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ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

Opening of Tobacco Market, Large Crowd in Attendance; Baseball; County Candidates; School Opens August 31; Death of a Citizen; Tobacco Barn Burned --- Personal Items

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Tuesday Aug. 4, 1908.

Tobacco Day at Robersonville August 4.

People were here from, (it seems almost everywhere.) Among the towns represented were Washington, Greenville, Williamston, Bethel, Hamilton, Hassell, Oak City, Gold Point, and Parmele. The best bright tobacco country in the United States was well represented. It would be vain to attempt to name the host of people.

Why were they here? Some were here to sell their tobacco, because they want the highest market price. But the greater number were attracted by the reputation of the market. It is the place to observe men, skilled in the tobacco trade, handle the tobacco in the interest of the customers.

Let us see who these men are. They are men who stay with the market and increase in popularity from year to year as they become known to the tobacco trade. The chaff has blown off and those who are left are the genuine article.

In the Planters' Warehouse, N. D. Young is manager. He was raised on a tobacco farm, and has been a buyer. He has several years' experience as a warehouseman and therefore understands the business. Mr. W. Z. Morton is auditor in the Planters'. He began with the market here and understands every detail of selling tobacco. Mr. Ed. James is assistant book-keeper and Mr. W. A. James is drummer. The auctioneer is R. E. Cuto, who has sold on the markets at Kinston, Rocky Mount, and Smithfield.

In the Adkins and Bailey Warehouse we find the men whose name the house bears. They are princes among warehouse managers. They have stuck to the business until farmers know their worth. Mr. Adkins has had 18 years experience, seven of them on this market. He merits his title "Rush", for he rushes for the tobacco and then rushes the prices. Mr. Bailey began with the market. He also has seven lucky years experience as a warehouseman. His customers stick to him, because they are satisfied. Mr. J. C. Andrews will do valuable service for Bailey and Adkins. To him, more than to any one man, belongs the credit of establishing the market here. He worked for the market and then worked for the people. His experience as a warehouseman both here and in Virginia eminently fit him for valuable service. He knows the tobacco from the seed to the factory. Mr. R. E. Grimes is also a valuable member of this force. His experience in tobacco is long and varied. Mr. Bodenhammer can hammer up the prices up to the top of the market with so much ease that you would imagine his vocal machinery on ball bearings.

The buyers on the markets have been here for years. They have an interest in the success of the market, therefore they are willing to give the farmers the limit. Mr. J. W. Ferrell, for the A. T. C. and Mr. Ferrell for the Imperial have made friends of the farmers by their fair dealings. The other buyers have been here long enough to establish their reputation.

Mr. O. L. Joyner, President of the Farmers' Consolidated Tobacco Company was here from Greenville. He expressed himself as being highly pleased with the open-

ing and the prospect for the year. Of the 30,000 lbs. sold the average was good, considering the condition of the tobacco. The remarkable thing of it all is that only one farmer kicked, all the others were satisfied with the prices, in most cases having received more than they anticipated.

Robersonville Graded School will open August 31. Parents should try to enter their children on the first day. It is best for all concerned. The Trustees will allow all children who will be six years of age before Christmas to enter at the beginning of the term. Children should not enter the first grade after the first three weeks.

All children in this end of the County will be entitled to free tuition, if they can enter above the seventh grade. All others will be charged tuition, if they are not in the graded school district. This is the school in which to prepare for college or for business. We intend that it shall be second to none.

Mr. Chas. H. Whichard has bought the interest of other parties in the market. Having installed a nice refrigerator, he says that he will supply his customers with fresh beef and other meats all kinds of weather. Mr. Whichard studied under experienced and skilled marketmen in Philadelphia, and will serve the trade with skill. It does his customers good to see the cleanliness of the market. He has a restaurant in connection with the market.

Mr. M. G. Daniel had the misfortune to lose a fine barn of tobacco some time ago. It was strange that the explosion and fire did not take place until over thirty hours after the tobacco was "killed out." The barn was visited by different members of the family several times the evening and night before the fire, and all was thought to be safe. They can not account for the fire so long after it was considered safe.

