-man judging come from the compassionate of team, and gained ratings from one Debating coach, W. D. Joyner, science teacher, could not accom-

pany the group to Greenville, and

Professor Mayhue Edwards, com-

mercial teacher, went with them. Local banks, the post office which time the offering of the serve Washington's birthday as a holiday Friday, February 22.

Direct mail invitations have

ABSENCES

After holding to a fairly low point during most of the term ,absences, traceable to colds and influenza, flared up in the white schools here yesterday. Principal B. G. Stewart reported 184 absences, including 98 in the first five grades. Of the other 86 absences, more than forty were reported in the high school department.

A preliminary check this morning revealed conditions morning revealed an increase in absences at the high school and several teachers absent.

Former Resident Of County Dies

Mrs. Myrtle I. Moye, a resident of Oak City for ten or twelve years, died in a Norfolk hospital last Saturday evening at 6:45 o'clock

County 48 years ago, the daugh- officials believe the "thing" fell are to be met in 1975. ter of Henry A. Bowen and the in the Dismal Swamp, that it with her daughter there. A She attended the Oak City High will be found since the object future needs farmers, business in high esteem in her native and H. Moye, moving to Norfolk mud. twenty-six years ago.

Move, all of Norfolk, and Cpl Billy F. Moye, USAF; four grandchildren; her father, Henry A Bowen, of Beaufort County; one sister, Mrs. Willis Bowen, of Plymouth, N. C., and four brothers, the Rev. Hiliary Bowen and Lester Brown, of Baltimore; Timothy Bowen, of Salisbury, Md., and H. Wilmer Bowen, of Ply-

Funeral services were conducted at noon Monday in a Norfolk funeral home by the Rev. Walter \$2,153.54, as follows: F. McGowan, pastor of the First Christian Church, Norfolk. Inter ment was in Forest Lawn Ceme tery, Norfolk.

Mrs. Moye made many friend ships during her residence in Oal City where she was held in high

Suffers Injury In Fall Friday Evening

Mrs. Pat Crawford was report ed to be getting along very well this morning in a local hospital ment for a back injury received ects a merchant to all penalties morning, four local high school in a fall at her home on Haughton Street last Friday evening. While her back was not broken, it was splintered slightly in two places, one report said. She is to vision of original speeches. There be a patient in the hospital for at

ASSISTANCE

A deputy collector of the Internal Revenue Department will be in the Williamston post office lobby next Monday and Tuesday to assist federal income taxpayers in preparing their tax returns for 1951. There'll be no charge for the service. Returns must be filed on or before March 15, and any person whose total income was \$600 or more in 1951 is required to file a return.

The deputy will be in the office from 9:00 a. m. until

Offering Record Bargains At no time in the history of from several counties in this sec-

Object Fall Shortly Before Noon

A meteor, it glaring light alporated, are posting real bargains have added to their stocks, and the Virginia coast at 11:30 o'clock a meeting of county farmers in Great Dismal Swamp.

The falling object, seen in at east three states from Charleston o Norfolk and beyond, fooled just about everyone who saw it.

Workmen, making repairs to iver bridge here, saw the shootng object for almost half a minute. "We were fairly certain it fell between the river and the end of the fill," one of the workers said, adding that they first thought it was a falling jet plane. A Hamilton Township farmer

declared that he thought the 'thing" fell back of Representative Andy Anderson's fish pond production will have to be innot far from Hamilton. Certain that the object fell in that section, several joined in a search for it. According to Farmer Dallas Roebuck who saw the object the greater part of half a minute, it about two hundred yards wide and was about three hundred nore across, on its tail. Mr. Roethat it almost blinded him.

A transport plane pilot said he flew through the vapor not far lion eggs annually. from Moyock over in Currituck

Searching parties went into action over a wide area, but so far the object has not been found.

