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## THIS WEEK HAS BEEN BAD FOR MOONSHINERS

### Federal Agent and Deputies Destroy Big Lot Of Equipment

## ONE MAN IS CAUGHT

### Six Stills and Equipment Destroyed Wednesday; Go Back Next Day And Get Another

This week has been a bad one for Martin County moonshiners.

Federal Agents C. F. Alexander and Deputies J. R. Manning and S. H. Grimes went two miles beyond Bear Grass Wednesday morning and found two stills at one place; one of about 200 gallons and the other 150 gallons capacity. One of the stills was in full blast, and though many signal guns had been fired, the officers were near enough to see the operators make a hasty getaway. They brought the stills in and destroyed 2,600 gallons of beer, several kegs, axes, and shovels.

The officers then moved on and soon found an 80-gallon copper still fully equipped and in operation. About 3 gallons of liquor, 400 gallons of beer, a number of kegs, buckets, and shovels were destroyed.

The next place the officers visited they found about 800 gallons of beer. The still had been removed, but a cooler and some other equipment found at the site were destroyed. At the next place visited, the officers found a small 50-gallon copper still which was cold. There were about 350 gallons of beer found and destroyed at this place.

The officers found another plant not so far away with 400 gallons of beer. The still had just been removed, and a five-gallon keg of liquor found near by was destroyed.

At the next place visited by the officers they found an 80-gallon copper still, 100 gallons of beer, and 2 gallons of liquor. This still was warm when the officers reached it.

After the noon hour Alexander and Manning decided they had time to get another, so they went up Reedy Swamp a mile above Bear Trap Mill, where they soon found a good trail and quickly discovered two men operating on the side of a deep branch. One of the officers approached from one direction while the other closed in on the other side. The two operators, finding that the officers had closed in on them, plunged into the creek. One of them succeeded in reaching high land ahead of the officers. Lonnie Bullock, however, could not handle himself very well with hip boots on and was captured and brought in. He was required to put up a \$500 bond for his appearance in the United States district court in Washington on April 16.

The officers found this plant to be of the steam type and well equipped with plenty of operating conveniences. There were about 800 gallons of beer and 15 gallons of liquor destroyed at this plant. The officers found a new process used at this plant. The liquor was being colored by a process of steamed red oak bark, giving it the appearance of beautiful red liquor. They thought it might be more healthful than most liquor, since the tannic acid is usually considered good for worms in animals.

Thursday morning the officers returned to "the islands," where they captured another copper still and equipment.

## Events—Jamesville Game Is Called Off

According to a schedule arranged several days ago, the basketball teams of Everetts and Jamesville were to meet here tonight in the second of a three-game series, but like the first one planned for last Wednesday, the one announced for tonight was postponed.

It is understood that the teams are considering playing next Tuesday and Thursday nights, but this could not be verified at noon today.

**STRAND THEATRE**

**SATURDAY BOB STEELE**

in "The MOJAVE KID"

Also "Our Gang" Comedy And Serial "ISLE OF SUNKEN GOLD"

Theatre Well Heated

## Second Poultry Car To Be Here on 28th

According to present plans, County Agent T. B. Brandon, cooperating with the division of markets, will load a second car of poultry here the 28th of this month. A large shipment is expected.

The little less than \$3,000 received by farmers for the first shipment is "chicken money" all right, but it is not that in the terms which are commonly used in mentioning petty sums of money.

## MRS. MARTHA A. HARDISON DIES

### Former Resident of This County; Burial Here Tomorrow

Mrs. Martha A. Hardison, formerly of this county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. X. T. Keel, in Rocky Mount, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock following an illness of only a few weeks. During the past few days, relatives were constantly at her bedside, and though her condition was considered serious, the end was not expected so early.

The funeral will be held by Rev. Mr. Avera at the home in Rocky Mount tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will take place in the Baptist cemetery here at 4, Rev. C. H. Dickey assisting here.