Mr. Geo. Butler near this place died last Thursday. He has been ill for some time, and leaves a wife and several children in rather destitute circumstances. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father will cause people to visit them in their affliction. Surely they have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

The revival last week at the Christian Church was closed Monday night, as Mr. Howard had to return home. However, the meeting was continued a few evenings at the Methodist Church by Rev. Mr. Vickers.

Two of the ball games by the Robersonville Team failed to materialize because of heavy rains. One with the Hamilton Team at Hamilton, the other with Turkey Swamp on the home grounds.

Misses Ella Davenport of Jamesville, and Caddie Burnett of Oak City were the company of Miss Emma Roberson last week. Little Miss Nollie Roberson accompanied Miss Davenport home.

Miss Pearl Roberson returned from her visit to Mr. Sam Burroughs' last Saturday. Miss Norma Burroughs is spending this week at the home of Mrs. J. C. Roberson.

Mr. A. E. Smith has added the latest and most improved Benthal

Peanut Picker to his already large stock of machinery. He had one Benthal Picker already, but he wants to give his patrons the best.

Roberson & Brown are putting improvements in their store. They are also making their displays more attractive. Skill in display is a large factor in a merchant's success.

Mr. Roy Carson's smiling countenance greets all customers at the drug store now. He spent last year at the State University studying Pharmacy.

Among the tobacco men who arrived last week were F. J. Jeffress, W. L. Ferrell, Vernon Ferrell, J. W. Ferrell, Newman Turner.

Mr. W. H. Adkins returned from Wilson Monday evening, where he witnessed the opening sales of the tobacco market.

It is reported that there were thirty-six county candidates in Robersonville on the fourth, and several prospective candidates.

Messrs. John Smith and John Keel have a Benthal Peanut Picker, and will help the farmers house their peanuts next fall.

Mr. Harvey Roberson has returned from his vacation trip to some of the summer watering places.

Messrs. N. D. Young and Ed. James spent Monday in Greenville on the tobacco market, opening day.

Miss Bessie Roberson is spending the week here with her cousins, Mrs. Fannie Roberson's daughters.

Dr. Caldwell, President of the Wilson Christian College, was here Monday soliciting students.

Mr. W. A. Ross spent Sunday in Oak City, attending the revival meeting at the Baptist Church.

Mr. Thomas Roberson was home last week from Charleston to spend a few days with his family here.

Mr. A. O. Roberson was quite ill Sunday, but his friends are delighted to see him out this week.

Mrs. Bettie Whitley, of Washington, is the guest of Mrs. J. C. Roberson this week.

Miss Julia Salsbury, of Hassell, is spending this week with her sister Mrs. W. Z. Morton.

Miss Lillian Smith is spending the week with Miss Minnie Whichard near Bethel.

Mrs. Grey Corey and Miss Nannie James of Pitt were in town Monday.

Messrs. John Ross and Richard Jenkins spent Sunday at Gold Point.

Miss Lillie Bunting, of Bethel, is with Mrs. Dr. Nelson this week.

Mr. J. C. Roberson made a business trip to Greenville Monday.

Miss Lydie Roberson and Leyla Taylor were in town to-day.

Miss Allie G. Little spent Monday in town.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

As Furnished by Our Regular Correspondents at Everetts, Gold Point and Dardens

EVERETTS ITEMS

Mr. J. B. Burroughs was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Clayton Keel was in town Sunday on business.

Mrs. A. S. Coffield is spending some time in Tarboro.

J. L. Gurganus spent Sunday in the country with his parents.

Burras A. Critcher of Williamston was in town Friday on business.

Rev. Mr. Andrews filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning.

Miss Alma Congleton is spending some time with J. E. Roberson on Railroad Street.

Hon. J. A. Whitley, J. T. Barnhill and J. B. Barnhill spent Wednesday in Williamston.

Mrs. J. S. Peel and son left this morning to spend some time with her sister in Battleboro.

Mr. H. Thomas Riddick has returned from his trip through the Western states. He reports a fine county.

A large crowd from here attended the opening sales of the tobacco market and ball game at Robersonville Tuesday.

Miss Claudie Harrison and Miss Fannie Bell Manning spent a few days last week with Miss Lucy Riddick.

Mrs. P. D. Everett and daughter of Panway, Fla., left this morning for Robersonville where they will spend a few days and then return home.

Miss Elizabeth Watkins Morton of Bullocks who has been spending the past week with Mrs. A. S. Coffield, left for her home Saturday morning.

GOLD POINT ITEMS

Mr. Harvey Roberson of Robersonville was here Sunday.

Miss Vivian Roberson is visiting friends in Elizabeth City this week.

Miss Hilda Powell of Roanoke

Rapids is visiting Mrs. J. L. Weaver.

Mr. John Williams has had his house painted on the Williamston Road.

Miss Melissa Coburn was the guest here Saturday of Miss Minnie Bryan.

Mr. Lewellyn Whitaker and Miss Marina Jackson were married a few days ago.

Prof. R. J. Peel and Mr. L. B. Wynn of Williamston were here last week on business.

Some of our tobacco farmers are nearly through curing tobacco and report fine cures so far.

School commenced here a few days ago with Misses Lucy Manning and Addie Coburn teachers.

Mr. Ed. Howell who was quite ill Saturday night and Sunday we are glad to learn in convalescing.

The tobacco barn of Mr. L. A. Taylor near Spring Green was burned Saturday while curing tobacco.

Rev. S. W. Summerell filled his regular appointment at the Christian Church here Sunday. Quite a large crowd was out to hear him.

DARDENS ITEMS

Work began on the school building this week.

Miss Lena Phelps is the guest of Miss Della Hardison.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Ange were here Sunday guests of relatives.

Mrs. Mittie Barden and children of Norfolk are guests of relatives here.

Miss Sarah Hudson spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Courtney Marrow.

Mrs. Jodie Mizell of Bertie is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. B. Waters.

Mrs. Pattie Peel of Buell, Va., is visiting her mother, Mrs. David Swinson.

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SEVENTH OPENING WILLIAMSTON MARKET

A Large Crowd From All Sections of the County, and Visitors From Adjoining Counties--- 49,000 Pounds of Tobacco Sold

Wednesday was tobacco day for Williamston. It marked the seventh opening of this market. The day was an ideal one, the crowd large and friendly, and the farmers were thoroughly satisfied with the results. The tobacco was mostly first primings, and very common, there was some good tobacco and it brought a good price. The prices paid by the various buyers were as good if not better than was paid for the same tobacco last year on the opening day.

The first sale was at the Farmers Warehouse, Tuggle & Gravely proprietors. There were about 8,000 pounds on this floor, and the sale was good and lively. The crowd following the sale was at times so dense that the buyers could hardly get through it, but the best of feeling prevailed. The second sale was at the Dixie Warehouse, J. S. Turner proprietor. Here there was about the same amount of tobacco that was on the Farmers' floor.

There was some difference in the looks of the tobacco on this floor, a number of piles being extra good for the season and the kind of tobacco. The proprietors of these two warehouses, while new men on our market, are old experienced men in the business, and it is evident that they will make good.

The sales for the day were wound

up at the Roanoke Warehouse where the buyers found a floor covered with the weed. The brake here amounted to close to 25,000 pounds. The buyers were all eager for the weed and the bidding was lively, the voice of the proprietor of the warehouse could be heard often running the price up and making the buyers pay the full worth for the tobacco. The sales lasted until nearly two o'clock.

The auctioneer for the market, Mr. Cole, who is a good one, was assisted by Mr. J. T. Fishel, who was auctioneer here last year, but, who is now with the Wilson market.