"This visit to Williamston by Mrs. Florence Warred of Oak Moye, she is survived by four Police Fund Drops To A Low Figure

Of the amount the schools re-

t	White	
-	Williamston	\$1,316
•	Robersonville	191
	Jamesville	127
•	Oak City	119
K	Everetts	117
h	Hamilton	56
	Colored	
	Robersonville	122
	Parmele	81
g	Everetts	24
		\$2.153

The above amounts are approximately what was contributed by the schools, it was explained, from business firms in Robersonville. Approximately \$200 was raised from the lung coin col-\$3,661.34 was raised through direct mail appeals.

Boards Will Hold A Joint Meeting

Members of the Martin County Draft and Agricultural Mobiliza tion Boards will meet in the county agriculture building next Mon- Local Man Continues day evening at 7:30 o'clock to make a study of farm production, it was learned today.

attend the meeting.

ard for future action.

Local People Saw Blinding Few Farmers and Others At Meeting In County

Last Thursday

No marked change is expected most blinding many who saw it, or even planned for tomorrow. of Williamston Boosters, incor- anticipating a business increase, fell somewhere between here and next week or even next year, but yesterday morning, late unofficial the courthouse last Thursday afpossibly burried it self in the about time to start thinking about While future events could be serious, the farm leaders, in a business like way, pointed out what is to be expected and what, in their opinion needs to be done to meet changing conditions over the

> turies to follow. It is estimated that there'll be 38 million more people in this country about 1975 than there are now, meaning that where there are now four plates, there'll be a fifth one about 1975 to fill.

next 25 years and the quarter cen-

A fifth plate does not sound big, but it is estimated that meat creased by more than five billion pounds annually to fill that fifth plate or feed the 38 million extra people. To give the people as much as they received in 1950, milk production will have to be cut a streak through the sky increased by thirty billion pounds annually. In other words the needed increase is equal to what the yards long with a black ball, states of Wisconsin, Michigan and measuring possibly fifty feet or New York are now producing. Nearly fifteen billion more eggs buck said the glare was so bright will be needed annually to feed the increased population. The nation is now consuming sixty bil-

It was pointed out that production of all farm commodities is about 38 percent greater now than the pre-war average, that the same rate of increase will have She was born in Beaufort Coast Guard and weather bureau to be maintained if the food needs

There's no over-night food late Corinthia Davenport Bowen. isn't likely that any trace of it shortage predicted, but to meet buildings be speeded up, School and was married to Jack could have buried itself in the men and others must think about and consider ways or increasing

> To meet the anticipated increase in demand about 1975, an extra sin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and The 1952 infantile paralysis Ohio, will be needed. That much fund dropped to a new low fig- new acreage is not available, and ure in this county, according to a for some years the increased depreliminary but fairly complete mand has been met out of increas- the problems, and the first phase preliminary but fairly complete ed per acre production. But to of a Negro school examination said few details could be learned Cpl. M. C. Byrum said the daming at \$3,661.34, the fund drive the farm leaders declare that estimated that the present expanthis year is more than \$1,000 acres must be built up still more. sion program for Negro schools investigation, and at a prelimiwithout stopping could not be short of the amount raised in They are suggesting in combination will cost approximately one-quaring hearing held before Justice found. tion: the application of research. balanced conversion, expansion porting to date, accounted for of fertilizer capacity, farm ma-54 fair farm prices.

.00 use of lime can build up acres, 00 that the 24 million tons of lime 00 spread in 1949 through the soil 00 conservation service, 20 million Firemen Called Out more tons of hay and pasture on were made available which, if .00 converted to beef, would have 00 added one and one-half billion pounds to the meat supply. Three million towns of phosphates used for conserving practice in 1949 resulted in 23 million tons more hay and pasture forage which, with one or two more to report. in terms of beef, added 1.7 billion In addition to the \$2,153.54, Mr. pounds to the meat supply. Oth-Sherwood L. Roberson raised \$180 er practices and plans were men-

The leaders pointed out that in 1920 there were 3 1-4 harvested lectors and the remainder of the acres per person in this country, but by 1950 the figure had dropped to 2 1-4 acres per person. It was also explained that many acres are better, due to soil improvement, but the acres that are losing in fertility outnumber those that are gaining, and the soil is not being improved fast enough to offset the decline, and (Continued on Page Eight)

