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Million Pound Mark Monday Morning

Sale On Monday Best Of Season On Market Here

Prices For Medium Grades Reported Higher Than On Opening

Williamston's tobacco market passed the one million-pound mark and went on to chalk up its best sale of the season yesterday. Prices for all types seemed to be stronger and especially for the medium quality grades.

Supported by a stronger demand and with some improvement in quality, the market yesterday plugged ahead to record a \$56.40 price average. Farmers were jubilant and declared they planned to market their crop as rapidly as possible. However, grading work is progressing a bit slowly at this time and sales are comparatively light today. Just now much tobacco is being unloaded for sale the same day.

Through yesterday the market here had sold 1,009,236 pounds for \$548,611.00, an average of \$54.35. Nearly twice as much tobacco

was sold the first three days of the current season than was sold in the first three days last year, and the price this year holds about a \$4.00 per hundred advant-

A review of the first two sales

Steady to higher average prices were paid for most grades of Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco during the first two days this year compared with the same period a year ago. Volume of ales was heavy, according to the Federal-State Market News Sered some improvement over early

Gross sales for the two days toriod in 1952. Volume for the com parable sales last year amounted to only 14,405,462 pounds and av-

eraged \$50.06 a hundred. Increases in grade averages ranged from \$1.00 to \$10.00 per hundred pounds but most were from \$2.00 to \$6.00. The largest gains occurred for primings and lugs. A few cutters and other scattered grades showed losses of \$1.00 to \$2.00. The practical top price was \$69.00 per hundred

precentage of fair to fine nuality tobacco increased slightly. Less poor and low leaf appeared on the floors. The proportion of cutters was larger. Color also improved as less green tobacco was sold. Principal marketings consisted of fair and good lugs, low and fair primings and leaf, and nondescript.

Deliveries to the Flue-Cured Stabilization Corporation under the Government loan program on opening day amounted to around 6.5 per cent of gross sales. This compares with 15 per cent delivered to the Corporation on opening day last year.

Alloted selling time on the markets was five and one-half hours per day, or 2,200 baskets per day for each set of buyers.

The fotal 1953 flue-cured crop 15. This is 33,265,000 pounds or Georgia are operating the belt this 4.0 percent less than the August week. 1 estimate of 833,260,000 pounds. Current estimates are based on the results of a special mid-month

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Suffers Heart Attack While In Greensboro

Suffering a heart attack while visiting in Greensboro last weekend, Mr. Roger A. Critcher is being transferred by ambulance to a local hospital today. The attack was described as light.

Stolen Goods Recovered

recovered goods included clothing. 2.9 percent of gross sales.

Perlie Thomas Believed To Have Been Troubled By **Declining Health**

Believed to have been troubled term. y ill health, Perlie Randolph contractor, ended his life at his home here on Sunset Drive vestion of his forehead.

It is believed that he fired two little or no damage before tear-

ing through the side of the house. He told members of his family earlier that he wasn't feeling well, but he went to one of his construction projects and returned home a short time later after instructing his workmen what tasks to handle. Freddie McKeel, Mrs. Thomas' nephew, was at home and a storé some little distance away and get him some aspirn. The 13ear-old youth had gone less than block before he heard the gun For Service Test a block before he heard the gun fire. Not knowing what it was, the lad continued to the store, and upon returning he found the body. Investigating the tragedy, Coro-

ner W. W. Biggs ruled no formal nquest was necessary. The son of the late John Wil-Twelve Martin County young liam and Martha Frances Jerni- John Lanier Confessed The gan Thomas, he was born in Ber-

tie County 52 years ago on July day for pre-induction army ex- 18, 1901. After spending his early aminations and a thirteenth one life on the farm he entered the was ordered to report for final in- service and following his discharge he located in Williamston builder and was getting along well in his business, having comthis month, Edward Anderson pleted several projects during re-He was married in 1935 to Miss

company the pre-induction group Dorothy McKeel.

