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POULTRY GAINS IN FAVOR WITH LOCAL FARMERS

First Cooperative Shipment Of Poultry Wsa Made In 1924

3 OR 4 CARS THIS YEAR

Two Cars Have Already Been Shipped This Year; \$9,005.01 Paid for 38,698 Pounds

That poultry raising is gaining in favor with Martin County farmers is seen from shipping reports for the past several years. The business has not been approached upon a big scale, as a whole; however, a number of farmers have their own incubators and raise hundreds of chickens yearly for the markets.

In 1924 a number of farmers made the first cooperative shipment from this county. The car was loaded in Washington by farmers from both this and Beaufort County. Approximately 1,230 pounds of the fowls were shipped by Martin County poultry raisers, receiving for their offerings \$270.60. While the income was exceedingly small, the cooperative selling method of poultry developed from that point to a ready and acceptable business for hundreds of farmers in the county.

This year two cars have already been shipped from the county, and one—possibly two—more, will be loaded for shipment. The loadings, so far, are ahead of those of last year, and it is believed by County Agent Brandon that they will reach or go beyond the 50,000 pound mark. The records show where 38,698 pounds have been shipped this season, bringing to the farmers \$9,005.01.

ANSWERS CALL TO JAMESVILLE

Local Firemen Make Run in 12 Minutes; Very Little Damage Done

The town's new fire truck, with several of the local fire company's members and several others aboard went to Jamesville Sunday about noon in 12 minutes in answer to a call coming from that town. A blaze started on the roof of the Methodist church there, and without fire-fighting equipment the entire structure was threatened. The congregation, pastor, and others quickly formed a bucket brigade and had the fire under control, but not until after the call had reached here and the truck had already gone.

Eugene Price Loses His Chevrolet Sedan by Fire

The Chevrolet sedan, belonging to Eugene Price, was destroyed by fire early last Sunday night, while the machine was in use, according to reports. The car was insured.

Local Boys Are Defeated In Finals of Tournament

Lose to Mebane, 23 to 20, After Fighting Way to Top; George Shearon Is High Scorer for Class B and Second Highest in Tournament

Coach B. E. Hood and his basketball boys climaxed their season's play last week when they fought their way to the finals in the State College Basketball tournament at Raleigh. After battling their way through the defense of three strong teams in the tournament, the locals, tired out with play, missed the championship title by a margin of only four points, Mebane winning 23 to 20 in the final game.

Clayton's team was put out of the running by the locals in the first stage of the contest by a 22 to 18 score. Roxboro lost to the locals 36 to 8 and withdrew from the play. Roanoke Rapids' champion team was next up and it was ousted by a 18 to 15 score. Gaining the right to meet

Mebane, the winner in the other bracket of Class B, the locals went into action Saturday night slightly off their usual form, but all the boys offered his best. While Hardison never made an attempt to shoot a goal, not even one from the free-throw line, he did splendid work at his guard position. Shearon, second highest scorer in the tournament, led in the number of points made during the final game, while Holding, the team's other star forward, followed a close second.

Their loss to Mebane was the second defeat of the season for the local boys, Middleburg defeating them in Henderson several weeks ago. As a whole the year has been one of the best in sports in the history of the school.

BAPTIST SCHOOL WELL ATTENDED

48 Adults Present at First Session, Held Last Night

Opening their school on Church Efficiency, the Baptists of the local congregation swung into line Monday night with a class of 48 adults present.

They feel that to have that many men and women present on a Monday night is not bad. Others are expected at the following sessions.

A noticeable feature of the school is the preponderance of men, there being more men in attendance than women. This happens all along at the Baptist Church. And it proves, incidentally, that the women are not dominating this church and that the men are not leaving it to the women to carry on.

The present school is purely a lecture course. The pastor is delivering a series of three articles, entitled as follows: "Are the churches functioning," "Can the Churches Adjust Themselves to the New Day in Which They Live," and "What Does a Functioning Church Do?"

This is the third yearly school which the pastor has conducted here during his incumbency; and it is planned that the church shall have a school each winter, as a regular yearly feature of its program.