The daughter of Gray and Frances Rodgers, Mrs. Hardison was born in Griffins Township, this county 71 years ago this coming May, moving to Jamesville when very young. She lived most of her early life in this county, marrying George Hardison, of Jamesville. For the past twenty years or more she has made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. X. H. Keel, in Rocky Mount.

She had visited her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Anderson, here real often and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. In early childhood she united with the Methodist Church, to which she was a most faithful member and servant until her death.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Arthur Anderson, of this place, and Mrs. X. T. Keel, of Rocky Mount; one son, Mr. G. W. Hardison, also of this place; and seven grandchildren, (Mrs. W. B. Williams, of Winston-Salem; Miss Lula Mae Keel and Mr. X. T. Keel, of Rocky Mount; and Misses Martha Anderson, Mary Davis and Katherine Hardison, of Williamston.

Messrs. J. B. Blount, W. H. Hardison, G. A. Avera, B. B. Blanton, J. R. Chaplin, F. B. Parker, Geo. N. Cooke, and Dr. C. E. Minges, all of Rocky Mount, will act as active pall bearers, and Messrs. W. P. Jennings, J. J. Thigpen, G. W. S. Sanderlin, W. W. Avera, J. W. Keel, Doctors A. C. Bone, Geo. W. Wimberly, J. L. Lane, all of Rocky Mount, and Messrs. John L. Rodgers, Wheeler Martin, J. W. Anderson, J. L. Hassell, and Drs. J. S. Rhodes and J. D. Biggs, of this place, and Mr. Milton Highsmith, of Robersonville, will act as honorary pall bearers.

## SCHOOL NEWS OF ROBERSONVILLE

### Dr. V. A. Ward Makes Second Of Series Of Lectures

Making the second address in a series of lectures before the student body of the Robersonville school, Dr. V. A. Ward reviewed the practice of medicine and enumerated the advantages and disadvantages connected with the profession. In this series of vocational talks, representative citizens of Robersonville and community are called before the school to relate their experiences in their professions and work and to offer suggestions that might prove helpful to the high-school student.

By way of introduction Dr. Ward stressed the fact that each boy and girl must do something after leaving school. He advised, however, that no student should really rush into the study of medicine, unless really interested. Success in it presupposes not only preparation but satisfaction.

Report comes from Miss Sleeper, the county home demonstration agent, that interest manifested by the junior and senior clubs formed by her some time ago is still good. In fact, she stated that membership in these clubs was proving more constant than that of any others in the county. So eager are some of the girls that they are eager to spend more than the required time for the class period and actually remain a good while after school.

The music department announces two recitals, the first by the elementary school March 29, and a second by the high school April 12. Miss Robinson, the music teacher, is planning

## WAREHOUSE IS SOLD TO LOCAL TOBACCO MEN

### Hubert Morton and W. B. Watts Buy The Brick Warehouse

## PLAN IMPROVEMENTS

### Understood That House Will Be Operated by Messrs. Morton and Watts and R. T. Griffin

The Brick Warehouse, operated by Grimes and Shelburne during the past tobacco season, has been bought by Messrs. Hubert Morton and W. B. Watts, well-known tobacco warehousemen. The purchase of the house by Messrs. Morton and Watts has been up for consideration for the past several weeks, but not until this week was the sale effected.

While definite plans for the operation of the house this season have not been announced, it is understood that Mr. R. T. Griffin will come in as a third partner and the house will be run by Messrs. Morton, Watts, and Griffin.

The three men, well acquainted in this section of the State, have been connected, in some way, with the warehouse business a large number of years, and a successful season is forecasted for them. Last year Mr. Morton was one of the three partners in the Farmer's Warehouse here, and did a splendid business. Messrs. W. B. Watts and R. T. Griffin were connected with the Roanoke-Dixie, another local warehouse.

The new management, it is understood, is planning to make many improvements to the house preparatory to the opening here next season, and the members will make a strong bid for the section's tobacco.

## FIVE CRIMINAL CASES MONDAY

### Is Smallest Number Ever To Face Regular Term Superior Court

Five criminal cases, the smallest number of such cases to come before a scheduled term of superior court in this county in some time, will be heard by Judge Garland E. Midyette here next Monday when the two weeks' term of Martin Superior Court convenes.

Two seduction charges, one against Elton Hodge, and one against Charlie Maek Bullock, are scheduled to be heard. The most serious charge, probably, is that against Emmett Cherry, charging him with manslaughter. The defendant John Cherry with a stick and inflicted a wound, which resulted, it is said, in the man's death. The fight took place about the middle of December and Cherry died the 30th of the same month. Both men lived in Goose Nest township where Emmett was bound over to the court convening here next week by Justice of the Peace J. W. Hines, of Oak City.

In the fourth case on the docket, Ben Biggs and Louis Brown are charged with an assault.

The only liquor case scheduled for hearing is that against A. L. Williams, charging him with manufacturing liquor.

Upon the completion of these cases, the court will busy itself with the trial of the fifty-five civil cases on the calendar.

## School's Arbor Day Program Postponed

The Arbor Day program prepared for this afternoon by the local school was postponed this morning by the principal, L. H. Davis, on account of rain. While no definite day has been mentioned when the program will be rendered, it was stated by Mr. Davis that the exercises would be held within the next few days. The noon-day recess was not used today, and the classes were held straight through.

Messrs. J. Sam Getsinger and John Gestinger left this morning for Philadelphia to be at the bedside of their brother, Tom, who is critically ill in a hospital here.

A varied program of instrumental and vocal numbers.

Next Monday Kaiawa's Native Hawaiians will appear in a concert in the school auditorium. These players have appeared before large audiences in Europe and have been on the Keith vaudeville circuit in this country for a number of years.

In recognition of their success in basketball, Mr. Roy Roberson has presented the girls of the team a banner. The girls have won the county championship each year since 1925.

"All a Mistake," a wide-awake comedy of errors, will be produced by the senior class on April 6.

Club Dance Monday

There will be a dance at the Woman's club, Monday night, according to an announcement of the social committee

## DOCTORS HOLD MEETING HERE

### Many Prominent Men Of Medical Profession At Meeting Last Night

The Second District North Carolina Medical Society held its annual meeting at the Woman's club here last night, many of the nobility of the medical profession from Virginia and North Carolina attending.

Dr. Wm. E. Warren, president, called the meeting to order at 8 p. m. and presented Mayor R. L. Coburn who welcomed the visitors. Dr. John C. Rodman, of Washington, responded to the welcome address.

Dr. John T. Burras, of High Point, president of the North Carolina Medical association, was the first speaker. In his paper, "Consideration of the Doctors of North Carolina," he stressed the importance of cooperation among doctors and the public for the purpose of eliminating contagious diseases. Dr. Burras recommended frequent and thorough examinations of people, which, according to him would greatly lower the death rate because the troubles would be discovered in time for the person to respond to treatment.

Dr. Payne, of Norfolk, one of the most beloved as well as one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons in Eastern Carolina and Virginia read a paper dealing with "Surgey of the Colon." He stated that cancer could be successfully treated if operations are properly performed and in time. Dr. Payne was so thorough in his explanation of the disease, that it was almost as plain as a detailed blue print.

Following Dr. Payne, Dr. Black, of Spartanburg, S. C. made a splendid talk on the duty of the medical profession to the public.

Dr. James K. Hall, of West Brook Sanatorium, Richmond, spoke on mental diseases. It was apparent that Dr. Hall thinks cases of so-called insanity come from the polar conflict of the moral and immoral sides of the individual, that the weight of an evil deed, especially one of the immoral type, often causes the individual to act insane. He also practically admitted that with all his experience, he is not yet sure when a person is crazy.

Dr. Cyrus Thompson, of Onslow, the medical orator, entertained the meeting for a short while in an attractive way with his eloquence.

Dr. McBrayer, of Sanatorium and secretary of the State Medical association, talked on "Tuberculosis in Children."

