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### Native Of County Dies Suddenly On Visit To Sisters

Funeral Conducted Satur-In Rocky Mt., For Mrs. Alexander Hardison

Mrs. Geitrue Jones Hardison, a native of this county but a resident of Rocky Mount for the past thirty years, died suddenly last Thursday afternoon while visiting her sister in Griffins Township. Apparently in her usual health. she left Rocky Mount with her daughter that morning, and spent several hours with her sister, Mrs. William Dave Manning, in the Piney Grove community of Griffins Township. Finishing her lunch and declaring she was feeling fine, she made ready to go and visit her brother at the old home when she suffered the attack about 2:00 o'clock. An ambulance was called and she was pronounced dead upon arrival at a local hospital shortly after 5:00 o'clock

She had suffered several years with a heart condition, but continued active, enjoying regular visits back to her native home and with her relatives and

The daughter of the late W. W. and Barbara Waters Jones, she was born in Griffins Township fifty years ago on May 12, 1904. In early womanhood she was married to Alexander Hardison. About three years after their marriage they moved to Rocky Mount where they had since made their home.

Mrs. Hardison was a member of the Fairview Christian Church since her youth, and she returned regularly to attend its services. Surviving besides her husband

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### Key To Steel **Changes Listed**

don't deal in the ducable goods approximately 750 dogs have been that consume much steel. But ac- killed during the past few months. tually, steel's fate is vital to all The order also instructs the rabies of us. If we only deal in corn inspector and law enforcement flakes, they were pressed by steel officers to pick up and destroy all nual base Roadeo at Forbes Air the weather has been very hot ticularly true this year with the rolls and delivered in steel freight stray dogs.

have full employment, rest on adjourned before noon. tion is on the uptrend.

diction: steel production kept go- long. ing down, prices of steel com- Making his regular report to Under a blazing sun, the driv- most areas got an early start, and panies' shares kept going up.

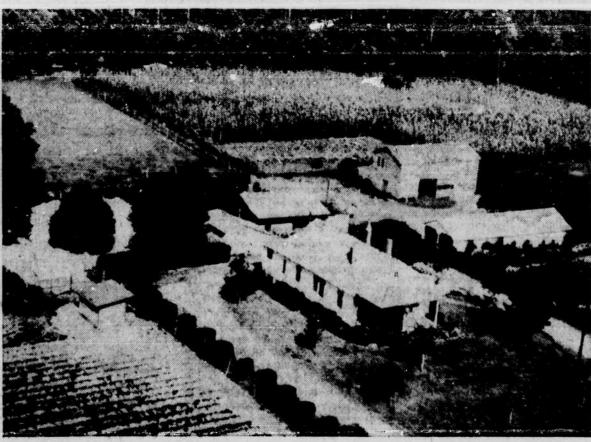
see an upsurge.

# **Fire Prevention**

Although post-mortems are still being conducted on the five which destroyed General Motors' plant at Livonia, Mich., last year, it's pretty generally agreed Three Billion that asphalt and tar on the roof, which melted and dripped through to feed the fire, helped the flames to spread throughout the 34.5-acre concrete and steel plant.

ing roof material which is already \$3,300,000,444. designed to eliminate any com- mates. non-Clammable in allations. | 000 .

### **Attractive Farm Picture In County**



The unidentified picture reflects a prosperous agriculture in Martin County. The attractive unit is the second to be included in a series of aerial photos taken for this paper by the Zekan-Robbins Company. Readers are asked to help identify the pictures by submitting the name of the property owners and locations. The photo appearing last week, the first in the series, was identified by Joe Ange of Robersonville as that of H. A. Jenkins, well known farmer, about onequarter mile west of Robersonville on Highway 64. Owners of the properties pictured may copies of the original photographs by contacting the office of this paper. Mr. Ange identified the Jenkins picture last week a few minutes after the paper was published.

