

## Operators Ready For Williamston Market Opening August 16

### Hamilton Against Proposed Changes In Postal Service

Williamston And Other Towns In Line For Curtailment in Their Services

Acting in the name of economy, the Post Office Department is making extensive changes in its service schedules, curtailing a service here and discontinuing a schedule there. The net effect of the recent action is not yet definite, Postmaster W. E. Dunn stating late yesterday that he had not been advised of all the proposed changes, that the new schedules are not yet definite for all routes.

During the meantime, service is being reduced to an absolute minimum for Oak City, Hassell and Hamilton with the possibility that other towns in the county will feel the bite of a sweeping economy move.

It was reliably learned that service over the route from Plymouth is being curtailed and that the route from Rocky Mount to Plymouth is being discontinued. Ordinarily, the carrier running from Plymouth to Rocky Mount reaches here about 9:30 a. m., and the carrier from Rocky Mount to Plymouth reaches here about 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Postmaster Dunn yesterday afternoon did not know how the new schedule would offset the curtailment of one route and the discontinuance of another. However, the postmaster expressed the opinion that the service will be improved.

The highway post offices, operating between Raleigh and North Williamston as their meeting point, are being discontinued. They are being replaced by another highway post office which has been let to private interests. Robersonville and Parmele are being added to the highway post office schedule which is to be maintained effective next Monday between Rocky Mount and Elizabeth City with extensive laterals to include Stokes, Washington and other towns off the direct route.

The new highway post office route originates at Rocky Mount at 2:15 o'clock a. m., seven mornings a week and makes its first stop at Conetoe. It comes on

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### Organ Recital In Everetts Church

A program of sacred music will be given in the Everetts Christian Church on Sunday night, August 15th at eight o'clock by Gene Barnes, baritone, and Russell T. Roebuck, organist.

Mr. Barnes is a native of Wilson and for the past several years has done extensive study in New York where he is now living and working in the musical field. He is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College in Wilson and is a former member of the church choir of the First Presbyterian Church in that city.

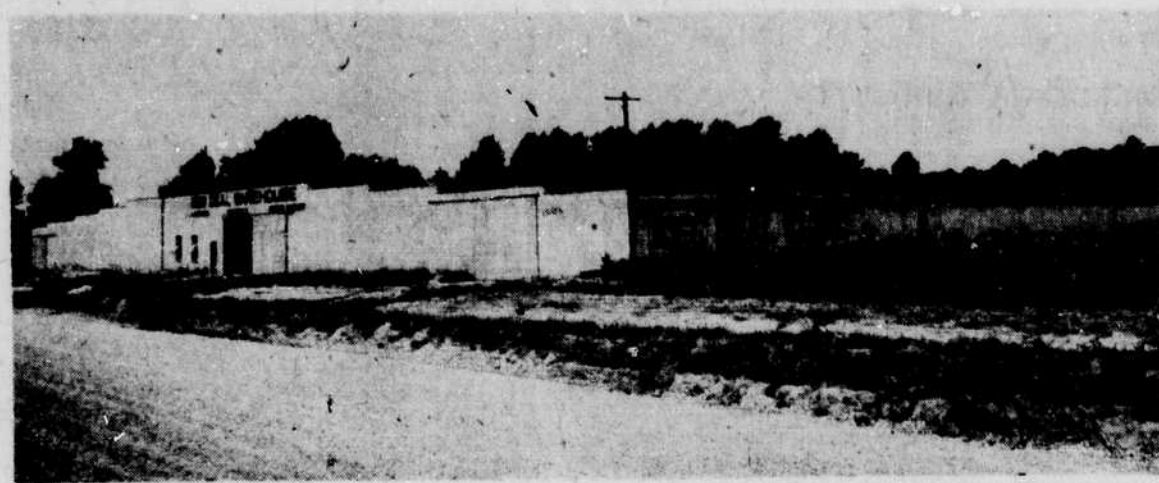
Mr. Roebuck, son of the late Sheriff and Mrs. Roebuck of Everetts and Williamston, is the minister of music and business manager of the First Presbyterian Church in Wilson. He is also a graduate of Atlantic Christian College and has served as organist for several churches in eastern North Carolina.

