

FIRE PREVENTION PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Emphasizes Importance of Every One Participating

LOSS BY FIRE GREAT More Concerted Efforts Are in Urgent Need for Prevention

Below we reproduce the proclamation of Governor Cameron Morrison declaring Tuesday, October 9th as Fire Prevention Day...

Every allusion to Fire Prevention Day is a rebuke upon those who fail to employ the occasion to rid their premises of unsafe conditions.

It required but a single defect in a single residence to start the disastrous conflagration at New Bern...

That individual is derelict, that state deemed that fails to recognize the right of every citizen to protection of his life and property...

If we accept the increasing fire loss in our State as an index to our standard of citizenship, it is high time that our people became alarmed at the degeneracy.

Fear, which is considered a mark of cowardice, may be full of virtue when that fear fosters the protection of life and property from loss by fire.

Now therefore, I, Cameron Morrison, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby promote a more general observance of fire breeding conditions that exact a heavy toll in lives and property...

Let local authorities give attention to building regulations, fire prevention ordinances, and let them furnish the fire departments adequate and up to date apparatus for fire fighting.

Let the people reduce the fire hazard by cleaning up trash, rubbish, and waste from their premises.

Let all heating apparatus and chimneys be carefully inspected and put in proper shape for winter use.

Let all public and private institutions be carefully looked over and all necessary changes made to safeguard the lives of the occupants.

Let all people lend impetus to this movement by attending public gatherings called to devise prevention means.

Let the press aid by timely publications pertaining to fire and accident prevention.

Let fire drills be held in institutions, factories, in public, parochial, and private schools, and let the teachers instruct their pupils as to the dangers of fire and accidents, and the simplest means of prevention.

Let every one cooperate with the State Insurance department in striving to make North Carolina safe for life and property.

Done at our City of Raleigh, this 5th day of September, in the presence of one thousand nine hundred and twenty three and in the presence of forty eighth year of our American Independence.

Cameron Morrison, Governor

By the Governor: Wm. Richardson, Private Secretary.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A. J. Manning, Pastor Sunday school 9:45 a. m., W. C. Manning, supt. Morning services 11 a. m., second and fourth Sundays. Evening services 7:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor 6:45 p. m.

All are cordially invited to attend all these services.

CO-OPS. WIN AGAIN; CONTRACT BINDING

Open 55 More Markets Oct. 9 In Virginia and Western Carolina

Members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative association were prevented by two courts of eastern Carolina last week from selling their tobacco on the auction markets when Judge J. Lloyd Horton at Greenville and Judge Frank Daniels issued restraining orders preventing eight members of the marketing association from delivering their tobacco outside of their own association.

Old belt co-ops. are eagerly awaiting the opening of 55 more warehouses of the association next Tuesday, October 9, in Virginia and western North Carolina when the advances to be paid this year by the organization will be posted at every receiving point.

The high advances paid by the association in the face of falling prices on the auction floors of eastern Carolina and the South Carolina belt, have resulted in a big gain in membership. More than ten thousand members have joined the association during the past 12 months and 92,000 have now signed the five year contract. North Carolina leads with over 44,000 tobacco co-ops, Virginia has 37,000 and South Carolina over 10,000 members.

The tobacco association has already made a big gain in the amount of tobacco delivered by its members in South Carolina and eastern North Carolina compared with receipts a year ago, is expected to gain a majority of the old belt crop as was the case last year.

MRS. PENDER HOSTESS WEDNESDAY EVENING

Mrs. Joseph Pender was hostess to a number of her friends with a card party on Wednesday evening from 8:30 until 11:00 o'clock.

Her attractive little home was decorated for the occasion with fall flowers and plants, and tables were arranged in the front parlor for bridge and for work in the back parlor.

Miss Clyde Hassell made the liquor in room, and Mrs. Elbert Pender in bridge, and Miss Hassell was given some rook cards and Mrs. Pender a vanity compact.

An ice course with fancy cakes and salted peanuts were served by the hostess, assisted by her sister, Mrs. L. C. Bennett.

Those enjoying Mrs. Pender's hospitality were: Mesdames A. Hassell, J. W. Manning, A. R. Dunning, Carr's Biggs Williams, Val Teel, M. D. Watts, Myrtle Brown, Lawrence Taylor, Roy Gurganuy, Elbert Peet, Dick Taylor, Jordan Ward, L. C. Bennett, and Misses Mata Mitchell, Carrie Dyle White, Clyde Hassell, Bessie Page, and Mesdames G. H. Harrison, F. B. Cone, Roger Critcher, John A. Manning, E. P. Cunningham, C. B. Clark, Charles James, and W. T. Meadows.