SCHOOL BILL IS ABOUT SETTLED

Land Owners Will Get But Little Relief; Equalizing Fund is \$6,500,000

Raleigh, Mar. 12.—The fight over the MacLean school bill in the Legislature has been practically settled by a compromise, the general principle of the bill being adopted but not until its efficiency was greatly decreased.

The equalization fund of ten million dollars provided in the bill as it was originally introduced, has been decreased to six and one-half million dollars. While there is a decrease of three and one-half million less than was first planned, the fund is three million dollars greater than the one in effect last year.

LIQUOR THIEF IS AMBUSHED

Togo Pulley Was Man Who Was Shot by Liquor Makers in January

Little weight was given the reports back about the middle of January stating that Togo Pulley, alleged slayer of Eugene Jones, Bethel policeman, had been shot by a moonshiner in the southerly edge of the county a week or more before Jones was murdered on the Hamilton-Williamston highway the 19th of January. The alleged slayer, however, gave credence to the reports yesterday, following his capture in Henderson, and showed the scar of battle received when he stole liquor from a still in this county.

While the names in the case are being withheld, and no authentic reports can be had at this time, it is understood that Pulley, with a friend, went to a still at the southern edge of the county about the middle of January. They gathered the several gallons of newly made liquor and were on their way out when the owner of the plant started in to make an investigation of what was going on. At first, the owner of the still thought it was two of his regular customers who had gone to the still to get the liquor and who were then on their way out to make settlement. As Pulley and his companion approached, the moonshiner recognized them and he turned to run from them. The thieves who had stole the liquor dropped it and began firing on the owner. The bullets are said to have been fired thick and fast, one going through the crown of the moonshiner's hat. So fast did the man run then that he was able to summon help hold a council of war, and decided upon a place for a counter-attack before Pulley and his friend could reach their car to make their escape. At a bend of the road, where Pulley and his friend had to pass, the party stationed itself, and as the car with the two men started by a roadside was fired into it and upon the occupants. Pulley was wounded in the shoulder, but not seriously by one shot.

Since that time Pulley is said to have been afraid to return to that section, and apparently he is attempting to charge his assailants with the murder of the Bethel policeman.

Farmers Now Able To Work in Fields

After a delay of several weeks caused by wet weather, the farmers are turning to their fields now preparing for the year's crops. While the ground is too wet to be turned in many places, the farmers are hitting the high spots, planting Irish potatoes and preparing the ground for other crops. A large number, finding their ground too wet to turn, are busy cleaning out their ditches and clearing their hedgerows.

Parents-Teachers To Meet In Bear Grass Thursday

The regular meeting of the Bear Grass Parent-Teacher Association will be held Thursday evening, March 14, at 7:30, in the school auditorium.

Grass Fire Yesterday Calls Apparatus Out

The local fire company answered a second call in as many days yesterday when fire threatened the garage at the Episcopal rectory on Houghton street. While cleaning up the yard, a colored boy set fire to the grass and the flames spread to the surrounding fences and the car house. Several buckets of water were used in extinguishing the flames.

ELIMINATE FLAT RATE FOR WATER

Town Board Orders Thirty-Eight New Meters Installed

Flat rates for city water were ordered abolished by the town commissioners in special session here last night. Thirty-eight meters were ordered purchased by the board to cover the private connections to the city mains, where the customers are now paying only flat rates, and within a short time the superintendent of the water department, Mr. Jesse Harrell, states every outlet except the fire hydrants will have a checking apparatus on it to measure the water running into the buildings of the town.

A report on the meter for the Tar Heel Apartments was made by the water department's superintendent, and it was found that the measuring apparatus was both giving and taking. When the water runs at a rate of less than 3 gallons per minute the meter fails to record the flow, but when the use requires as much as three-fourths of the pipe's output the meter hands operate 20 per cent faster than they should. A new meter was ordered to replace the old one.

An examination of the water tower made by Mr. Harrell recently showed that the inside of the tank needed scraping and repainting. The matter was placed in the hands of Commissioner Meadows, who, with Mr. Harrell, will attend to the work.