The public is cordially invited to attend this program.

#### MESSAGES

Special messages appear in this edition, the business firms all combining to extend the farmers of this section a hearty welcome to sell on the Williamston Tobacco Market. The messages, which, after all, make this edition possible, are designed to advance the general interest of the market and the business people of the town are supporting the Williamston market and that they are interested in the welfare of all.

### Williamston's Newest Tobacco Warehouse



### Experienced Firm At New Warehouse Here

### Reynolds Family And Two Brothers Operating House

Owensboro, Ky., Firm Purchases House From King Roberts Only Recently

Purchasing the "New Deal" tobacco auction warehouse recently completed here by King Roberts, Messrs. Bethel Reynolds and his sons, Marson and Eugene, of Owensboro, Kentucky, will operate the large house in cooperation with Messrs. J. M. and C. Garland Smothers of Reidsville.

Coming to Williamston for the first time, the new operators are new to this immediate territory, but they are old in the business, all of them having literally grown up in the tobacco business.

The Smothers Brothers, building a record of good will as able tobaccoists, have operated warehouses in their home town of Reidsville, N. C., Live Oak, Florida, Tifton, Ga., Dunn and Carthage in this State and Owensboro, Kentucky. They Reynolds group form an effective combination when it comes to selling tobacco. They have operated houses in their home town of Owensboro, Ky., Jasper, Florida, and Waycross, Georgia.

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### Band Rehearsal Set For Tonight

Although a successor to Director Jack Butler who resigned recently, has not been signed by the Williamston High School, a rehearsal of the Green Wave Band will be held tonight at 8:00 in the band room, it was announced yesterday.

Authorities have been working for two months to secure a new director and much correspondence has ensued but no tangible results had been announced today.

Ordinarily this would be a busy season for the band since the football season is only about a month away, and even less if a game is secured for September 10 which is at present an open date. The first currently scheduled game is at Tarboro on the 17th of next month.

### Joins Laboratory Staff In Hospital This Week

Mr. S. J. Jamieson of Asheville joined the laboratory staff in Martin General Hospital here this week, succeeding Mr. Cochran who has accepted a position near his home. Mrs. Jamieson, a registered nurse, has joined the nursing staff in the hospital. They are at home on East Simmons Avenue.

#### INDICATIONS

Late in harvesting the crop, Martin farmers are expected to offer limited quantities of leaf tobacco for sale during the early days of the season opening next Monday. A fairly large offering is expected the first day, but deliveries are likely to be light during the next few days. Limited to 60 percent of capacity, the market will sell possibly a maximum of 200,000 pounds opening day.

Prices are expected to hold to about the last year's opening figure. The market last year on opening day sold 365,596 pounds for an average of \$52.69 per hundred pounds.

### Will Seek Ban On County Carnivals

Led by a group in West End, citizens in this county are expected to appeal to the State Legislature to ban carnivals from this county forever and ever. The proposed action was discussed this week following an argument over the blocking of streets in West End where a carnival is playing an engagement.

The issues surrounding the argument are quite unusual, and the action has not been challenged.

Learning the latter part of last week that a carnival planned a week's engagement in the rear portion of the old fairground, West End residents blocked their streets. It was the residents' contention that the streets are now in town, that the highway commission refuses to maintain them. The residents also pointed out that they are responsible for the maintenance of the streets, that they hold deeds to the streets.

It was also explained that heavy traffic during dry seasons constitutes a dust menace, that the streets will not stand up under heavy traffic during rainy periods.

An entrance to the carnival grounds was provided off the McCaskey road.