MR. W. M. HOPEWELL ENTERTAINED IN HONOR OF HIS 50TH BIRTHDAY

On Saturday, September 29th, Mr. W. M. Hopewell entertained quite a number of his friends in honor of his 50th birthday.

As each guest arrived they assembled under the grape vines. While eating grapes a few of the good ladies and gentlemen prepared a delicious dinner.

At noon on a long table in the yard barbecue and all kinds of good things to eat were served.

In the afternoon, Rev. A. V. Joyner made a very interesting and beneficial address which was followed by the singing of some good old hymns.

At a late hour, the guests departed proclaiming what a delightful day they had spent, and wishing Mr. Hopewell many more happy birthdays.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BIGGS' SCHOOL HOUSE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Beginning Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be Sunday school services at Biggs' school house every Sunday afternoon at this hour.

The public is cordially invited to attend and take part in the services. All former members are urged to be present Sunday afternoon, and bring a new member. Strenuous efforts will be put forth to make this school far better this year than any year in the past, and to do this every member must take a very active part in the work.

Mrs. M. R. Peet and Mrs. Henry C. Norman of Robersonville, spent Wednesday in town visiting and shopping.

VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE COTTON STALK BE CUT

Plowing Up the Cotton Stalk Deprives Weevil of Fall Food

IMMEDIATE ACTION Necessary After Cotton Has Been Picked Is Urged

RALEIGH, Oct. 4.—The reward for plowing up or plowing under the green cotton stalks immediately after picking cotton and before the plants are cut by frost is an increased cotton crop next year, believes W. Bruce Mabree, who does extension work in weevil control for the State college and Department of agriculture.

Mr. Mabree has just returned to Raleigh from his field headquarters at Lenoir, where he worked with the planters in that section this year. His observations, therefore, are based on considerable experience with the weevils out in the fields.

"There are two reasons for plowing under the cotton stalks," says Mr. Mabree. "The first of these is that the practice destroys a large number of young and immature weevils to be found still in the young bolls and square still remaining on the stalk. Weevils were permitted to mature and feed they would be better able to withstand the winter than the older generation.

"The second reason is that plowing under the stalks removes the weevils' food thus making a longer period from the time of their last squameal and the fall until their first squameal in the spring. Many of the insects therefore die during the winter."

Mr. Mabree stresses the point that this protective measure is only effective when the stalks are plowed under before they die naturally and thus its effectiveness is in proportion to the length of time the stalks are plowed under before frost.

In a recent letter addressed to the cotton grower of eastern Carolina, Mr. Mabree urges the growers to pick their cotton as soon as possible and to plow under the stalks.

College workers point out that this practice also offers an opportunity to sow some fall crops for improving the soil and for small grain.

BIRTHDAY PARTY ON SATURDAY ENJOYED BY MANY CHILDREN

On Saturday afternoon, September 29, from two to five o'clock, William H. and Marjorie Taylor entertained 22 of their little friends in honor of their tenth and twelfth birthdays.

When the little folks began to come, Frances Bowen and Marjorie Taylor met the guests at the door, and invited them into the reception room where they spent some time in looking at the many beautiful and useful presents, such as shoes, ties, dresses, etc.

Then they went forth to the front yard, where Mrs. Mary Taylor entertained them by playing several games, while Miss Louella Taylor entertained the older folk with music.

At four o'clock they were given a contest of guessing the number of peas in a bottle which was in the shape of a pig. This afforded much fun for the little folks; Oscar Page guessing nearest the number which was 339, and was awarded a prize.

After the contest the boys drew the names of the girls they should march with to the dining room, where the candles were lighted and all the children repeated the Lord's Prayer.

They had a merry good time eating ice cream and cake. The only thing that marred their pleasure was the run with raffles and the shouting about five o'clock they all departed declaring they had a jolly good time and wishing William H. and Marjorie many happy birthdays.

A GOOD COTTON PICKER AT 86 YEARS OF AGE

Our friend and neighbor, Mr. John D. Simpson, can be classed among our best cotton pickers. Mr. Simpson will be 86 years old Saturday October 6th. On Monday, October 1st he picked fifty pounds of cotton in four hours. He says he picked 12 1/2 pounds per hour with ease.

