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Fire Destroys Robersonville Livery Stable; 21 Horses and Mules Lost; Damage \$25,000

Loss Partially Covered By Insurance; Happened Friday

A fire in Robersonville Friday night burned the large livery stable known as the Grimes Stable, together with 21 head of horses and mules. The fire was discovered about 6:30 P. M. Friday afternoon while Mr. John James, who was reuniting the stables, was at supper.

Plan Organization of Merchants Association

At a meeting of local merchants held at the mayor's office Monday night the question of organizing a merchants association was discussed at length, after which every merchant present voted to go into a permanent organization.

MRS. EDWARD CLARK TO BE BURIED AT 4 TODAY

Weldon, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Margaret Lillington Clark, wife of Edward Thorne Clark, a crother of the late Chief Justice Walter Clark, died here this morning at 9:46 o'clock.

Mrs. George Riordan, of Baltimore, arrived Sunday night to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gurganus, for several days.

STRAND THEATRE

The manager of The Strand will be forced to discontinue the 15c show on Wednesday unless the attendance increases.

GOOD PROGRAM Two Shows—7 and 9 TOMORROW NIGHT

7,481,262 POUNDS OF TOBACCO SOLD HERE

\$1,823,249.32 Paid to Farmers for Golden Weed; Season's Average Was \$24.86

The Williamston tobacco market sold 7,481,262 pounds of tobacco during the past season, bringing \$1,823,249.32, not including scrap.

This is the best season the Williamston market has ever had, and with pending prospects the market may be expected to sell 12,000,000 pounds during the coming season.

One of the most substantial and reliable tobacco buyers in America happens to be located on the Williamston market, in the person of W. L. Skinner, who not only buys but dries the tobacco he buys in his own steam plant, enabling him to buy all grades and all types to good advantage.

Recorder's Court Has Short Session

The Recorder's Court was in session for a short while this morning. Judge Smith presided and Solicitor Peel prosecuted the cases. Only five cases appeared on the docket.

Guest Day Observed By Missionary Society

Guest Day, which is observed once each year by the Woman's Christian Missionary Society, was observed by the local organization yesterday.

"THE MERRY WIDOW" DRAWING BIG CROWDS

"The Merry Widow," which was shown at the Strand Theatre last night and will be there again tonight, is one of the best pictures seen here in a long while.

Prisoner Is Awarded Damages of \$50,000

A jury at Elizabeth City Saturday awarded Joe Swindell, a convict, \$50,000 damages against J. B. Farrior, of Wilson, N. C., for alleged personal injuries.

TOWN TEAM TO PLAY HERTFORD HERE TONIGHT

The Williamston Town Team will play the Hertford Town aggregation tonight at the Dixie Warehouse. A good game is promised all who attend.

MONDAY 28th ANNIVERSARY OF SINKING OF THE MAINE

Monday was the 28th anniversary of the sinking of the battleship Maine in the harbor at Havana, Cuba, when 266 officers and men lost their lives.

February Presents Variety of Weather

February has furnished us a great variety of weather so far—snow, hail, wind, rain, thunder, lightning, cold, hot, fair and cloudy.

Four thunder squalls the first 14 days in February compares well with June and August.

Some of the prophets say it means a good crop year and lots of fish, while others say when it thunders up the river it scares the fish away and means too much rain for crops the balance of the year.

MUST CONVERT WAR INSURANCE

Ex-Servicemen Have Until July 2nd to Reinstale or Convert Their War Risk Insurance

Washington, Feb. 13.—In a recent letter to General Frank T. Hines, Director of the U. S. Veterans Bureau, President Coolidge has expressed his unqualified approval of the campaign recently inaugurated by the bureau to bring to the attention of all ex-servicemen and women the desirability of immediate reinstatement and conversion of their war risk insurance.

Commenting upon the insurance issued by the government, President Coolidge said, "It is unnecessary for me to dwell upon the merits of life insurance, and the benefits which would come to all veterans and their dependents by their taking advantage of the liberal provisions made by the government in the matter of insurance."

Under the terms and provisions of the World War Veterans act of 1924 all yearly renewable term insurance (war-time insurance) must be converted, if now in force, or reinstated and converted, if lapsed, into some form of United States government life insurance on or before July 2, 1926, after which date no application for reinstatement and conversion can be accepted.

The provisions for reinstatement are so lenient, the terms of the policies so liberal, and the premiums themselves so low as to bring some one of the six converted policies within reach of every veteran, and director Hines is concerned in seeing that every man or woman entitled to this insurance be advised of his or her rights in connection with it before it is too late.

Roanoke Is Being Cleared of Debris

United States Government Rivers and Harbors Boat No. 14 is now engaged in clearing overhanging trees and floating logs from the Roanoke River at Hamilton.

The boat carries a crew of about 10 men, and they will be engaged in improvements from Williamston to Hamilton for several weeks.

State Supervisor To Visit County Schools

Miss Susan Fulghum, State supervisor of the white elementary schools will be in this county this week. She will visit the Oak City and Williamston elementary schools.

Internal Revenue Man To Be Here 24 and 25

The United States Internal Revenue Bureau will have a representative in Williamston February 24th and 25th, to assist income-tax payers in making out their income-tax reports.