Quite Ill In Hospital

Removed to Duke Hospital, Dur-Major Rietzel, agricultural ad- ham, last Wednesday, Mr. J. E. viser for Selective Service, is to King, prominent, local business man, continues quite ill there, ac-'According to unofficial informa- cording to last reports reaching tion, the joint meeting will dis- here. His condition, however, was cuss per unit production on farms believed to be slightly improved 5:00 p. m. on each of the two i in an effort to determine a stand- following a fairly restful day-year-

Local Business Firms Are Meteor Reported Long Range Farm Negro Council Calls Seven Accidents

TRAFFIC

Although the main season

for tourists traveling south

is about spent, traffic on

Highway 17 continues to

move in volume, according to

a count made between 4:00

o'clock last Friday afternoon

and 12:00 o'clock that night.

According to Hugh Spruill

who made the check, 1,248

vehicles crossed over the

river bridge during the eight-

hour period. The vehicles in-

cluded 602 North Carolina

cars, 476 out-of-state cars and

Negress Is Booked

For Manslaughter

At Robersonville

By Axe February 2, Died

In Hospital Thursday

Struck in the mouth with an

axe, allegedly in the hands of

Alice Spencer, 50-year-old color-

ed woman, on the night of Feb-

ruary 2 in Robersonville, William

Henry Coffield, 55-year-old Ne-

grow, died in a Williamston hos-

pital last Thursday night, the

Investigating the death, Chief

of Police William Smith said that

Coffield went to his death, refus-

ing to tell about the attack or

prefer charges against the wo-

Suffering cuts on his lips and

possible injury to his teeth and

gums when he was struck with

the axe, Coffield claimed he ac-

cidentally fell on a piece of tile

and hurt his mouth. He did not

go to a doctor until Tuesday of

last week, ten days after the at-

tack, and tetanus had already set

sonville, the victim was carried

Placed under a \$200 bond, the

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'Mile Of Pennies'

Drive Is Extended

The "Mile of Pennies" drive

chairman, said this morning.

Slightly less than half a mile

Leading in the entire school and

school Miss McDaniel's 10th and

Mi. Edwards' 10th grades have

been running neck and neck with

the latest report indicating Miss

McDaniel's group has taken the

The sponsors request that any-

one who has not been contacted

call a member of the finance com-

mittee who will gladly send for

the contribution or pick it up. The

committee includes: Mrs. Irving

Margolis, Mrs. R. D. Elliott, Mr.

J. C. Eubanks, Mrs. R. W. Bon-

durant, Mrs. W. H. Carstarphen,

PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Jr., and Mrs. W. H. Sessoms.

with pneumonia.

victim of lockiaw.

170 trucks and busses.

Education Board Making Study Of County Problems

Spending More Than Quarter Million On Negro Schools In County Now

Declaring there are glaring inequalities existing between the white and colored schools in this county, the Martin County Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers are petitioning the board of education for an immediate

the congress or council, resolutions were passed and preface by the following statement:

"We, the members of the Mar tin, County Colored Parents and Teachers Association, cognizan of the fine race relations that have existed in the county for W. Henry Coffield, Struck years and not wishing to disturb this relation, wish to make known

are aware of the many inequalities that exist between the white and the colored schools in Martin County. Some of these inequali ties have been cited to you in a previous petition. We are asking that these same things be remedied immediately.' The group cited the following:

"The completion of indoor toilets at all schools and especially at those where rooms have been "That all Negro children be man.

provided with bus transportation wherever needed, "That more classrooms be pro-

vided and the completion of all "That all two-teacher schools

be consolidated. "That all colored high schools be provided with gymnasiums, "That more playground space in A plumber's helper in Rober-

be provided where needed, "That the same facilities and to Ward's Clinic and later removthe size of the states of Wiscon-

white schools." The Martin County Board of meet future food requirements, project is well advanced. It is immediately. The woman's ar-

was formally booked for an as-No official comment is to be had just now, but a consolidation sault with a deadly weapon, inchinery, equipment and electri- program, called for in the petiflicting fatal injuries to William cal power, adequate credit, and tion, could run costs up to more Henry Coffield. than a million dollars. Consolida-It was explained that increased tion is fairly well advanced in the county already, and it is planned (Continued on Page Eight)