Dr. Joseph A. Sprull, formerly of Columbia, but who is now with the State Sanatorium, talked on the undernourished child, and the importance of its care.

Dr. M. P. Martin, of Norfolk gave a short illustrated lecture on "The Results of Liver Feeding in the Anemias."

Dr. C. O. H. Laughinghouse, secretary of the State Board of Health, while having no assigned subject, spoke mainly of the duties of doctors.

Dr. Paul Whitakers, of Kinston, spoke on intestinal parasites, pointing out in particular the hookworm.

Dr. Whitaker's talk as well as that of Dr. Perry of Kinston dealing with Tonsil Surgery, were highly commended by the professional men present.

Dr. Frank Baine, of Richmond, Public Welfare Commissioner of the State of Virginia, spoke of the advantages of county home grouping in that state.

At 1:30 a. m., after a session of five and one-half hours, Dr. Mangum, of Kinston was elected president and Dr. Ira M. Hardy, of Greenville, was chosen secretary of the Second Medical Division for the coming year. The next meeting will be held at Kinston.

With nearly 100 of the leading doctors of the Carolinas and Virginia visiting here, Williamston may well boast that the gathering was the most distinguished ever assembled here.

The visitors were warm in their praise of Dr. Warren and his co-workers here for the entertainment given them.

## Fiddlers' Convention At Bear Grass Next Friday

There will be a fiddlers' convention at the Bear Grass high school Friday evening, March 23. All musicians are cordially invited to attend and take part. Prizes will be awarded the best players of each instrument, and a prize will also be given the best Charleston and clog dancers.

## Greenville Federation To Conduct Services Tonight

According to an announcement made by R. T. Critcher, president of the local Christian Federation, the Greenville Federation will visit here and conduct the services at the meeting tonight in the Christian church, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## 2 BASKETBALL TEAMS GUESTS OF KIWANIS

### Everetts and Jamesville Teams and Coaches At Luncheon Wednesday

## HAVE GOOD RECORDS

### Both Teams Have Played All Over Eastern Carolina and Lost But Few Games

The Kiwanis Club had the honor of entertaining two of the best basketball teams in the State, Everetts and Jamesville, at its luncheon here last Wednesday.

Mr. Wheeler Martin, member in charge, introduced the coaches, Messrs. Hicks, of Everetts, and Snapp, of Jamesville, who spoke briefly of the accomplishments of the teams during the season just closed. While the players on the two teams are known by practically every one here, the coaches made sure by introducing them, along with those who are expecting to fill the positions on the court next year. In a short talk, Elbert S. Piel praised the efforts of the two teams in making their best in the State.

While the honors gained by these two teams over the past two or three years are about evenly divided, Everetts is slightly in the lead this year, having won the title in the State non-accredited school series. At the luncheon Wednesday all the team's members, D. J. Cherry, Archie Roebuck, Alfonso Roebuck, and Nathan Bullock, attended except Jack Faulkner, who was unable to get here. Promising members for next year's squad present were Wiley Crawford, Alton Stalls, and Hubert Moore.

The Jamesville regulars were all present, Jimmie Brown, Harold Brown Paul Sykes, Onward Gaylord, and Pete Warrington. The substitutes, several of whom have been very active on the regular team this year, are Carl Brown, Edwin Getsinger, David Modlin, and William Gaylord. Manager Ralph Davenport was also in attendance.

The two teams have played all over eastern North Carolina, winning practically all their games, and losing in almost every instance by a small marginal score. In age and height, Everetts leads, her members averaging 18 1-5 years and 166 4-5 pounds. In age, the members of the Jamesville squad average 17 2-5 years and in weight 143 4-5 pounds.

While no definite schedule has been announced, it is understood that a three game series will be played between the two teams within the next few days, probably next week. As most of the players graduate this spring, the three-game series will bring to a close the basketball career in high-school circles for several of the stars.

