

Fire Destroys Show Property of W. T. Stone

Damage Estimated at \$40,000; Two Riding Devices Burned

The Florida Amusement Co., owned and managed by Mr. Will T. Stone, of this place, suffered a \$40,000 fire loss last Saturday night when a long freight car, containing property of the show, caught fire on the Atlantic Coast Line five miles south of Williamston. A \$15,000 merry-go-round and a \$4,500 ferris wheel were completely destroyed and other property estimated to be worth over \$20,000 was lost.

The fire was first noticed about five miles out of Williamston, and a message was sent to the Wilson Fire Department asking that aid be sent to meet the train at the edge of the city limits. By the time the train had stopped, the fire company had water flowing on the burning car. The car with its contents was practically destroyed, and nothing but a few iron rods and beams were saved. Twelve men were riding in the car, and it is reported that the fire resulted from their activities.

Mr. Stone was in Williamston when he learned of the fire, and he immediately got in touch with other show officials and tried to secure contracts for the two rides destroyed. Early this morning no contracts had been made, and it is understood that the Chowan Fair at Edenton is without these two popular rides this week.

The show had only two dates to fill, one at Edenton and the other at South Boston. After filling these dates the company plans to close down for the winter. The show will be stored and Mr. Stone will return here where he makes his home during the winter.

Officers Pull One Distiller Out of Well

Government Agent T. W. Snell, Sheriff H. T. Robertson, and a deputy made a lucky strike in the Free Union district yesterday when they marched back of the residence of Milton James, about 6 miles east of Jamesville, seized a big still and captured three of the four operators.

When the officers approached the plant, they observed Tom Boston standing in front of the hot still. The officers surrounded the plant and closed in, and as they came closer, they saw Milton James and Fleetwood Brooks also at work. When the officers saw nearer the three men attempted to run, but Agent Snell, who was nearest, caught Brooks and Boston, but James succeeded in making his escape. When they officers began their inventory they found Louis Keys in the still's well. He was digging the well deeper in order to insure a better water supply.

The officers took Keys, Brooks, and Boston all to jail, and they were taken before the United States commissioner here, who bound them over to the Federal court to be held in Washington beginning Monday, October 18. The officers found a 100-gallon still, 600 gallons of beer, three bags of sugar, 10 1-2 gallons of liquor, and all the necessary buckets, shovels, axes, etc. They also found three gallons of liquor at James' smokehouse.

The officers also found another still of about 150-gallon capacity, 750 gallons of beer. No one was present. This still was about a half mile from the other plant.

Mr. R. F. Pope is assisting Mr. Lowe in a revival meeting at Granger, near Kinston. Mr. Pope is leading the singing, and reports a good meeting in progress.

Kiwanis Club to Receive Its Charter at Banquet Thursday Night, Oct. 14

Lumber Plant Brings \$5,450

V. G. Taylor Buys Roanoke Supply Co. Plant Very Cheap

The property of the Roanoke Supply company was sold yesterday for \$5,450.00, a sum far below the actual value of the plant, according to those familiar with the lumber industry. Mr. V. G. Taylor of Everetts was the successful bidder, and it is understood that he will have the plant reopened for operation.

The Roanoke Supply company was organized here several months ago and went into receivership the past summer. It is generally understood that the operating firm made money until it undertook to contract direct with the home builder.

During its operation here the plant has filled a great need in this section, and the people connected with the building industry are pleased to know that Mr. Taylor will put the plant in operation again. Work will begin as soon as the power lines can be reconnected, according to the superintendent of lights here this morning.

Woman's Club To Meet Tomorrow

The Woman's Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3.30 in the club rooms. All the members are urged to attend. There will be a candy demonstration by Mrs. A. R. Dunning. All local people know what delicious candy Mrs. Dunning makes, and she will tell of her methods and give recipes for different kinds.

That will be the program for the afternoon, and there will be very little time given to the business session.