Early Last Evening

Local firemen were called to the Sam Williams home, corner sponsered by the Williamston Par-Wilson and Sycamore Streets, ents-Teachers Association, has about 7:30 last evening when an been extended and will close Frioil stove went out of control. The day, February 22, in order to give house was smoked a bit, but everyone an opportunity to be damage was said to have been contacted, Mrs. Irving Margolis, slight.

add to fire call . . The firemen were called out has been built. again this morning shortly before in the 5-8 grade group is Mrs. 9:00 o'clock when White's Heating and Sheet Metal Works' tar wag- Crawford's 5th grade. Mrs. Cheron caught fire, corner of Smith- ry's 4th grade is leading in the wick and Church Streets. No dam- grades 1-4 group. In the high age was caused by the fire.

ROUND-UP

Eleven persons, charged

with violating various laws, were arrested and detained in the county jail during last week-end. Three were charged with public drunkenness, and one each with non-support, no operator's license, larceny, drunken driving, disorderly conduct, assault, reckless driving. The eleventh one, no place for her in an institution, was jailed for mental ill-

Ages of the group ranged from 17 to 55 years, and all were colored except one.

No One Injured and Property Damage Limited To Less Than \$1,000

No one was hurt and property damage was limited to less than one thousand dollars in a series of automobile accidents reported on streets and highways in this county during the past week, according to reports coming from the State Highway Patrol office this week.

Livestock, loose on the highways and streets, accounted for at least two of the accidents, it was explained. In addition to investigating accidents, members of the patrol assisted owners in getting loose stock off the highways. It has been pointed out that it is

The first in the series of accidents was reported early in the week when a front tire blew out, land Whitley, to lose control of his Ford coupe on a curve in the Williamston-Bear Grass Highway The machine went into the ditch, causing damage estimated about \$400

Askew Brown, Jr., young colored man, lost control of his 1935 Ford pick-up truck in front of the Hamilton school on highway 125 last Thursday morning and broke a telephone pole in two. The falling pole fell across and tore down an electric light wire. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$35. Investigating the accident, Patrolman B. W. Parker said there was a front wheel mechanical defect, causing the driver to ose control of the machine.

Last Saturday evening at 9:15 'clock, George R. Bullock, while traveling on 903 toward Stokes, ran over and killed a 100-pound hog, belonging to Mrs. Harvey Williams. Patrolman Parker estimated the damage to the car at

Driving north on Highway 17, Sunday evening, Delmus Eugene Logan of Port Orange, Florida, applied brakes on his 1948 Buick the attack took place in an apartrest last Saturday followed an

> Driving his 1842 Oldsmobile toward Williamston on Highway 125. James Henry Wiggins of RFD 2, Williamston, stopped to render aid to a broken-down car. He was backing up and had crossed the center line about sixteen inches when Ottis Gray Sheppard of Washington, D. C., driving a 1950 Pontiac toward Hamilton, struck the Olds. Patrolman R. P. Narron estimated the damage to the Pontiac at \$50 and that to the Olds at \$10. The accident happened near the Edwards service station about 8:00 o'clock Sunday evening.

> At 10:00 o'clock Sunday morning, Roger Williams of Minneapolis, was driving toward Hobgood on Highway 125 when a large milch cow ran into the road. He

Hurt In Rocky Mount Accident

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Irvin Johnson, driver operating out of the Texas terminal here, was painfully but believed not seriously injured early last Thursday morning when he was run down by a car on a dirt street in Rocky Mount. Suffering a hip injury, a cut on his hand and bruises about the body, he was hospitalized in Rocky Mount and was reported yesterday to be getting along very well.

While unloading a cargo of gasolina at the Rocky Mount station, Mr. Johnson started down the street to get something for a headache. There was no sidewalk Elder E. C. Stevenson, well- and he was walking at the edge known county minister, is quite of the street when the car struck ill at his home near Hamilton and knocked him about twenty