DISTRICT AGENT LAUDS FARMERS

Says Martin County Has Cleanest Ditch Banks In State

"Martin county farms, as a whole, have the cleanest hedgerows and ditchbanks of any section in the State," B. Troy Ferguson, district farm demonstration agent said a few days ago. Tom Brandon, Martin County agent, states this is true, but he also says that there is room for improvement.

The wet season now being experienced in this section is pointing out the necessity of clean hedgerows and ditchbanks. They should be, by all means, properly handled, according to Mr. Brandon, who states that the dirt banked to the side of the ditch makes the cut practically useless, for this condition causes the water to pond near the ditch, flooding the fields. The surplus dirt thrown from the ditch should be scooped to parts of the field away from the ditch, allowing the water to run freely from the field.

Mr. Brandon stated that one would be surprised in making a tour of the county and count the number of useless ditches in it. These ditches would be of great value in wet seasons like this if they were properly cared for, the agent stated. In wet seasons, like the one we are now having, the drainage system on a farm is of much value, while in dry seasons the system does no harm, Mr. Brandon went on to say.

Paving Engineer for Town Is Appointed

Captain Brooks, of Morehead City, was appointed paving engineer for the town here last night by the commissioners in a session called especially for the receiving of bids. The amount of Mr. Brooks' bid had not been announced this morning, the appointment being made in secret session of the board following the opening of the ten bids presented.

Play at Farm Life School Friday Night

The Farm Life faculty and patrons of the school will present "The Girl Who Forgot," a play in three acts, at the Farm Life School Building Friday night, at 7:30 p. m.

All roads leading to the school are in good condition at the present time, eliminating any fear of getting 'stuck'. The proceeds of this play will go for the rebuilding of the school library.

Wake Forest Band To Be Here Thursday

On Thursday night, at the Town Hall, the Wake Forest band will give a concert under the auspices of the Woman's club. The band is beginning a tour in this part of the State, after having met with popular approval in many other parts of the State. The proceeds will be applied to the debt incurred through the tuberculosis clinic, recently held here at the expense of the club. Boy Scouts will sell tickets, it is understood.

Hugo Pulley Now In Greenville Jail

IS CHARGED WITH KILLING EUGENE JONES OF BETHEL

Captured in Henderson at Home of Mother, Last Saturday Night

DENIES HE IS GUILTY Although Armed, Pulley Did Not Resist Arrest; May Be Tried in Pitt County

Togo Pulley, alias Grover Pulley, alias Hubert Jones, alleged murderer of Eugene Jones, Bethel policeman, on January 19 between here and Hamilton, was captured at the home of his mother, Mrs. Pearl Woolard, at Henderson, late Saturday night by Deputy Sheriff J. L. Cash and J. E. Hamlet, Policeman J. D. Peck and Constable E. F. Murphy. When captured, Pulley was hiding under a bed in a locked room. He offered no resistance, although he was well armed with guns and pistols, it was said.

When the Henderson officers asked an entrance to the Woolard home, the request was readily granted, but they had to threaten to break the door to the rooms where Pulley was hiding before members of the family agreed to unlock it. After the officers had placed him under arrest, Pulley told them that they had the right man, that he was tired of running from a crime of which he was not guilty.

In maintaining his innocence of the crime charged against him, Pulley told a somewhat far-fetched tale to Sheriff Roebuck in Greenville yesterday. Saturday night, January 19, Pulley stated he was caught stealing, that Policeman Jones, agreed to accompany him to this county, that bond might be raised. He said they had not traveled very far before it was discovered that a car was following them. The race continued down Highway No. 90 to Robersonville, where Pulley said he turned in the Gold Point road in an effort to escape his pursuers. His followers turned in behind him and the policeman, and the race continued, according to his story. "They would pass us, and we would pass them," Pulley told the sheriff. The two cars were said to have been carried to Hamilton. Pulley stated that in an effort to escape his followers, he turned on Highway No. 125 and started in the direction of Williamston. When he and the officer reached Butler's, Bridge, two and one-half miles out of Hamilton, they found the road blocked. "We have you where we want you," the highwayman told us when we were ordered to get out of our car," Pulley stated. Continuing his story, Pulley stated that the highwaymen and Policeman Jones started shooting, that while all that was going on he ran to the woods and hid. After the shooting was over and the crowd had left, Pulley says he came from the woods and left the scene in his car. Pulley declares that bootleggers did the killing, intimating that they were Martin County people.

