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Other Interesting Hap-

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The Enterprise, in its annual

fers quite a few interesting stories

various histories and reading old

newspapers in the State and Uni-

versity of North Carolina libraries

at Raleigh and Chapel Hill. All

available minutes of the Prim-

itive Baptist churches at Ske-

warkey and Jamesville, graci-

ously lent by Messrs. J. D. Bowen

and Luther Hardison, were care-

fully studied and fitted into

stories along with accounts taken

from Hassell's and Biggs' his-

The stories, unfortunately, are

not grouped but appear in various

others of various meaning and in-

In one section there appears a

story of the Skewarkey Church

membership as it was uncovered

the 1840's, according to another

tories

terest.

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Tobacco Rolling In For First Sales Of The Season Thursday Indications Pointing Vital Statistics Mrs. Eva Gardner In Martin County Died Saturday At To Successful Season For Year Of 1952 Jamesville Home Proposed In Martin County In Edition Today **Church History and Many**

Four Warehouses **Ready To Serve Farmers Of Area**

Tobacconists Pulling For \$55.00 Average Here **Opening Day**

Inactive these long months, the Williamston Tobacco Market is wide awake and all set and ready to launch its 52nd annual season on Thursday of this week. The houses were repaired and made ready some time ago, and the first of the new crop is now rolling into them in volume. Indications point to a near record if not a record sale on opening day

No one knows and few will go all the way and declare their predictions for the opening season, but local tobacconists are pulling for a 55-cent average here on Thursday. Some believe it will measure up to that point. Until the sale is complete, it is difficult to predict an average because the quality can vary. this section, while marketing no superior quality leaf, is offering a better type of tobacco than that of a year ago. All indications point to a successful season for the Williamston market this year.

New patrons are being lined up, and it is almost dead certain that the market will exceed the 11,327,154 pounds sold last year. Marketing a better quality crop Rhodes Street was smashed by on the whole than they did last year, farmers will be disappointed if the average does not exceed the \$50.28 average received in this immediate area, but sevthe lower support price not withstanding. On opening day last blown into the circuits. year the market sold 297,756 Hugh Spruill reported 3.68 tots having been greeted upon lower last week on the Georgia-

LEAD THE WAY

Farmers George and Romulus Revels led the way in helping launch the new tobacco marketing season when they drove into the first sale warehouse and unloaded a quantity of choice quality lugs early this morning. Other deliveries were reported yesterday, but the offerings were not unloaded im-

mediately. Following the Messrs. Revels were farmers from Bertie and Washington Counties and nearly all parts of this county. Twenty-five trucks were in the first sale house at one time this morning and the market was filling up fast despite damp weather.



While no sweeping damage re-Judging from the first deliveries, exacted a fairly heavy loss in some areas. The corn crop was greatly damaged but not ruined, estimates.

Quite a few trees were felled by ond illegitimate child last year. A the strong blow, and a few buildings were damaged by falling limbs. Stevenson's garage on the

mother was -credited with her. a falling limb. No major power ninthe illegitimate child during interruptions were experienced the period.

The records show that 424 of last year by five cents a pound, eral feeder lines were knocked out the 808 births took place in hoswhen trees were uprooted and pitals. The remaining 384 were born in homes, 186 of the little

heir arrival by midwives.

not made, but several stood out

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Records Show 808 Births Funeral Service Conducted At Home Monday And 246 Deaths Dur-Afternoon ing The Period

According to certified records Mrs. Eva Modlin Gardner, highon file in the Martin County ly respected citizen of Jamesville Register of Deeds office there Township died at her home there were 808 births and 246 deaths last Saturday afternoon at 2:00 in this county last year. While no o'clock. She had been in declinnew record is established, the ing health for almost three years, number of births hold to figure undergoing hospital treatment at slightly above normal while the intervals during that period. Her death count maintains a slight condition was critical for several downward trend. months.

The number of births among the The daughter of Horton Modlin colored population showed what and the late Etta Ange Modlin, is believed the greatest propor- she was born near Jamesville 41 tionate gain 479 colored births and years ago and lived in that com-328 white births, a difference of munity all her life, engaging in 151. Most of the advantage held | community activities and lendby the colored is traceable to il- ing a willing support to the Cedar legitimate births, the records Branch Baptist Church where she showing that there were 88 such held membership for a number of births among the colored popu- years.