False Fire Alarm Sounded Last Night

Last Saturday morning when the fire alarm was turned in, the bell in responding to the jerk of the cord was broken and had to be removed for repairs. It was replaced yesterday, and last night the chief of the fire department tested the bell and responded to the false call with the regular weekly fire practice.

The truck started up Main street, and since no one knew what the alarm was all about and not knowing where the fire was, many cars began to trail after the truck. Traffic was soon blocked, and remained that way until after the truth was learned.

Yesterday the attention of more than one was attracted to the town hall's steeple when the clock would strike all between hours and then skip the regular time for it to strike. The broken arch supporting the bell accounts for it all.

J. G. Staton Appointed Delegate to Conference

Along with seventeen other prominent business men of this section and state, Mr. J. G. Staton has been appointed a delegate to the conference to be held in Memphis, Tenn., which will attempt to work out some definite plan to remove at least one-third of the 1926 cotton crop of the South from the market and to reduce the acreage by not less than 25 per cent next year.

Regular Meeting Masons Tonight

There will be a regular communication of Skwarkee, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., tonight at 8 o'clock. Business of importance will come before the lodge and every member is especially urged to attend. C. D. CARSTARPHEN, Jr., Secretary.

TENSE MOMENTS FOR LOCAL BASE BALL FANS

The baseball news brought here by radio last Sunday caused real excitement to reign among local fans. The score stood 3 to 2 in favor of St. Louis when Babe Ruth for New York came to the bat. Two men were out in the ninth and two strikes were on the mighty "Babe." Joe Godard and John Cook were at the loud speaker, and in this manner the game went on until the final inning was over and the score of 3 to 2 was announced.

Graded School at Farm Life to Open Monday

Best Year in History of School Confidently Expected

Kiwanis District Governor and Others to be Present

The first official meeting of the local Kiwanis Club will be held next Thursday night at 7.30 o'clock, when District Kiwanis Governor Felix Harvey, of Kinston, will present the organization's charter. This special meeting is known throughout Kiwanis circles as ladies' and charter night. This type of meeting has gained the distinction as being a most outstanding occasion in the life of the Kiwanis organization, and in every event the members have looked forward to their time when their club would have "charter" and "ladies' night." All the members are urged to arrange their business so as not to conflict with this special meeting, and each is urged to bring a lady.

A very elaborate program is being arranged for the occasion and this meeting bids to be one of the best ever held in the organization. Many visitors from other clubs will be in attendance upon the meeting. There will be several Kiwanis notables here that night and several speeches will be made. Governor Felix Harvey, besides presenting the charter, will make a short address. The organization will also be represented by Lieutenant Governor C. R. Pugh, of Elizabeth City, who will also make an address before the club. Mr. M. W. Haynes, of the Tarboro club, will also make an address, while there will be several short speeches by local members.

The club was organized here July 30 this year, and since that time weekly luncheons have been held, but until next Thursday will the first meeting of the club be officially recognized by the laws of the organization. The weekly luncheons have been well attended and have been of much aid to the organization as well as to the undertakings of it. Since its organization here, the club has been active throughout the community in that its members have willingly given their support to all worthy undertakings and needy causes.

Among the forty-seven active members we find the leading men of town and county, men who are interested in the success of every step leading to a better community and town. The local club has already established an enviable reputation in that it is a live organization and one that pushes things.

"Crow's Nest" Found At Blockade Still

U. S. Agent, C. F. Alexander, accompanied by Beaufort county deputies raided a section on the Martin-Beaufort line yesterday and captured a large copper still and all necessary equipment including a large quantity of beer already to be run.

No one was present and there was no apparent sign of operation within several days. The officers found a crow's nest or lookout well up in two trees above the still prepared especially for the purpose of enabling the runners to observe approaching each direction.

The view to be had from the lookout extended over a mile in

Fire Department Answers Call Quickly

A serious fire was prevented Saturday morning when the local fire department quickly answered a call from the home of Mr. K. B. Crawford on Smithwick street. A spark from a blazing chimney fell on the roof setting fire to the dry shingles. The fire was making good headway in the peak of the roof, but was soon extinguished when the firemen turned the water on it. Little damage was done other than to furniture which was damaged by water running through on it.

Monday Tar Heel Day at Sesqui-Centennial

Yesterday was North Carolina Day at the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition, and Philadelphia was full of Tar Heels. Governor MacLean was there, eating and talking all day before the big clubs, the radio microphones, etc. The exposition was taken in by all the visitors and there were several luncheons given in their honor.

The Exposition was not completed until several months after it was opened, causing considerable disappointment to visitors, but now things are different and there is plenty to see.

Woman's Club Members Urged to Make Arrangements to Attend District Meeting at Belhaven 14th

Woman's Club members are urged to make arrangements to go to Belhaven Thursday. The president, Mrs. Biggs, is trying to make necessary arrangements for every member to go; but as yet none have telephoned whether they want to go and can take their cars or want to go and furnish gas. The sooner Mrs. Biggs knows how many seats will be needed, the easier it will be to get them arranged. She has been asked by Mrs. Hobgood to get a good representation to help win the State attendance prize; and for that reason, as well as others, she wants as many of the Williamston club to attend as possible.

These district meetings are a source of great inspiration and we need to be inspired to do the many things needed to make Williamston an even better town than it is. Other neighboring clubs will attend almost in a body, and we do want to be well represented, so let everybody that possibly can attend.

Baptists Meet Locals Play to Tie With Ayden

Annual Meeting of Roanoke Association; Work Reviewed

This is a big day in this section of Carolina for the Baptist people. Their annual meeting is being held today with the Baptist Church at Bethel. The Roanoke is one of the largest associations in North Carolina. Its territory runs from Scotland Neck to Wilson; from Tarboro to Washington and Greenville. It embraces several counties.

The district associations always meet over the State preceding the State convention. This year the Baptist State convention meets at Williamston about the middle of November.

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Those going from the Memorial Baptist Church, of Williamston, are Rev. C. H. Dickey, J. W. Anderson, A. T. Crawford, J. A. Summerlin, Furney Howard, Stacey Cox, Mrs. B. S. Courtney, Misses Frances Williams, Mattie Lou Rodgers, Daisy Whitley, and Joe Gregory.

These new teachers come to us well recommended and we are looking forward with much pleasure to the greatest year's work in the history of the school. We will have five whole-time teachers carrying ten full grades, a high-school teacher with proper certificate, forty-five minute recitation periods, a library and reading room, and principal's office. We shall follow the high school reorganization as outlined by the State department. The above conditions, which we have met, place us within one step of becoming a recognized high school according to the State classification of high schools. And that one step is an increase in the length of term. With an eight-months school term and the cooperation of all the people in the township, we can give our boys and girls a high school education at home that will prepare them for college or for the business world, or to meet the problems of life, at much less cost than sending them away to school. Enough money is being spent by a few families in our township for high-school training this year to operate Farm Life School for the entire two months necessary to make our work recognized by the State. May the day hasten when our people will wake up and avail themselves of the opportunities that lie at their door.

Common Tobacco Has Advanced in Price

Some things cannot be denied. Among them is the fact that "tobacco" sells higher in Williamston than a visitor on our market today. He has sold on the larger markets, but he declared that the Williamston market cannot be beat.

For the past two days the sales have not been so very large on account of the farmers of this immediate section being busy with their peanuts, but the rice have been high.

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Basket Ball Practice Gets Off to Early Start

Basket ball practice will get off to an early start tomorrow night when the town team here goes out for its first ork out of the season.

For the past few days many of the boys and young men of the town have been busy preparing a basket ball court and getting together possible players. The Brick Warehouse company has granted permission to the boys for the use of their house, and the court has already been marked and goals placed.

