

Drainage Association

One of the most important and interesting conventions of the year is to be held at Wilson, Nov. 18-19, by the North Carolina Drainage Association to discuss the question of the reclamation of the swamp and overflowed lands of North Carolina. Since the organization of this Association the drainage of these lands has reached large proportions, the area drained, or now being drained, being in the neighborhood of 800,000 acres; and a careful estimate shows that there are within the State 2,800,000 acres of unreclaimed wet and swamp lands. The reclamation of these lands means millions of dollars to the State in increased agricultural values and the elimination of malaria from these sections.

An interesting program is being arranged, and among those who are expected to speak at this Convention are Governor Locke Craig; Hon. John H. Small, Congressman from the First District; Mr. M. V. Richards, Land and Industrial Agent of the Southern Railway; Mr. H. M. Lynde, of the U. S. Office of Drainage Investigations; Mr. B. E. Rice, Land and Industrial Agent of the Norfolk Southern Railway; Judge L. R. Aiken, President of the Georgia Drainage Congress; representatives from the State University, the Agricultural and Mechanical College; and others. The program is not yet complete, but speakers are expected to take up all sides of drainage problems. One of the interesting features will be the reports from commissioners from the 46 districts in the swamp areas and the 34 districts in the overflowed areas, representing an area of 942,121 acres. Tile drainage will be discussed in considerable detail.

Too Much Property

The property list of any show is an item with which the managers of the Opera House have to reckon, and must arrange to have every article on hand when needed. This was the case on Friday when "The Virginian" was to be presented that night. But the members of the company very foolishly (as later developments showed) decided to add a couple of bottles of "red eye" to the already full list, so they either saw a local saloon keeper (they are too open here to be called blind tigers) or brought the stuff from Norfolk, at any rate it was Virginia booze. Fred Raymond, Jr., "the American with rich, red blood in his veins," took a dose—his first, they said. All those who believe that are requested to deposit a quarter with the man at the box office. Any way, Freddie's feet were not large enough to balance his head, and the scenery almost got the same knock-out that Freddie did. The audience became disgusted (a creditable condition) and the managers announced that the "Virginian" was sick. A doctor was called, but as he does not use the gold cure, said that his services were not needed. The price of tickets purchased was returned to the audience and the lights went out, and so did the "Virginian" with his company of booze artists.

The incident was regretted because Managers Martin & Fowden have brought the best here, and the people appreciate their efforts to please the public. This is the first thing of the kind to happen, and was brought about by no one except the company, who decided to "tank up" and were caught in their own net.

LOCAL

New moon on Tuesday next at 10:02 in the morning.

Thanksgiving Day on the 26th. Remember the widows and the orphans.

Movies every night—Lucile Love on Wednesday nights and the Mutual Girl on Fridays. Both are interesting to the public. Go and see why.

FOR SALE.—One buggy in use since August. Cheap for cash. Bruce Whitley, City No 3.

After days of summer-like weather, a cold rain accompanied by a strong wind pushed the mercury down until warmer clothing and fires were in demand Monday. The dust in town and on the roads had been something fearful.

The whistle of peanut pickers can be heard early and late around this section, and soon the Martin County kind will be on the market.

Since the open season for squirrels commenced, there have been none for sale. Demonstrating the fact that people break the law for pure meanness, and not because they can gain more by it.

It is reported that there were many drunks in town Saturday night. The lockup is convenient and rather roomy, get the nuisances off the streets. What is needed is not more law but better enforcement.

Mrs. Morrison Bethea was hostess to the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Rectory on Thursday afternoon of last week. The honor guest was Mrs. Theo. Bethea, of South Carolina, who is visiting Rev. and Mrs. Bethea.

FOR SALE.—One 7 room house on Church near Houghton Street. See L. B. Harrison, Williamston, N. C.

Saunders & Fowden have received a lot of articles suitable for Christmas gifts, and many of them are on display in the cases and windows. There is no need to forget your friends and loved ones because of the war in Europe.

Fox hunting by moonlight is one of the pleasing sports of several of Williamston citizens, and much fun is reported by them.

The annual Conference of the Methodist Church meets next Wednesday at Washington with Bishop Waterhouse, of California, presiding. Rev. J. T. Standford and delegates will attend from the Church here.

Remember John F. McCarthy at the Gaiety on Nov. 16th.

Lucile Love will be here again on Wednesday night next. She will expect you—don't disappoint her another time, but go.

On Friday night of last week, Miss Carrie Dell White and Leon White celebrated their birthdays, the former being sixteen and the latter eighteen. Quite a large number of their young friends were guests and the hours were pleasant ones. Many pretty gifts were presented the host and hostess.

W. Z. Morton with a corps of men arrived here Monday to begin work on the Watts farm preparatory to the sale on November 23rd. This will be the biggest sale ever held in this community.

Don't miss Lucile Love next week. It is clean and interesting.