In early womanhood she was lation in the county last year. The records also show that there were married to Willie Mayo Gardner three illegitimate births among and continued to make her home the white population. For the in the Jamesville community. Surviving besides Mr. Gardner first time in a number of years, Felt In County one Indian birth was included in and her father, are two sons, Wilthe records in this county.

Illegitimacy among the colored Floyd Stancill, U. S. Army sta population was aggravated by tioned at Ft. Eustis, Virginia; sulted, the hurricane that struck prolificacy. One mother bore her sister, Mrs. Joe A. Hardison of sulted, the hurricane that struck prolificacy. One mother bore her sister, Mrs. Joe A. Hardison of this section last Thursday night fifth illegitimate child at the age Jamesville; and six brothers, For Local Market Wendell, Arnold and Arthur Modof 18 years, according to the records. Another had her sixth il- lin, all of Jamesville, Willie and Dennis Modlin, both of near Willegitimate child last year at the liamston, and Rexie Modlin of age of 24. Then there was a 16year-old mother who had her sec- Plymouth.

Funeral services were conduct ed at the home Monday afternoon record is believed to have been at 4:00 o'clock by her pastor, the set by a 33-year-old unwed moth-Rev. W. B. Harrington, assisted er who gave birth to her 15th by the Rev. Curtis Farmer of Auchild in 1952. A 20-year-old mothlander. Interment was in the Modblock gable and a porch on child in 1952 and a 25 mor ald lin family cemetery near the child in 1952, and a 35-year-old home.



Demand eased and prices were

Building Sets New Record Meeting Held In Here During The Past Year Building construction broke all number and cost, reached its peak

records here last year, according here in 1950 when 82 news homes to a report released by Building were built at a cost of \$383,600. Proposals Advanced by the Inspector G. P. Hall. While the Last year the 44 new homes cost figures are now absolutely accurate, they reasonably reflect approximately \$324,825.00, according to the building inspector's rethe building trend. Construction costs added up to cords.

During the past five years, 260 687,025 last year as compared new homes have been built inwith \$546,450 in 1951. The records show that more money was side the town limits at a costs of spent for construction in 1952 \$1,435,925. During that same perthan in any other year on record. iod, 63 new commercial build-Commercial construction reach- ings were constructed at a cost ed a new high peak-\$340,300 last of \$1,037,550.

year when thirteen new commercial buildings were constructed is estimated that more than 100 At the same time, home unit con- new homes have been built durstruction about held to the 1951 ing the past five years just outfigure of 44 homes, but the home side the town limits, including construction costs last year were the West End and North Haughabout \$22,000 under the \$346,700 ton areas. Yet, there is still a figure for 1951. demand for homes and more

Home construction, both in homes.

Buyers are Named

With several changes in the personnel, Williamston's tobacco market is assured one of the best corps of buyers ever seen in operation here.

Several of the old buyers, including Messrs. Mack Lamb for the American, Roger Dillion for Reynolds, Alec Jones for J. P. Taylor Company, Joel Muse for Export, Jesse James for the W. I. Skinner firm, have already reported for work. Mr. James will also handle the Washington Tobacco Company accounts in the absence of Mr. Arthur Beale who is recovering from a heart attack

concert, scheduled for the ball Mr. Beale was on the market here park but forced by bad weather for a number of years and made to move into the high school audinany friends during his stay torium, the "Summer Band" of

Courthouse Last Friday Evening The Enterprise, in its annual tobacco market edition today of-

surrounding the early history as it relates to the Primitive Bap-**Agencies Are Well** tist Church, other institutions and Received happenings in general. Reporters spent days reviewing

Meeting with laymen and other interested citizens from all parts of the county, agricultural leaders in the county courthouse last Friday evening outlined an over-all long-range improvement or go-forward plan for Martin County. Offered in the form of cepted, not with any idea of accomplishing all 'the objectives over night but with full determination to fix a goal for this

and work to put theories into parts of the edition along with practice.

ty's shortcomings were aired in a constructive way and then sug-The local tobacco market will launch the 1953 marketing season at 9:00 o'clock progressive counties. Thursday morning and recess at 12.00 o'clock noon for lunch. Resuming sales at 1:00 o'clock the market will run until 3:30 o'clock or until 2,-200 piles are sold. A maximum weight of 300 pounds is economy in this county were disussed, the leaders frankly point

ing out that while Martin is making progress there is still much to in the county 63 years ago, this Given By Band T. B. Brandon, county agent, discussed cash crops and credit. Presenting its annual summer tices and cited the need for impro-