Surviving besides his widow are Billy Jones Cherry, young five brothers, W. Guy, Grady and red to Arlington, Virginia, to un- and Duncan and Alec Thomas of Windsor; four sisters, Mrs. Nur-The draft board announced last ney White, Mrs. Lee Conner, Mrs.

\$2.91 over the corresponding pe- that a pre-induction call for ten ducted in the West End Baptist men is to be filled September, 15. Church Wednesday afternoon at The names of those called to 4:00 o'clock by the Rev. W. C. report today follow, including Medlin, pastor. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

An electric light pole and a Richard Bell Harrison of RFD ast Friday morning when a truck Williamston and Rocky Mount went out of control here on West After the Roberson woman, se-Main Street. Odis Ward Whitaker of RFD

Accompanied by his wife, Garland Lewis, 22-year-old Elizabeth er said he attended to other farm vote. ton Chevrolet of Elizabeth City. Just before reaching the Sycamore intersection, he started to said he saw Cherry walking away pass a car, and, going to far too from the Roberson home. his left, struck the pole about away truck came to a stop a short lowing their investigation.

A water spout developed and before the hydrant could be fixed, approximately 20,000 gallons

Damage to the vehicle was estinated at \$450 and damage to other properties was placed at about

Lewis was booked on a reckless driving charge.

Local Man Champion Hot Pepper Grower

George Moore, employee of the local municipal water department is advancing a strong claim to the hot pepper grower championship. Starting the harvest of one row ed thirteen well developed pods at 4:30. Effective at once a change Party there.

schools here next Tuesday, Sept- including 1.25 insurance; high ember 1 at 1:30 o'clock, the same \$4.60; home economics, \$2; agrihour all schools in the county are culture, \$2; insurance, \$1.25; and to observe in beginning the new typewriting, \$9.

Principal B. G. Stewart anschools will report as follows:

omplete for opening the white and grammar grade pupils, \$2.75,

Parents are asked to furnish certified birth certificates for Thomas, well-known building nounced that pupils in the local those children born outside Martin County and who are entering

12:00 o'clock, noon.

Confesses Murder In Thomas' nephew, was at home and Mr. Thomas asked him to go to a store some little distance away Oak City Last Week She said that she went to the movies with Daniels at the Carver

Killer Declares He was Jealously Insane At Time

Murder of Frank Cherry Late Thursday

Declaring he was jealously insane at the time, John Lanier con-25 years ago. He was an able fessed to officers last Thursday midnight the murder of Frank Cherry, 40, in Oak City the pre vious Tuesday evening. The confession came after continuous questioning by Sheriff M. W. Holloman and State Bureau of Investigation Agent Clyde Fentress following Lanier's arrest the night of the fatal attack. Lanier 31 for the kind treatment he had re-

> his removal to a Williamston 1954, and 1955." hospital a short time after the

day evening. that afternoon he carried a Lee fire hydrant were clipped in two boy home and went to his farm her children had gone home. Lani-City colored man, was driving duties, and later started to the east on the main street in a two- Roberson home. While en route there he saw Cherry's truck parked and a few minutes later Lanier

"I had warned Cherry that Market Report sixty feet from the intersection, would get him if he ever return-He then clipped the hydrant off ed to the Roberson home, and near the ground and then struck when I saw him that night I got a tree. The tree ripped the body furiously mad and went home for Sheriff Holloman as saving Lanione he found when he moved into the house. When Lanier returned he found Cherry's car parked back of the Jones cafe. a stand near the back door of the dum. cafe and fired on Cherry when he came out the back door, Lanier maintaining that he had not

New Office Hours At

MAKING PLANS

o'clock in the Methodist Church educational building here, farm leaders will map plans for launching the annual Farm Bureau membership drive, it was announced by President Chas. L. Daniel and Secretary W. Mayo Hardi