Dr. Coburn Hoyt Dead

A telephone message was received here on Saturday morning telling of the death of Dr. Coburn Hoyt at his home in Washington. His brother, Mr. Fred W. Hoyt, accompanied by Mrs. Hoyt left as early as convenient for Washington by auto.

The death of Dr. Hoyt was not a surprise to relatives, as his health had been very bad for months, and no hopes were entertained for his recovery. He was a young man with brilliant prospects for a successful career in his chosen profession, and his death is an unusually sad one. He leaves a mother, sisters and brothers, who have the deepest sympathy of friends throughout the State.

Whiskey and a Gun

Sunday afternoon, Randall Purvis, a negro living in the Poplar Point section, shot the top off the head of his grandson. It seems that Purvis following his usual custom filled himself with mean whiskey (there is no other kind manufactured) and taking a loaded shot gun proceeded to boss his household, a habit that boozers have, because the stuff gives them a brutish courage and they intimidate the helpless ones at home. Purvis was re-monstrated with by his daughter and in the struggle, the gun was fired and the load entered the head of his grandson, taking the entire top off. Purvis was brought to Williamston and placed in jail after Coroner H. B. York had held an inquest over the body of the young negro.

Changed Date

The change of the date of the unveiling of the monument to the late W. H. Martin near Jamesville, was made too late for publication and the error was regretted by the W. O. W. Camp. The exercises will be held on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 2 o'clock, and the public is cordially invited to attend, and also members of other Camps are asked to be present and participate. Mr. J. E. Evans, of Greenville, will deliver the address.

Oak City Items

Miss Lila Philpot is spending a few days in Williamston this week.

J. W. Hines and family spent Sunday near Scotland Neck.

J. C. Ross and family motored to Enfield Sunday.

Robt. Salsbury and Miss Roberson were in town Sunday.

Services will be held in the Baptist Church on Thanksgiving night at 7:30 o'clock. A collection will be taken for the benefit of the Orphanage. By liberally responding, we can show forth our thanks for blessings received this past year.

C. C. Weeks and family were in town Sunday.

L. T. Chesson and wife spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Peter Reeves.

T. E. Browne, State Manager of the Boys Corn Club, will lecture at the High School building, November 20th.

Tommy and Marion Burnett Roy House spent Sunday in Robersonville.

Miss Minnie Whichard spent Sunday at Bethel.

Prof. Dimmette, Misses Reid and Snow went to Williamston Saturday to attend the Teachers Meeting.

John F. McCarthy

Reformed bank robber who appears at the Gaiety Theatre Monday night in "Sentenced for Life."



It is among the possibilities that when John F. McCarthy, the pardoned, reformed and repentant bank robber appears before the audience at the Gaiety theatre next Monday night, he may be recognized, but it is hardly likely, since a dozen years or more, have elapsed, when as a mere lad, he made his headquarters with other donizens of the underworld at the old Emmett House in Norfolk.

Then, McCarthy was about fifteen years old, and now he is a fine looking, genteel and manly chap of thirty, and no one would ever suspect for a moment that he ever handled burglar's tools. Several terms in different state prisons including Raleigh, have convinced McCarthy that it is never too late to mend, and he has gladly accepted the kindly offices of a well known and prominent woman at the head of a league for the uplift of the erring, to travel and to tell in person, how he first started on "The Wrong Road," and how glad he is to realize what the "straight road" means after years of crookedness.

The vehicle chosen for McCarthy is the four part photo play, "Sentenced for Life" during which he delivers his talk on "The Wrong Road" The ex-convicts narrative has all the fascination of a genuinely human document, for this outlaw, turned philosopher, shows a satiric discernment of the fears and foibles of his law abiding enemies, and a humorous pity for his own, which lends to his story a simple realism generally lacking in the history of famed crime experts. One thing certain the curiosity to see, McCarthy will assuredly result in a packed house next Monday night at the theatre.

Oak City High School

Honor Roll for Eighth Week
First grade: Edward House, Hazel Piland, Mildred Davenport, Pauline Davenport, Margaret Hines, Lucile House, Myrtella Hyman, Sarah Long Johnson.

Second grade: Rudolph Whitley, Clifton Hyman.

Third grade: William Francis Brown, Howard Brown, Paul Savage, Virginia Hines, Syble Ross.

Fourth grade: Wheeler Daniels, Heman Piland, Louise Brown, Annie Hurst, Mary Lee Savage.

Fifth grade: Bertha Piland, Edgar Dimmette, Blanche Bunting.

Mrs. Joanna Tetterton has located here for the purpose of nursing in the sick room. She can be found at phone number 107-2 1/2, City route.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Paxton Badham and little daughter, who have visiting Mrs. S. R. Bigas, Jr., left Sunday night for Edenton.

W. C. Manning has been in Bertie County for several days this week extending a telephone line to Windsor from Plymouth.

S. M. Darden was here from Dardens on Tuesday.

Seth Williams was here from near Robersonville Tuesday.

