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ULTY LOADING COLLAPSES; 3 HAVE CLOSE CALL

Employees of Brown Paving Co. Narrowly Escape Living Burial

HAPPENED ON FRIDAY

Seventy-Five Tons of Rock and Gravel Cascade Around Three Workmen; No One Is Hurt

Lon Hassell, jr., Raymond MacKenzie and State Inspector Woodley, working with the Brown Paving Company, miraculously escaped death late last Friday afternoon when seventy-five tons of rock and gravel poured from a faulty loading bin and almost buried them alive. The three young men were directly under the bin and had been there several hours when the steel beams twisted almost double and turned the tons of rock and gravel over on them.

According to the contractor, the bin which is used for loading trucks with sand and rock at Wiltz Siding, was put into use for the first time that day and the crane had not loaded it to two-thirds of its supposed capacity when the steel beams yielded to topple over with its tons of rock and gravel. So quickly did it happen that the loading contraption's operators had no time to jump, and it was after it was all over that the boys viewed the wreck and showed their fright with shaking knees.

Immediately following the accident, Mr. Brown of the company telephoned for another loading bin, and until its arrival, the contractors will use a second bin almost entirely to carry on the paving operations on Route Number 90.

CLUB GARMENTS ARE EXHIBITED

Home Agent Had Many Articles on Display at School

By LORA E. SLEEPER (Home Demonstration Agent)

The Home Demonstration Agent had club garments on exhibit in the school here Friday. The clubs exhibiting were, Everetts, Parmelee, Robersonville, Williamston, Gold Point, and Jamesville. Judges were present at noon to determine what club should receive the first ribbon for the most work exhibited and the best quality of work. This ribbon was given to the Everetts club. Robersonville received second place and Parmelee third place. The judges, Misses Annie Woody, of Oak City and Tricie Jenkins and Alma Murray, of Robersonville, made decisions on the following garments: Dresses: first place, Edith Peel, Williamston, second, Helen Taylor, Everetts, third, Emma Hurst, Robersonville; Slips: first place, Selma Roberganus, Robersonville, second, Irma Knowles, of Jamesville, third, Fannie Hurst, of Gold Point; Aprons: first place, Rosa L. White, Robersonville, second, Alberta Keel, Everetts; Gowns: first place, Lula Mae Roebuck, Parmelee, second, Mary Wildman, Parmelee, and third, Deaci Roebuck, Parmelee; Tiedies: first place, Hazel Brown, Williamston, second, Dora M. Stalls, Williamston.

There was no competition between bloomers and bag exhibited and these were given second place; bloomers, second place, Heel Keel, Everetts; bag, second place, Leyta Fae Manning, Jamesville.

The exhibit next year should be bigger and better in every way and all club girls can do their small part for the club work in the county by planning for the exhibit next year.

Mrs. H. H. Settle, of Greenville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harper Holiday here this week.

Tobacco Situation As Seen By 'Uncle Buck' Meadows

Both Agree That If Jonah's Whale Was As Big As The One They Saw, He Had Ample Accommodations; Not Just Another Fish Story

By W. T. MEADOWS

Although there has been reported a scarcity of tobacco plants in South Carolina, the crop in the two states has practically all been transplanted. According to the best posted men there is an estimated average increase over that of last year in South Carolina of ten to fifteen per cent, while in Georgia the increase is estimated to be from twenty-five to thirty-five per cent.

In North Carolina there is no complaint as to the shortage of plants, and up to this writing it is understood that Virginia has more than enough of plants.

It is the opinion of many of those who are well posted on the tobacco situation that this State will have a ten per cent. increase over that of last year, while there is no increase anticipated in Virginia.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to how much Bright Belt tobacco can be cared for by the manufacturers and exporters this coming season without lowering the price from last year's average which was twenty-one cents for 691,886,071 for the four bright belts. Some dealers think we can stand a 700 million pound crop without lowering the average. Others think different. "I don't know." But if there is a normal crop raised in each state, it is likely to go over 700 million pounds.

There is considerable speculation and guess work as to the opening dates for the different states for the coming season. This matter will be settled by the Sales Committee of the Tobacco Association which meets at Old Point Comfort, the latter part of June. This committee is composed of high-tone gentlemen and pioneers

in the tobacco trade and I am satisfied they will do the right thing for all the Bright Belt States.