The buyers on the market this year are: Messrs. J. S. Thomas for the American Tobacco Co., C. A. Jeffress for the Imperial Tobacco Co., Meadows & Staton buyers on orders and speculation, T. S. Graham buying on orders and speculation, T. J. Smith, who was with the A. T. Co. last year, buying on orders and speculation and Leggett & Poole buying on orders and speculation. The proprietors of the Dixie and Farmers are not buying, they are looking strictly after the warehouse business.

With the buyers that are on this market there is every reason to look forward to the best year in the history of the market.

Window Glass Her Test.

"Some people study the architecture of houses under construction or comment on the building material employed," said the woman. "That's all very well, and I try to appreciate these things too. But somehow I can't get my mind off one detail concerning new buildings. I always look at the kind of glass put in."

"The windows in a house seem to me to indicate whether the building is cheaply put up or the reverse. If the glass is of good quality--it needn't be plate, though that of course is the supreme mark--I know that pretty much everything regarding the structure is intended to be first class. Poor glass, on the other hand, inspires me with suspicion. I feel that with such an advertisement everything within and without is apt to be shoddy. At least I have my doubts until convinced otherwise."--New York Press.

Molding Tallow Candles.

Try out the tallow, add a little salt and a little powdered alum dissolved in the hot tallow. Then pour into wet candle molds. This is the way in which our great-grandmothers molded candles when they discarded the primitive mode of "dipping."

Tomato Removes Ink.

If you happen to spill ink on white wash goods, before you launder it take red tomatoes (the canned ones will do), rub well on the ink spots, let it dry overnight, then put it in the boiler with the other clothes to boil. It will come out beautiful and white.

Mulch of Snow.

There is always something about a mulch of snow that farmers like to see. Not many of us know the manual value of snow, but past experience has shown that it is a good thing to have on the ground, as it assures moisture and is more or less a protection to winter wheat and rye. It is regarded as the "poor man's fertilizer," to say nothing of its value in getting up the supply of wood for next summer.

Teething Rings.

A child may be given a teething ring or pacifier as soon as the teeth begin to trouble, which is usually at five or six months. The best kind of a teething ring is a rubber one. An ivory ring is apt to make the gums hard, and this makes it harder for the teeth to come through.

Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup is

sold under a positive guarantee to cure constipation, sick headache, stomach trouble, or any form of indigestion. If it fails, the manufacturers refund your money. What more can any one do. C. C. Chase; S. R. Biggs.

EARLY MORNING FIRE

The Dwelling Occupied by Mr. J. C. James and Family Destroyed

Wednesday morning about three o'clock the town bell sounded the alarm of fire. When the sleepy citizens had sufficiently aroused themselves they found the dwelling occupied by Mr. J. C. James and family was burning. The fire is supposed to have caught in the kitchen, and before the family was aware the building was burning the fire had made such headway that they barely escaped. The building and its contents were completely destroyed. The fire engine was there promptly, and the fire fighters did good work in keeping the flames from spreading to other buildings.

The building was owned by Mrs. S. H. Newberry, and was insured for \$500, with the agency of Mr. K. B. Crawford. Mr. James had his furniture insured for \$400 with the agency of Mr. John E. Pope.

COMMISSIONERS MET MONDAY

The Board of County Commissioners convened at 10 o'clock Monday with every member present. The usual orders were passed and several petitions granted. J. D. Leggett & Co., were given license to retail liquor in the store formerly occupied by J. C. James. Several petitions for repairing bridges were heard and after a clear survey of the situation, same was ordered.

The analysis of the stomach of the negro, Handy Page, which has been deferred on account of failure to get into the laboratory of any state college, was finally turned over to Mr. Jas. M. Whitfield of Richmond, Va., and Dr. Warren, acting coroner at the time, was instructed to attend to the matter at once.

A jury was drawn for the September Court, and the Board adjourned.

De Witt's Little Early Risers, safe, easy, pleasant, sure, little liver pills. Sold by Chase's Drug Store; Biggs' Drug Store.