Hon. R. H. Salsbury spent Monday in town on business.

J. Dillon Simpson was in town Saturday.

Clayton Moore and C. H. Godwin spent Sunday in Greenville.

M. M. Smith, of the Robersonville Herald, was in town last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyle were here from Hamilton Wednesday.

David C. James, chief engineer and Geo. W. Kelly of Greenville advertising agent are in town arranging for the sale of the Watts farm.

Miss Emily Whitley, who has been in Chicago for the past fourteen months, arrived home Tuesday night via Richmond.

Walter Taylor and family are visiting Mrs. J. L. Rodgerson.

October Tobacco Sales

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture gives out the report of amount of tobacco sold on the markets during the month of October, making the total to be 62,901,881 pounds. The amount on the Williamston market was 1,007,232, and that of the Robersonville market, 833,773, totalling 1,841,005 for the county markets. During September the two markets sold 1,629,453 and for the two months, 2,470,458 pounds, the Williamston market selling 2,012,585 of this amount.

In the State Wilson led in sales during September and Kinston in October, Greenville retaining second place in the two months.

Jamesville Items

Archer Brown was in Greenville with a load of tobacco last Friday.

Mrs. Jesse Martin went to the hospital last Saturday to be operated on.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Stark, who live near Williamston, stopped here en route to Geese Lake, N. C. where they will visit their sister.

Leon Hack has a mountain pear which weighs 50 lbs, so he says. If one sees them growing, he will not doubt the size. Mr. Hack has some for sale.

The W. O. W. Camp will unveil a monument to the late W. H. Martin at 2 o'clock on Sunday, at the home of Geo. W. Martin near town.

Tobacco Selling High

Owing to the harvesting of the peanut crop, the farmers have not been preparing tobacco for the market as rapidly as before peanut time. But the sales here this week have been good with prices higher. Many piles brought more money than the farmers even hoped for and satisfaction was general. It is estimated that at least 60 per cent of the crop has been sold already and the remaining 40 per cent will soon be exhausted. The Williamston market is still the place to sell that 40 per cent.

Boozer Knocked Out

Saturday afternoon, a negro from Everetts went into the A. C. L. station to buy a ticket. He was "loaded for ducks" and any old thing that was rowdy, and proceeded to make himself obnoxious to Agent Ellison, who asked him to get out of the enclosed space where a temporary office has been made. The negro received the ticket but continued to hurl impudent words at Ellison, whereon an inkstand was thrown at him, which struck the jaw of the negro but did no damage. The rowdy would not move out or pay for the ticket which he claimed not to have received. When Ellison saw that he was reaching for his knife or perhaps a pistol, he secured a quart ink bottle and with accuracy struck the negro on the head, knocking him flat on the floor. After this, Mr. Nig went out the door, and failed to come back, though he made threats.

Saturday night, a white man was taken into custody for using vile language at the depot in the presence of women. He also had some of "hell's potion" which the emissaries of the devil, despite the law and the forces for good, dispose of here at all hours of the day and night.

What The Farmer Did

A city man recently visited his "country cousin". The man from the city, wishing to explain the joys of metropolitan life, said: "We have certainly been having fun the last few days. Thursday we autoed to the country club, and golfed until dark, then trolled back to town and danced until morning." The country cousin was not to be stumped in the least, so began telling of some of the pleasures of the simple life: "We have had pretty good times here, too. One day we buggied out to Uncle Ned's and went out to the back lot, where we base-balled all that afternoon. In the evening we sneaked up into the attic and poked until morning." A sturdy old farmer who was listening, not to be outdone, took up the conversation at this point and said: "I was having some fun about this time myself. I muled to the cornfield and gee-hawed until sundown. Then I sipped until dark, and piped until 9 o'clock, after which I bedstead-ed until the clock five'd, after which I breakfasted until it was time to go muling again."

Literary Club Organized

In response to an invitation extended by Mrs. Wheeler Martin on November 6th, 1914, the following ladies assembled at her home for the purpose of organizing a book club. Those present were, Mesdames Bethea, Rome Biggs, Warren Biggs, B. E. Cone, Leslie Fowden, C. B. Hassell, F. W. Hoyt, J. T. Jerome, Wheeler Martin, H. T. Warren, A. D. Mizell, J. S. Rhodes, J. G. Staton, Wheeler Martin, Jr., S. F. Williams; Misses Penelope Biggs, Mayo and Annie Lamb, Annie Mizell, Irene Smith.

Mrs. Wheeler Martin, temporary chairman, called the meeting to order. The following officers were elected, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., President, Mrs. F. W. Hoyt, Vice-President, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Sec'y, Mrs. Warren Biggs, Treasurer. Committees to draft By-Laws and to select term subject were appointed.

The hostess served a delicious salad course to the enjoyment of every one present, after which the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Bethea on Wednesday, Nov. 11th.