

REVENUE OFFICERS CAPTURE BIG STILL

OFFICERS ARE FIRED ON

A 120 Gallon Still And 200 Gallons of Molasses Beer Taken—The Offenders Arrested and Placed Under Bond

Revenue officer, Edward James of Robersonville, had an exciting experience early Sunday morning about four miles from town on the Geo. L. Roberson farm, when he located a still with a capacity of 120 gallons and 200 gallons of molasses beer. He in company with Joe Moye and Neil James went out to the spotted place, and prepared everything in readiness for moving. Then went off to secure a team leaving his two companions to wait for him. While waiting, they discovered two men approaching across an adjoining field and moving cautiously out to warn officer James, were fired upon. Deciding to secure more help the men returned and phoned for Sheriff Crawford, who left quickly accompanied by the Chief of Police. Arriving at Robersonville they made a party of seven and sallied forth to catch the still, and if possible, the owners and operators.

Going out to the original location they found that the kettle had been carried off, and following a path, proceeded to trace it. Soon three guns were fired at them, being, it appeared, in opposite directions. The Sheriff and his posse began shooting, and no more was heard, so they went forward and found the still with two coats and a hat lying near, as if the owners had taken a hasty departure. This could be accounted for by the fact that the posse had pointed a Winchester their way and the Whistling of the bullets was anything save music to them.

In the pocket of one coat was found a letter addressed to John Farmer, a white man living in that section. This was the clue necessary and so Farmer with Jake Dawson was arrested and taken to Tarboro before a United States Commissioner, who bound them over to court in the sums of \$500 and \$200.

Officer James has been doing some excellent work for the government for the past several months, and is ever alert to his duties as sleuth in hunting illicit distillers.

Higgs Roanoke Seminary

The commencement exercises of Higgs Seminary at Parmele, commenced Sunday night with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Dentis, pastor of the Methodist church at Parmele. Monday at 2:30 a book reception was given by the Inevitable Literary Society, and on Monday night the exercises consisted of songs, recitations, dialogues and drills. Prof. H. E. Hagans, of Goldsboro, delivered an address to the Literary Society at 2:30 on Tuesday. Tuesday night there were songs, anthems and an operetta.

Wednesday was Class day, and a banquet was tendered by the President, Rev. I. S. Riddick, and an address was delivered by B. J. Burnett, Phg., of Rocky Mt. Graduation exercises on Wednesday evening and music by the Seminary band.

To Manage the Roanoke

The Roanoke Warehouse, which was run by Messrs. Taylor, Mobley & Co., last year has been leased to N. D. Young for this season. Mr. Young is not a stranger to the people of Martin county, having been on the Robersonville market for several years. For the past three years he has been engaged in warehouse business at Washington. He is a man of ripe experience in the handling of tobacco, and his coming here will add renewed strength to the market, which last year was the best in its history.

Oak City Items

C. A. Askew, of Jamesville, was here Monday.

Miss Annie M. Dautridge has returned from school.

W. T. Hurst, of Robersonville, was in town Monday.

Mrs. Everett left for her home in Robersonville Monday.

Mrs. C. M. Hurst returned from a visit to Bethel Monday.

Bate Council is spending a few days with friends near Bethel.

Claud Roebuck, of Greenville, was the guest of J. L. Hines Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Brown was the guest of H. S. Everett and wife Sunday.

Theodore Johnson, of Robersonville, spent Sunday with Lewis Johnson.

John Whichard, of Bethel, and his son and daughter were guests of Bate Council Sunday.

Mrs. Hattie Johnson is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Jesse Everett at Hamilton.

H. K. Harrell, Ernest and Annie Harrell and Mrs. S. E. Hines spent Tuesday in Tarboro.

B. M. Worsley and wife, Misses Malissa Worsley and Pearl House spent Sunday with relatives at Stokes.

Died Thursday Morning

Friends and relatives of Mrs. Ida T. Peel were shocked to learn of her death at 4 o'clock Thursday morning at her home in Grifins township. Several hours before, Mrs. Peel was cheerfully conversing with her family, but soon death came to lay the brave spirit low.

She was a Miss Corey before her marriage to Mr. Pleny Peel, and sadness had come into her life on Sunday when her brother Alonzo Corey died. Thus two have gone into the great beyond out of the family in a few days. A husband and seven children survive her besides other near relatives. She was forty-one years old.

For some years she had been a consistent Christian and a member of Smithwick Creek church, where she loved to go and join in the worship of Him, who in His wisdom, has called her home to be with Him throughout eternity.

The funeral services will be held at the home today, and the interment will be in the Tice cemetery.

Rub-My-Tism—Antiseptic, Anodyne—Kills pain, stops putrefaction.