The probable tobacco planting for this year as per intentions March 1, according to the United States Department of Agriculture compared with last year's plantings will be as follows:

Virginia planted 178,000 acres in 1927 and expects to plant 183,300 acres this year; North Carolina planted, in 1927, 650,000 acres and expects to plant 702,000 this year; South Carolina expects to increase its acreage from 104,000 to 119,600 this year and Georgia plans to increase from 80,500 to 108,400 acres. I am satisfied that the Virginia acreage covers the whole of that state; if so about one half of it is planted in dark-fired and sun-cured tobacco and the other half is bright tobacco and the remainder of the states are bright tobacco. If the government guess is right, the increase in acreage in 1928 over that of 1927 would figure as follows, leaving out the State of Virginia:

North Carolina, eight per cent.; South Carolina, fifteen per cent.; Georgia, thirty-three per cent.

These estimates tally very closely with those offered by the best posted men in the three states with the possible exception of Georgia.

The tobacco men in Williamston, with the increased floor space which will be added to the warehouses, have set their pegs for a twelve million pound market the coming season and with a normal crop raised, they will sell it. Watch and see if I am not right for I know some things for the good of this market that are not quite ripe for printers' ink yet.

COUNTY BOARD ELECTIONS MET HERE SATURDAY

Appoint Registrars and Judges of Election for Various Townships

PRIMARY ON JUNE 2

Same Judges of Election and Registrars Will Serve at General Election in November

The County Board of Elections met at the courthouse here Saturday and appointed registrars and judges of election for the various townships of the county. These election officers appointed by the board will hold the Democratic primary at each of the voting precincts Saturday, June 2 when candidates for all state, district, county and township offices will be nominated. They will also serve for the general election to be held November 6.

The members of the County Board are Sylvester Peel, chairman, B. R. Jenkins and C. B. Fagan, secretary.

Appointments made by the Board last Saturday: Jamesville township—A. Corey, registrar, O. W. Hamilton and W. W. Walters, judges of election; Williams Township: L. D. Harrison, registrar, J. N. Hopkins and C. L. Daniel, judges of election; Griffin's township: Ephraim Peel, registrar, Claude Roberson and George E. Peel, judges of election; Bear Grass township: Javan Rogers, registrar, A. B. Rogerson and H. D. Cowan, judges of election; Williamston township: J. L. Hassell, registrar, Roy T. Griffin and C. H. Cowan, judges of election; Cross Roads township: J. S. Ayers, registrar, J. B. Barnhill and J. B. Ayers, judges of election; Robersonville township: J. L. Roberson, registrar, Eli Rogers and W. H. Adkins, judges of election; Gold Point precinct: J. L. Croon, registrar, J. H. Roberson and H. L. Keel, judges of election; Poplar Point township: W. S. White, registrar, W. S. Leggett and Jeff Ausban, judges of election; Hamilton township: R. A. Edmondson, registrar, J. B. Purvis and Jno. Ayers, judges of election; Goose Nest township: T. H. Johnson, registrar, J. C. H. Johnson and J. T. Savage, judges of election.

Local Preachers See Big Whale at Wrightsville

Indications Point to Increase of Acreage in Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia; Expects Crop of Over 700,000,000 Pounds

Motivated, it is thought, by an unconfessed desire to see at first hand just what sort of accommodation a big whale could offer to a rebellious prophet, Rev. J. H. Hale and Rev. C. H. Dickey, local pastors, got a "close-up" of the big mammal which sprawled itself across Wrightsville Beach for several days.

Whether or not these two minor prophets made this trip merely to see the whale could not be ascertained; but the fact remains that they and the whole were visitors to Wrightsville Beach at the same time. For many days now the papers have been carrying stories of this monster. Already the Chicago and New York papers have not only written at length about it, but have been carrying pictures for their readers. All sorts of descriptions have been given about it; it having been said that the whale was eighty feet in length, and weighed near one hundred tons. For the local readers what the preachers have to say about it may be of interest, and it is hoped, trustworthy.

