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Chamber of Commerce To Start Intensive Campaign For Assessment Collection

Workings of Advertising Committee to be Announced Soon

Within the next few days the local Chamber of Commerce will make a drive among its members to collect the assessments that were made at a meeting several weeks ago.

The Chamber of Commerce, this year, hopes to stage one of the biggest and best advertising campaigns in the history of the town. The four warehouses have agreed to hire an advertising manager, provided there will result a cooperative advertising campaign staged by every merchant, business man, professional man, every citizen and every child in this community. Heretofore, the local Chamber of Commerce has spent several hundred dollars each year for advertising. It was good as far as it went, but it lacked the personal backing of the people of our community. The officers did every thing in their power to make these small sums bring results, but business duties just would not permit their giving the time necessary for such undertakings. Realizing this weakness, the warehousemen are giving their attention to the matter and are offering their aid by hiring an advertising manager whose duty it will be to look after all matters advertising the Williamston market, both the merchants of the town and the warehouses.

For the past several days plans have been worked on and they will be announced within the next few days. The advertising committee will hold a meeting tonight to investigate the plans that have been formulated. Each member of this committee is in sincere earnest, and if the people of the town will lend it their support, a tobacco market "like you read about" will result.

Secretary Coburn will call around to see the members within the next few days, and he will be glad to explain what the Williamston Chamber of Commerce is trying to do.

It is a matter of true cooperation of every man, woman and child in our town, that will make our market one of the best in the State this year.

Mrs. Pender Entertains Philathea Class Friday

Mrs. Joe Pender delightfully entertained the Philathea class of the Baptist church last Friday night at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. T. Meadows, on Main street.

The class discussed our yearly pledge and we decided to send Miss N. C. Baraca-Philathea Union, \$25.00 to cover our pledge for the coming year. We also decided to have our annual picnic at Cotterline Beach, Thursday, July the 9th.

A very interesting patriotic contest was enjoyed by all. Miss Margaret Everett won the prize and Mrs. Z. H. Rose the booby. After this the hostess served "Charlotte Rousset" a very delicious dessert which was enjoyed by every one. Mrs. Wheeler Martin, sr. will entertain the class for the August meeting.

MARGARET EVERETT, corresponding secretary.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all who were so kind and assisted us in so many ways during the recent illness and death of our dear mother. We assure you your many kindnesses will never be forgotten. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Meador.

Strand Theatre

FRIDAY

William Farnum, in "The Scuttlers"

SATURDAY

Yakima Canut and

Episode No. 11 "The Riddle Rider"

THE ENTERPRISE WEEKLY SERMON

By REV. C. O. PARDO

"A certain lawyer stood up and asked Him saying: 'What must I do to inherit eternal life?'"

As we look back into history and study mankind and civilization, we find the different periods of time referred to as "ages." The Primitive Age—the Stone Age—the Iron Age. Each age represents the development in human civilization, each age marks off the progress mankind has made in becoming acquainted with and utilizing God's natural deposits.

There has been a time when but few people among all the millions of people in the world could read or write. There has been a time when man did not have newspapers or books because the art of printing was not discovered. Firearms, guns, cannons, rifles, mankind knew nothing about. This condition existed when Jesus was upon earth. And in those days the actions of individual men and women counted more than individual action does today. If a man didn't work, till the soil or have some occupation to earn a livelihood, he went hungry. So individual effort counted for much.

We are now living in the "group age"—also the "Inventive" and "Scientific age." Men are more accustomed to rely upon the united efforts of several people, rather than upon his own effort apart from others. For instance if you want to open a grocery store to sell groceries, you depend on a carpenter to build counters, a mason and carpenter to erect a building, then you depend upon the wholesaler to supply you with merchandise. The wholesaler depends upon the factories, the factories depend upon the labor of employes to manufacture syrups, vinegars, sugar, etc. And back of these is the producer, the farmer who depends upon field labor, seed growers, fertilizer manufacturers, rail road engineers, brakemen, car and locomotive builders, iron and coal miners and back back through countless numbers, just to open a little grocery store and sell groceries. So in truth, this is the "group age."