### **Violators Of Dog Vaccination Laws Headed For Court**

County Officials Calling For Indictments And Dog Eliminations

Owners of dogs that have not been vaccinated will be made subject to prosecution in the courts in this county beginning later this week, according to a special order issued Monday by the Mar-The ups and downs of the steel tin County Commissioners during industry would seem to be of lit- their regular monthly meeting. A tle concern to most small busi- preliminary report shows that at nessmen. They don't own steel least eighteen owners have not

The cyclical industries—housing and heavy appliances—which endar for the regular meeting and leavy application and the regular meeting and the regular meetin must prosper for the country to they completed their duties and Mrs. Tom Lilley. Wheeling and last year. The crop was set under

sumption rises it means the na- the road from W. L. Manning's flight line, Airman Lilley won the has retarded growth, continues home in Williams Township to right to move into further compe- to make good progress. Anyone who studied steel with Highway 64 at Bethlehem church tition leading to an Air Force- Expected Burley production is those facts in mind for the last be black topped. The route is wide Roadeo at Bolling Field in 544 million pounds, about 5 perhalf-year found a strange contra- about one and three-tenths miles Washington, D. C., September 15 cent below last year's crop of

the officials. Tax Collector M. L. ers jockeyed and geared their ve- although some sections of the belt A federal Reserve Board study Peel said all but \$27,741.86 of the hicles through a six-test course are beginning to need rain, prosgives a clue to the contradiction. \$409,238.63 levy for 1953 had been that included: backing in and pects are favorable. In June, with steel production collected. There is an unpaid bal- around two barrels, driving down 25 per cent from a year ear- ance of \$13,456.07 on the \$395,- through an off-set alley; driving lier, use of steel by fabricators 431.83 levy for 1952. All but \$8,- a straight 50-yard line with tenwas down by only half as much. 843.86 has been collected on the nis balls placed on the ground just In the first half of 1954, factory \$373,026.88 levy for 1951, and two inches outside the width of inventories of articles made chief- there is a balance of \$4,937,78 out- the tires. ly of steel were reduced \$2 bil- standing on the \$337,575.17 levy / The drivers also were given a for 1950.

come into the market to replace September term of the Martin various engines of the test cars end, pushing to four the number the steel they took from inven- County Superior Court which and trucks. tory, and when they do we shall convenes on the 20th with Judge Lilley and his four companions, ed to preside.

Martin of Jamesville, J. C. Gurthe events at Offutt to move on in Bear Grass Township early Fire Destroys kin of Griffins, John H. Edwards to McConnell AFB, Wichita, the Sunday evening. Aid Is Found of Williamston, Herbert L. Roe- following week. buck of Cross Roads and Henry S. Johnson of Hamilton, were present for the meeting.

This has brought about the de- the deficit for the fiscal year throwing a large part of the town wood.

being used in plants going up The year's spending had been within thirty minutes. ceiling and roof insulation. It is \$2,000,000,000 short of the esti- point. Last night and early this Poplar Point last Friday. Contain- fire was discovered.

bustible materials between the The statement showed the na-corded. ceiling in insulation, and to act tional debt at \$271,341,040,494.69 Some sections in the county re-

#### **ROUND-UP**

Seven persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the Martin County jail during the past week-

Three were booked for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct, two for drunken driving and one each for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a car.

Two of the seven were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 21 to 43

### County Boy Wins In Roadeo Eveni Carolina have had

Force Base, Topeka, Kan., recent- and dry. The commissioners had very ly was a Martin County boy, A-1c Fire-cured production is foresqueezing his passenger bus over favorable conditions and except the use of steel. When steel con- The board recommended that a tough obstacle course on the in Virginia where dry weather

through 17.

written test and had to find the Manufacturers will have to Jurors were drawn for the bugs' that were placed in the ed in the county over the week-

> Leo Carr of Burlington schedul- winners in other departments, go section so far this season. to Offutt AFB next week for fur-All members of the board, C. C. ther competition, the winners in by fire on the Walter Bailey farm

Dollar Deficit days an electrical storm hit this liamston's fire department answ- headway, and nothing was saved. of moving traffic violations. area last night. No great damage ered a call, but firemen were Fire departments in Roberson- No operator's permit with 965 was done, but lightning struck a only able to stand by while the ville and Williamston answered arrests was in second place and The Treasury in a preliminary pole near the intersection of barn burned.

morning, .79 of an inch was re- ing 570 sticks of tobaccq, the barn

lit was learned.

