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## TOBACCO PRICES HIGHER TODAY

Local Market Is Highest Today That It Has Been This Season; Good Tobacco Very Strong

The local tobacco market is paying the highest prices of the season today. This statement applies to good tobacco, rather for second and third curings. The sand lugs are about the same price as they were during the first month of this season.

For the past three days prices have advanced—apparently even to the casual observer—as much as five cents daily. There were quite a number of piles on the floor yesterday that sold from 65 to 80 cents per pound, and a great deal of yesterday's sales averaged 40 cents and over. Today's averages will run a little higher.

While on a visit to the Farmers & Merchants Bank this morning we met Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Cutler, of Blounts Creek, Mr. E. Hoyt Roberson, of Batts Cross Roads, Mr. C. E. Woolard, of Bath, and Mr. K. R. Hopkins, of Plymouth; all farmers from out of the county who had sold tobacco on the local floors. Dr. Biggs inquired if they were pleased with their sales, and they enthusiastically assured him that they were, and when he invited them to come back, they told him that they expected to do so right away.

## Sandy Ridge Local And Personal News

Mrs. W. H. Daniel was the guest of Mrs. Hollingsworth Wednesday afternoon.

Messrs. Clyde Roberson and Haywood Pate motored to Washington on Wednesday.

Miss Coralie Peed was the guest of Miss Louise Godard Monday night.

Mr. George Hardison was the guest of Miss Louise Godard Monday.

Mr. Lawrence Riddick, son of Mr. J. H. Riddick, died Monday night. He leaves a widow and four children, many friends and relatives to mourn his death. He was a brother of Mr. Ben Riddick, of Everetts.

Mr. Lucian Hardison and family attended the funeral of Mr. Lawrence Riddick Tuesday.

Messrs. A. W. Hardison, Lee Hardison and Roy Andrews attended the funeral of Mr. Lawrence Riddick Tuesday.

Mrs. S. J. Parrisher left Wednesday morning for Rocky Mount, where she will spend several days with her granddaughter, Mrs. Ade Roberson.

Mr. M. B. Huron, of Rocky Mount, was the guest of Miss Gladys Roberson Saturday.

Mr. Colon Martin, of Jamesville, was the guest of Miss Earl Hall Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Johnnie Hoggard and Carson Taylor were out riding Wednesday night.

Mr. J. N. Hopkins attended services at Silone Church Wednesday.

Mrs. C. V. Lanier seems much improved at this writing.

Mr. Dan Jones made a trip to Williamston Tuesday night.

Miss Earl Hall spent Wednesday night with Miss Coralie Peed.

Mr. J. N. Hopkins was the guest of Miss Marie Riddick Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. Riddick and family attended the funeral of Mr. Lawrence Riddick in Walstonburg Tuesday.

## Mrs. Staton to Attend National Convention

Mrs. James Grist Staton will leave tomorrow for New Orleans to attend the National Triennial convention of the woman's auxiliary of the Episcopal Church. She is a representative of the East Carolina Diocese.

**Strand Theatre**

**COMING**

**OCTOBER 12-13**

**"THE TEN COMMANDMENTS"**

## Lonnie Pinkham, Plymouth Man, Accidentally Killed By Friend Shortly After Noon

Lonnie P. Pinkham, of Plymouth, was accidentally shot and killed at his home at 2 o'clock this afternoon by Mr. W. W. Phillips, of Washington.

Mr. Pinkham and Mr. Phillips, who was working on the highway and boarding at Mr. Pinkham's home, were going hunting and while on the porch getting their guns ready Mr. Phillips gun was accidentally discharged, the load entering Mr. Pinkham's back. He was at once put in a car

and started to the Washington Hospital, but died when Mr. McGowan, who was carrying him, reached Skewarkee church at this place.

The body was immediately returned to his home. Mr. Pinkham was 42 years old; a man with a family. He was a tinner by trade and had done considerable work in Williamston, where he had many friends.

No details of the funeral arrangements have been announced.

## VERDICT AGAINST A. C. L. SET ASIDE

Jury Misunderstands Judge's Charge And Fails to Answer Second Issue As Instructed.

The case of Hill vs. the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co., which was begun last Monday afternoon and completed late Tuesday will have to be gone over again. The jury awarded Mrs. Hill \$2,500 for personal injuries and \$1,500 for damages to her car, but it failed to answer the second issue of the complaint, which was as to whether the plaintiff was guilty of contributory negligence, and the verdict was set aside.

Members of the jury said that they thought the judge charged them that the second issue would not have to be answered, which caused them to omit it in their answer. They were mistaken, however, for the judge charged them to answer all the issues set out in the complaint. The case commanded a great amount of attention, it being the first case of importance against the railroad that has been tried here for many years.

## Standing of Entrants In Beauty Contest

Below is the standing of the contestants in the Roanoke Beauty Contest, up to and including Thursday night, October 1:

Jamesville	
Carrie Sexton	40,700
Ollie Ruth Gardner	29,500
Ruth Modlin	11,100
Pearlie Jones	10,300
Mary Clement Fagan	10,000
Sadie L. Fagan	10,000
Beatrice White	10,000
Vera Hair	10,000
Gladys Martin	10,000
Lillie Mae Roberson	10,000
Mary Gurkin	10,000
Hazel Roberson	10,000
Betty Martin	10,000
Fannie Mae Riddick	10,000
Lillian Jones	10,000
Beatrice Stallings	10,000
Annie Mae Gray	10,000
Marie Hedrick	10,000
Ruby Gurkin	10,000
Mary Fagan	10,000
Irene Tetterton	10,000
Williamston	
Ruth Manning	120,250
Elizabeth Burras	87,700
Trulah Page	75,500
Frances Hoyt	23,000
Laura Norton	35,000
Rita Norton	13,100
Emma Robertson	12,750
Frances Gurganus	11,100
Carrie Dell White	10,500
Mattie Lou Anderson	10,400
Geneva Cook	10,350
Marguerite Cook	10,300
Lyda Cook	10,000
Mary Clyde Leggett	10,000
Ruby Barnhill	10,000
Mami C. Rogers	10,000
Robersonville	
Ruth Whitfield	78,100
Bernice Everett	71,300
Eleanor Whitfield	46,900
Hilda Ross	45,700
Carrie Louise Grimes	10,000
Lucy Stokes	10,000
Ernestine Taylor	10,000
Helen Gurganus	10,000
Hamilton	
Helen Davenport	196,800
Norma Hines	110,000
Carrie Dell Roebuck	71,550
Ethel Davenport	16,700
Gertrude Lilley	13,500
Mary Stokes	10,200
Pauline Johnson	10,100
Grace Starling	10,000
Julia Salsbury	10,000
Martha Roebuck	10,000
Anna Lee Anthony	10,000
Blanche Poe	10,000
Myrtle Dixon	10,000
Mary Johnson	10,000
Helen Johnson	10,000
Lucy Palmer	10,000
Windsor	
Virginia Spivey	58,150
Mary Etheridge Rhea	23,550

## TAKING ORDERS FOR CARLOAD PYRATOL

County Agent Plans To Secure Large Amount of Explosive For Martin Farmers

By T. B. BRANDON  
County Agent

There is a quantity of Pyratol available to this county. Pyratol is a smokeless powder, T. N. T., and sodium nitrate mixed together by DuPont in the correct amount to make dynamite. The Government is letting the farmers have it at the cost of mixing it. The county agent is taking orders for a carload shipment to Williamston.

Farmers should take advantage of this opportunity to get rid of their stumps. Everywhere you have a stump it robs you of a hill of tobacco, stalk of cotton, or a hill of corn every year. Also it is a seed bed for grasses and undesirable insects. I remember keeping record on plowing stumpy land and land free of stumps in Georgia several years ago. In the land free of stumps the man would be thru plowing when the man with stumpy land would be three-fourths over, not saying anything about the plow points that he broke.

Farmers who want this explosive must see me at once, as I am going to send the order off as soon as possible. It will cost \$9.00 per hundred pounds, delivered in Williamston, with caps if they have any when the order is sent in. There will not be any fuse in the car, but it can be bought locally.

Should you want to get some of this Pyratol, you can see me in the court house on Saturday, or you can leave the order with the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Williamston, or the Planters and Merchants Bank at Everetts.

## Almost Three Million Pounds Tobacco Sold

The Williamston tobacco market sold in the month of September 2,807,406 pounds of tobacco for the sum of \$525,130.10, which is an average of \$18.71 per hundred pounds. These figures are taken from the official report of the market to the agricultural department at Raleigh. The department has not published the report of the other markets of the State yet.

Good tobacco men say the Williamston market averaged higher than any market in the eastern belt.

## Dr. Mercer To Preach At Methodist Church

Rev. I. M. Mercer, presiding elder of the Weldon district of the Methodist Church, will visit the local church Sunday night. He will preach at the regular night service. This will be our people's last chance to hear Dr. Mercer for some time, as it is his last visit before conference, and at that time he will be changed by the Bishop to another district.

## J. T. James Recovering From Recent Illness

J. T. James, local warehouseman, who has been ill for the past several days, is rapidly convalescing. Friends will be glad to know that he will be able to get out by tomorrow, according to instructions of his physician.

Maybelle Perry ..... 23,500  
Rosalie Rhea ..... 22,300  
Mary White ..... 20,550  
Minnie Matthews ..... 20,250  
Jeannette Sessoms ..... 20,200  
Flora Mitchell ..... 10,000  
Lois Spruill ..... 10,000  
Mamie Stokes ..... 10,000  
(The names of those who have only 10,000 votes and who remain at that figure for two weeks will be withdrawn.)

## COLE TRIAL JURY IS QUICKLY SELECTED

Only 65 of 200 Union County Special Veniremen Called Before the 12 Men Were Chosen

Rockingham, Oct. 1.—The 200 special veniremen from Union County appear in court here Wednesday, except four who were physically unable to appear.

They bore the appearance of a fine type of citizens. When only 65 of the 200 had been called and questioned the 12 men who are to hear the evidence and pass upon the guilt of W. B. Cole, the wealthy manufacturer, for shooting and killing W. W. Ormond August 15, were chosen.

The jury was selected much quicker than had been expected in a case where 20 lawyers are engaged and where so much money is backing them and where sentiment runs so strong against the defendant. Only one of the 65 persons called expressed the opinion that Cole was not guilty. Every member of the jury is a farmer, and all are married.

Testimony was put on by the State at 4:20 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The courtroom was packed to its capacity. Cole was slightly restless. He was accompanied by his wife, his son, and his daughter, whose love affair with Ormond with the cause of all the trouble, rather her love for Ormond aroused the hate of her father for Ormond, which could more reasonably be assigned as the reason for the killing.

The three sisters and father of Ormond were present. The youngest sister wept while the bill of indictment was read to Cole, to which he had pleaded not guilty.

The first witness was Frank Steel, first cousin of Cole. He said he talked to Ormond just before the shooting at the service station where he worked. That a few minutes before the shooting Ormond left the station and went to his car, which was parked in front of Page's garage.

Cole soon left his office, the witness said, and "I saw him approach the car with a pistol in his hand. He fired three shots. I ran to Ormond. Mr. Cole went back to his office. I called Ormond's name three times, but he did not answer. Ormond was under the steering wheel and the door was shut." The latter fact was stressed by the State, to show that Ormond was unaware of trouble at the time. On cross-examination very few questions were asked by the defendant's attorneys. However, the line of questioning evidently showed the intention of the defense to plead some kind of insanity.

Mrs. Wentz, the second witness examined, testified that she had known Cole ever since early in the year, but did not know Ormond; that on her way down the street on the afternoon of August 15 she saw Cole in front of the Manufacturers' Building. At first she did not see anything in his hand, which he was holding in front of himself. He walked diagonally to the Ford car. She noticed a man in the car. When Cole was in about four steps of the car he fired the first shot. Ormond was then sitting upright in the car, with his head thrown a little backwards. The witness said she was then about 50 feet from Cole. He then went closer and fired again, and at the third shot Ormond fell toward the steering wheel. She said she did not hear a word from either of the men, and that she was about 40 feet from the car when the last shot was fired.

On cross-examination she said that Cole was very pale as he walked across the street.

The court then recessed until Thursday morning.

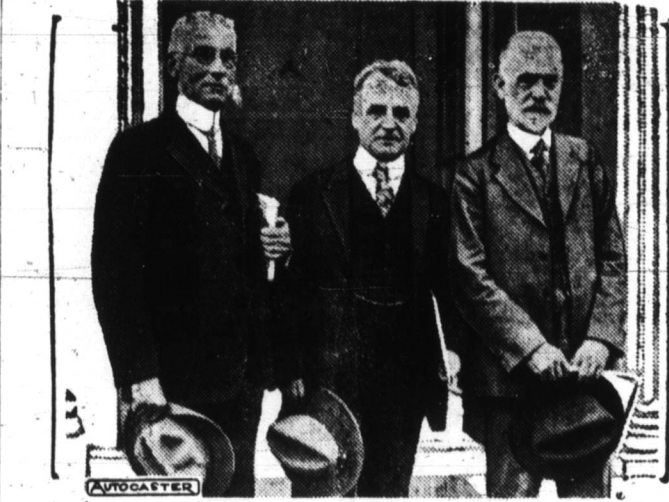
## Robersonville Has Chevrolet Dealer

Mr. L. F. Harris, formerly connected with N. A. Riddick Motor Co., for Robersonville and vicinity, will have active charge of the Harris Motor Co., a new automotive firm which has recently opened up in Robersonville for the sale of Chevrolet cars, and he will assure all Chevrolet owners of first-class service. The Harris Motor Co. hopes to be in their new garage and show room on Main street, Robersonville, within the next 30 days. They announce a full line on display now at their temporary quarters. This is the only Chevrolet sales organization in Martin County.

## Mrs. Woodrow Wilson Said To Be Engaged

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is said to be engaged to Dr. Sterling Ruffin, of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Wilson, who is now in Paris, refuses to confirm or deny the rumor.

## Our Air Defense Their Herculean Task



The officers of President Coolidge's air board, now in session at Washington, as they took up their herculean task of finding an efficient air defense for the U. S. Left to right, they are; Vice-Chairman, Judge Arthur Denison of Michigan; Chairman, Dwight Morrow of New York; and Secretary Wm. F. Durand.

## COTTON RECEIVING POINTS ARE NAMED

Cotton Association Has Seven Receiving Points in Martin County; Are Advancing \$75 Bale

The North Carolina Cotton Growers Association has announced receiving points for Martin County members as follows:

- O. W. Hamilton, Jamesville.
- J. W. Andrews, Williamston.
- Paul Bailey, Everetts.
- C. L. Wilson, Robersonville.
- W. S. Rhodes, Hamilton.
- Edmondson & Co., Hassell.
- J. C. Ross, Oak City.

The association has received much more cotton this year than it has ever received before up to this time.

The association is now advancing \$75 per bale of 500 base, and loans \$20 additional if the member-grower requests it.

Few business institutions have made a better showing than the cotton-association for the 1924 season. It cost the member just \$6.04 per bale to pay the receiving agent, pay the freight to the warehouse or the mill, pay all insurance, all storage charges, all interest, all accounting, auditing, office charges, field service charges, compressing and marketing costs, which is, of course, much less than is done by the commission process.

The association pulls one-half pound out of each bale. This has been called the "city crop" by commission men, who always take the samples. Yet the association sold these samples and with 5 lbs. credit, which the association was allowed by the International Marketing Association, netted the cotton growers the sum of \$57,400.

The latest reports say the country damage to the 1924 cotton crop amounted to \$65,000,000, or \$6,000,000 to each cotton-growing State. The cotton association had no damaged cotton.

The association has arranged far better terms this year than it had last year in the way of interest and other items, and farmers may expect the cost of handling their cotton to be lowered this year.

Nearly all merchants holding mortgages on cotton are now releasing same or at least permitting the farmers to deliver to the association. The guano companies have also allowed all farmers who were mortgaged to them to market their cotton through the association.

## Epworth League Business Meeting

The monthly business meeting of the senior Epworth League was held Wednesday afternoon at 4:30. After the devotional services, conducted by Mrs. J. W. Watts, jr., president, Mrs. W. C. Liverman was appointed leader of the Mission study class and Mrs. T. B. Brandon was appointed first department superintendent. The reports from the officers were read and recorded. Eleven new members were added to the roll. Visitors are cordially invited to attend all Epworth League meetings.

## Mr. Pardo Holding Mission in Raleigh

Rev. C. O. Pardo, rector of the Church of the Advent, will not be here for his regular church services Sunday and there will be no services except the Sunday school and Bible class in that Church. Rev. Pardo is holding a mission in Christ Church, Raleigh. He is widely known as an evangelist among his church people of the State.

## PARENT-TEACHERS BENEFIT TONIGHT

"Rosetime" Declared To Be Best Home-Talent Play Ever Presented in Williamston

It took place in an old-fashioned garden. She left her home and sweet heart for a career in Hollywood! Her lover could not bear it any longer, so he bought the movie company out—How? (Wait and see). He then went to Hollywood so he could be with the girl of his dreams. But she was tired of movie life and was ready to go back home with him. Then with the rest of the movie troupe—well, what's this all about? Why, it's "Rosetime," of course, the best home-talent play of the season, to be given at the city opera house (Strand Theatre) tonight, Friday, October 2, at 8:15 p. m. The proceeds of the play will go to the Williamston Parents-Teachers Association.

Don't miss it. The snappy choruses, lovely girls, and stunning costumes will delight you—not mentioning the beautiful scenery, catchy plot of the story, and the wonderful ability with which each character plays his or her part. You will declare "Rosetime" to be the best home-talent play you have ever seen. So don't miss it!

## Miscellaneous Shower Honoring Bride-Elect

(Special To The Enterprise)

Robersonville, Sept. 30.—The leading social event at Robersonville during the past week was the miscellaneous shower given Friday evening by Mrs. J. E. Waskin in honor of Miss Helen Roberson, whose marriage to Mr. George Lewis Madre, jr., of Windsor, will take place on October 15.

The reception hall and parlors were attractively decorated with evergreens and pink and white roses carrying out a color scheme of pink and white. The guests were received by Mrs. Ward, and ushered to the rear hall, where Mrs. R. L. Heggie and Mrs. Ethna Anderson served delicious punch. The amusement of the evening consisted of punching a "cuckoo" punch board. Each punch gave instruction as to what stunt the guest was to perform, and the carrying out of these instructions caused much merriment.

The bride-elect was then told that there was a special stunt for her to perform, namely, to follow to Windsor a ribbon which the hostess handed her. After many windings and turnings of the road she finally reached the end of the ribbon in the dining room, where a most pleasant surprise awaited her. The table was decorated with a white drawn-work luncheon cloth over pink, with four lighted candles, and a large pink silk umbrella, from which apparently had showered a large number of gifts. When the happy bride-to-be had opened the beautiful gifts for inspection the hostess invited the guests to the living room, requesting each to write a good wish for the bride.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. R. L. Heggie, Mrs. Ethna Anderson, and Miss Della Louise Roberson served a dainty collation, consisting of cream puffs and pink and white cream in wedding-bell, bridal-slipper, rose and heart shapes. The favors were tiny cupid tied with pink tulle. Guests present, besides the hostess and honoree, numbered about forty.

## Picture Services To Begin Sunday Week

On Sunday night, October 11, there will be a picture service at the opera house. Several of the churches will not have their regular services, but will join in this service. A sacred picture, songs, and a short sermon will compose the program.

These picture services have been quite successful in Tarboro, where they are held under the leadership of Rev. Bertram E. Brown each Sunday night.

## Victim of Crossing Accident Recovering

Mr. John L. Harris, of Bath, who was hurt in the railroad-crossing wreck several weeks ago while on his way home from a visit to the tobacco market, is rapidly recovering, we were informed today by Mr. Woolard, of Bath.

It was first thought that his hip was broken, and he was taken to the Washington Hospital, but it proved that he was only painfully bruised. At present he is able to get around a little.

## Sermon Omitted Account Absence

Our weekly sermon, written by Rev. Pardo, was delayed this week on account of the absence of Mr. Pardo from the city. He is holding a mission in Raleigh and was unable to get a sermon to us in time for today's paper.

## Baptist Church Sunday Services

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—J. C. Anderson, superintendent. Morning church service, 11 a. m.—There will be no church services.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Godard, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Peel and little son, Elbert Jr., and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes spent Thursday in Tarboro.

**DON'T FORGET**

**ROSETIME**

**TONIGHT**

**Tickets now on sale at the Clark-Bennett Drug Co., and at the Opera House office.**