The accused man says he left for Brooklyn soon after the killing, and had been back in North Carolina only two days before he was caught. He denies that he hid in the woods around Vanceboro and Bear Grass, stating that he was afraid to go in the Bear Grass section.

He told Sheriff Roebuck that he regretted breaking jail here in 1927, stating that he had committed many crimes since that time, that if he had remained in jail and accepted his punishment he would hardly be connected with the Jones murder case.

The story told by Pulley is considered weak by those who have studied the case. No one believes that a group of moonshiners in this county had anything to do with the killing of Jones, nor even knew anything about it. There is a strong opinion prevailing in some sections of Pitt County that moonshiners and bootleggers in and around Bethel may have planned a plot to get Jones out of the way, and that they had an actual part in the crime or hired Pulley to commit the deed. Pulley is said to have failed to answer why he did not report the attack in which Jones lost his life and he had to flee to save his own. He gave no reason for not stopping in one of the three towns they passed through on the night of the killing nor did he explain why they happened to stop at the most desolate spot of road between Bethel and Hamilton. The accused man also failed to tell just how one car blocked two roads, one 25 feet and the other 40 feet wide, when it was possible for him to use either one if the car and men were stationed at the scene of the killing.

While the crime was said to be committed in this county, it is

ROBERSONVILLE NEGRO KILLED

Jim Coffield Dies After Being Shot by Another Negro

Saturday night about 11 o'clock Jim Coffield, a 52 year-old colored man who lived in the Robersonville section, went to one of his tenant houses at Robersonville to collect the weekly rent. Just as he reached the door he was shot down by a rival of his who he thought was calling on his sweetheart. Coffield was carried to a Tarboro hospital where he died early yesterday morning.

No one saw the shooting, Coffield stating that Knight told him he had mistaken him for another man with whom he had had trouble over a girl. Knight, a man of 25 years, further stated that his rival had been frequenting his sweetheart's home too often and that he had planned to get him out of the way, but he could not distinguish the difference in the dark. After offering the explanation, Knight made his escape, and up until this time he is still at large.

Coffield was regarded as one of the leading and most reliable colored men of the community. This is the second murder that has been committed in the county within the past ten days, Jesse Whittier, colored, having killed Louis Rogers in Bear Grass township yesterday, a week ago.

HOME AGENT MAKES REPORT

Total of 19 Meetings Held, With Attendance of 193; Other Details

During the month of February the County Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Lora E. Sleeper, traveled 650 miles in the county conducting 7 meetings with women and 12 meetings with the girls. The total attendance at these meetings was 193. Twenty-eight different homes were visited during the month, 25 of these were kitchen contestants and had their kitchens scored for the first time. There were 16 days spent in the field and 8 days spent in the office. 12 articles written for the county papers, 33 bulletins distributed, 45 individual letters written and 1 circular letter written. The roads interfered in no ways with the work during the month, even though the agent was stuck and delayed from being on time to meetings in one or two sections. All meetings were held.

As a result of the kitchen contest being conducted in the county, Miss Sleeper has received many good prizes recently. One manufacturer is offering garbage containers, 3 1/2 gallon size, in the following colors: Mandarin red, jade green, corn yellow, white, french gray, and baby blue, at \$1.50, plus carrying charges, provided 36 people want them. Twenty-five women have given their names to Miss Sleeper and if there are any others interested, please let Miss Sleeper have their names.

Car Burns on Road Near Robersonville

Starting underneath the floorboards, fire destroyed the Chevrolet roadster of Durward White last Friday night as he and George Hutton Gurganus were returning from Robersonville. The two boys, frightened by the sudden outburst of the flames, jumped from the car, leaving the machine to burn on the highway. The car was insured.