And The "Puritans" Failed To Land

The wrong shore presented itself to the "Puritans" from Plymouth, when they attempted to land here Tuesday in a ball game with the local highs. They came in all right but could not make fast, as the locals kept them too busy for safety. Two games had been scheduled but the "Puritans" decided to come up by auto and so arrived late, hence only the afternoon game was played. A good crowd of fans witnessed it and gave unstinted cheering. If there is one thing Williamston enjoys, it must be a good game of the national sport—even though the home team loses, for the fans are genuine American sports.

The attractive features of the game were the pitching of Thrower and the holding of first base by Cone. Thrower was fast, pumping the ball with a rapidity which kept the batters' head swimming. He struck out twelve men and allowed four hits.

Critcher was the stone wall behind the bat, and stopped everything. Brown for the "Puritans" was easily found by the locals and they soon piled up nine runs on him and Midgett. He passed nine hits around, and stored seven errors for his team, the locals making three less.

The runs for the locals were distributed as follows: Biggs, 2; Smith, 2; Critcher, 2; Cone, 1; Perry, 1; Anderson, 1.

For the "Puritans," one each for Gaylord and Dupree.

Local Line-Up:—Thrower, p; Critcher, c; Cone 1st b; Robertson, s. s.; Anderson, c. f.; Biggs, 3rd b.; Melson, r. f.; Perry, 2 b; Smith, l. f.

Visitors: Brown and Gaylord, Midyett, Phelps, Wilford, Lucas, Spruill, Hollis, Dupree.

Umpire: Clayton Moore.

A Running Game.

The ball team known as "Brier Patch," pulled off a game here Saturday with mixed local team. The game was played on the school campus, and was spirited throughout. Tom Gurganus for the visitors threw the sphere with the velocity of a 14-inch gun, but it was not effective against the batting of the locals, who piled up 20 runs to 4 for Gurganus' aggregation. Jim Nicholson caught for the visitors. The battery for Williamston was Wetherington and Critcher. Another game will probably be played tomorrow and much interest is manifested in its outcome.

In The Toils. At Oak City.

A colored man arrested for drunkenness and carrying a pistol Saturday evening, caused some excitement here, as he resisted the officers. He was put in the lock-up, and later that night when they called to take him to trial, the lock-up had been broken into, but there had not been time for him to get away. After the hearing, it was decided to take him to Williamston to jail. Columbus Jones' car was secured for the purpose, and Luther Davenport, B. L. Hines and Constable Ed Johnson left with the prisoner. A few miles on the road, the lights went out and the car stopped. The negro tried to escape but was discovered under the rear of the machine. They came back and secured another car and started again. They had been gone only a short time, when it was found that the lock-up was on fire; it was entirely destroyed, being the second time in the past few years.

TO HAVE PEANUT FACTORY

TO HANDLE THIS GROP

The Ground Has Been Broken For Williamston's Large 4-Story Peanut Factory—Will be Pushed Rapidly.

With the expectation of handling a large part of the peanut crop of this season, ground has been broken for the erection of a peanut factory on the ginning mill lot near the depot. Much of the lumber is on the ground, and is being put in shape for erection as quickly as possible.

Messrs. Leslie Fowden and Herbert Cowin are selecting machinery and every equipment for installation as building goes up.

The building will be four stories high and 70 by 90 feet and will be admirably situated for shipping, as the A. C. L. will put a side tract for cars right in front of the factory. The output will be greatly increased over the factory which was burned several years ago, and the number of employees will be larger.

This industry carries with it great possibilities both for the town and owners. The farmer will also profit, as there will be another and larger local buyer for his crop.

From reports the acreage in the succulent nut is increased in this section, and at the present time the crop looks well, though some farmers were a little late in planting.

Williamston is the largest market in the world for the large nuts direct from the farmer. This fact gives the town the pre-eminence over all others in the peanut belt. Some of the largest growers in the belt are residents here, and combine expert knowledge in producing with extensive planting. With a large factory to take the crop, the production will be more carefully looked after both for quality and quantity.

Leslie Fowden, Herbert Cowin and Dr. J. H. Saunders are proprietors of the industry. Mr. Cowin has had much personal experience in the business, having been associated with the Virginia-Carolina Peanut Co., whose plant burned after several years of successful business. It is confidently expected that the new factory will add greatly to the business life of the town and community.

Mr. Alonzo Corey Dead

After an illness of two weeks, the spirit of Alonzo Corey took its eternal flight. For months his health had been precarious caused by Bright's Disease, and death came as a relief to the suffering body. He was the son of the late Harry Corey, and married Miss Frances Lilley, who with three children survive him.

He was about thirty-five years old, and had lived a useful life among the people of Griffins District, where he was born. He was a member of the Charitable Brotherhood and exemplified its teachings in his ever day life. His fatherly care will be missed in the home, and friends and neighbors will also miss him through the days.