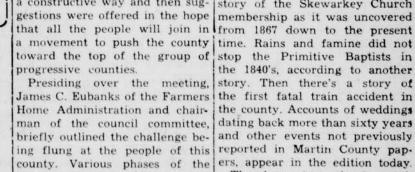
ing those practices.

story. Then there's a story of ames C. Eubanks of the Farmers the first fatal train accident in Home Administration and chair- the county. Accounts of weddings dating back more than sixty years and other events not previously ng flung at the people of this reported in Martin County papounty. Various phases of the ers, appear in the edition today, There's a story about ear-ofcorn prophecy, and another about Senator Matt Ransom speaking October. Yes, there were law vielations back in the old days, and a few of them, copied from old He went on to explain farm prac- papers published in nearby towns, are recorded in the paper today. An unusual real estate is re-

called in another story, and The home food supply was re-Hamilton is well represented in viewed by Miss Ruby Lee Spenc-

No figures are available, but it a challenge, the program was accounty and its people and get busy

Briefly stated, Martin Coun-



inches of rain fell here during pounds for \$149,120, an average Thursday and Thursday night. of \$50.08 per hundred pounds.

Just about all the current crop The eye of the storm is behas been harvested and while re- lieved to have passed near Cocord sales are hardly expected lumbia and moved northward toduring the first few days follow- ward the Elizabeth City area.

than they were in the correspond- cally, reports declaring that the ing days last season.

Heading the sales division as more extensive to the southeast. supervisor for the first time this Power company repair forces, and one of the best corps of buy- ington and Tyrell Counties. Beale, the congenial buyer for here.

Washington Tobacco Company The hurricane last week which rompany will be ably represent- minor damages of the kind that eral other changes in the buying man Martin County Chapter, who died in 1933. She had been a to \$4.00 per hundred lower for personnel.

as able judges of tobacco during needed. long years in the business at the same old stands, the market op- gress to meet needs caused or agerators are possibly better pre- gravated by natural disasters

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Another Tobacco Barn Destroyed

Fire, believed to have started when a fire joint exploded, destroyed a sixteen-foot curing barn and about three hundred and fifty sticks of tobacco on the H. H. Cowen farm near Williamston at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning. Other buildings nearby were threatened, but workers on the farm took stands on the roof and wet the sparks as they fell.

A barn attendant said he had examined the barn only a few minutes before the first started and everything seemed to be all right. A short time later he heard an explosion and fire was breaking through one end of the barn.

Williamston's fire department answered a call there, but could do little.

It was the fifth curing barn to have been destroyed by fire in the county this season.

that the offerings will be larger miles an hour, were reported lo- I UIIIICI AICSIUCIAI blow was stronger and the damage

ers ever to follow a sale on any Several store front awnings Edgecombe County 87 years ago the year. Sales for the season were

her early life there. for a number of years, but the did heavy crop damage did only first to Jesse Haddock. Following of \$95,379,067 surpassing the preed," Mr. Bunting said in point- brings applications to Red Cross drew Cherry and her third mar- for sales of the 1951 crop. ing out that there would be sev- stated Mr. Asa Crawford, chair- riage was to Thomas Edmondson Average prices were from \$1.00

Firmly establishing themselves the chapter stood ready to help if making her home prior to that grades. Most losses amounted to Red Cross is chartered by Con-

Township.

To Offer Driver

Education Course

liamston. She is survived by a higher. which families cannot meet sell.

through their own resources. Crop losses do not fall into the category of Red Cross since government agencies take on this responsibility.

SCHOOL FOR VETS

Special farm training for all Korean war veterans will be offered in the Williamston High School, beginning in October, it was announced this week by Charles Hawley, teacher of agriculture, and Henry Winslow, instructor.

The school will be adjusted to meet the requirements of all veterans in this immediate area, making it unnecessary for them to go long distances for the special training, it was explained.

Veterans interested in the program are directed to contact either Mr. Hawley or Mr. Winslow, 210 North Smithwick Street, Williamston, without delay.

Dies Iu Hospital to close August 19.