### Report Decrease In Tobacco Crop

Production of all tobacco is in dicated at 2,022 million pounds, 2 percent below the 2.057 million pounds harvested in 1953 and Grain Storage 1951 crop of 2,332 million pounds. By classes, flue-cured and light air-cured (Burley and Maryland) production is expected to be below last year; all other classes show an increase.

This year's flue-cured crop is estimated at 1,244 million pounds, 2 percent less than the 1.272 million pounds harvested last year.

other parts of those States and One of the winners in the an- in South Carolina and Georgia, tions say that this should be par-

# **Burn In County**

Two tobacco barns were burnbeen destroyed by fire in the

A 16-foot barn was destroyed plier.

Monday morning shortly before 11:00 o'clock a barn, operated by Farmer R. L. Mobley, was burned a few miles from Wil- Fire of undetermined origin de- speeding on North Carolina highliamston on the Bear Grass road, stroyed the Herman Farmers' Hit This Section The Mobley barn had about 400 onestory, six-room home in na sticks of fine quality tobacco in milton about 4:00 o'clock Sunday driving without an operator's permit normally lead the depart-For the second time in as many started near the furnace. Wil- fire had gained considerable ment's regular monthly summary

last season.

was heated with oil curers.

The Mobley and Slade barns ing to reports heard here.

## Native Of Town Died In Norfolk Hospital Friday

Funeral Held In Virginia City Sunday For Dr. Sampson Hadley

Dr. William Sampson Hadley native of Williamston, died in a Norfolk hospital last Friday morning at 7:10 o'clock. He had been in failing health for several Very Little Business Handlyears and critically ill for months. The son of the late S. S. and Della Wilson Hadley, he was born on the Biggs farm at Skewarkey 56 years ago. After completing the graduation from medical school,

Methodist Church in Norfolk and ty Medical Society for a number of years. Dr. Hadley took considlowed as a member of the Ameriman Medical Association.

ters, Miss Mary Lea Hadley and the way for the pavers. Miss Carolyn Lynn Hadley, both of Norfolk.

ducted in the Hollomon-Brown now in progress here. It was Funeral Home, Norfolk, Sunday pointed out that 7,067 feet of curb afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment was in Forest Lawn Ceme-

# On The Farms

By Jim McBeayer, Rural Representative Virginia Electric and Power Company

With the coming of recent rains the corn crop in this area again but the value of that crop largely depends upon the care it receives

in the year usually bring a much better price. Experimental Staheavy corn carry over in commercial storage.

The Commodity Credit Corporation, recognizing these factors, has made possible loans up to 80 percent of the cost of the new storage facilities.

Similar storage equipment loans are available to finance up to 75 percent of the cost of drying equipment for proper conditioning of farm-stored crops. A minor crash was reported to the stored crops. 11:50 o'clock Sunday night at the 570 million pounds. The crop in Eligible drying equipment includes the supplemental heat dryers as well as the plain drying fan.

> Any farmer who has built grain December 31, 1952, is allowed a federal income tax deduction for amortization of the structure over a period of five years after the date of construction.

Advice on the design and construction of grain storage facilities and conditioning equipment can of curing barns known to have be obtained by contacting your county agent, vocational agriculture teacher, or local power sup-

# **Hamilton Home**

the call. shortly after 3:00 to go over to vocation of driving privileges on cording to reports reaching here velopment of a new fire-retard- which ended June 30 was about into darkness. The damage was Eight curing barns were de- LeGrange for a visit with rela- the first count. repaired and service restored stroyed by fire in this county tives. They heated some coffee Other violations reported for use barn space for at least two ning. on the gas range and turned the July included: failing to step for thousand sticks. Another grower for several big companies. In it budgeted at \$70,900,000,000. Both During the Sunday night storm Another barn was destroyed by gas off. They had been gone the a stop sign 655; faulty equipment said he needed at least one addi- Leaves Hospital For a film is sandwiched between the totals appear to have fallen about .74 of an inch of rain fell at this fire on the T. B. Slade farm in greater part of an hour before the 643; improper passing 368; im- tional barn.

nie Johnson.

Some insurance was carried

# Town Will Contest ACL Rental Charge

### Town Board In Regular Meeting **Monday Evening**

ed During The Short Session

Williamston's town officials in local schools he entered Wake a regular meeting last evening Forest College and following his decided to go to court rather than pay \$22 rent annually to the Athe located in Norfolk and practic- lantic Coast Line Railroad Comed medicine there for thirty-four pany for permission to lay a sewer line on its property near the He was a member of the First Pearl Street crossing. The action was taken after the officials diswas active in the Norfolk Coun- cussed the project in detail and could not figure how the company would be damaged. "The erable interest in the nation-wide rental charge is outrageous in medical situation, which he fol- principle," one of the commissioners was quoted as saving.

The project has been delayed Surviving are his widow, Mrs. for months pending a settlement Charlotte Owens Hadley; one son, of the issues involved. It is now William S. Hadley, Jr., of Nor- proposed to pave Pearl Street and folk; a sister, Mrs. Vance Bunting the sewer line should be installof Bethel; and two granddaugh- ed without further delay to clear

Representatives of the Rea Construction Company submitted a The funeral service was con- report on the paving program and gutter had been laid and that 600 cubic yards of dirt had been moved, the work to date costing approximately \$10,467.82.

> It was proposed at the meeting that curb and gutter be laid between the high school buildings from Smithwick to School Drive. Mayor R. H. Cowen and Street Superinter.dent R. E. Manning were instructed to investigate a (Continued from Page Six)

## Child Struck By **Auto And Injured**

folk was driving east on the umn for each day of the month: eraged \$52.10. street when the little fellow was said to have darted into the street and ran into the side of the car. Thomas picked the victim up and carried him to a local hospital where he continues to receive

A minor crash was reported at intersection of Watts and Main streets here. Bradford Brown of RFD 2, Williamston, was making ready to turn off Main to his left storage buildings or bins since for traffic to clear, Brown was hit by a 1947 Mercury driven by Tayloe Willie Woolard of Copeland Park, Va. No one was hurt and damage to Brown's 1949 Chevrolet was hardly more than \$15. Damage to the other machine was estimated at \$125 by Officer Tom Chesson who made the investiga-

#### Three Thousand **Booked For Speed** The Motor Vehicles Department

reported today 3,109 arrests for ways last month.

lowing too closely 183.

other 1,377 to the list.

#### SCHOOLS

Vacation days for approximately 8,000 Martin County school children are scheduled to end on Thursday, September 2, it was announced following a meeting of the board of education last Thursday evening.

Teachers are to report to their respective schools on September 1 to make ready for opening the term the fol-

### Heat And Rain In The Weather News In Month Of July

Mercury Climbs To 100 Degrees; Rainfall Above Normal For Period

Heat and rain literally stole the day weather news in this section last month, according to an official report released this week for the period by Mr. Hugh Spruill, er on Roanoke River here.

The mercury climbed to the down as a hot month.

In keeping with Mr. Spruill's ation. prediction, July turned out to be comparatively wet month. It been followed by wet Julys over little lower this week when com-

The Roanoke, according to the of sales was heavy at most marreport, held to a conservative kets.

level during the period. The weather data, including the 30 grossed 46,434,252 pounds and

mams, three by Mr. Spruill for the month of average was a drop of \$1.33 from years old, was painfully but be- July follows, with the date the previous five-day period lieved not seriously injured when in the first column, the river range while the volume picked up he ran into the side of the auto- readings in the second column, around 3.7 million pounds. Season mobile on East Main Street short- the maximum temperature read- sales were brought to 103,488,719 ly after 9:00 o'clock Sunday mor- ing in the third, minimum tem- pounds for an average of \$51.42. perature reading in the fourth For the same number of days last

Date	River	H	L	Ra
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2.	4.5	98	68	(
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4	4.7	97	70	(
5	4.5	95	67	.3
6	4.2	86	66	.4
7	3.9	96	65	0
8.	4.3	90	68	0
9	4.6	86	67	.0
10.	5.0	83	65	.8
11.	4.5	82	-63	0
12.	4.0	80	65	
13.	3.4	94	58	0
14.	3.8	98	73	0
15.	5.2	95	74	*
16.	6.4	83	65	2.6
17.	6.0	83	57	
18.	5.2	88	57	0
19.	4.6	88	73	
20.	3.8	96	72	.0
21	4.3	92	70	
22.	5.3	88	72	.0
23.	5.2	89	66	
24.	4.8	90	63	-0
25.	4.6	90	67	1.7
26	4.3	90	64	0
27	3.8	89	63	0
28.	4.2	91	59	0
29	4.9	93	60	- 0
30	5.3	97	63	0
31.	5.5	96	71	0