They say that the lady into whose yard the whale was deposited tells that the dead monster was pushed into Wrightsville Beach by a school of porpoises last Wednesday week, which was April 4. Since Wrightsville Beach is inhabited by many families during the winter season, and since the pre-season activities there are about to open, there is right much embarrassment resulting to the whale's extended and prolonged visit.

Upon his arrival he was a thrice-welcomed guest, as his coming was excellent advertising for Wrightsville Beach and Wilmington. For during the early days of his stay great crowds were attracted there from far and near. On the first Sunday it was estimated that fifteen thousand people from out of the city came to see the whale. The hotels, restaurants

and other public houses were not able to care for the extra demands. Over one approach to the beach, one man said that nineteen hundred automobiles passed in one day. The Wilmington papers carried pictures, news stories and even editorials, and they all were having a "whale of a time", in general.

After several days, the process of disintegration set in, as well as the depopulation of Wrightsville Beach. Then instead of having an elephant on their hands, as we often hear, they had a dead whale. The comfort as well as the health of the citizens, was threatened, and a frantic effort was made to have the big monster towed elsewhere. Accordingly, arrangements were made with a company to move him away to an isolated spot, where his skeleton might be saved for the State museum. But a big sea storm was raging, and they found it impossible to approach the whale, until on Friday they were enabled to fasten some big cables about him with the intention of pulling him back to sea. No sooner had the tugs started the pull than the cable broke and it was all off, at least for the day. And when the preachers left Wilmington Friday afternoon, they left the whale right where they found it. Since then the tugs succeeded in moving the body, and it is understood that the skeleton will be saved and sent to the museum.

According to what the preachers said, the whale was about forty feet in length. His tail was about five feet across. He was one-third buried in the sands, but looked to be about eight feet through, as he lay on his side. He probably weighed thirty tons. A whale of medium size is said to contain about fifty barrels of oil. Formerly the bones were used to make corset staves; but in this present age, when costumes and practices have changed, if it is not known what is done with them.

TOWN FATHERS DECIDE TO ADD 9 FEET TO STREET

Original Plans Were To Widen Washington St. But 7 Feet

FINISH LAST OF WEEK

Some Difficulty Encountered in Moving Fire Hydrants and Heavy Electric Light Poles

Instead of adding seven feet to the width of Washington street, the town commissioners decided at a called meeting last Friday to have the street widened nine feet. This action was decided upon when the commissioners met with the contractor and agreed upon the cost for the additional two feet.

Work on the project was started last Friday, and yesterday the work was moving along very rapidly. Much trouble was encountered, however, by town employees when they started moving fire hydrants and heavy electric light poles. With fair weather prevailing, the contractor states he will have the job completed by the latter part of the week.

The widening of the street will greatly limit the sidewalk on the west side of the street, but it has been the prevailing opinion here, for some time that there was a greater need for more street and less sidewalk. So pleased are many of the property owners along the street with the commissioners' order that they are offering assistance readily to the contractor in his work.

FOOD SPECIALIST HERE THURSDAY

Miss Thomas Conducts Second Leaders' Training School

Miss Mary E. Thomas, State Nutrition Specialist from Raleigh, conducted the second leaders' training school held in the county here last Thursday in the Home Demonstration Agent's office. In spite of the heavy rains during the week all clubs were represented by two leaders. The following clubs had representatives, Mrs. J. D. Biggs, Mrs. L. B. Harrison, of the American Home Department of Williamston; Mrs. C. L. Wilson, Mrs. Abram Roberson and Mrs. R. L. Smith of the American Home Department, Robersonville and the Home Demonstration clubs were represented by Mrs. L. R. Gardner and Mrs. C. L. Ange, of the Angleton club; Miss Margaret Everett and Mrs. W. D. Hyman, of the Williams Chapel club; Mrs. Chas. Daniel and Mrs. Fannie B. Harrison, of the Holly Springs club; Mrs. Showdy Edwards and Mrs. Florence Edwards, of the Poplar Point club and Mrs. Mary Godard and Mrs. W. Brown, of the Jamesville club.

Miss Thomas at this meeting continued the work from the previous school, discussing the effects of food upon the body and the diseases caused by the lack of the different vitamins. The discussion was well illustrated with pictures which Miss Thomas had collected for the demonstration. The school was concluded with a demonstration of Baked Custard to emphasize the use of eggs and milk in the diet. The women attending this meeting had made some very attractive posters, showing the "energy-giving foods." This month all the women will be working upon posters showing the "Muscle-building foods".

