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Announce Names Full Corps Buyers for Local Market

Many Buyers Who Were Here Last Year to Return

With the large number of buyers to be on the Williamston tobacco market this year, everything points to a banner year for this market. In the list we see the names of old buyers who have been here for years, and who are well known to most of the farmers in eastern Carolina. Practically all the old ones will be here again this year. In addition, there will be several new ones who will be here and who will add greatly to our market.

The Imperial Tobacco Co. will have as its buyer Mr. B. A. Townsend, of Keysville, Va. Mr. Townsend has been here for the past several years, is a good judge of tobacco, and one who takes an interest in behalf of the farmer. We are especially glad to have him back with us this year, for we look upon him as a citizen of our town, and it would not seem just right to not have him back.

The Export Leaf Tobacco Co. sends a new man this year. Though he comes here as a new man, he is an old and experienced buyer. Mr. Johnnie McAdden will represent this company.

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. will be represented by Mr. John Stokes, another excellent buyer.

The old reliable, H. T. Warren, will again be here for the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., and he is a regular fixture in our town every tobacco season. We will be glad to see him roll in within the next few weeks.

Mr. J. S. Early will again represent the American Tobacco Co. Mr. Early is remembered here as a very earnest and attentive buyer. Last year was his first year here.

Mr. J. W. Hight will be on hand for the Washington Tobacco Co. Mr. Hight is known by every farmer in this section, we believe, and he needs no introduction.

F. W. Graves, representing the Carolina Bright Leaf Tobacco Co., comes here as an experienced tobacco man. Mr. Graves was on the market here some time ago.

Mr. John Thomas, who was here last year, will again represent the W. C. Thomas Tobacco Co.

Mr. W. I. Skinner, one of the outstanding tobacco men in the country, has three companies to buy for, and these, with other contracts, will demand practically every class of tobacco to be found. Mr. Skinner's history in the tobacco business is extremely interesting, and we would like to give it to our readers, but this we can't do. He will represent the W. I. Skinner Co., J. P. Taylor Co., and the Gallagher, Ltd.

Mr. J. G. Stator will buy for the J. G. Stator Tobacco Company. Besides these there will be strong buying on the part of the warehousemen, all making for the Williamston market one of the best groups of buyers to be found anywhere.

There were one or two of the above whose coming here could not be ascertained, because their companies were considering changes. The list, as it now stands, is practically correct and can be taken with almost surety.

Miss Elizabeth Burras will conduct the story-telling exercises at the regular meeting of the children Thursday afternoon at the Woman's Club.

Marvin Everett, of Robersonville, was in town for a while Sunday afternoon.

STRAND THEATRE

FRIDAY

"CLASSIFIED" with Corinne Griffith
A First National Attraction
and
PACEMAKERS
in
"What Price Gloria"

Drunk Breaks Water Pipe and Floods Bastile

Inmates of Jail Put Out Loudest Yells Ever Heard Here

Fear of going to a watery grave brought from the mouths of three colored prisoners in the county jail last Sunday night the loudest yells ever heard or even to be imagined.

A fellow by the name of Liggett was caught in Robersonville and put in the jail Sunday night. He was on a "crazy drunk," and as one of his stunts he tore loose a water pipe. No alarm was made until the water reached a depth of several inches, and then it was that the colored prisoners began their frightful yells. The drunken man was very much pleased with his deed and took it as a good joke, laughing almost as loud as the yells uttered by the other prisoners.

The yells continued for a few minutes when about half the citizens of the town began to flock down to the courthouse and jail anxious to know the cause of so much noise. The negroes were greatly relieved when the water was cut off at the main in front of the jail.

Many people stated that they had heard drunks yell and scream in jail, but never had they heard such loud and frightful cries as those of Sunday night.

Bridge at Washington Stuck; Holds Up Cars

Mr. D. Thomas, highway mechanic for this division, left town early Monday on a rush call to the Pamlico River bridge at Washington, which was being opened in the early morning when some portion of the structure holding the bridge on the foundation gave way, and it could not be moved.

No traffic could pass for the entire day and up to early this morning, when Mr. Thomas and his helpers succeeded in completing the repair work and putting the bridge in operation.

Hundreds of cars were lined up on both sides of the bridge, and they had to back out and go around by Pactolus to cross the river.

Mr. John Cherry, formerly of Martin County, and for several years keeper of our county home, is the keeper of the Washington bridge, and while the traffic was blocked he transferred pedestrians by a small boat ferry.