## Civil War Diary Of Docton Warren Bagley

#### 1st Installment

Martin County people have played a patriotic part in all wars from the Revolution down through the Korean conflict. Many of the stories have been handed down by word of mouth, day. From time to time such as Warren Bagley's Civil War Diary was found in Duke Library where it had been placed by relatives more than half century ago, the document giving bare facts—some good and some bad—and listing many names, some having been lost to posterity and others having remained to grow in number.

The publishers of this paper had the diary photo printed, and the first installment appears today. From time to time such explanations as are possible will be offered, but, in the main, the diary is to be published just as the old patriot jotted it down.

The diary tells about contribu-

### Acknowledge Aid In Preparing For Tobacco Edition

Many Interesting Facts Are Uncovered During Past Few Months

The publishers take this opportunity to acknowledge the cooperation and express their appreciation to all those who aided in preparing the material for this tobacco market edition of The Enterprise. Descendants of Docton Warren Bagley have been most helpful along with quite a few others, including Miss Mattie Russell and Mr. Hix of the Duke University Library, Mrs. Margaret Price of the State Lib-

#### OPERATING

The Coastal Lumber Company, one of the newest industries, started operations on a limited scale at its new plant this week. The plant is located on the old Biggs Farm just off the new highway truck route and back of the Martin Tractor and Truck Company's new home on the 45-pass.

The company is buying lumber of all kinds from the mills and preparing it for the markets.

### New Construction Valued At Three-Quarter Million

New construction—residential three-quarters of a million dollars in value here last year, according to figures released by Building Inspector G. P. Hall.

Fifty-two homes were either completed or started during 1953, 1953, carrying an estimated value of \$303,600. The unit construction costs ranged from an humble figure of \$1,000 up to \$20,000. Most of the homes fell into the \$5,000 to \$7,000 value classification while ten were valued at \$10,000 or more.

Seven new commercial buildings were constructed here during the period, including a \$110,000 storage house. The commercial units included several stores, office building, filling stations, beauty parlor, building supply,

fish market and so on.

Comparatively few repairs were made to either residential or commercial property, according to the building inspector. Permits were issued for repairs to residences costing \$11,000. Repairs to commercial property was estimated at \$8,500.

According to the inspector, a total of \$704,050 was spent on residential and commercial construction, including \$19,500 spent for repairs.

The building program was one of the most extensive ever reported here in any one year, and is expected to hold close to the record. However, much building is now in progress here. The combined record for 1952 was estimated at \$667,923.

The undersigned promise to pay to the Treasurer which may be heard after appointed by the volunteer Company to be formed in the County of Martin, the formation of which is commenced this day, the sums opposite to the names for the purpose of arming and equipping said volunteer company.

Theodore Hassell was appointed secretary and to solicit recruits with Dr. Knight. D. W. Bagley was appointed treasurer.

The following persons then sub-

### Judge Peele Has Sixteen Cases In Recorder's Court

Fines Add Up to \$310 During Short Session Monday Morning

Judge H. O. Peele handled sixteen cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court during a two-hour session last Monday morning. The court completed its work and adjourned at 11:30 o'clock. Fines were imposed in the amount to \$310.

Proceedings: The case in which Columbus Lilley, Jr., was charged with speeding 65 miles an hour was not pressed.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Sprivil Winston Casper was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs. He loses his operator's license for twelve months.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Fannie Lee Peel was fined \$25, plus costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the court costs in the case in which Muriel Edward Sadler was charged with speeding 50 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone.

Pleading guilty of speeding 70 miles an hour, John Zych, Jr., was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, William Henry Harrell, teen-ager, pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty and was sentenced to the roads for twelve months. Notice of appeal to the superior court was given and \$500 bond was required.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case in which Donald Moore was charged with the improper registration of a vehicle.

J. B. Woodard was taxed with the court costs for speeding 55 miles an hour.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, Emmett O'Neal Thomsen was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs.

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### Five Big Warehouses Will Be Open On Market This Season

### Full Complement of Buyers For Local Tobacco Market

The Williamston Tobacco Market has been assured of a full complement of buyers for the season opening next Monday. While it is possible that the market will share buyers with another market during the first three or four days, every one of the major companies and numerous independent firms will be represented, it was announced.