Mr. Simpson is now planning to spend his birthday with his daughter, Mrs. S. Atwood Nevell of Lenoir, and he is going to drive his car up there Saturday morning. So Mr. Simpson is not only a good cotton picker, but a good auto driver as well.

IN HONOR OF MRS. M. J. DAVIS AND NEW MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL FACULTY

The home teachers of the Williamson Graded school invite the people of Williamson and patrons of the school to meet Mrs. M. J. Davis and the new members of the faculty, at the home of Mrs. A. E. Dunning, Friday, October 12, from 8:30 to 11:00 p. m.

MAYOR D. M. CLARK OF GREENVILLE SPENT WEDNESDAY VISITING HIS SISTER, MRS. F. W. GRAVES, HERE

Mayor D. M. Clark of Greenville spent Wednesday visiting his sister, Mrs. F. W. Graves, here.

MARTIN COUNTY POULTRY WINS AT ROCKY MOUNT

Roanoke Poultry Yards Exhibits Get Most of High Prizes

Mr. Theodore Roberson took his White Orpingtons from his Roanoke Poultry farms, and won 11 premiums, and the judges declared that some of his chickens were as fine as they have ever seen.

Following are the prizes won by Mr. Roberson's chickens at the fair: First prize on young pen, \$4.00; Second prize on cock, 2.00; First and second prize on cock-ereels, 5.00; First and second prizes on hens, 6.00; Second and third prizes on pullets, 3.00.

Special Premiums: Best male, English class, 3.00; Best female, English class, 3.00; Sweepstakes, for best pen in show on all varieties competing, 10.00; Best hen in show, all varieties competing, 5.00.

Mr. Roberson expects to put these chickens in the State fair in competition against the world and his chances for winning are good, according to the judges at the Rocky Mount fair.

SMALL DOCKET FOR THE RECORDER'S COURT HERE ON TUESDAY

Proceedings of the recorder's court Tuesday, October 2, 1923, with Judge J. C. Smith presiding and Solicitor E. S. Peet prosecuting, were as follows:

State vs W. C. Baker, manufacturing liquor, plead guilty. Prayer for judgment continued until October 30, and defendant was required to enter into a \$300 bond for his appearance on that date.

State vs Herbert Gray, abandonment; plead not guilty, but adjudged guilty by the court, and sentenced to the Edgecombe reformatory for four months.

State vs Levy Minter, A. D. W.; case was not pressed.

MARRIAGE LICENSE INCREASED OVER ANY MONTH RECENTLY

Twenty Two Couples Listed As Receiving Licenses During Month of September

Marriage licenses issued in Martin county during the month of September are greatly increased in number over any recent month, numbering 22, including both white and colored couples. The list securing licenses are as follows:

White: Church Mobley, 18; Bessie Davis, 18; Paul Dixon, 23; Madie Bell Jenkins, 20; Robert J. Hardison, 21; Fannie M. Williams, 22; Ed. V. Atkins, Petersburg, Va., 31; Ernie Jolly, 19; Rolf F. Heyendreich, 23; Mary Gladys Watts, 20; Ben Louis Harrell, 26; Annie M. Brown, 18; William E. Little, 54; Mary Boyd, 32; Jessie Bailey, 23; Lida Whitehurst, 20; Albert Flannagan, 21; Ethel Brown, 18; Kenneth Edmondson, 29; Helen Griffin, 18; James G. Bullock, 19; Bettie Whitaker, 17; Wm. Harcum Roebuck, 43; Bettie Roberson, 42; John Eavis, 20; Lou Ella Mizell, 19; L. R. Andrew, 23; Geneva Whitehurst, 19.

Colored: Austin Barnhill, 40; G. Annie Whitefield, 42; Sylvester Green, 21; Selma Cain, 18; Lloyd Jenkins, 21; Peneltha Sessions, 18; Geo. Speller, Bertie county, 34; Repp Ryan, Bertie county, 21; Julius Clark, Bertie county, 21; Mary Walden, Bertie county, 20; S. E. Grimes, 53; Emma Long, 32; Joe Spallwood, 21; Malina Johnson, 16; Charles Williams, 69; Alice Davis, 38.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENTS ON GOVERNMENT

Absence of Supervision and National Legislation Partly Blamed

An appalling number of people are killed and injured every year on the highways of this country. Sporadic efforts are made in cities, and occasionally by state, to cure the evil by legislation and regulation of traffic, notably in speed ordinances and headlight laws, but without much effect. The reason is that speed and glaring headlights are not the primary cause of highway accidents.

Examination as to the causes of accidents shows that the principal factors are sharp curves, impaired vision due to fences, overhanging trees, embankments, etc., excessive grades, too narrow bridges, slippery road surfaces, dangerous detours, defective road surfaces, weak bridges, and too narrow roads.

If the national or state governments permitted a railroad to kill and maim its passengers because of too sharp curves, too steep grades, defective rails, improper signals, or too weak bridges, the people would speedily change the government!

Roads have grown almost imperceptibly from paths through the forest to highways. The automobile traffic was born almost overnight, and is increasing by leaps and bounds. Government is used to highways as safe ribbons to traffic. It has yet taken little cognizance of the danger which the road, safe for a horse and buggy, provides for a car.

It is inevitable that the United States construct a system of trunk line highways north and south, east and west, throughout the country. Such highways will not have dangerous surfaces, curves, bridges, embankments or crossings. As soon as state county and town road builders see the difference in the death and injury rate on properly built and maintained highways, their own standards of road construction will inevitably respond. Until that day comes, it is impossible entirely to absolve governmental indifference from complicity in highway accidents.

GERMANY MAY HAVE DICTATOR UNDER MILITARY

Government Quits Office Owing to Attitude With Ruhr

RESIGN WEDNESDAY

Socialists Cause of Officials Tendering Their Resignations

BERLIN, Oct. 4.—With the retirement of Chancellor Stresemann's coalition cabinet, there is talk of the establishment of a civilian dictator supported by martial law. Stresemann, himself, is spoken of as well fitted for such an office. Meanwhile he has been invited by President Ebert to form a new ministry.

Dr. Gustav Stresemann and his ministers sent in their resignations last night to President Ebert. It was officially announced that the resignation was due to the attitude of the Socialists.

The Stresemann government retired from office with the relinquishment of passive resistance in the Ruhr on the Rhineland as the only active accomplishment to its credit.

M. Poincare, the French premier, is blamed by the German government and the Reichstag leaders for the collapse of Chancellor Stresemann's government, inasmuch as it would have been spared the Nationalist onslaught which not only gained momentum through the unconditional Ruhr surrender, but also from the swiftly collapsing international situation.

The Socialists do not oppose Dr. Stresemann's plans for getting the nation back on its feet, so far as they concern financial reforms and taxation, but insist that these plans must not obtrude themselves upon the social laws governing the workers. The minister of labor, Dr. Heinrich Brüning, championed the extension of the working hours to such limit as is compatible with individual health conditions in the cities and the need of an eight hour day in the coal mining districts. Wherever the character of the work suggests a menace to health he favors the retention of the eight hour day, but is of the opinion that overtime should be compulsory in industrial branches, as well as in the civil service departments.

COMMISSIONERS OF COUNTY HOLD REGULAR MEET

Have Small List of Matters to Attend to On Last Monday

The county commissioners of Martin county met Monday morning, October 1st, with the following members present: H. C. Green, chairman; J. G. Barnhill, V. R. Taylor, C. A. Askew and W. B. Harrington.

The proceedings of the county board while in regular session Monday were as follows:

Ordered that O. G. Carver be paid \$17.40 for land of A. J. Britt, sold through error.

Ordered that H. T. Roberson sheriff, be paid \$7.50 for taking E. Hyde and wife to the county home, and that the board send bill for same to N. T. Brown.

James Morris was admitted to the county home.

The board ordered that no penalties be charged against tax payers. Aaron Riddick was allowed \$3.00 per month, account of outside post. Upon motion, the salary of C. D. Carstarphen, treasurer was increased \$25.00 per month.

Natural Flowers To Be Exhibited at the State Fair This Year

RALEIGH, Oct. 4.—Flowers of many varieties will be exhibited at the North Carolina State fair by the florists of the State during the week of October 15 to 20, but one of the most interesting exhibits will be one that Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, president of the State fair, has provided in the way of natural flowers.

Mrs. Vanderbilt is strong for flowers and her estate at Biltmore has a world of them, but when she took charge of the State fair two years ago the grounds were barren of anything that even smacked of beauty.

Today it is very different. Zinnias of all grades and varieties have been planted around Floral hall, the central building of the State fair grounds, and they have been pruned down with a view to having them in full bloom when the fair comes on. They will provide a wealth of color.