Monday afternoon, in the presence of a large crowd of friends and relatives, Elder Harrington conducted the funeral services, and his body was laid to rest in the family cemetery.

Severe Rain and Hall Storm Here

Monday afternoon, the clouds dropped heavy rain and abundance of hail, the pieces being as large as marbles. Lightning and thunder accompanied the storm. At night another storm came up and the electricity played havoc with the lights in the houses on a portion of Houghton Street, and Simmons Avenue. Dr. H. B. York was rendered unconscious for several minutes, and every lamp in his house was shattered. In the home of Dr. W. E. Warren the damage was as great, one wire even falling on the floor and a ball of fire was seen rushing through. Other portions of the town were left untouched. A slight shower of hail and plenty rain fell that night also. The same storm seems to have passed through Plymouth doing great damage.

Hamilton News.

Mrs. Lou Laurence is visiting her son here.

Miss Clara Ewell is visiting her sister in Williamston.

Mr. Myers visited his son, B. F. Myers, last week.

M. H. Nobles spent Sunday at his home in Greenville.

Mrs. J. B. Cloman returned from Tarboro Saturday.

Miss Della Purvis is the guest of her sister at Robersonville.

Jordan Hines and sister spent the week-end with relatives at Leens.

Mrs. B. B. Sherrod was called to Tarboro Saturday to see her sister, who is very ill there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Salsbury, W. N. Worsley and Miss Fannie Mathews spent Sunday in Tarboro.

Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Long, Mrs. J. P. Boyle and Miss Effie Waldo attended the Council at New Bern.

Some Cow.

An old friend, visiting the city tells us that he went into his cow stable the other night and by mistake mixed her up a nice mash of sawdust instead of bran. The cow, merely supposing that the hard times had come and they were all going to economize, meekly ate her supper and the man never discovered his mistake until the next morning, when he milked the cow and she let down a gallon of turpentine, a peck of shoe pegs, four bundles of shingles and a quantity of lightwood knots.

Harris-Jernigan.

Sunday evening, Rev. J. T. Stanford performed the ceremony at the marriage of Mrs. Ruth Jernigan to Mr. Thomas Harris in the presence of a number of friends. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wynn and had been previously married. Mr. Harris is employed at the Cooperage Mill, where he has worked for the past two years. They are residing at the home of Capt. T. W. Thomas on Railroad Street.

The Baptist convention at Houston, Texas, in a committee report opposed the Baraca-Philathea movement, which is doing such a wonderful work throughout the country. However, there was no final action in the matter.

STRONG AND ABLE ADDRESS

BY HON. JOHN H. SMALL

At Jamesville Commencement—The Speaker Was at Best and Delivered a Very Strong and Able Address

Jamesville, N. C.,—The best and most successful sessions of our school came to a close last night with the second night's program by the school.

The commencement exercises began Tuesday night at eight o'clock and excellent programs were enjoyed both Tuesday and Wednesday nights. On Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock, after the singing of a beautiful commencement song by the school and the invocation by Rev. S. F. Bristow, pastor of the Baptist church, Prof. K. T. Futrell made a few statements and introduced Mr. Corey, one of the members of the school board, who in a few well chosen sentences of welcome introduced Prof. A. J. Manning, County Superintendent of Schools, who, after a few remarks of comment, introduced the speaker of the occasion, Hon. John H. Small, member of Congress from the First District, who was at his best. Mr. Small did not entertain his audience with flowing streams of rhetoric nor did he make ethereal flights of oratory, but dealt in practical things, and every one present was delighted with his address which will live and be felt for many years.

This session of our school was the best in the history of our town. Only three years ago we voted the special tax and began the graded school work, and have been blest with splendid teachers each season. We feel that we owe a great deal to our beloved and faithful teacher, Prof. K. T. Futrell, of Greensboro, N. C., and his co-workers, Miss Mantie Whitehurst, of Bethel, and Miss Annie C. Glasgow, of Jamesville, the last who had charge of the music department. Prof. Futrell is a teacher of rare virtues, and excellent and proficient qualifications which prepare him for the most splendid work, but space will not permit, therefore in summing up the many things I would like to say I will conclude by saying that he is man in the fullest meaning. Also Miss Whitehurst possesses virtues and qualifications that are hard to duplicate; therefore with the assistance of Miss Glasgow in the music department we feel that we have teachers equal to the need and that our school will continue to prosper.

The co-operation of the patrons and friends during the school and especially in the commencement bespeak for the teachers and school the good wishes of the entire community. At a meeting of the Trustees the teachers were unanimously elected for another year.

Children's Day

Rev. J. T. Stanford announces that there will be Children's Day exercises at Holly Spring church Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. These annual events are important ones in the life of the School there, and are always interesting to the participants and audience. There will be songs and recitations with address. The public is cordially invited to attend.