Most of the old buyers are returning, including one or two who have been out for a few seasons. Mr. Arthur Beal, well remembered on the market here in past seasons before illness forced him into temporary retirement, is returning to the market and he will represent the Washington Tobacco Company, Lorillard and W. I. Skinner Companies, in addition to handling several independent

accounts. Mack Lamb, on old stand-by on the market, is returning for the American. Joel Muse will again represent the Export. A. C. Monk of Farmville will be represented on the market by Bruce Roebuck. Alec Jones will return for the J. P. Taylor Company and several independent firms. Reynolds will again be represented by Roger Dillon. Jackie Bell will be back for Liggett-Meyers, and Larry James, Jr., will again represent the Imperial. Other companies have announced they plan to be represented on the market here, but definite assignments had not been released early today.

The buyers, well known to the farmers of this entire section, have proved their ability and have always shown an interest in the market and its patrons.

### Noble Gesture Made In Town's Interest

#### DENTIST

A young man, believed to have just recently completed his school and training, is considering locating here for the practice of dentistry, according to information coming from the Boosters' office today.

The young doctor advised Manager Ed Grady that he planned to visit the town early next week, that he was much interested in locating in Williamston. No name was revealed.

### Big Job Begging For Applicants

Contrary to the rule, a big government job is going begging in this section for applicants, according to information gained here this week. It was unofficially learned that a \$10,000-a-year position in the Agricultural Conservation Service is waiting and begging for an eligible Republican. The job, it is understood, is to have its headquarters in Raleigh.

At least two applicants in this county are after the job, but they have just about been ruled out, according to a report received here.

It is admitted that the job has a limited field to choose from in this county.

### Club Directors Hold Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Williamston Lions Club Board of Directors was held Tuesday night at the BWCW cabin. Lion George Corey served the members a charcoal broiled steak supper. The main business concerned improving the attendance record of the club. Lion President Shag Abernathy pointed out that the club now holds an 86.6 attendance record which is above the national average. Every effort will be made to get the average to 90 percent for the coming year.

Means of furnishing additional Christmas cheer for the blind was also discussed. The Lions Club will hold a regular meeting Thursday night at 7:00 in the scout building.

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### Full Complement Of Buyers To Be Here Opening Day

All Details Handled And The Market Is Set For A Big Season

Operators of the Williamston Tobacco Market are all set for the opening of the tobacco market here next Monday. All details have been handled for the event, and the market is preparing for what promises to be the best season in its history. Certainly, the market is better prepared than ever before to serve the farmers of all Northeastern North Carolina.

Five big houses will be open on the market here this year with recognized authorities in charge of the operations. All personnel has been employed, the warehouse proprietors pointing out that the auctioneers, floor managers, office men and general managers are all experienced in the business, that every indication points to an effective operation.

A large new warehouse, "The New Deal", is opening on the truck route or by-pass here this year in addition to the four houses that have been operated for a number of years.

The same proprietors are again operating the Roebuck, Reynolds, Dixie and Planters Warehouses, and the Farmers and Carolina Warehouses.

At the Carolina and Farmers houses, Messrs. S. Claud Griffin, Jimmy B. Taylor, Leman Barnhill and Elmer Lilley will again be in charge. Harold Hutchinson of Boynton-Beach, returning as auctioneer. Dewey Perry and Henry Griffin will manage the flood operations and Arthur Revels will be general manager. Elbert Tice will handle the books, assisted by Clarence Stallings and LeRoy Griffin.

Messrs. Carlyle Langley, Urban Rogers, Johnny Gurkin and Rossell Rogers will again be at the Roanoke-Dixie and Planters houses. Buel "Speedy" Wilson, a former employee on the market here, is returning from Scotsville, Ky., as auctioneer. Mr. Wilson was on the Rocky Mount market during

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