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## Moving Bus Station To A New Location

### Station Will Be Housed In Pearl Street Building

#### Move Offers Marked Im- provement Over The Present Facilities

Taking the first opportunity to relieve a bad bus station condition here, the Carolina Coach Company will move its local terminal from the little box on Washington Street to the building formerly occupied by the Martin Tractor and Truck Company on Pearl Street just across the way from Chas. H. Jenkins and Company.

The change, effective Saturday of this week, will be welcomed not only by patrons but also by the general public.

It is common knowledge that special efforts have been advanced for months in an effort to locate a suitable station for the traveling public, but one obstacle after another has been encountered.

While the new location will not afford ideal advantages for a bus station, the facilities there are far better than those available in the present one.

It could not be learned officially, but it is possible that the company is still seeking a more suitable site, that the Pearl Street station will be maintained on a temporary basis. The street is to be paved within the next two or three months, and the public is certain to accept the change as marked improvement over the present facilities.

### Club At Dardens Supports Drive

Sponsored by the Home Demonstration club there, the Dardens community recently raised \$41 for the 1954 cancer fund. Contributions are acknowledged, as follows:

Mrs. Ernest Hayes, \$1.00; Mrs. C. A. Houg, 1.00; Mrs. Carroll Fagan, 1.00; Mrs. Bob Harden, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harrison, 1.00; Mrs. Hoyle Davenport, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Waters, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Waters, 1.00; Mrs. Hosea Davis, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woodard, 1.00; Mrs. Julian Fagan, 1.00; Mrs. Sam Coburn, .50; Paul Allen, 2.00; Herman Riddick, 1.00; David Scott, 1.00; Bert Lu Roberson, 1.00; S. F. Davis, .50; Willie B. Dickerson, 1.00; George Smith, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Knowles, 5.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Davis, \$2.00; Mrs. Mattie Davis, 1.00; Mrs. Durham Davis, 1.00; C. G. Gurkin, 1.00; Albert Martin, 1.00; Warren Cherry, 1.50; Mrs. Roland Coburn, 1.00; Mack Davis, 1.00; B. A. Daniels, 1.00; Elmer Modkin, 1.00; Marvin Jones, 1.25; G. C. Lilley, 1.00; Mrs. Betty Jackson, .50; Mrs. Ed Davenport, .25; Dan Fagan, 1.00; James Stalls, 1.00; Mrs. Winston Holliday, .50.

### Wreck Two Stills In This County

Raiding in the Bear Grass section Tuesday afternoon, ABC Officers arrested two young delinquents and poured out about 400 gallons of mash.

The plants, located about two miles apart, were equipped with oil drum stills.

Officers Cecil Bullock, Wiley Craft and Garland Bunting made the raids.

### Young Man Cut In Farm Accident In Bear Grass

Melvin Holliday, young Bear Grass farmer, was painfully cut on his left leg in a farm accident there late yesterday afternoon. Details of the accident could not be learned immediately, but the farmer was trying out a new stalk cutter and was struck on the leg. He was treated in a local hospital. Five stitches were needed to close the gash, it was said.

## Make Ready For School Opening In This County

### Principals In Meeting Here This Week; All Teach- er Positions Filled

Plans are just about complete for opening the eight white and fourteen colored schools in this county on Thursday, September 2, according to information released by the office of the Martin County Board of Education today. All teacher positions have been filled, it was explained, and other arrangements are being handled rapidly for the opening.

Two additional rooms for the primary school here are nearing completion. Work on a new high school unit is going forward rapidly in Robersonville, and work has been started on a shop and an additional class room at the local high school. The Robersonville unit will not be ready just yet, and school will be continued in temporary quarters at Parmele.

Meeting here this week, principals discussed their plans for opening the schools next Thursday. All principals were present except Professor George Haislip of Hamilton. Suffering an attack a few weeks ago, Mr. Haislip is improving rapidly. Until he is able to return, Mrs. Sarah Edmondson Cherry, former teacher in the schools here, will direct the Hamilton school, it was announced.

Principals attending the meeting earlier this week included, W. C. Gay, Jamesville; Milton Griffin who is succeeding A. H. Braswell, resigned at Farm Life; H. V. Parker, Jr., Bear Grass; B. G. Stewart, Williamston; C. F. Murrow, Everetts; George Cullinham, Oak City.

The last of the teacher positions in the county were announced filled this morning. The science-coach position was filled at Oak City by a Clinton young man, and Miss Marilyn Thomas of Fairfax, South Carolina, was appointed public music teacher at Oak City.