Al Smith Club Gets Another Member

Al Smith continues to grow in popularity, a new member of the Al Smith club, bringing the list to twenty-eight right here, says:

It is with pleasure that I ask you to add my name to the rapidly growing membership of the Al Smith club. The availability of Al Smith as the Democratic nominee for President in the coming election is glaring indisputable, overwhelmingly. His record in public office as legislator and executive is distinguished; he is a political manager of the first order; he is a vote-getter that seems to possess a kind of magic; he is a man whom his opponents at home not only respect but like. He is a perfectly conservative man about property, society, American political institutions and American ideals. He believes in the soundness of the established order and in the honesty of its ideals. And he is a native of New York which state the Democrats need to win if they are to defeat the Republicans in a straight contest.

It cannot be disputed that Governor A. E. Smith is clearly and completely available by every convention test. This, the nation is rapidly admitting as is witnessed by the growing list of Smith-instructed delegates to the Houston convention.

W. H. CARSTARPHEN.

FIDDLERS MEET AT JAMESVILLE

To Be Held Friday, April 20; For Benefit of School

With an official guarantee behind it, the Jamesville school is staging a fiddlers' convention in the auditorium there next Friday night, April 20. In announcing the convention, Mr. J. L. Jones, principal of the schools, states, "This is not for the benefit of the school alone, but for your benefit to hear some of the best violin players to be heard. And when we tell you that Harry Rogers and Haze-wood Creekmore with their many friends from Franklin county with their fiddles, violins and other musical instruments will be here, I am sure you will not miss this treat to hear the best."

Approximately \$25 in cash prizes will be awarded by the school, and fiddlers from this and adjoining counties are invited and urged to attend.

LOAD POULTRY CAR NEXT WEEK

Here on Evening of 24th and Morning of 25th, at Robersonville in Afternoon

According to a schedule announced today, higher prices will be paid for the next car of poultry to be shipped from this county next week. While there is no radical increase in the prices, there are from one to three-cent increases on practically all the types advertised.

This car will arrive in Williamston about 10 a. m. next Tuesday and will be pulled to Robersonville the next morning where it will be stopped for loading there in the afternoon.

Although it is not certain, it is the opinion of County Agent Brandon that this will be the last car to be shipped from the county this season.

Ship Car Load of Hogs To Richmond Today

County Agent T. B. Brandon left for Richmond today accompanied by Messrs. Aaron E. Smith and Abram Roberson, who will sell a carload of hogs to packing houses there. This is the first carload of hogs to be shipped from Robersonville. While that section is an ideal tobacco and cotton section, these farmers find time to grow and fatten hogs. They have fine herds, and Mr. Brandon expects the quality of the shipment to compare favorably with that of any hogs raised either in North Carolina or Virginia.

JUNIOR LEAGUE ORGANIZED HERE

Boys From 10 to 15 To Have Four-Club League Here This Summer

Forty-four boys, ranging in age from ten to fifteen years, assembled in the Woman's club here last night where, under the supervision of Mr. Harper Holiday, four junior baseball teams were organized. Accepting the call with great interest, the young boys sat, with mouths opened, and listened attentively to the instructions of the organizer and his assistants.

Messrs. Pete Fowden, Dr. P. B. Come, Myrt Stubbs, and Wheeler Martin were selected as managers of the four teams that will be named after the big city nine. Beginning tomorrow-week, the first game will be played, and then for some time two regular games will be played each week. As the season progresses, the teams will play four games each week.

Mr. Holiday has organized similar teams in other towns in the State, and they have met with much success. In their efforts here, the organizers are eager to have the older people take a part and assist in the development of the league. The young boys have entered whole-heartedly into the undertaking, and support on the part of the older people will be of much benefit to them, and will, without a doubt, be highly appreciated.

Local School Honor Roll For the Seventh Month

First Grade—Mary Hassell Barnhill, Thelma Griffin, Bill Holloman, Marion Pender; Jack Baker Saunders.

Second Grade—C. T. Roberson, E. G. Wynne, Joseph Barnhill, Burras C. Cramer, Gilbert Jenkins, Addie Lee Meador.