## Sunday Services at Baptist Church

"When to be saved" is the subject to be used Sunday morning; and the text for the evening is, "What think ye of Christ?", and is found in Matthew 22:42.

We had an unusually good attendance last Sunday morning, despite the fact that it was the worst sort of weather. It is encouraging to the work when the people come in good numbers.

There will be special musical numbers Sunday. Mrs. Warren Biggs and Mrs. Harper Holliday are doing splendid work with the choir, the membership of which has increased visibly.

Wednesday evening Mrs. Louie Martin's Sunday School girls will be in charge of the mid-week service.

Easter is almost upon us. Please bear in mind that this church and Sunday School are uniting in a Bible School to begin on the first Sunday in April, and to close on Easter Sunday morning. At the Easter morning service the doors of the church will be opened. Some have already indicated their intention of joining our church on that day, and others we trust will do the same.

The Sunday School is cooperating nobly with the pastor in the evangelistic efforts being put forth at this time, and it is splendid to see so many of the children in the church services.

At the Sunday morning church service the Committee on Recommendations will make its report. This is a committee appointed in connection with the building program being launched by the church. The chairman making the report is Julian C. Anderson.

## Present Flag and Bible To Oak City School

Sunday afternoon at 2:30, the Robersonville Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics will present to the Oak City High School a Bible and a flag. The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises which will be held at the school building.

# Contract Is Let For Paving on Route 90

## FIREMEN HOLD MEET IN KINSTON

### Every Company Except One Represented at Meeting Tuesday Night

The East Carolina Firemen's Association held its regular quarterly meeting Tuesday night at Kinston. Every department in the association, except Morehead City, was represented by a large delegation. All the officers of the association were present.

The Kinston company entertained the 175 visitors with a banquet in the dining room of the beautiful and spacious new Kinston Hotel, which is one of the most beautiful and convenient hotels in the State.

The meeting was called to order by the president, W. C. Manning. The invocation was made by the pastor of the Queen Street Methodist Church, of Kinston, Mayor Mitchell, of Kinston, warmly welcomed the firemen and visitors, and Charlie Harris, of Rocky Mount, responded in a very interesting and happy manner.

Plato Collins, secretary of the Kinston chamber of commerce, introduced Hon. Dan C. Boney, insurance commissioner of North Carolina. Mr. Boney, who was appointed by Governor McLean to fill the unexpired term of Stacey W. Wade, resigned, took the office in November, 1927. He gave many figures comparing the losses by fire during the past few years and showed the great savings in both life and property by organized and equipped fire companies. Mr. Boney made no pretense of a speech, simply talked to the firemen in a friendly good-spirited way in recognition of the great service they have and are rendering the State.

Following Mr. Boney, "Uncle" Press Harper, of Kinston, introduced Sherwood Brockwell, of Raleigh, now North Carolina's leading fire fighter, and who is connected with the insurance department. His office may be called the State's Chief Fire Warden. Sherwood, the fine-spirited, big-hearted manly Irish fellow that he is, is the firemen's hero. He always has plenty of good things to say to inspire men to rise higher in their service to their fellows. He stressed the obligation that the firemen of the State owe to the memory of the late Captain Jonas D. McNeil, of Fayetteville, and urged the erection of a monument to his memory by the State firemen.

R. B. Whitley, of New Bern, invited all the firemen to attend the State association, which meets in New Bern on July 30.

Dr. A. E. Corey also made a short but very appropriate speech, which was greatly appreciated by the firemen.

The next meeting of the association will be held with the Farmville company in June.

The LaGrange company was admitted to membership in the association at this meeting.

## NORFOLK COPS DEFEAT LOCALS

### Make It Two Straight by Winning, 32-23 Here Last Night

Norfolk's police made it two straight from the Security Life & Trust Co. basketball five-here last night, winning 32 to 23. The visitors started the scoring at the outset with a goal from the field. The locals followed with a goal from the free-throw mark and forged ahead soon after with 2 points scored from the field. Another field goal gave the Security boys their largest lead during the game, the policemen offsetting the three points in rapid order and continuing to add to their score. At the half the Norfolk patrolmen were leading 18 to 12.

