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CONTRACT IS LET FOR ERECTION OF NEW WAREHOUSE

Contractor Expects to Begin Work Within Next Ten Days
TOTAL COST IS \$22,000
Building Alone Will Cost \$17,815; New Structure Will Be Modern In Every Respect

Signing a contract for the erection of a new warehouse here yesterday morning, Jones Brothers & Company, of Wilson, will start construction of the third tobacco warehouse within the next 10 days, it was stated by one of the company's representatives. The building to be erected will have the same dimensions as the one destroyed by fire early this year. According to the contract signed yesterday morning the structure will be completed and ready for use not later than August 20.

The building alone will cost \$17,815, the amount including electrical wiring and plumbing fixtures. Plans, incorporation fees, and other preliminary preparations amounted to approximately \$400. Three thousand dollars were paid for the lot, making the entire undertaking cost approximately \$22,000.00 by the time it is equipped with trucks, scales, and other material used in the operation of a tobacco warehouse.

LARGE INCREASE IN TEXACO SALES

20 Per Cent in Sales For Early Part of Year Is Recorded

The quality of the product, plus a recent advertising campaign, have increased the sale of Texaco gasoline and oils more than 20 per cent in this section during recent months, it was stated yesterday by a member of the firm of Harrison Oil Company, local distributors of Texaco gasoline and motor oils. The Texas Company, jointly with its distributors, completed last week an intensive newspaper advertising campaign in this section, and the results have been marked, according to statements made by Mr. George H. Harrison, of the Harrison Oil Company.

According to present contracts, the company will continue its advertising campaign, using space in the newspapers at regular intervals.

During the company's fiscal year ending last month, Texaco oils and gasoline have been placed before millions of people almost daily, and it is understood that sales have been materially increased throughout the country as a whole.

Mr. Harrison, in telling of the increased activities of his company, said that gradually but constantly the sales mounted, the deliveries for the first few months this year exceeding those of a similar period last year by more than 20 per cent. Each day two trucks, and sometimes a third, are sent from this point to supply the 50 dealers in this section, and each week the Texas boat docks at the company's wharf to leave thousands and thousands of gallons of gas and motor oil; 9 solid carloads of gasoline and oils have been unloaded at the company's wharf as a single order, and each week a trip is made by the oil boat, "The Old North State," to replenish the distributor's supply.

To Hold Clinic Next Week In the Old School Building

Finding it impossible to hold the special tonsil and adenoid clinic in the new school building, Mrs. H. P. Guffy, State health nurse, is making arrangements to have the children treated in the rooms at the old school. Workmen stated yesterday that it would be impossible to make proper water and sewer connections in the new building before week after next on account of unfavorable weather during the past few days.

PIEPHOFF TAKES UP WORK HERE

New Presbyterian Minister Has Large Congregations At Services Sunday

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, recently called to the pastorate of the local Presbyterian church, began his duties Sunday morning when he preached to a large congregation in the Woman's Club Hall. His sermon topic, "The Outward and Inward Man," was well developed and his sermon, the second delivered by him to a local congregation, was favorably received.

In the evening, Rev. Piephoff preached to a Bear Grass congregation in the school auditorium there. A schedule of services for the Farm Life community is being considered, but no definite arrangements have been made for worship in the school there, it was stated yesterday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Piephoff was called to the pastorate of the church here following an appointment in the temporary quarters of the church last February. Educated in the Greenwood, S. C. schools and in the university of that State, Mr. Piephoff entered the business field where he worked until about three years ago, when he entered a seminary at Richmond. During his course of study in the Virginia city, he was a recognized leader in the various subjects taught. A member of a leading Presbyterian family in South Carolina, Mr. Piephoff comes to the service of the local church highly recommended as a religious leader and citizen. The church and citizens of the town welcome Rev. and Mrs. Piephoff here.

With the appointment of a building committee recently, the local church will start the construction of its new building on the corner of Watts and Main Streets within the next few weeks, it was stated yesterday afternoon. According to present plans, a parsonage will be built near the church on the same lot.