Milton Moye Now With Harrison Bros. & Co.

Mr. Milton Moye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Moye, of Farmville, has accepted a position with Harrison medially increase the space to a Moye is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College, of the class of 1924. Since his graduation he has been secretary to President H. S. Hilley of that institution. He comes well qualified and from a prominent Pitt County family. Williamston will receive into her midst one fine young man, but will lose another, for we understand Norman Harrison will leave soon. His plans are not yet made. He has been with Harrison Bros. & Co. as bookkeeper for several years and during that time has acquired a reputation as being a young man of the highest integrity and ideals.

Farmers Convention At State College

The 24th annual convention of the Farmers and Farm Womens Association began at State College today, where more than 2,000 of North Carolina's choicest men and women gathered for the purpose of learning more about the care and breeding of stock, fruits, vegetables, poultry; in fact, the many things that we like to do and the things we like to have around the home and never have time to learn them all from our own experience. Many speakers will be on hand and will speak at some of the sessions during the three days of the convention.

Widow of Captain Rhem Died Sunday in Weldon

Mrs. Julia H. Rhem, widow of the late Captain C. J. Rhem, died early Sunday morning at her home in Weldon. Mrs. Rhem was well known in Williamston, where she lived for two years while Captain Rhem was in charge of the convict camp during the building of the Roanoke River bridge. Mrs. Rhem made many friends while here. She leaves four children, three daughters and one son. She was buried at Weldon Monday afternoon.

Kader Rogerson, Jr., Undergoes Operation

Kader Rogerson, Jr., was carried to the Park View Hospital Saturday night, where he was operated on Monday for a serious case of appendicitis. The little fellow is getting along very well at the present.

Chamber of Commerce Offers \$15 Prize to Farmer-Ad Writer

In this issue of The Enterprise the Williamston Chamber of Commerce is offering \$15 in gold for the best advertisement advertising the Williamston Tobacco market. The offer is limited to farmers only, for it is the desire of the Chamber of Commerce to get the farmers' viewpoint in regard to the Williamston tobacco market. Surely it is the farmer who can give the details regarding a tobacco market, for he is the one most affected.

There is nothing hard about the offer; it is very easy and we only wish that it was unlimited, for the gold shekels would look terribly good, and they are needed just heaps by us. Of course, we might not win it, even though we were eligible, but to be able to hope that we were would be worth a great deal.

We would like to see very farmer who knows anything at all about the local tobacco market to write some type of ad, giving his views and ideas.

Sunday a Day of Excitement in This Section

Several Auto Wrecks; Crime and Other Happenings

Last Sunday was a day of crowded excitement, crime, and automobile accident in this section. The affair at the jail was a most comical one after it was all over; but while under way, it was the most frightful one ever, and excitement sufficient for many weeks was given.

Heber, one of Mr. Slade Peel's boys, who lives near here, related in a very pleasant way his unfortunate luck of last Sunday. He was coming through Robersonville, driving carefully and taking the law into consideration, when a high-powered car rushed by, taking two wheels, fenders, and running board of his car. The big car was going at a high rate of speed and, according to Mr. Peel, it did not even slacken its pace.

Roy Leggett was in a wreck with a Chevrolet car in Robersonville, the particulars of which could not be learned early this morning.

A car driven by colored people was run head-on into a ditch on the Washington Road and had its nose buried. No one was hurt there.

A Chevrolet car from Scotland Neck with two young boys and girls was wrecked near Bath. They made their way to this place and borrowed a car, continuing their trip home.

Then there was the Hornthal wreck at Plymouth.

This was all that we heard from, but there is a great possibility that there were several more.

Alleged Store Breaker Brought Here for Trial

Sheriff H. T. Roberson and Chief of Police W. B. Daniel went to New Bern Sunday for John Lee Hadley, the negro caught a few weeks ago with goods that had recently been stolen from the store of Mr. B. F. Perry here.

Hadley was in the hands of the authorities of Craven County and completed his 30 days term, which ended Sunday, when he was turned over to the Martin County officers, where he will go on trial in September on a charge of housebreaking and the larceny of about \$750 worth of goods, something like one-third of which were found in Hadley's possession, or was in the hands of people who had purchased from him.

Hadley is said to be an extraordinary road hand; that he can do about twice as much as the average man and is always in a good humor, but he seems to have a special weakness for stealing.

Boy Painfully Hurt in Fall on Pavement

Little Kiala Sumara, the youngest son of Mrs. Joe Mfke, fell down backwards on the pavement in front of the Tar Heel Building yesterday afternoon and was very sick for several hours. He lost right much blood and it was thought for some little time that serious results would follow.

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Peanut Show to be Staged in December

Exposition to be Backed By Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce

At the meeting of the directors of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce in Ahoskie Friday afternoon, July 23, suggestive plans for the peanut exposition to be held in the peanut section some time in December were gone over and approved by the directors. It was decided, inasmuch as Eastern Carolina and Tidewater Virginia are so closely allied in the peanut interest and in view of the fact that Tidewater Virginia approves the idea of holding a peanut exposition, that the directors call it the Eastern Carolina-Tidewater Virginia Peanut Exposition. It is also the intention of the directors of the Ahoskie branch of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce to hold this exposition one year in Tidewater Virginia and the next year in eastern Carolina. However, this plan may not work out or may be changed in the meantime.

A five-day program may be carried out, beginning Monday afternoon and lasting through Friday night, which will be some time in December. The program will include basketball tournaments with the teams from the high schools of Virginia and North Carolina participating. Certain prizes will be offered for the winning teams. There will be, also, a queen's contest with prizes offered for the winner from the Virginia towns and for the winner from the Carolina towns. Just what these prizes will be has not been announced yet. A celebrity or two, of national reputation, will probably appear on the program during the week. Both the governors of North Carolina and of Virginia will be invited to take part in the program. The details of the program will be worked out and announced later.

Various letters of encouragement have been received from the peanut manufacturers stating that they are willing to help make this peanut exposition the biggest and most attractive of its kind ever staged in the peanut section. A peanut pageant will be worked out to be staged during the week, which will show the history and progress of the peanut industry along various lines of development. This week promises to be a big week for the peanut section of North Carolina.

First Issue of 'Market Briefs' Ready for Press

The first issue of "Market Briefs" a little pamphlet issued by the local Chamber of Commerce is ready for the press and will be out tomorrow afternoon.

The issue gives, in a brief way, the market's advantages, extends an appreciation for past patronage and cordially invites every one to come again this year and watch the workings of our market.

Dr. York Abandons Trip to Saluda

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, Dr. York was not able to leave Saturday for Saluda where more than 75 physicians from all parts of the South are attending the Southern Pediatric seminar. The seminar is being held for the purpose of studying children's diseases.

Since he was not able to get off Saturday, Dr. York will not go at all, and his office will not be closed as was previously announced in this paper.

Number Local People to Attend Masonic Picnic

Quite a number of people from this section are planning to attend the Northeastern District Masonic Picnic, which will be held at Murfreesboro Thursday, July 29. Judge John H. Kerr will make the principal address.

AMERICAN YOUTH CANDIDATE



Miss Helen F. Dodge of Pennsylvania, holder of a Carnegie medal for heroism, has been nominated as a candidate for the American Youth Award established by the directors of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, which is to be held in Philadelphia from June 1 to December 1 in celebration of 150 years of American Independence. Miss Dodge, the daughter of George H. Dodge of 5944 Walton Avenue, Philadelphia, jumped into the Toms River at Ocean Gate, N. J., fully dressed, and, while having use of only one arm, saved the life of a drowning girl.

State Has Lot of Money in Cars and Education

Three and Half Times as Much Money in Autos As in Schools

Automobiles and schools in North Carolina are two of the big items of expense. Recent figures showing the value of the automobiles place their total value at \$31,222,000, while the report on schools place the school investment at \$7,705,835, which is considerably less than one-third of the automobile investment. The figures are not a fair comparison, either, when we consider that the automobile investment has to be totally renewed at least once in five years, while the school investment in most cases will be good for a quarter of a century.

Guilford County leads in both auto and school values, at \$17,960,800 and \$3,229,320, respectively.

There are five counties, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Wake, Forsythe, and Buncombe, with automobile values above \$10,000,000.

There are six counties with a valuation of schools of more than \$2,000,000. They are Guilford, Mecklenburg, Wake, Forsythe, Buncombe, and Gaston.

Graham County is the lowest in cars, with only \$160,000 invested; and \$10,500 in schools. The poor little County of Clay saved it from being lowest for schools, Clay only having \$61,000 school values.

There are two other counties with less than \$100,000 school investment: Camden with \$83,000; and Dan with \$91,400. Camden shows about eight times as much invested in cars as in schools. Jackson is the only county in the State that is investing more in the education of her children than in riding in automobiles. It can be said to her honor that she is spending only \$242,400 on automobiles, while her educational investment is \$269,500.