Farmers Vote On **Peanuts Saturday**

Farmers in 44 eastern North years old, thanked the officers Carolina counties will vote next Saturday (August 29) "for or against the annual assessment of bound Daniels, a married man The victim, struck by several one cent per 100 pounds on the over to the superior court for trial buck shot fired from a 12-gauge peanuts sold as 'farm stock' each during the September term. Bond

shooting at Owen Jones' cafe in county area have peanut allot-Oak City at 9:10 o'clock last Tues- | ments. Eligible to vote in the peanut assessment referendum to be Pole And Hydrant In making his confession which held on that date are all farmers came after he had talked with engaged in the production of one Clipped By Truck his mother and father, Lanier acre or more of pearuts for martold his every act leading up to ket. This includes owners of farms School Opening his mother and father, Lanier acre or more of peaputs for marthe fatal attack. Returning from on which peanuts are produced in the markets about 5:00 o'clock 1953, tenants and sharecroppers.

If several members of the same Virgil Darrell Cannon of RFD as if they were nothing more than to see about some tobacco his girl tion of peanuts in 1953, the memfamily participate in the produc match stems about 4:00 o'clock friend, and alleged common law ber, or members having an inwife was preparing for market. dependent bona fide status as operator, tenant, or sharecropper, coming term. Thousands more parated from her husband, and and entitled to share in the pro- will be injured, many for life. ceeds of the crop is eligible to

owners of a farm growing peanuts and share in the proceeds of the

from the chassis and the run-imy gun, Lanier was quoted by in the community in which his distance away. Neither the driv- er declared he did not examine cated. If there is no polling place er or his wife was hurt. Officers the shell, explaining that it was in the community, he must vote tion not the shortest distance, but at the polling place designated for rather the safest crosswalks, and Awarded Degrees the nearest community.

After parking his truck several two-thirds or more of those voting the curb, look both ways, and of water poured out of the water hundreds yards away, he took is necessary to carry the referen- watch for turning traffic before degrees during the recent com-

Native Of County

county, has been named chairman of the Pitt County Board of Elections, it was announced last week. Ar. Peel, son of the late Pleny

Wayward Record Admitted By Twelve - Year - Old Girl Last Thursday serious charge brought

against Earl Daniels, 20-year-old Williamston colored man, lost much of its sting at a prelininary hearing held before Justice W. M. firing a load of gunshot into his Froneberger's room; third grade of six years between October 1 Tetterton last Thursday evening head. He died instantly, the load in Miss Manning's room; and and 16, should have pre-school when 12-year-old victim Dora Wallace admitted a wayward reroom. The fifth to ninth grades, health center or by their family cord beginning back in Pennsyl-

tacked was admitted by the accused, who told officers that he casions since she came here from Philadelphia more than three weeks ago to visit her aunt. The girl said she was attacked only once, and there were inconsistencies in other evidence offered by

Sunday afternon of August 16, that following the movie they went to the colored school building, inspecting the new gynasiun before going to a wooden building where the alleged attack took place about dark. They walked from there to the corner where they separated and she continued to a girl friend's home, "Nothing would have happened if I had no been willing," the young witnes told the court. She was not quite certain when she told her mother about the attack, but it was explained that the mother reached here from Philadelphia last Wednesday, that she learned of the attack soon after her arrival, and that a warrant was sworn out

late that night. On cross examination, the girl naintained it was with her con sent. She admitted that she had had relations with other men back

in Pennsylvania Apparently a bit dubious about the testimony offered by the young victim. Justice Tetterton found probable cause of guilt and

to the authorities, the girl was represented as being under twelve years af age. A check on the birth

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Has Its Dangers

A predicted 2,000 children un der 14 will be killed on their way to and from school during the Rachel Latham's service station

But it need not happen to your children if you take the responsi-If a husband and wife are joint bility for getting them off to school with a safe start.