Mrs. Mary Barfield Edmond-1 Gross sales for the week endseason, Mr. Vernon Bunting, supplemented by engineers and son, a resident of this county died ing August 14 totaled 20,425,003 farmer and experienced tobac-, workers from other departments, in a Raleigh hospital last Satur- pounds and averaged \$46.34 per conist, stated today that the mar- worked around the clock repair- day night following a long period hundred. Volume dropped about corps of buyers, faces what promket is opening Thursday with a ing lines and restoring service of declining health. The daughter 26 and one-fourth million pounds. ises to be one of the best seasons recognized selling organization in various parts of this and Wash- of the late Ephraim and Pattie The average was \$5.18 below the in its history. Vick Barfield, she was born in previous week and the lowest of

market. "We'll miss Mr. Arthur were damaged on the main street on Fezbruary 10, 1866, and spent brought to 185,835,898 pounds for Market Caravan an average of \$51.32. Gross re-She was married three times, turns reached an all-time high

his death she was married to An- vious record of \$88.9 million set

American Red Cross. However, patient in the hospital since 1951, morn than 75 percent of the time in the Hassell community for \$1.00 and \$2.00. A few green non-

a number of years and near Wil- descript grades were slightly joyed themselves. niece, Mrs. Fannie Knox, of H - Larger' proportions of poor and

A devoted member of Riddick's were marketed. These offerings Grove Baptist Church, she was made up nearly 60 percent of held in high esteem by all who sales followed by fair leaf and evident at every place. Those who knew her. The funeral was con- lugs.

ducted in the church there Mon- Deliveries to the Stabilization day afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by Corporation under Government pleasure to run the route last pointment that it could not have the pastor, the Rev. W. B. Har- loan for the week were around rington. Interment was in the 1.5 percent of gross sales. Season ple in every town and community ually come from all over the Hardison Cemetery in Williams receipts represent about 2.9 perl cent.

enjoy the brief programs and Final sales were held during favors. the week in Goergia at Adel, Bax-

ley, Blackshear, Douglas, Fitzgerald, Hahira, Hazelhurst, Moul-Grady, executive secretary of the ready been stretched for the food. trie, Nashville, Pelham, Quitman, Boosters, and Vernon Bunting, Sylvester Valdosta and Waythe market's new sales supervis-

cross. Florida markets at High or, made timely and brief talks, For the first time students will Springs, Jasper, Lake City and and the 30-vehicle caravan mov be able to take Driver Education Live Oak also closed. ed along to the next stop. Urbin at the Williamston High School The U.S. Crop Reporting Board Rogers and Blue Manning declarnext term. Requirements for re- estimated production of Georgiaed it was an eventful day all

gistration for the course are the florida tobacco for 1953 as of Auright. student must be 15 years old or gust 1 to be 155,122,000 poundsolder on or before March 1, 1953 up around 5 million from July 1.

and the student must not have Total flue-cured production was Holding Summer Training already past the state drivers test. indicated to be 1.270,282,000

The course will carry one-half un- pounds or 50 million less than a it of credit Students interested in month earlier. signing up for the course will Encouraged by Georgia and ances late last Saturday for Camp and a small electric fan were

or writing Mr. B. G. Stewart, tin County farmers are looking units at Wilmington and formed has been established in the case principal. 'Telephone 2051. forward to a good season.

Florida flue-cured tobacco mar Mr. Bell, a Kentuckian, is suc A complete study of names was kets reports the U.S. Department ceeding Don Case for the Legof Agriculture. Quality of offergett-Myers Company, Mr. Be'll ings was the lowest of the sea-l was on the Tarboro market last son. Volume dropped considerably year. Mr. Case is being transferras eighteen markets closed for the Mr. Larry James, Jr., or Green

Metter, Statesboro, Tifton and ville will represent the Imperial, Vidalia, Georgia will open for and there will be several other sales Monday. Tifton is scheduled buyers who will represnt various independent companies on the local market.

Reports from "tobacco town" say the market, with the strong

Well Received

The annual caravan, sponsored by the Williamston Boosters in

the interest of the local tobacco market, was well received throughout the county last Friday, and all seemed to have en-

Described as the most success-

at nearly all the stops on the schedule, and friendliness was had traveled with the caravan for in its reception of the concert and

several years, declared it was a those attending expressed disap-Friday, explaining that the peowere most cordial, and seemed to area to enjoy the band music.

The annual picnic for the band and band parents will be held in The high school band scored the ball park this afternoon at one hit after another, and Ed 6:30 o'clock. A wire table has al-

Robbers Entered

Forcing a side door, robbers entered the make-shift bus station on Washington Street here National Guard Unit Now during Sunday night or early Monday morning.