Kiwanis To Hold Regular Luncheon Wednesday

The members of the Kiwanis Club will hold their regular weekly luncheon meeting tomorrow at 12:30. W. T. ("Uncle Buck") Meadows is the principal speaker on the program, which is in charge of Kiwanian W. H. Carstarphen. Members of the club are urged to attend.

not certain that the trial will be held in a Martin County court. Pulley asks that he be tried in Pitt, saying that he has many bitter enemies in Martin and fears a trial in this county. It is understood that people in Pitt County want the trial held by one of their courts because the trouble just prior to the murder took place in their county, and that it was one of their citizens murdered. The Henderson officers making the arrest will receive the \$500 reward offered by Pitt County and the State jointly.

ASK FOR LOWER FIRE INSURANCE RATE FOR TOWN

Ask That Representative Be Sent Here to Check Equipment

MEET REQUIREMENTS Telephone Being Placed in Fire House Today; One Member of Company On Duty At All Times

Having met the requirements mentioned by the Southeastern Fire Underwriters Association, Atlanta, town authorities are asking for a better fire insurance rating for the property owners here. The underwriters association has been wired, the officials asking that a special representative be sent here to inspect the recent changes made in the fire-fighting equipment and other alterations made in an effort to improve the system.

While it is not known just how long it will take to put the new rating into effect, special efforts will be made to have the new rate in operation within the next few days.

The alarm system, handled by telephone, is being bettered today by the installation of telephones in the new firemen's headquarters and bell extensions to other parts of the building. Messrs. Jack Daniel and George Harrell, two of the volunteer members, have agreed to handle the station at night, and their room is being fully equipped today.

When the requirements are approved it is understood that a saving of 15 to 20 per cent in insurance premiums will be in order, the new rates going into effect immediately after the changes in the system are approved.

VITAL STATISTICS IN WILLIAMSTON

76 Deaths and 118 Births Recorded in Township Last Year

Seventy-six deaths and 118 births were recorded in the local township during the past year, it was learned from vital statistics books filed this week in the office of the register of deeds here. Forty-eight of the deaths were among the colored people, and almost half of all the deaths in the township took place among the youth. Accidents were given as a cause for several deaths, and old age was pointed out to be the cause in 29 cases.

Of the 118 births, forty of them were white, leaving 78 among the colored class. The male births outnumbered the others by six; there being only 56 female births as compared with 62 male.

This township, so far has the largest percentage of illegitimate births of any other one in the county, there being eighteen such cases recorded in the books. All of the number was confined to the colored populace.

Bear Grass township reversed to a great extent the order of births and deaths as compared with the records for Williamston township. There were only eleven births and two deaths among the negroes there as compared with 42 births and 17 deaths among the whites in the same district. There was only one illegitimate birth recorded there and that was white, according to the books filed in the register's office here.

479 Shares of Building and Loan Sold First Week

The sale of building and loan stock in the Martin County Building & Loan Association here during the first week of the twenty-fourth series reached 479 shares, setting a new record in the delivery of stock in a similar period. The 479 shares have been delivered, and, according to officials in the association, the sale will reach the 700-mark before the 90-day subscription period expires. The series opened here last Saturday, a week ago, when around 300 shares were sold.

Car of Hogs Is Shipped From County Last Week

The first car of hogs to be shipped from the county this year was loaded in Jamesville last week and placed on the Richmond market. The hogs, numbering 85, were raised by James T. Smithwick, Jamesville, and Messrs. Leonard Knowles and Julian Fagan, of Dardens. The price received for the swine has not been announced at this time, it was stated by Mr. W. T. Overby, agricultural teacher in the Jamesville schools, who assisted in the cooperative shipment.

WATTS THEATRE. Wed.-Thurs. March 13-14. COLLEEN MOORE in "WHY BE GOOD?" ALSO COMEDY. Friday March 15. SENSATIONAL SOUND PICTURE "THE PORT OF MISSING GIRLS" With Voice and Musical Effects on the Celebrated PICTURETONE ONE NIGHT ONLY. Comedy. M. G. M. News. Shows at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily. MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE.