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Early Sales On Williamston Tobacco Market Average \$55.00

ing Two Sessions Last Monday

Monday. Fines imposed in the

There were several defendants said. motor vehicles without drivers' licenses. Speeders were fairly numerous also.

Proceedings: Driving after his operator's licenses had been revoked, Raymond Dixon was fined \$25 and taxed with costs. He entered a

plea of not guilty in the case. The case in which Chas. E. Bullock was charged with speeding and reckless driving was nol

Booked twice for alleged violation of the liquor laws, Allie Lucille Pittman was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs in each case.

Pleading guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, James Leary was sentenced to the roads forsixty days. The court suspended the road term for two years upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs.

S. T. Bland pleaded guilty and was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Charged with careless and reckless driving, James Hudgins pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. The defendant was to voluntarily surrender his driver's license for six months.

Pleading guilty, Redden L. Woolard was fined \$100, plus costs, for drunken driving. He

Mary Lee Rogers was fined \$25, vehicle without a driver's license. The case in which James Edgar

Godfrey Taylor of Wilson was taxed with the court costs.

Pleading not guilty, John Henwithout a driver's license. Shirley Stewart Crutchfield of

court costs when she pleaded and Samuel Hoard of Norfolk, homes and buildings. Loans guilty of speeding 65 miles an and three grandchildren. Charged in two cases with vio-

lating the liquor laws, Carrie Roberson was found not guilty in one. Adjudged guilty in the other S Grayson Clary. Interment was ings, and to improve existing case, she was fined \$50 and taxed in Greenwood Cemetery, Tarboro. buildings. Numerous loans also

Luther Waddell Stallings o Luther Waddell Stallings of Station Plans Williamston, pleading guilty of Station speeding 65 miles an hour, was fined \$10, plus costs.

James Campbell, pleading guilty of allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, was taxed with the court costs.

Pleading guilty of speeding 65 miles an hour, Elijah Sheppard of Streets in Williamston, have com-Williamston was taxed with the

-Charged with speeding 57 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone, S. T. Sherrod of RFD 2, Williamston,

Linwood Turner pleaded guilty of operating a motor vehicle withfor the grand drawing on WednesThe attack was alleged to have

fined \$25, plus costs. Jesse Louis Turner pleaded not guilty when charged with careless and reckless driving. Found guilty, he was fined \$25 and required

to pay the court costs. Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, Jesse Beach was sentenctiful this county. Their new station is Daniels, a married man, since ed to the roads for sixty days, the located just across from the New she came here from Philadelphia the hours of 8:45 a. m. and 10:00 the next two years. In a second

Judge Peele Has Postal Receipts In Local State Per Capita Thirty Cases In Office Show Slight Drop Income Drops To

upward trend for a number of \$170.43 in stamp sales handled by Fines Add Up To \$430 Dur- years, postal receipts at the local the office during the first six office were on a slight decline for the exect quarter of this year, according to figures gained ney order busines handled by the Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor from Postmaster W. E. Dunn this office dropped from \$143,963.05 to Clarence Griffin handled thirty week. The decline, it was pointed \$138,063.78, a decrease of \$5,889.cases during the morning and aft- out, is comparatively small and 21. ernoon sessions of the Martin is farily certain to be checked this During the first quarter of this County Recorder's Court last quarter. Even with the decline, year stamp sales amounted to the office is expected to hold its \$12,779.32 as compared with \$12,first class rating, the postmaster 161,47 sales made a year ago in ers-incomes of individuals-are

before the court for operating the ten meters maintained by the first three months of last year local office were about exhausted to \$11,023.71 in the corresponding just before the quarter ended, that period of 1953, a drop of \$447.42 they have been serviced since in the second quarter of this year. June 30 and the revenue will be The drop last quarter did not wipe reflected in the current three out the first-quarter gain, but it month period.

* CALL FOR DONORS

The Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to make its tenth visit to the chapter on Thursday, September 3, and the call is being renewed for donors, it was announced today by Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Jr., chairman. A plea is also being made for recruitment chairmen in the chapter, including all the townships and communities.

The chapter last time failed to meet its 150-pint quota, and it is hoped that the people will respond in sufficient numbers to make up for the deficit and meet the new quota two weeks from today. Donors are asked to contact the Red Cros office and sign up as quickly as possible.

Native Of Town Dies In Tarboro

Charles Edward Hoard, native in Tarboro Tuesday following a ong period of declining health. support was nol prossed with a young man located in Tarboro ly recognized as farmers.

former Miss Lillie Bozeman of In Martin County, Committee Tarboro; three daughters, Mrs. Members are Mr. Lee D. Hardison, Jamesville Girl Is Ulysses Williams pleaded guil- Carl Uifong of Asheville, Mrs. Route 1, Williamston, N. C., Mr. ty and was fined \$25 for operating Clinton Baker of Robersonville, Fred S. Barrett, Route 1, Oak a motor vehicle without a driver's Fnd Miss Doris Hoard of Tarboro; City, N. C., and Mr. Garland H. one son, Charles B. Hoard of Tar- Forbes, Route 3, Williamston, boro; three sisters, Mrs. J. E. N. C. ty of operating a motor vehicle Wells of Tarboro and Mrs. An- was established by Congress four drew J. Summerlin of Williams- years ago, about 16,300 farm own-New Bern was taxed with the of Tarboro, N. C. Hoard of Bethel, used the aid to improve their

> ed in the Calvary Episcopal houses, for repairing and remo-Church in Tarboro yesterday aft- deling old houses; for new barns, ernoon at 4:00 o'clock by the Rev. poultry houses, and other build-

sie and C. T. who recently opened their new Sinclair Service Station on Washington and Elm pleted plans for a big formal last night for allegedly raping a opening and will give away valuable prizes. The formal opening la Wallace of Philadelphia. date will be Wednesday, September 2nd; however, the public will was fined \$10 and taxed with the have the opportunity to visit this liminary hearing before Justice prior to that date and register at 7:00 o'clock. day night, September 2. The grand taken place on the colored school prize will be a 17-inch Television grounds last Sunday night. Set. Other lucky winners will re-

ceive \$10.00 and \$25.00 in trade. public service to the people of tim had been attacked twice by sentence to begin at the direction Carolina Warehouse and is one about two weeks ago to visit re- a. m. Children between the ages of the court at anytime within of the most modern and attractive latives. services stations in this section. plete line of Sinclair products.

Recorder's Court After holding to a fairly firm, While there was an increase of months of this year as compared with those handled in the corresponding period of 1952, the mo

It was explained that several of dropped from \$11,471.13 in the ment.

Funds Available For Farm Houses

reduced the margin considerably.

A new allotment of federal lina Facts. funds for farm housing loans in this week by James C. Eubanks, Administration at Williamston.

Purpose of the credit is to finance homes and farm buildings for farm families. Veterans receive preference. The loans bear 4 percent interest and are repayable over periods up to 33 years. In the last two

mately \$45,000.00 to construct new farm dwellings and outbuildings. Since the demand for these loans far exceeds the limited loan funds Mr. Eubanks explained, only farm owners receiving all or come from the sale of farm com-

modities may qualify as borrowers. A loan may be made to imloses his operator's license for a of Williamston, died at his home prove a farm on which the operator works off the farm only if he or members of his family are whole and \$1,121 for the South-The son of the late Jack W. and farming on a sizeable scale. These Sarah Ann Gurganus Hoard, he loans may not be used to con- Carolina figure was only 64 per the same law. was born in Williamston sixty struct rural residences or other Speller was charged with non- years on August 4, 1893, and when buildings for families not general-

in business An FHA of Surviving are his widow, the farmers, decides who is eligible.

amounting to \$81,416,000 nation-Funeral services were conduct- wide have been made for new have included funds for farmstead water systems.

Formal Opening Held On Alleged The Roberson Brothers, Toot- Rape Charge Here

Earl Daniels, 20-year-old colored man, was arrested here late 12-year-old girl, daughter of Vio-

Admitting the attack, Daniels

said he did not realize his victim "Tootsie" and C. T. are both was so young, and maintained the E. Tarkington, Jr., and Mrs. R. clock by the Rev. J. B. Hurley, natives of Williamston and both act was committed without rehave had years of experience with sistance. One report said the vic-

Forty-Fifth Spot

Average Income Is About \$600 Below That For The United States

Raleigh. - Proud and loyal North Carolinians who might have had hopes that their State would make a better comparative showing in 1952 in that most important of all economic baromet the first quarter. Stamp sales doomed to a bitter disappoint

> With a 1952 per capita income of \$1.049. North Carolina dropped from forty-fourth to forty-fifth rank among the states, a new alltime low.

cant items of information were ontained in new 1952 figures or per capita and total income payments which were released here today for the first time by North Carolina Research Institute through the current issue of its official publication, North Caro-

In releasing the information, Martin County was announced Felix A. Grisette, Executive Director of the Institute, pointed out that North Carolina also declined Supervisor of the Farmers Home in 1952 in the State's share of the | National per capita income, in rank in total income payments, and in the rate of increase in all categories of individual income in 1952 as compared with 1951.

As though these reverses might not be sufficient, Grisette added a final blow by pointing out that years five families in Martin for the first time in the recorded

east as a group. Thus the North growers authorized in 1947 under

INTERRUPTION

Sunday morning, August 23, 1953, and possibly on Monday, August 24, 1953, there will be a series of interruptions of electric service for short periods of time in the Town of Williamston. These interruptions are necessary to make certain changes in the town which will improve voltage conditions and provide for future load growth of the town. Every effort will be made to keep the inconvenience to customers at a minimum.

The interruption will not affect the entire town at one time, power officials explaining that it will be extended section by section, that the interruption should be for periods only.

Plans Go Forward For Referendum

C. S. Alexander, of Scotland Neck, President of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association, announced this week that ing counties during the past two weeks in preparation for the state-wide Peanut Referendum, which will be held on August 29.

The North Carolina Peanut Growers Association has been authorized by the General Assembly to conduct the referendum, which will enable farmers to vote on the question of whether or not they should levy upon themselves County have borrowed approxi- history of such statistics, North per hundred pounds of peanuts Carolina dropped below South marketed for a three year yerid, Carolina in rank among the 1953, 1954 and 1955. The proceeds States! Only Alabama, Arkansas from the assessment would be there a few days ago. After mak and Mississippi had per capita in- turned over to the association by ing the collection, Cherry bought comes less than North Carolina, Commissioner of Agriculture L. and drank a soft drink, engaged Southeastern states, another all- lina peanut growers in all phases car. Just before reaching the maof production, marketing, process- chine, he was fired upon at fair-North Carolina's 1952 per capita ing, consumption and research. ly close range. income of \$1,049 compared with This new organization would Jones' wife was walking up a lemon 63.00; fair orange 60.00; low ket appreciated their interest and Tobacco Associates.

> cent of the National Average, Alexander said the meetings whereas it has been about 66 per explaining the proposed peanut from the scene, and other evicent in recent years, a drop of assessment were highly success- dence is gradually being unravelful, and commended thansen

Oak City Farmer Quality Of The Leaf Murdered At Cafe

John Lanier Being Ques-Connection With Case

Frank Cherry, 40-year-old Ne-Jones' cafe in Oak City at 9:10 Cherry was pronounced dead up on arrival at the hospital here.

quoted as saying someone shot him, that he did not know why and that he had never done any one any harm.

M. W. Holloman and FBI Agent Fentress questioned John Lanier of near Oak City, but they have not disclosed any findings or evi-

The sheriff said that Cherry who lives about one mile from Oak City on Highway 44 went to lect for watermelons delivered thus giving North Carolina a rank Y. Ballentine to be used to pro- in brief conversation and went a substantial portion of their in- of eighth place among the 11 mote the interests of North Caro- out the back door to get into his lemon 64.00; low orange 53.00.

tioned By Officers In

gro farmer of near Oak City, was shot and fatally wounded just outside the back door of Owen clock Tuesday night. Hit in the left side by several buck shot,

Just before he died, Cherry was

Investigating the case, Sheriff

Lanier was detained when it was learned that he and Cherry had quarreled presumably over Lanier's girl friend, Odell Rober- er North Carolina flue-cured toson. It was also declared that bacco as most average prices moveducational meetings have been Cherry had been seen with the held in all major peanut-produc- | Roberson girl on several occasions during recent months, that the Departments of Agriculture retwo men had quarreled and made ported that the gains ranged from threats some weeks ago. Lanier s said to have offered a story of offerings also showed a little about his travels the night of improvement. There was an inthe shooting, and officers are checking the story, one report maintaining that some discrepancies had been found in the story

\$1,639 for the United States as a function in a similar manner to back stairs to the Jones apart-orange 50.00. which leaf ment over the cafe when the gun by inches, Sheriff Holloman said. 100 The attacker was seen running

Tuesday Evening Better Than In 1952 Sales Expected MARKETS

Reports were scant on early sales on other markets in the belt, but Rocky Mount, shortly before noon, reported an estimated average of \$52.50 to \$53.00 per hundred. The top was placed at 69 cents a pound.

The quality there was said not to be "too good." One or two other markets, withholding -definite esti mates, merely said "tobacco was selling good."

Price Fluctuation on Border Markets

day for South Carolina and Borded back up to Monday's high level. The U.S. and North Carolina \$1 to \$4 per 100 pounds. Quality crease in the percentage of good lugs and smoking leaf.

Volume of sales was heavy on few markets but most were classified as medium. Yesterday's sales grossed 7,513,311 pounds for an average of \$55.45. This was 42 cents below the high average of Monday. Season sales were increase to \$89,510,387 pounds, averaging \$53.56. Auction bid averages on a lim-

ited number of grades were: Leaf: Good lemon 66.00: fair Cutters: Fair lemon 69.00; low lemon 68.00.

Lugs: Good lemon 68,000; fait

Primings: Fair lemon 55.00 fair orange 50.00; low orange 37.

Nondescript: Best thin 23.50; poorest thin 9.25

Resident Passes

Mrs. Julius Gurganus of Williams ton, died in Duke Hospital late Monday night.

He was born in Pitt County 49 vears ago and lived and farmed in Funeral services were conduct

ed in a Greenville funeral home yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o clock by the Rev. Henry Melvin, Free Will Baptist minister of near Winterville. Interment was in the

Surviving besides his daughter here are, his widow, the former C. Helms of Jacksonville, Mrs Farmville; six sons, Pfc. Stanley now stationed in New Jersey, and Winstead, Donald, Kenneth and Dewey Robinson, all of the home; four grandchildren; a brother, Leslie Robinson of Williamston and three sisters, Mrs. Robert

Meeting with officials, members of a commission and inte-

are invited to attend the meeting.

To Pass 700,000 **Pounds Tomorrow**

Market Expected To Maintain Fast Pace Set During First Hours Today

Averaging right at \$55 per hundred pounds for its first sales this morning, Williamston's tobacco market is almost certain to push toward new high records for both poundage and price before the day s spent. And market observers went on to declare that they see no reason why the market should not push right on to set a new record for the season. "There's little tobacco in many parts of the country, including a few areas Demand strengthened Wednes- in the eastern belt, and the companies apparently need and want tobacco," an observer said after following the sales during the first two hours this morning.

Farmers are generally happy, possibly more than happy with their first sales which are averaging several dollars above the opening day figures for 1952. A year ago on August 21, the market here sold 297,756 pounds for an average of \$50.08. The record the market today is shooting at is the one recorded in 1950 when the market sold 373,098 pounds for an average of \$55.88.

Brief and to-the-point ceremonies marked the opening of the market here promptly at 9:00 o'clock when Sales Supervisor Vernon Bunting stated it was a happy occasion when farmers, buyers, other tobacconists and old friends held their first reunion in months. "We welcome our old and new farmer friends and old and new tobacconists," Mr. Bunting said, declaring that the marsupport and then went on to plead continued support.

Introduced by the market supervisor, Mayor Robt. H. Cowen extended an official welcome to farmers and tobacconists. "For more than half a century, the farmers have supported a good to

I sincerely hope that support will continue and the market will continue to grow," the mayor said While I could talk on, you patrons and others are more interested in prices," the mayor said urging Auctioneer Harold Hutchison to take it away at sixty dollars and up.

The first pile of tobacco with government support figure of 38 cents a pound sold for 54 cents. During the first hour of sales, the Stabilization Cooperative had received only 1,620 pounds.

The first 3,220 pounds sold for an average of \$55.62. The next few thousand pounds fell slightly below that figure when much inferior tobacco and some damaged fell under the auctioneer's hammer. The dip was soon recovered and by the time approximately 56,000 pounds had been sold the average was holding firm between 55 and 56 cents a pound. A few piles sold in the sevenies, but 69 apparently was the practical top. A few piles sold as low as 15 cents, but they could

be counted on one's fingers al-

Observers who have followed the markets year after year and checked the sales on the Border declared this morning that prices for the better and medium grades were little changed from the figure prevailing a year ago. Prices for the inferior grades were ranging some higher, Farmer J. C. Gurkin, a recognized judge of obacco, declaring that the common grades were selling \$5 a hundred above those on the Border markets early this week.

Pitzer and Wynne of RFD 3, Williamston, sold 620 pounds for \$401.28, the prices running 61, 63, 67 and 69 cents a pound.

Lilley and Phelps of RFD 1, Williamston, sold piles for 50, 52, 55, 58, 67, 69 and 69, or 1,012 pounds for \$615.04, to hold the spotlight in the early sales. Melvin Godard, selling an entire row, averaged above 55 cents a pound.

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On Winning Team

A Jamesville girl, Staff Serfor 1953 in Germany.

up in the same paper credited Alexander added. Sgt. Sawyer with virtually winning the crucial game for the Comets when she hit safely three Etheridge Infant out of four times at bat to turn back the 97th General Hospital

After taking the Northern Division championship, the Comets are to contend for higher honors overseas duty since last January, The schedule of future champion-

Said to have admitted the attack, Daniels will be given a prehave the opportunity to visit this liminary hearing before Justice row establishment at any time W. M. Tetterton here this evening

announced this week by Mrs. R. yesterday afternoon at 4:00 o' L. Bowling, teachers.

The registration will be held in ville. the Methodist Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 2 between Weather Conditions of 4 and 6 years are eligible to re-

on by the county Farm Bureau organizations, the Extension Ser, Uninjured When vice, Production and Marketing Administration, Soil Conservation Service, Vocational Agriculture teachers and the Farmer's Home

should have an organization to o'clock. The picture of Sgt. Sawyer ap- promote their commodity under peared in a service newspaper the same enabling legislation that along with other members of tobacco growers have promoted machine when it skidded, in the championship team. A write- the marketing of their product,"

Dies In Hamilton

'Jesse Everett Etheridge, son of Robert L. and Melba Everett Eth- ing out of control, the patrol Clifton Robinson, U. S. Army in the country. Miss Sawyer, in eridge of near Oak City, died at member said. the home of his maternal grandreturned with members of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eveteam Tuesday, landing in Boston. rett, in Hamilton Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. He was born The schedule of future champion- ing at 8:00 o'clock. He was born ship games has not been released. on June 24, 1953, and had received **Hold Funeral For**

nal grandparents, he is survived by three sisters, Linda, Nancy and Maude Etheridge, and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Plans are being completed for K. B. Etheridge of near Oak City. the second church - sponsored Graveside services were conkindergarten here this fall, it was ducted in the Hamilton Cemetery Methodist minister of Roberson-

Ideal For Opening

Weather conditions were ideal

Car Turns Over

"The formation of the N. C. two companions were uninjured ry Rogers was adjudged not guil- Hammond of Bethel, Mrs. Ruth | Since this new type of credit geant Johnnie Mae Sawyer, is a Peanut Growers Association was when her car, a 1950 Mercary member of the Wisebaden Co- the result of a resolution passed went out of control and turned the Greenville community most of mets, softball team that recently at the last State Farm Bureau over on the old Williamstonton; three brothers, J. H. Hoard ers throughout the country have won the WAF/WAC League Convention, where delegates de- Greenville road near Christian championship, Northern Division cided that peanut producers Chapel yesterday morning at 4:30

Driving toward Greenville Miss Bowers lost control of the vestigating officers of the high- Winterville cemetery. way patrol stating that the ma chine, running about 55 miles an hour, went off the road on the Gladys Stocks; three daughters, right and into a ditch and tearing down a road sign before Vance Briley Jr., of near Greenswerving to the left across the ville, and Mrs. Russell Newton of road and on into a corn field where it turned over. The car Robinson, U. S. Marine Corps, now traveled about 300 feet after go-stationed at Quantico, Va., Pvt

Damage to the car was estimat-

hospital treatment for several weeks. Native Of County est Loftin and Mrs. Roy Loftin, both of near Ayden.

Mrs. Kittie Browning Waters. daughter of the late John and Odoliza Ewinson Browning of Martin County, died in a Plymouth hospital last Monday night. She was 64 years of age and had made her home in Washington County most of her life. Funeral services were conduct-

Washington. The warrant was procured late gister and attend the school, it for the opening of the tobacco Humbert F. of Elizabeth City and courthouse. case, Beach pleaded guilty of non- They will operate under the name last night shortly after the moth- was announced. Definite plans market here today. The skies James R. Waters of Spencer, two All citizens interested in for support and was sentenced to the Roberson Brothers Super Sinclair er learned about the attack fol- for opening the school and other were clear and the temperature brothers, W. W. and John Brown-mulating a uniform set of rules reads for three months. The road Service Station and carry a com- lowing her arrival from Pennsyl- details will be discussed and an- was moderate, adding to lively ing of Plymouth; eight grand- and regulations relating to zoning

To Discuss Plans For Zoning Town

rested citizens, S. Leigh Wilson, ed in the Christian Hope of Christ field consultant for the North yesterday afternoon at 4:00 o'- Carolina League of Municipaliclock bythe Rev. Robert Lee of ties, will discuss plans for placing into operation machinery for Surviving are her husband, zoning the town. The meeting has Lloyd C. Waters; four sons, Clar- been scheduled for next Tuesday ence and L. Ronald of Plymouth, morning at 10:30 o'clock in the