In making this grim prediction the Institute for Safer Living of driver was not hurt, the investithe American Mutual Liability ed. Votes must be cast at the de- Insurance Company, urges parsignated place and at the desig- ents to personally escort younger \$125. children to and from school un-

suggested. 1. Work out and use the safest route to and from school with your child, taking into consideraavailable traffic police protection

2. Where there is no policeman a. m. to 7 p. m. A "yes" vote of teach the youngster to stop on walking across 3. If it is necessary for your

child to walk on a roadway; teach nim to walk on the extreme left edge of the road, always facing secondary education. Anne Carson 4. Impress your children with

the need for obeying all traffic Gilbert Peel, a native of this officers, school crossing guards, school safety patrols or mechanical signs and signals.

5. Insist on no playing in street illeys, or driveways. 6. No roller skating to and from

school. 7. No hitching rides on motor

Tobacco Sales Pass Local Man Ends | Making Plans For Opening | Alleged Attacker | Henry D. Harrison | Released in \$500 | Decree | Local Man Ends | Schools Here September 1 | Released in \$500 | Decree | Local Man Ends | Schools Here September 1 | Released in \$500 | Decree | Local Man Ends | Henry D. Harrison | Local Man Ends | Schools Here September 1 | Released in \$500 | Decree | Local Man Ends | Henry D. Harrison | Local Man Ends | Schools Here September 1 | Released in \$500 | Decree | Local Man Ends | Local Man Ends | Schools Here September 1 | Released in \$500 | Decree | Local Man Ends | Local Man Ends | Schools Here September 1 | Released in \$500 | Decree | Local Man Ends | Local Man Ends | Local Man Ends | Schools Here September 1 | Released in \$500 | Decree | Local Man Ends | Local Man Ends | Schools Here September 1 | Released in \$500 | Decree | Local Man Ends | Local Man Ends | Schools Here September 1 | Released in \$500 | Decree | Local Man Ends | Local Man Ends | Schools Here September 1 | Released in \$500 | Decree | Local Man Ends | Local Man Ends | Schools | Schools Here September 1 | Released in \$500 | Decree | Local Man Ends | Local Man Ends | Schools | Bond At Hearing Passes In Hospital

CHAIRMAN



J. Paul Simpson, local insurance man, has been named to chairman the Christmas Seal Sale in the county this year. He succeeds W. G. Peele. another insurance man who headed the seal sale during the past two years.

Minor Accidents On County Roads In Past Few Days

One Person Painfully Hurt As Car Plunges Into A Ditch Last Saturday

said she was attacked but again of them painfully, in automobile in its work and in the growth of accidents on the highways in this the church. county during the past few days, members of the N. C. State High-

> way Patrol said. accidents took place about onehalf mile west of Robersonville department was modernized, and on Highway 64 last Thursday aft- rated among the best in the State.

along about 15 miles an hour. Larlaundry truck and apparently blacked out for a second or two.

last Saturday afternoon, Marie Wynne Biggs started to turn into on the Prison Camp road and ran into a ditch. The car struck a culvert and threw Mrs. Annie B. Mizelle into the windshield. The victim was treated in the hospital for extensive cuts and bruises about the face and head. The

Driving on a gravel road in the Oak City area last Sunday morn-(Continued on Page Eight)

County Students

men and women were awarded be in charge of the graveside mencement exercises held at East Carolina College, Greenville.

Edward Dawson Biggs of Eve retts was awarded a degree in Cargile, a former teacher in the Williamston schools and now of Robersonville, and Rosalvn Mizel le Walker, also of Robersonville, were awarded master of arts de grees, it was announced. ,

Stolen Car Recovered

A 1951 Pontiac, stolen in Nor-8. If an older brother or sister Patrol last Friday on Highway 17 add to the already large stock over the route with both children was arrested and the case was vantage.