HARDISON MILL LOCAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coltran and family were in Washington Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ellis and Miss Claude Ellis and daughter, Miss Betty, moved to Washington Saturday to do some shopping.

Mrs. W. T. Roberson and Miss Alma Mizell returned from Washington hospital Sunday. Their many friends are glad to see them able to be out again.

Mrs. J. H. Ellis and family visited relatives in Junco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Reavis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Corey.

Mr. John A. Hardison was in Williamson Monday attending to business.

Mr. John D. Mizelle was in Washington Tuesday on business.

Mr. Eula Biggs of near Everetts is spending this week with relatives here.

Miss Carrie Delle Manning with all those who have parts in a play which will be given as soon as possible, met at Maple Grove church last night to practice.

Mr. John A. Lilley and Mr. George Roberson of Lilley's Hall were here yesterday.

Mrs. A. D. Mizelle of Greenville is visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Roberson were shoppers in Washington Thursday.

Messrs. W. I. and Clyde Brown and sister, Miss Lena were passers-by en route to Washington one day this week.

Mr. Jacky Ann Roebuck is spending the week with Mrs. W. E. Manning.

A farmer in Perquimans county reports a profit of \$100 from his hogs this year as a result of a feeding demonstration which he conducted in cooperation with County Agent L. W. Anderson.

The law requiring the registration of all motor cars with the Secretary of State went into effect October 1st. Compliance with this law will prevent much automobile stealing, and all owners of cars should immediately comply with the terms of the law. The fee for the registration is \$1.50.

EX-SERVICE MEN OF FOUR COUNTIES MEET NOV. 12TH

Will Compose of Martin, Hyde, Beaufort and Washington

ATTENDANCE PRIZE

County Having Largest Attendance To Be Awarded Prize

The American Legion has planned a general get-together of all the ex-service men of Martin, Hyde, Beaufort and Washington counties, for November 12th. This meeting is for the purpose of making the works of the Legion more public, and allowing all ex-service men of these counties the opportunity of learning the cause of the Legion.

There will be offered a prize for the county which has the largest number of ex-service men present at the meeting, which is expected to stimulate attendance in addition to the desire of the ex-service men to see their comrades of overseas days, and have an enjoyable day.

The militia companies of Washington and Plymouth will stage a competitive drill, the winner to be awarded a worthy prize. This drill will be very interesting to all ex-service men as strong competition is expected between the two companies.

Free dinners will be served all ex-service men who are in attendance at Washington on this date. The ex-service men can expect a feast that will be remembered for time to come as nothing is being left undone to prepare a dinner that will make the boys forget they ever saw the trenches.

The Legion is engaging in a campaign that the country cannot afford to without, and work that is saving the wounded boys in the nation's hospitals much suffering, and saving the lives of many who were unfortunate in being placed in hospitals where facilities were inadequate for their proper care, and the least every ex-service man can do is stand with his brothers in the Legion for the care of those who are unable to care for themselves. An ex-service man will make the address of the day, telling of the plans of the Legion for the relief of the suffering ex-service men and what the Legion has already done in this line, and other important issues over the country, since the organization of the Legion.

Efforts will be put forward in the near future to organize an American Legion camp in Martin county, and it will be of importance for every ex-service man in the county to attend the meeting at Washington, November 12th for this one reason alone.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE BEGINS TODAY

Noted Educators Expected To Be at Washington Today

The High School Principals conference begins in Washington today in the auditorium of the Washington College institute, with Dr. J. H. Highsmith of Raleigh, presiding.

The high school teachers from the twenty three northeastern counties of North Carolina will be present at the conference today.

Among the noted State educators expected are: State Supt. A. T. Allen, Dr. N. W. Walker, dean of school of education, the University of North Carolina, and Dr. J. H. Highsmith, high school supervisor of high school progress and others.

There will be a public meeting this evening at 8 o'clock, at which time the public will get information of the workings of the State high school system, that will be interesting and beneficial.

The program for the conference, which was published in The Enterprise last week, contains subjects that are very vital to the success of our schools and their dissemination in the conference today and tomorrow will doubtless prove very beneficial to the teachers who are attending the conference.

NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors who were so kind and sympathetic to us during the illness and death of the little orphan boy, Howard Woodard, who has had a home with us since February 1, 1923.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Eason Lilley.

Without a good local paper, what chance is there for the news of the town and surrounding country?