Today Anniversary of America's Discovery

Today is Columbus Day in America, and is celebrated in honor of the discovery of the New World by Christopher Columbus on October 12, 1492. No special programs are given in many sections. Yet the day should be given at least some recognition, since it is one of the few events that no one faction has any corner on.

Most of us have no special interest in Columbus further than to brag on what a fine country he discovered.

Find Oil On Property Of Greenville Resident

Greenville may be resting on rivers of oil, if the hopes of some of her citizens should be fulfilled. It has been found by State Chemist W. M. Allen that considerable crude oil has been located on the premises of Mrs. Jack L. Westbrook, who lives in the southern part of that town.

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Still Believed to be Responsible for Forest Fire

Deputy Sheriff Seizes Still; Large Area Is Burned Over

Deputy Sheriff Luther Peed captured a big copper still Sunday in Griffins Township. He found the still and one barrel of beer, a number of empty barrels and all the necessary things for making liquor.

Fire had broken out from the still and burned quite a large area of woodland Saturday. Farmers living near by went to the rescue and succeeded in stopping the fire, and, as they thought, had secured it so it would not break out again; but Sunday when the hot sun and breeze struck the hot chunks and smouldering turf, it broke out again, doing considerable damage to land and timber before it was put out by hard fighting.

It is rumored that the operators of the same still had been badly scalded a few weeks ago when the cap to the still blew off and the hot beer flooded the two colored operators, scalding them so badly that the skin peeled off where they were struck. Those in the community who helped to fight the fire seem sure that the fire came from the still when it was being run Saturday.

The still was near the line of the land of Mr. James Revels and a negro named Woolard. All the community knows Mr. Revels had nothing to do with it, and charge it to Woolard, who has borne a moonshiner's reputation for years.

One of the moonshiner's tricks is to put their stills just over the line on the other man's land.

Baptists To Have Children's Service

A special service for children will be held in the auditorium of the Memorial Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

These services for the children have not only been enjoyed by the children themselves, but, judging from the attendance, the adult people of the congregation have enjoyed them fully as much as have the children.

The pastor of the church urges the parents of our Sunday-school children to arrange that their children may stay for this service next Sunday morning. He also asks that the teachers in the Sunday school will take it up with their classes Sunday morning, and that the teachers will sit with their pupils at this church service.

In these services, the sermonette is always addressed directly to the children themselves. The language and the illustrations are such that the children thoroughly understand.

Following this service, the next week will be visitation week in the Sunday school, when teachers of all classes will be asked by the superintendent of the Sunday school and by the pastor to visit in the homes of their pupils.

This will be followed on Sunday morning, October 24th, by a special sermon to the parents of our Sunday school pupils.

This will be followed, the first week in November, by a B. Y. P. U. training school, conducted in our church by Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Clarke.

Edgecombe Man Shoots Freely Among Family

A. H. Smith, of Number 9 township, Edgecombe county, shot and seriously wounded his wife and two sons last Saturday night.

Smith who had been separated from his family for five years went to the farm occupied by his wife and children and attempted to enter his wife's room. His two sons in an endeavor to keep from doing so were shot down. After clearing his way Smith entered the room and there shot his wife.

Mrs. Smith and her two sons were immediately removed to a hospital in Greenville, and Smith was arrested and placed in the Tarboro jail.

The wounded wife and two sons are in a serious condition and it is feared by attending physicians that they will not recover.

The cause of Smith's act is not definitely known, but it was stated that he was seeking for his wife's return to him while he was in a drunken condition.

Thomas J. Swain, William Martin, Bob Johnson, and W. B. Cox, all of Plymouth, were all in town yesterday attending the tobacco sales.

Mr. J. T. Jackson, of Dardens, was in town Monday.

Will Rhodes, of Hamilton, was a business visitor here yesterday.

Messrs. C. A. and T. F. Harrison attended the funeral of L. J. Baker, which was held in Pelmyra Sunday.

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