In religious matters we see the effect of this common condition of the age we live in. Every thing in church life is done in group terms. Classes, groups, societies, guilds, clubs and endless groups organized and given different names. As a result mankind has gotten to depend, at least in his thinking, upon others. A great many men carry their property in their wife's name, and a great many men carry their religion in the name of their wife and family.

I have no doubt there are men and women who expect to inherit eternal life because of the religion of some painted mother. But religion is individual. In religion the individual has his own peculiar duties and obligations to fulfill. No organization, no group, no society, no other can assume your religious duties.

The young man who spoke to Jesus seemed to understand this fact, for he said "What must I do," not what must some other person or group of people do, but "what must I do." And so must you and I face the great Master some day and say "What must I do." God grant many who read this have already gone to Him and asked that question and heard his answer and are obeying Him. God grant that many who have not done so, will be led by His Spirit to go to Christ in Repentance and Humility and ask, "What must I do to inherit eternal life," and when you know the answer, then in His Grace, do it.

Mrs. Noah Biggs Dies At Scotland Neck

Mrs. Noah Biggs, widow of the late Nech Biggs, died Tuesday afternoon after an illness extending over the past several years. The deceased was the daughter of the late John T. Lawrence and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Jas. A. Pittman, and three brothers, John Kit and Allie Lawrence.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock, Rev. R. C. Campbell and Dr. Vann, of Raleigh officiating.—Scotland Neck Commonwealth.

Misses Mae Scott and Ethel Childers of Tennessee left last evening for Jameville where they will continue their work, introducing a valuable educational encyclopedia for children and grown-ups. The two books are very necessary in the American home and they should be found there. Misses Scott and Childers have been in the city for the past ten days.

LIGHTNING HITS SEVERAL HOUSES MONDAY EVENING

Bolts Hit, Near Each Other, Few Minutes Between Them

Monday afternoon, the most severe thunder storm struck Williamston and nearby points.

Lightning struck the stock building at the Roanoke fair grounds, tearing away the flag pole and knocking out a few windows. In less than three minutes, lightning struck the residence of Mr. Ben Weaver only a few hundred feet away from the stock building. This bolt, came off door facing and bursted the light meter. Only a minute or two later, the new home of Mrs. J. E. Barnhill was struck, the charge going from the top of the chimney to a metal strip on the roof, then tearing away a portion of the shingled roof. Plastering was torn off the walls in several places in the house. Mrs. Barnhill's home is just across the road from Mr. Weaver's, thus forming a triangle where the lightning struck within a few hundred feet each time and at short intervals. No one was hurt in either house. It is thought that the wiring prevented very serious damage.

A heavy rain fell, but was not general, it reaching only a short distance in most directions.

Mr. Augustus Johnson Dies Suddenly at His Home Near Gold Point

Mr. Augustus Johnson fell dead at his home near Gold Point Wednesday evening about 7:30.

Mr. Johnson was 63 years old in March. He was the son of the late Joe Johnson and wife Mary Powell.

Mr. Johnson was a successful planter and a fine citizen and a splendid neighbor. He first married Miss Annie Anderson of Williamston, who died several years ago. He moved to Williamston soon after the death of his first wife and made his home with Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson. After several years stay here, he married Mrs. Trulah Page. Soon afterward he moved back to his old home, where he died Wednesday.

The funeral will be held at his late residence at 2:30 this afternoon by Elder B. S. Cowing. Burial will take place about 4 o'clock in the Baptist cemetery.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife and several step-children, he having no children of his own.

Mr. Jones was a caller at our office yesterday.

Wants 70,000,000 Dimes



Does Mercer Krege, second wife of the Chain Store Magnate, has good for \$7,000,000 of stock in the stores, which she says her husband promised her—before they were married.

State Pays \$1,600 Reward to Captors Of Mob Members Claimants Have Not Been Learned At Present Time

State papers state that Governor McLean indicated today that \$1,600.00 in reward would be paid for the capture of Needleman's associates, this amount comprising four claims of \$400.00 each.

Solicitor Don Gilliam conferred with the Governor this week in regard to the claims and rewards offered by the State.

The Governor is further quoted as saying that he was informed that no reward would be paid by Martin county on account of the great expense incident to the trial.