Figures for Martin County
In Martin County we have \$2,096,800 in automobiles and \$382,890 in schools, a ratio of about 5 1/2 to 1. Of our neighboring counties the autos lead in Edgecombe and Bertie about 7 to 1; in Beaufort 5 to 1; Pitt 5 1/2 to 1; Halifax 4 to 1; and Washington 2 1/2 to 1.

Our "fine" automobile record accounts for our State's lead in the number of persons killed in traffic accidents from June 28 to July 25. We succeeded in killing 22 people and injuring 44. In the other Southern States the killed and injured were as follows: Virginia, 10 and 119; South Carolina, 13 and 32; Georgia, 20 and 183; Florida, 21 and 146; Alabama, 15 and 67; Miss., 6 and 81; Louisiana, 14 and 74; Arkansas, 15 and 93; Tennessee, 10 and 118; Kentucky, 11 and 84.

Willing Workers Class Picnic and Hay Ride

The Willing Workers Class, of the Christian Sunday school, composed of a number of young girls, had a hay ride and picnic last night.

Miss Velma Harrison and Mrs. A. R. Dunning were in charge of the party, and they all had a very pleasant time.

Negro Killed in Gawkw Section Sunday Night

May Have Been Murder, Foolish Prank, or Accident

Free Union, sometimes called Gawkw, was the scene of a killing Sunday night, the appearance of which hinges between cold-blooded murder, a foolish prank, or killing by accident.

Perlie Rogers, a young negro—who had been married but he and his wife finding it unpleasant to live together had separated—shot and killed Miller Moore, a young negro about 18 years old.

The circumstances were somewhat unusual, as Rogers, who had just come out of the Free Union Church and was standing on the steps, addressed several boys standing on the ground below him and said, "You boys don't believe a damn thing, do you?" Some one of the bunch said that they did not until they saw it; at which Rogers drew a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson pistol and fired. The bullet pierced the heart of Moore, passed entirely through his body and through the arm of James Moore, another young fellow who was standing in range just behind Miller Moore. The bullet lodged against the skin on the back of his arm.

Witnesses of the tragedy say that Rogers jumped and caught Moore before he fell and asked him to "excuse me, I didn't intend to hurt you." He soon vanished from the crowd, however, and has not been seen by anyone since, so far as Sheriff Roberson can find after inquiring fully all around that section of the county.

Rogers, it is claimed, was not drinking at the time; according to the opinion of several colored people; but a white man who had seen him about noon Sunday says he was almost drunk then.

The church service was over, with the exception of the raising of a fund for some special purpose. Rogers had just made his contribution and did the shooting immediately upon reaching the church steps. The general feeling among the colored people of the section is that the killing was a foolish accident rather than a premeditated killing, as all the parties were supposed to be good friends.

J. E. Harrison Loses Tobacco Barn Monday

J. E. Harrison lost a tobacco barn yesterday filled with fine tobacco. It had been only 10 minutes before the smoke was seen emerging from both sides of the roof that some of the boys had visited the barn. They were building a new barn just a little distance away and there was another barn between them and the burning barn, which kept them from seeing it before it was too late.

It is very hard on a farmer to house his crop; and when he has to build a new barn to do so, it is exceedingly hard, not mentioning the financial loss.

Dance Last Night Was Quiet and Enjoyable

The script dance given in the Roanoke warehouse last night was very quiet and enjoyable. There was a special permit granted some of the boys of the town to have the dance with specified requests that would tend to keep order. The boys kept their promises and there was no disturbance before, during or after the dance.

There were visitors here from Washington, Greenville, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Kinston, Windsor, Ahoskie, Hertford, Robersonville and other places.

Music was furnished by Bud Gwaltney's orchestra and it was very good.

Mrs. John Pope To Conduct Story Hour

Story hour at the Woman's Club Thursday will be held by Mrs. John Pope at the usual hour, 4:30 p. m., Thursday.

Mrs. Pope will make the hour very attractive and beneficial to the children. The number of children on hand for the story hour last week was much larger than the week before. Those kids who went the first time advertised well.

Miss Esther Harrison was the leader last week.

Mrs. Harold Clark and Miss Estelle Crawford returned Saturday from Clarksburg, W. Va., where they visited Roland Crawford for three weeks then joined a party in which Roland and his friends were included and toured several northern States, visiting the exposition and Washington, D. C., while they were gone.