Next Wednesday there'll be a county-wide meeting of teachers here. Next Thursday morning, the principals will meet with their teachers in the several schools, and the doors will be opened to the pupils Thursday afternoon, September 2, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. During the first public session, the pupils will be assigned rooms and instructed as to fees and other details.

### Annual Picnic Of Band Wednesday

The annual picnic for the Green Wave Band of Williamston High School which always includes the members of the Band Parents Club, the sponsoring organization, will be held on Wednesday afternoon of next week at 6:30 o'clock in the grove in front of the Williamston Christian Church where the church recently held its big picnic.

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## Plan To Open New Truck Route Here By October 15

No official date has been mentioned, but it is expected that the new truck route, serving highways 17 and 64 around the town, will be open to unlimited use on or about the middle of October, according to estimates coming from the project location this week. Completion dates depend much on the weather prevailing during the next few weeks, and, too, other factors are to be considered, it was explained.

All but about two carloads of rock have been placed on the road for the base. The first primer asphalt was poured on that section of the road between Highway 64 and highway 17 late Tuesday and yesterday. The section between Skewarkey and West End is about

## Man Kidnaped In Norfolk Tuesday

Kidnaped in Norfolk late Tuesday evening, Maury Gardner, white man of the Virginia city, was released two miles south of here on Highway 17 about 1:00 o'clock yesterday morning following a fast and exciting trip with his two captors.

Gardner halted for a stop light in Norfolk and two young men forced their way into his Ford coupe. One whipped out a gun and told him to drive. They directed him out of Norfolk and instructed him to drive them south. Without offering to rob or hurt him, the two men got out of the car and told him to turn around.

Returning to Williamston, he called the police and Sheriff M. W. Holloman was notified. Working with the town officers, the

two men got out of the car and started a search that was extended miles out on Highway 17 and into sections off the main highway route. No trace of the two men was found during a search lasting several hours.

Both men were thought to have been between 28 and 31 years of age. Both wore dark trousers and short sleeves. Neither one wore a hat.

## Safety Awards Go To Drivers Here

Maintaining perfect safety records for one or more years in the operation of motor vehicles, most of the employees of the Williamston Packing Company and the Lindsey Ice Company this week were awarded safety certificates and pins by Herman Marsh, representative of the Great American Indemnity Company.

At a meeting held in the packing company plant Tuesday evening, Marsh presented the awards to Jasper Jones, Grover Lilley, Thos. E. Martin, H. P. Price, R. Price, R. Purvis, John B. Roberson and Ben Andrews. Messrs. Russell Griffin and Geo. Peele, plant owners, served the group supper and a special safety picture was shown.

The awards were made at a special supper meeting last night to the Lindsey Company drivers, including W. D. Barnes, J. P. Hedspeh, W. J. Mathkins, J. H. Roberson and Herman Johnson.

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## Native Of County Dies In Hospital At Ft. Wayne, Ind.

### Funeral Will Be Conducted Here Saturday Afternoon For Chester Harrison

Chester Haywood Harrison, native of this county, died in a Fort Wayne, Indiana, hospital yesterday morning at 7:00 o'clock. He had been critically ill for three weeks. Undergoing a major operation nearly four years ago, he recovered and was getting along very well until his recent illness.

The son of the late Joseph R. and Amanda White Harrison, he was born in Bear Grass Township 56 years ago on May 22, 1896. Ten years later he moved with the family to Poplar Point where he attended the local schools until he entered a Richmond business school. He was with the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad in 1919 and later that year went with the S. S. Kregsee Company as a clerk in Richmond where he laid the foundation for a phenomenal rise in business. In 1924 he was made manager of the company's store in Trenton, N. J., and rose to be one of the firm's main buyers in Fort Wayne where he had made his home for the past five years. He also managed stores in Cleveland, Portland, Maine and Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

He volunteered for service in World War II and was in army procurement for two years. In early manhood he was married to Miss Ruby Barrett of Philadelphia. He was a member of the Fort Wayne Presbyterian Church and was active in religious, business and civic circles wherever he went.

He was held in high esteem by his community and his family.

The funeral party entrained at Fort Wayne early today and will reach here late Friday afternoon. The body will lie in state at the Biggs Funeral Home where the last rites will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. J. Don Skinner, local Presbyterian minister, assisted by the Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the First Christian Church. Interment will be in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Surviving besides his widow are a daughter of South Bend, Indiana; two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Peaks of Everetts and Miss Buck Howell of Poplar Point; and four brothers, Messrs. Norman K. Harrison of Williamston, Herman and Raymond Harrison, both of Poplar Point, and Milton Harrison of Gold Point.