That position is not understood however, for the rewards offered by the County were exactly the same as those offered by the State and if the State offers rewards the County would, for the same reason, owe the same. There is some apprehension that it is a game of pulling the State's leg. However, since the claimants names are withheld and could not be learned at this time, no one seems to know the base of the claims.

It is the general understanding here that the information that led to the arrests of practically every mob member came from those in the mob itself. However, there might be that information was received from several sources unknown to the public.

COMMISSIONERS OF COUNTY MEET IN REGULAR SESSION

Penalty of 1 1-2 per cent to be added on taxes after June 15th

The Board of County Commissioners met in its regular session at its room in the court house last Monday. All the members of the Board were present. Business was of a summer nature, there being very little done at this meeting.

The proceedings of the Board are as follows:

Roy Wynn was allowed the sum of \$3.00 per month. The amount to be applied to the account of County poor.

Upon motion, the Board passed an order authorizing the renewal of a \$40,000 note, now due. This note was given to meet general expenses.

Bryant Taylor, Slade White and James Meeks, jr. were appointed road commissioners for Poplar Point township.

T. B. Slade, jr. and J. G. Barnhill were duly appointed to meet with the County Board of Education today for the purpose of examining the school budget.

S. B. Stalls of Poplar Point was released from payment of taxes on \$1,066.00 improperly listed in 1924.

B. F. Perry was released from the payment of taxes on property valued at \$1,500 and listed by error in Williamston township in the year 1924.

It was ordered by the Board that a penalty of 1 1-2 per cent be added to all taxes due and unpaid on the 15th of this month.

Has Narrow Escape When Car Leaves Highway Ninety

Fred Chesson of Everetts had a narrow escape from death when the Ford car he was driving failed to make a sharp curve at Garner's creek last Saturday morning. Chesson was traveling at a good rate of speed when he reached Gardner's creek bridge and was unable to make the sharp curve just the other side. His car plunged down a several foot embankment, but its driver escaped injury. A few minor repairs were required to put the car back in running order.

Mr. Dewey, general manager of the Norfolk-Carolina Telephone company of Elizabeth City was a business visitor here yesterday.

Misses Lyda Cooke and Myrt Wynn and Mr. Jack Biggs attended the dance in Ahsokie Wednesday night.

Your Friend?



If your income is under \$5,000 a year—this fellow is your friend. He is U. S. Senator Harris of Georgia, who plans to put through a measure exempting married folks with incomes under \$5,000.

COURT CALENDAR OF AN UNUSUAL NATURE TUESDAY

Three Similar Cases, All Defendants Get The Same Sentence

Proceedings of the Martin county recorder's court of Tuesday the 7th are as follows:

State vs T. E. Goodrich, operating automobile while intoxicated. Goodrich was adjudged guilty, fined \$50.00 and costs and sentenced to jail for three months to be assigned to the public roads of Edgecombe county, capias to issue at any time within 12 months if said defendant is found intoxicated.

State vs Willie Pierce, operating automobile while drunk. He was found guilty, fined \$50.00 and costs and sentenced to the Edgecombe county roads for the term of three months, capias to issue at any time within 12 months if defendant is found intoxicated.

State vs John Edwards, operating automobile while drunk. Found guilty by the Court. He was fined \$50.00 and costs and assigned to the Edgecombe roads for a term of three months, capias to issue at any time within 12 months from this date if defendant is found intoxicated.

Judge J. C. Smith was on the bench and in the absence of Solicitor E. S. Feel, attorney Wheeler Martin served as solicitor.

The day's calendar was of an unusual nature, no fights, no assaults, but all drunk and all trying to go. According to the sentence imposed by Judge Smith, they all went, as if it was to the roads for three months.

Gold Point Defeats Jamesville Team

After losing to the strong Jamesville nine Friday at Gold Point by the score of 6 to 2, the Gold Point team returned the game at Jamesville Saturday, the Fourth and took revenge, winning by a score of 8 to 2.

"Lefty" Grimes held the Jamesville sluggers to one hit, a single in the ninth frame after two were out. He was entitled to a hitless game out for two errors that happened in the last inning he was unable to make the much honored record. His teammates made two errors in that frame and caused two more batters to face him, the hit coming after three should have been out.