Hamilton Principal Ill In Wilmington Hospital

Superintendent J. L. Jones, of the Hamilton School, is in the Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, for an operation for appendicitis.

Frank Hassell Here for Week End

Mr. Frank Hassell, of Wilson, spent the week end visiting his father, Elder Sylvester Hassell. Mr. Hassell is practicing law in Wilson, where he stands not only high in his profession but as a leading citizen of that town.

Mr. Warren Here Monday

Mr. Hyman Warren, of Robersonville, paid us a pleasant visit Monday. Mr. Warren is traveling in the interest of a tobacco-curing stove, which is highly recommended by many people who have used them.

Luther Burbank, Famous Horticulturist



Here is the great "Plant Wizard," mapped while on an inspection tour of his wonder gardens at Santa Rosa, California.

ANNOUNCE NEW PRICES ON FORDS

Closed Models Reduced; Open Cars Advanced; Fordson and Chassis Prices Remain Same

A new price list for Ford passenger cars, including a material reduction in the prices of closed cars, was announced last week by Edsel B. Ford, president of the Ford Motor Co.

The biggest reduction is made in the price of the Fordor sedan, which is dropped from \$660 to \$566, a reduction of \$95.

A reduction of \$60 also is made in the Tudor Sedan, which is cut from \$580 to \$520, and the price of the coupe is reduced from \$520 to \$500.

In the open-type cars the price of the touring car goes from \$290 to \$310 and the runabout from \$260 to \$290.

All the above prices are f.o.b. Detroit. "Demand for closed cars since the improved type in colors were introduced has been constantly increasing," said a statement accompanying the announcement.

There will be no change in the price of the Model T chassis, the Ford ton truck chassis or the Fordson tractor, it was stated.

Fertilizer Test To Be Made Near Here

Mr. E. Y. Floyd, of the department of agriculture is in Williamston today.

Mr. Floyd has arranged to have a fertilizer test for tobacco this year. The demonstration will be conducted by Mr. Walter Gurganus on Mr. L. B. Harrison's farm.

Elbert Peel, Jr., Has Birthday Party

Elbert Peel, jr., celebrated his fourth birthday yesterday afternoon at his home on Haughton Street.

MUCH DAMAGE IN NASH CAUSED BY CYCLONE

Rocky Mount, Feb. 15.—Thousands of dollars of damage but without loss of life or injury is reported to have attended a cyclone which swept across a section of Nash County in the Reid Store and Gold Book section yesterday afternoon.

Junior Order To Meet Thursday

The Junior Order will meet Thursday night in their rooms over the H. D. Peel Jewelry Co. All members are requested to attend, as there are important matters to be brought up.

POE BEGS FARMER TO SAVE HIMSELF

Says No Mistake As Bad Or Cowardly As To Fail To Sign Up Now For New Association

Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, last Saturday warned the largest mass meeting of farmers which have gathered during the present campaign for a sign up of 65 per cent of South Carolina tobacco into a new association, that they must sign the contract immediately or go back to the deprivations and conditions of destitution which they met in the thirty years before they sought and gained relief by cooperative marketing.

"No mistake that we could make would be as bad or cowardly as lying down and saying that we could not work out our own salvation. If we go back to the auction system, its evils will be multiplied. The buyers will tell you that you tried to get your freedom and didn't have the courage to do it. They will lay on burdens ten times heavier than before," Dr. Poe told the farmers from six counties of the South Carolina belt who gathered Saturday at the court houses in Lumberton and Whiteville.

Much Activity Seen At Virginia Beach

A member of our staff has been the guest of one of one of Virginia Beach's pioneer citizens, and one of its ablest, Dr. Edgar Morrison, during the past week and gives here a few observations:

"Never having visited the beach in the winter, I expected to find on this visit everything quiet and calm except the ocean on stormy days, as I had heard that of Virginia Beach as well as most of our near-by watering places. But never in my life was I more mistaken. I have not been to Florida, but I did read Dr. Dave's description, and Virginia Beach has certainly got some of the Florida spirit. And the only thing that Florida has got on Virginia Beach is that she is bounded on three sides by the 12-mile limit and Virginia Beach by just one; but Virginia Beach is only a few miles distant from one of the best seaports in the world.

The Last Chance Now

Stating that he had been criticized for pointing out what he regarded as mistakes in the management of the present association, Dr. Poe said that the tobacco farmers of South Carolina and the border counties now have a chance to build a cooperative marketing association for tobacco which will be a true democracy of farmers, one in which full publicity and free discussion of problems by the members shall be the rule, an association which will mean real self government among tobacco farmers and will set up the machinery whereby they will make themselves masters of their own industry.

Secretary M. O. Wilson, of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association

Secretary M. O. Wilson, of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association stated at Saturday's meetings that the situation is very serious because only about 15 per cent of the necessary tobacco acreage had been signed up to last week. Only immediate and continuous action of the farmers in every tobacco producing county of the South Carolina belt from now until March 1st can prevent the serious financial depression which appears certain to accompany 10 cent tobacco this summer in case the present sign up fails, according to his prediction.

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