Investigating the case, Chief Battery C, 150th AAA Bt., pull- John Roebuck said that a hamed out of here on its own coney- mer, pair of pliers, \$1.25 in change indicate their interest by calling and Border market reports, Mar- Stewart, Georgia. They met other missing from the station. No lead a convoy from thereon to Georgia. up until this morning.

er, assistant home agent. Miss of Williamston High School last Thursday evening drew many enmaintaining an adequate food high winds and heavy rains and supply right here at home, exrewarded them with an excellent plaining that East Germans were ingry because they had doust young musicians were natuarly ing armaments. She also stressed story tells about a Martin County disappointed that the hurricane the need for balanced diets. should upset their plans but pro-

ceeded with the program because so many other things remain to City schools, briefly reviewed the A real hunting story appears be done that postponement of the inadequate program surrounding in section three of the paper toconcert was not practical.

presented by the regular band active community life in all parts cording to the old story. members, a few newcomers, some of the county.

graduate members and this sumservationist, reviewed some of Roanoke Club of Williamston gave mer was further enlarged by several Windsor musicians and one the work that had been done to up in the sixth inning while playgraduate of the Washington band save the county's soils and for- ing Washington.

who worked out with the group ests, and outlined plans for inhere this summer. creasing the tempo of the work. In addition to the scheduled program of marches, novelties,

overtures, waltz medley and a de- Edwards offered a graphic pic- tor conducting an institute in the scriptive patrol, three extra num- ture of the feed crops in the counbers were presented including a ty.

baritone solo featuring Turner J. H. Dixon, vocational teacher Manning and the Billboard March in the Robersonville High School, Minor Accidents featuring the twirling of Jackie took over in the absence of Asful in several years, the caravan Harris, head majorette at Wake sistant Agent D. W. Brady and low quality / af and nondescript was greeted by sizable crowds Forest College. The Green Wave discussed the livestock picture in majorette corps was also presentthe county.

ed in a twirling number. The audience was enthusiastic been heard by all those who us-

the program.

The 3.68 inches of rain that fell in this immediate section last Thursday and early Friday morning lacked less than one-half inch setting an alltime record. On April 8, 1938, 4.12 inches fell when

one cloud-burst followed another during a 12-hour period. On June 25, 1945, exactly 3.68 inches fell, the last week rain equalling it, according to Bridgekeeper Hugh Spruill at the river here.

the old papers as a center of hap Spencer stressed the need for penings in the old days.

Martin County Democrats, supporters of Wm. J. Brvan, took a stand for silver coinage in 1896, according to another story pub-

Progress June 2, 1896. Another man going crazy in Philadelphia, Mrs. Alma English Smith, home and there are interesting reports economics teacher in the Oak on fishing back in the old days.

[community activities, and out- day. One hunter bagged thirteen The summer concert is always lined plans for promoting more deer and thirty-seven turkeys, ac-

Yes, they played ball back in Howard McKnight, soil con- 1890, a story stating that the

Business was not very brisk in the county back in 1889, accord-In the absence of Chairman ing to another story. Other ac-V. B. Hairr, Negro Agent R. M. counts tell about a noted educa-

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During Week-end

Stressing the need for farm No one was injured and prohome improvement and expanded perty damage was held to less utility services, Mrs. Elizabeth P. than \$500 in two minor street Harrison displayed some of the and road accidents in this county work already accomplished and during the past few days.

pleaded for a rapid expansion of e Driving a 1941 Chevrolet, Cyrus Delbert Pierce, 18 of Lee Hall, It was pointed out that Mar- Virginia, started to turn into Lestin County is producing only four ter Bland's driveway on the Price

Mill road just as Thomas Russell (Continued on Page Six) Whitehurst of RFD 2, Roberson-

SECOND

ville, started to pass in his 1948 Dodge. The cars collided, causing about \$40 damage to the Chevrolet and about \$25 to the Dodge. The accident, investigated by a member of the Highway Patrol, took place about 6:00 o'clock last Friday evening.

Driving into Williamston on Highway 17 near Peeke's blacksmith shop, James Robt, Gurganus slowed or stopped his 1952 Pontiac for another car to make a turn and his car was struck from the rear by a gas truck driven by Wm. G. Arnold. No one was injured. Officer Chas. More, making the investigation, estimated the damage to the truck at \$250 and that to the car at \$100.

Bus Station Here



SCHEDULE

allowed for each pile.

Summer Concert