## Towns Get Street Money From State

The several towns in this county are receiving \$35,277.91 under the Powell Bill for their streets, according to unofficial information received here today.

Williamston is receiving just about half the allotment for the county units. The \$17,706.33 allotted this year is \$357.62 more than was received last year from the special fund.

Other town allotments: Jamesville, \$2,134.46; Everetts, \$860.83; Robersonville, \$6,819.37; Parmele, \$1,944.62; Hassell, \$1,770.00; Hamilton, \$2,373.53; and Oak City, \$2,268.77.

More than five million dollars are being distributed from the fund.

## McClees Florist- Gift Shop Moved

The McClees Florist and Gift Shop have moved from their former location in the Flat Iron building next to the Williamston Hardware Company to new quarters. They are now occupying the building formerly occupied by Archie Perry Grocery, next to Martin General Hospital.

With the latest equipment and expert training, they are prepared to serve their customers with complete satisfaction.

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## Tobacco Sales Pass Million-Pound Mark

### Average Price In First Eight Days In Excess Of \$55

One Of Largest Sales Of  
The Season On Floors  
This Morning

Although its sales are off to a slow start due to the late harvest season and the early opening this season, the Williamston Tobacco Market is setting a new price record day by day, according to official reports gained today.

Holding about the second largest sale of the season, the market yesterday sold 154,964 pounds for an official average of \$55.30 per hundred pounds. Up until this morning, the market had sold 919,966 pounds for slightly more than one-half million dollars and an official average of \$55.10 per hundred pounds.

A report from the market today pointed to about the largest poundage placed on the floors this season.

During the first eight days last season, the market sold right at two and one-half million pounds of tobacco for an average of \$54.25 per hundred pounds, giving the price figure this year an 85-cent per hundred pound advantage over the average for the corresponding period last year.

The harvest in this county is now reported ninety percent or more complete, several sections having completed the task in its entirety. A few farmers will be in the field next week, but about eighty percent of the growers have moved into the pack bins and are now busy grading and preparing leaf for market.

Capacity sales are in prospect for next week, according to reports.

More farmers from a wider territory than at any other time in recent years are patronizing the local market, and general satisfaction is being reported.

Jumping the gun and without assurances that buyers would be there, Middle Belt tobacco markets closed yesterday until next Tuesday when buyers are expected to be available.

Rating as a dangerous nuisance, Carolina Moon, a juke box joint located near Robersonville and Parmele on Highway 64, is being subject to padlock proceedings, according to information coming from the sheriff's office.

No date for the moon setting has been established, but proceedings were instituted this week, looking toward a discontinuance of the business establishment.

Officers have been called to the place on several occasions recently, and while the operator, Leo Hooker, has cooperated in every way possible, difficulty has been encountered in handling the traffic. Hundreds are said to congregate there, blocking highway traffic and creating a dangerous nuisance. Quite a few are said to have used profane language, ignored pleas by the management and were disorderly.

Production of shelled edible peanuts through July 31 amounted to 614,000,000 pounds, slightly more than were milled to this date last year. Production of cleaned-in-shell roasting stock peanuts, including unordered crushing stock, both for domestic use and foreign export, has totaled 350,000,000 pounds this season, compared to this date last year.

The apparent domestic disappearance of shelled peanuts, including peanuts crushed for oil and meal, totaled 776,000,000 pounds, about 10 per cent higher than last season to date. Disappearance of shelled peanuts, at 580,000,000 pounds, is running about the same as last year.

Peanuts reported used in making candy, salted peanuts, peanut butter and other products are up about two per cent from a year ago. Peanuts used in making salted peanuts and peanut butter are above last season.

Critically attacked at the Little Savoy Cafe on Washington Street last Saturday night, Tempie Goss was able to leave a local hospital for her home here yesterday.

She was badly cut on the forehead and one arm.

## Start Action To Close Business

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## Suffers Broken Leg In Accident Yesterday

Miss Veronica Baker suffered a bad fracture of the right leg when she fell at her home on East Main Street yesterday afternoon. She kicked at a dog and stepped in a hole, causing her to lose her balance and fall in the yard. She is a patient in a local hospital.

## Dance Next Tuesday At Club For the Teen-Agers

There will be a dance for all teen-agers in the Woman's Club next Tuesday night from 8:00 until 11:00 p. m. Music will be furnished by Billy Glover and his band.

Refreshments will be served by the parents. An admission fee of 25 and 40 cents will be charged.