The Pointers' scores were the result of consistent hitting. Martin held the mound through the third inning for Jamesville, allowing only one run, but the Pointers got on to him in the fourth frame and scored four runs. He was replaced by Gardner who allowed three more runs during the remainder of the game.

The outstanding feature of the game was Grimes' pitching, he allowing only one free pass and striking out 12 batters.

The first series of three games was won by Jamesville. The second series stands one and one for each team. The deciding game will be played at Gold Point tomorrow afternoon and a most interesting game is expected.

CONDITIONS FAVORABLE FOR ENTERPRISE FORCE EARLY PART OF WEEK

The Fourth of July period of celebration, the press tied up with a book job, and a yearning for a much needed rest all combined interfered with the publication of our Tuesday's paper.

Our operator insists that we take another if the thermometer goes any higher. At three o'clock yesterday afternoon it was lounging around 102 in his corner.

Mr. H. C. Edwards of Kinston was a pleasant caller to our office yesterday afternoon.

STATE'S RURAL REPUBLICANS TO APPEAL COOLIDGE

Cooperatives Go Thru A Searching Investigation

By R. E. Powell
Captures the Republican majority on the Federal Trade Commission seems to be cutting in handling the investigation into alleged unfair trade practices of the Imperial Tobacco company are letting good Republicans in the rural sections of North Carolina and the gossip is that the G. O. in this part of the State is mobilizing to send Mr. Coolidge a vigorous message about it.

So far, the Republican majority on the commission hasn't done anything with the investigation it was ordered to make upon complaint of the cooperative growers. But it has proceeded painfully slow with the industry into the boycott which the coops allege the Imperial has established and apparently, has gone far afield by probing the internal affairs of the cooperatives.

The coops have been through a searching investigation conducted by nine officials of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina and the editors of farm papers in these three states. The nine members all held responsible and leading positions in the agricultural world. It was in no sense a picked committee. It did not whitewash the association but recommended in the main that it give its members a little more information about the business. That's all the fault the nine men found.

The grumbling of the North Carolina Republicans because of the delay and dilly-dallying on the part of the Trade Commission is easy enough to follow when it is understood that North Carolina Republicans have been very jealous of their political record on the whole cooperative movement. They were among the first to support the first cooperative law and they have been among the staunchest defenders of orderly marketing when the association was under attack.

They feel keenly about the status of the complaint which the tobacco association has made against the big companies at Washington. It is alleged, among other things, that they have consistently refused to buy from the association but that they have purchased large quantities of the same grades of tobacco held by the association. They have said that the association did not get the grades they desired. Instance after instance has been cited where they bought from auction floors grades identical with those pooled with the association.

Republicans hopes of winning favor in North Carolina, and it is no secret that they have hope of winning a few members of Congress and a respectable minority in the General Assembly some of these days will be dimmed if the Federal Trade Commission passes over the complaint against the Imperial. The bulk of the 230,000 Republican votes in North Carolina is in the rural sections of the state. Many of them are members of one sort of cooperative association or the other.

They find it hard to reconcile the President's stand on cooperative marketing about which they brag to their Democratic neighbors, with the progress of the complaint they have made with the commission. They do not want to agree with the assaults which some Democrats have made on the commission but at the same time they want to know what's the matter.

Political circles away from the farms are watching the commission's handling of the tobacco complaint, too. Democrats quite naturally charge that his business is demanding that the Republican party stand fast to its traditional moorings. At the same time, they are wondering what will happen if Mr. Coolidge, repeatedly committed to cooperative marketing and anxious to make friends in the South, calls his commission in and tells it to shake a leg with this investigation.

Car Burns on Everetts Road Last Week

Dr. Duckworth was driving to Everetts last week, and when he had gone about two miles out of town his Chevrolet car caught fire and in a few minutes was burned up. The doctor thinks some trouble with the wiring forming a short circuit was the cause.

Federation Meeting Tonight at 8 o'clock

President Duke Critcher of the Christian Federations of the town announces that there will be a meeting of the federations tonight at 8 o'clock in the Christian church. Every member is urgently requested to attend as tonight has been selected as the time to elect a new president.

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