# \* Indicates Trace Of Rain

**Serious Shortage** In Tobacco Barns

reckless driving with 599 in third. causing much concern for many truck and about \$90 damage to his report issued July 6 said the de- White and Sycamore streets, Both barns were fired with Mr. and Mrs. Farmer got up None of the offenses require re- farmers in Martin County, ac- car, a 1949 Buick. today. One farmer said he could about 7:45 o'clock Saturday eve-

proper lights 289; driving on In several instances where The property belonged to John- wrong side of road 291; and fol- barns have burned, the farmers are in a bad plight.

next ten days.

### **Border Markets** Report Stronger **Opening Prices**

Markets In Georgia Slightly Lower Last Week Than Earlier In Season

The South Carolina-Border tobacco markets opened the season Monday with prices slightly stronger than those reported on the opening last year. The price average was placed at \$52.00 per hundred, a figure that is slightly under the average on the opening in 1953. The variation was traced, towever, to inferior quality. Local tobacconists pointed out that the quality was only fair, that the leaf offered on the opening this year showed signs of extre-

mely dry weather. Prices on some grades were said to range from \$1 to about \$6 a hundred pounds above those of last year, but that the better grades were selling for about the same prices received by the growers in 1953.

The Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation got between five and ten percent of the offerings on Mon-

Reports stated that farmers served by the Border markets are late harvesting their crops, that some of them have harvested no more than two "cullings". Marketbridgekeeper and weather observ- ing is also slow in Georgia, leading some to believe that marketing in this belt might be delayed 100-degree mark and covered from the announced 17th opening. around 90 or more on eighteen of A definite decision is expected the thirty-one days of last this week-end when directors of month. It dipped to a low of 57 the Eastern North Carolina Wareon two mornings, but July will go house Association meet in Raleigh to study the marketing situ-

Georgia Report

Georgia-Florida flue-cured to was explained that dry Junes had bacco prices were steady to a a period of years. The record pared with the week before, Qualshows 6.24 inches of rain fell last ity of marketings also was not as month or .44 of an inch above nor- good according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Volume

Sales for the week ending July.

Robert Hall Thomas of Nor- and the rainfall in the fifth col- year 188,730,640 pounds had av-

Declines in grade averages were centered on primings, nondescript and lower offerings of lugs. Losses were chiefly \$1.00 to \$3.00 per hundred pounds. Most grades of leaf, futters and better quality lugs were steady to \$2.00 higher. The percentage of poor to fair leaf increased noticeably. Fair and good primings and lugs decreased in proportion, Leaf and lugs made up nearly two-thirds of the marketings.

Receipts of the Flue-cured Stabilization Corporation under the Government loan program for the week were around 3.4 per cent of gross sales. Deliveries for the season through Thursday, July 29 totaled 3,642,835 pounds or 5 3.9 per cent of gross sales.

### Minor Accident On County Road

No one was injured and property damage was limited to about \$100 in a lone accident reported on the highways in this county during the week-end.

Dillon Wynn, Jr., of RFD 3. Williamston, was making ready to turn into the Prison Camp road off Highway 64 and stopped for traffic to clear the intersection. Archie R. Respass, traveling behind him, crashed into the rear of Wynn's Dodge pick-up truck, Limited tobacco barn space is causing about \$10 damage to the

The accident was reported

# Room In the City Hall

Undergoing treatment in Martin General Hospital during the The total number of Tar Heel Tobacco is ripening rapidly past several weeks for a back inas a barrier to the dripping of at the close of the fiscal 1954. It ported little rain last night, but were insured, but none was in on the contents, but it could not offenders came to 7,497 for the now and a goodly portion of the jury, Mr. John L. Hassell, former hot roofing tar onto otherwise had been forecast at \$269,750,000,- the fall was heavy in other areas, effect on the Bailey barn, accord- be learned if the house was in- month. Out-of-staters added an- crop will be harvested during the mayor, left today to take a room in the city hall.