Williamston, in the second period was late in staging its usual come back, and the 10 points made by the visitors in the third period made a win almost impossible for the locals. And while the Security boys did better floor work in the last few minutes of play, they lost the game when they failed to count easy throws from the field.

## Mrs. Ben Crawford Dies in Greensboro

Mrs. Ben Crawford died at her home in Greensboro early Wednesday afternoon, after an illness of only a very few days. Funeral services were held at the home yesterday afternoon, and interment took place in the cemetery at Greensboro.

She was married to Mr. Ben Crawford, brother of Messrs. W. H. K. B. and A. T. Crawford, and Miss Anna Crawford, of this place. Mr. Crawford and five children survive.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Crawford and Miss Anna Crawford attended the funeral and burial at Greensboro yesterday afternoon.

## Brown Paving Company Is Successful Bidder on Local Project

### START WORK AT ONCE

The contract for hard surfacing Highway No. 90 from this point to Wards Bridge, the Washington County line, was let by the Highway Commission last Tuesday to the Brown Paving Co. The bid for the work amounts to \$293,687, or an average of \$16,875 per mile. As far as it could be learned, the commission awarded the contract yesterday, and work will be started by the latter part of this month.

The Brown Paving Co. has done much highway work in the central and western part of the State, but this is its first job in this section. The company is regarded as one of the best equipped and most reliable in the business.

The local highway office is not certain of the plans of the contractor, but its members think the paving plant will be erected either at Hardison's crossing or Wiltz Siding. Construction will be started at the intersection of Routes 30 and 90, at Williamston.

The time limit for the contract could not be given at the local office, but it is the opinion of the resident engineer that the work will be carried on rapidly.

## H. S. WHITFIELD DIES AT OTEEN

### Death Is Result of Being Gassed During World War

Harry S. Whitfield, son of the late George W. and Susan James Whitfield died February 17, 1928, after a short illness at Oteen, N. C., where he had gone for treatment only a few days before his death.

Mr. Whitfield was born in this county January 3, 1889. In May, 1918, he was drafted, and was in training at Camp Jackson until July, when he was sent to France. He participated in several of the major battles and was in action at the time the armistice was signed. While he was not wounded, he was gassed, which, it is thought, caused his early death.

An exceedingly large number of friends attended the funeral, held at the home of his brother, Mr. Dave Whitfield, in Robersonville on February 20. Interment took place in the cemetery at Robersonville, Elder B. S. Cowing of the Primitive Baptist church, administering the last rites.

## RECORDER HAD 9 CASES TUESDAY

### Several Fines Meted Out, But No One Is Sent To Jail

Nine cases were scheduled for hearing in the County Recorder's court here last Tuesday and that many were disposed of by Judge Bailey and Solicitor Hugh G. Horton.

The case charging Dan C. Whitehurst with assault, was not prosessed with leave.

Toney Manson, charged with assault, was fined \$15 and required to pay the cost of the action.

In the case of Richard Cullifer who was charged with reckless driving, the cause was remanded back to J. L. Hassell, justice of the peace, for trial.

The court agreed with Tommie Williams when he plead not guilty to an assault charge.

A nol pros resulted in the case, charging Gus Roberson with false pretense.

The old case of John Williams, larceny and receiving, was cleared from the docket when the court favored him with a 90-day suspended jail sentence and required him to pay the cost.

A nine-months' suspended road sentence was given Wm. Sykes in an assault with deadly weapon case.

J. O. Willis, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was fined \$10 and costs.

W. H. C. Sykes was found not guilty in the case charging him with non support.

## Woman's Missionary Society Meets Monday

The woman's missionary society of the Williamston Methodist Church, will meet Monday, March 19, at 3:30 p. m. Every member is asked to be present, as delegates to the annual missionary conference which meets in Wilmington in April will be elected.