Funeral Today In Local Church For **Prominent Citizen**

Died In Hospital Here At 9:15 Monday After Long Illness

Henry D. Harrison, prominent local business man, died in a hospital here yesterday morning at 9:15 o'clock following a long period of declining health. He had been critically ill following an attack suffered early in the mornng of June 20, and had been in the hospital since that time. While his condition was slightly improved at times, little hope was held for his recovery

The son of Mrs. Henrietta Swain Harrison and the late James E. Harrison, he was born in Edgecombe County fifty-eight years ago on November 5, 1894. His parents, a short time later, returned to Martin County and located on a farm near Williamston. After spending his early life on the farm he went with Harrison Brothers and Company here in 1918, resigning that position to go with the Standard Fertilizer Comany as district sales representaive. He was with the Standard company for almost a quarter entury, and made many business ontacts throughout this section

of the State. He was married to Miss Clyde Gurganus June 9, 1915, and was a member of the local Christian church since 1918. He was a member of Skewarkey Lodge here for twenty-five years, and was active

Playing the role of a community servant, he headed the Williamston Volunteer Fire Department The first in the series of three for many years, during which time and under his direction the

ernoon about 2:00 o'clock. A. P. He contributed liberally to all Purdy, driving a power company worthy undertakings and compick-up truck west on the routes, munity events, never hesitating to extend a helping hand to the ry K. Wibber, Rocky Mount man, genuine interest in the welfare of was traveling behind him in a others. He was devoted to his family and friends, giving of his time in the service of others. De-The laundry truck hit the rear of clining health limited his outside the pick-up, shaking Wibber up activities, but he found happiness a bit and causing about \$100 to in the company of his friends and the laundry truck and about \$25 especially with his grandchildren. to the other vehicle, according to He was valued as a thoughtful and a report coming from the highway accommodating neighbor, one who would always go the extra mile

in doing his part.

Surviving besides his wife and mother are a son. Henry Davis Harrison of Tarboro! two daughters, Mrs. Tom Mann Carter of Richmond and Mrs. J. Thomas Barnhill, Jr., of Williamston; three Mrs. Mary Coltrain of Williamston and Mrs. Norman Conrad of Miami, Fla., six brothers, James E., Wm. Ira and Bernard Harrison, gating officer said. Damage to the all of Williamston, C. B. Harrison 1950 Plymouth was estimated at of Rocky Mount, Louis Harrison of Pulaski, Va., and Robert Harhison of Tarboro; four grandchildren, Sandra Harrison of Tarboro, Tom Mann Carter, Jr., of Richmond, and Betsey Wood Barnhill and Jennie Wynne Barnhill, of Williamston.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Christian church this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. John L. Goff. Interment will be in Woodlawn Three Martin County young Cemetery where the Masons will

Hardware Store Making Changes

Manning and Peel, formerly known as the Thrower Hardware and Appliance Company, have recently completed a remodeling job and added to the front of their store on Washington St.

The changes include a new dis-By Patrol Last Week play arrangement inside and the addition of shelving and virtually a second floor, the new manager, by members of the N. C. Highway the changes make it possible to

authority by the younger one. claimed the car last week-end. Main and Smithwick Streets here.

Near Sweet Water Creek

TRYING

According to latest information reaching here, highway engineers are trying to get the survey completed in time to include the by-pass or truck route around the town in the September letting. Several obstacles that presented themselves during recent weeks have been cleared away, and plans for the project are announced just

about complete. It was also reliably learned that materials are being purchased for the Sycamore Street project, and that work is to be started on the surfacing job within the near future.

Call Twelve Men To Report Today

A Thirteenth Man Forced To Report For Final Induction

men were instructed to report todays on the markets in this belt duction into armed forces today. Rated delinquent when he did not report for induction earlier Chance of Parmele and Hampton, cent months. Virginia, was instructed to ac-

to the service center in Raleigh. vice. Quality of marketings show- white man, asked to be transfer- Charlie Thomas of Williamston dergo the pre-induction test.

taled 24,320,680 pounds and av- | week-end that no call had been Charles Rose and Mrs. Fannie eraged \$52.97 per hundred. This received for men to report for Leggett of Windsor. average represented a gain of final induction in September, but Funeral services will be con-

> nine white young ment White Edgar Ferrell Smith of Rober

onville and Baltimore William Orlando Griffin, J. of Williamston Melton Thomas Andrews RFD 2. Robersonville

Melton Guy Lilley of RFD 1 Williamston Hobgood

Darrell Jones Manning of RFD 1. Williamston

3, Williamston

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Average prices by grades for tobacco sold on the Georgia-Florida flue-cured markets during the sixth week of sales were the lowest of the season. The U.S. De partment of Agriculture reports Chesson and Whitehurst said folvolume of offerings light and in North Carolina is estimated at quality inferior to earlier market-799,9995,000 pounds as or August ings. Only Statesbore and Vidalia,

> Weekly gross sales amounted to only 5,155,970 pounds and averaged \$41.69 per hundred-\$4.65 below last week and at a new low for the year. Through August 21, or after 27 days of marketing, sea-

son sales reached 190,991,868 pounds for an average of \$51.06. Compared with the previous week losses in grade averages ranged from \$1.00 to \$7.00 per hundred. Most declines were from \$2.00 to \$4.00 with the largest de-

creases for leaf offerings. Poor leaf and nondescript again ncreased in proportion. Principal sales were poor and low quality

leaf and nondescript. Receipts of the Stabilization Some of the goods stolen from Government loan program in more to ripen. The championship, at 9 A. M. and close at 5 P. M. the temporary bus station here creased to about 2 percent of sales. however, hinges on the size of As has been the custom for sev- as chairman for sixteen years. eight inches in length.

Plans are announced just about The schedule of fees: Primary

First grade, grammar school school for the first time.

later or at 2:00 o'clock.

terday morning at 9:30 o'clock by cafeteria; second grade in Mrs. Those children attaining the age of shot tearing away a large por- fourth grade in Mrs. Coburn's physical check-ups either at the inclusive, will meet in the high physicians. The health center, shots, the first apparently doing school auditorium at 1:30 o'clock, corner of Ray and Harrell Streets and the 10th to 12th grades, in- will receive pupils for the checkclusive, will meet in the high ups on Friday of this week beschool auditorium thirty minutes tween the hours of 9:00 a. m. and had been with the girl on two oc-

ceived, and apparently was relieved after admitting the attack.

planned to kill him. After firing the fatal shot, Lanier returned to his truck, placed the weapon in the back and went

(Continued on page eight) Health Department

Meeting this evening at 7:30

No date for launching the drive has been fixed, but it is expected to get under way within the near future.

gun, was pronounced dead upon year for a three-year period, 1953, was arranged. Some 19,750 farms in the 44 showed she was born in January

crop, both are eligible to vote. Absentee voting is not permittnated time. The referendum polling places will be the es'-blished til good safety habits are establ-PMA polling places in each coun-lished. The following rules are tv. Every voter is expected to vote main farming activities are lo-

The polls will be open from 7

Elections Head traffic.

Peel, one of the county's staun-For the past several months the chest Democrats, has been active local offices of the Martin Coun- in Pitt County for number of ty Health Department opened years, devoting considerable time vehicles when cycling to and from folk on August 8, was recovered A. J. Manning, pointing out that few days ago, Mr. Moore pluck- each morning at 8:30 and closed and support to the Democratic school.

Corporation last week under the from two stalks, leaving many will be made in office hours: Open He succeeds J. H. Harrell who is accompanying your younger near Williamston. Glacia Wil- of hardware and appliances and recently resigned after serving children to and from school, go liams, colored man of this county, display the good to a better adlast week were recovered near Season receipts are approximately the peppers, Mr. Moore stating eral years, the Department will Mr. Peel's first task will be to and insist on responsibility from turned over to the Federal Bu- Mr. Manning formerly operated Sweet Water Creek yestrday. The 5.5 million pounds, representing that they measured as many as remain open only a half day on make arrangements for the special the older one, and recognition of reau of Investigation. The owner the Sinclair Station, corner of bond election on October 3.