Third Grade—Ruby Harrison, Fannie Spain Holiday, Florence Holiday, John P. Thigpen, Kathleen Price, Carrie Williams, Bolton Cowen, Doris Teel, Fern Fitzgerald, Thad Harrison, Jr., Howard Cone, Exum Ward, Jannie Strawbridge, Mamie Clyde Taylor, Milton James, Ben Manning, Clayton Moore.

Fourth Grade—Eula Green, Alice Harrison, Grace Manning, Billie Griffin, Carroll Jones, J. Darrel Bowen.

Fifth Grade—Billie Clark, Josephine Anderson, Katherine Taylor Harrison.

Sixth Grade—Jennie Taylor, Jane Moore, Myrtle Brown.

Seventh Grade—Ernest Harrison, Eva Harrison, Pearl Griffin, Sarah Cooke, Hazel Modlin, Lucille Long, Julia Daniel.

Eighth Grade—Edith Peale, Mary Clyde Williams, Wheeler Manning.

Ninth Grade—Josephine Harrison, Marjorie Taylor, Ollie Marie Roberson, Clyde Griffin.

Tenth Grade—Mary Carstarphen, Margaret Rodgers.

FROST DAMAGES SECTION'S CROPS

Irish Potatoes Believed Damaged Twenty-Five Per Cent

Damage to truck and garden crops in this section by a heavy frost last night is said to be great by farmers in this and adjoining counties. This morning the house-tops, as well as the ground was white long after the sun peeped over the horizon and in many gardens the vegetables were left with black faces.

Various estimates made on the damage to the Irish potato crop vary, some saying the damage is very little others stating that it is at least twenty-five per cent. Damage in the Everetts section is estimated to be twenty per cent.

Mr. M. O. Blount, the Pitt County potato king and who is generally recognized as a potato expert, says the damage is great on the dark soils where there is considerable vegetation. On the lighter soils, he says, the damage is not so great; yet, he estimates that the average damage will be about twenty-five per cent.

The Columbia and Aurora sections escaped serious injury from the frost, according to the best information obtainable.

JAMESVILLE BOY WINS CONTEST

Wallace Fleming Gets Prize in Oratorical Contest At Georgia School

Wallace Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fleming, of Jamesville, recently won in an oratorical contest in which twenty-nine young men of the Georgia Military academy took part. After winning in the preliminaries, he won in the finals and was awarded a medal for his oration, "Lindbergh and His Courage."

Wallace will graduate from the academy this spring, only one year after completing his high school course at Jamesville. During this year he has been on the honor roll each month and twice he has been promoted in the school's band, of which he has been a member since his entrance into the school.

Home Agent's Schedule For the Present Week

This week the County Home Demonstration Agent will be in Bear Grass for the Girls' club all day today, if necessary. Tomorrow the clubs of Everetts and Robersonville will hold regular meetings. Thursday the junior girls' club of Williamston and the women of Williams Chapel will have regular meetings. Friday the agent will be in Jamesville for the day, holding girls' club and the regular women's club meetings.

Federal Court Is Held in Washington This Week

A large number of Martin County people are attending the Federal court in Washington this week where both civil and criminal cases are being heard by Judge I. M. Meekins. The civil cases, it was stated will be overshadowed by a large number of cases in which violations of the liquor laws are charged. Several such cases were sent from this county to be tried there.

"Trial of the case in which Joseph H. Needleman, Philadelphia tobacco salesman, is asking \$100,000 damages from the members of a Martin county mob that mutilated him several years ago, will not be tried at the April session of court," Washington papers stated yesterday. Just when the case will come up for trial is a matter of speculation, court officials stating that they have no idea when the case will be heard.

Two Weeks Revival at Pentecostal Church

Beginning next Sunday night, the Pentecostal church here will conduct a two-weeks' revival meeting, it was announced yesterday morning by Mr. Tom Harris, a deacon of the church. Rev. S. A. Fann, of Falcon, N. C., will conduct the services each night at 7:45 o'clock. Mr. Fann has been a leader in the church for a number of years, and has done a splendid work at Falcon, the home of the church's orphanage. The public is cordially invited to attend each of the services.

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