TAKE SEAPLANE TO SHOP ON CAR

Plane Damaged Near Hertford Passes Through Here Sunday

The number of oddities ever increase. This time a seaplane passed down the town's main thoroughfare, turned the Washington Street corner and continued on toward Wilmington. Damaged in exhibition flights near Hertford last week, the machine was riding a trailer attached to a regular automobile. The wings were closed, making it possible to haul the machine over the highways. Its length was estimated to be around 35 feet. The owners passed through here Sunday afternoon en route to Wilmington with the plane, where, it is understood, repairs will be made to the damaged parts.

Motors were refueled and oiled at a Texaco service station here, many people stopping to look over the outfit.

Dillon Cobb Gets Scholarship at Arden

Friends here and elsewhere will be pleased to know that Dillon Cobb, youngest son of Mrs. Erah Cobb, has been given a scholarship at Christ School, Arden, N. C. For the past two terms, the young man has been attending school at Arden, and having made splendid records in scholarship and deportment was given the scholarship, which carries with it all expenses for the term. Principal Harris praised Dillon very highly when conferring upon him the scholarship.

B. Duke Critcher To Hold Revival Here

Rev. B. Duke Critcher, pastor in the Oxford Circuit, M. E. Church, South, will preach a series of revival sermons in the local Methodist church beginning next Sunday, according to announcements made Sunday. The length of the revival has not been definitely determined at this time. Rev. Mr. Critcher is the son of Mr. R. S. Critcher, of this place, and was up until the time he entered the ministry, a member of the law firm of Critcher and Critcher here.

Makes Unusual Record

and continue through Friday, according to present plans. Eight special nurses from the State Health Department will be on duty those days, and a large number of children between the ages of 5 1-2 through 12 years will be treated, it is understood.

SHRINE PATROL TO DRILL HERE

Will Be Staged on Main Street Wednesday Afternoon

Members of the Sudan Temple, Ancient and Accepted Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will stage a drill here tomorrow afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock, according to information received here yesterday morning. The drill patrol will leave New Bern shortly after the noon hour for Washington, where a drill will be held. Continuing on their way to Elizabeth City, where the spring ceremonial is being held this week, about 50 members of the patrol will stop here to take part in the drill.

Officials here have been asked about clearing a portion of the main street for the event, Mayor Colburn assuring the Sudan Temple heads that this would be attended to and that a welcome would be extended them.

The exact time that the patrol will drill could not be definitely learned today, but it is understood that the party will reach here some time after 4 o'clock.

A number of local people, as well as many from all over the section, will attend the ceremonies in Elizabeth City this week. Many preparations have been made by the Elizabeth City people to entertain the visitors, and large crowds are expected to attend.

RAINS ARE BIG AID TO CROPS

No Damage Reported From Wind; Young Crops Thriving

Although this section escaped with only minor damages resulting, a strong wind threatened property in certain parts of the county and blew to the ground many dead tree limbs and caused a number of the poorly constructed houses to quiver. Whether the storm was accompanied by hail and that it struck anywhere in this section had not been learned here today.

The light showers Sunday afternoon and heavy rains that night all day yesterday and a greater part of today are considered favorable to young crops in this section, a few farmers stating this morning that they believed the crops are very well watered for the time being, however.

State's Taxable Corporate Wealth Shows Decrease

Raleigh, May 21.—Although total taxable property in North Carolina showed a slight increase in 1928, taxable corporate wealth decreased from \$726,238,499 to \$716,760,574 or \$9,477,925, according to figures compiled by the State Board of Equalization.

The figures include the real and personal property and corporate excess of domestic corporations, and the valuations of public service corporations (including foreign corporations) and the valuation of banks. Foreign corporations that are not public service corporations are not included.

Students of Farm Life To Have Play Here Tomorrow

The students of the Farm Life School will present the play, "Prairie Rose," in the city hall auditorium here tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock. The play has been successfully presented by the students this year.

Between the acts, the Farm Life quartette will appear in several popular numbers.

LOCATE GAUGE HERE TO CHECK RISES OF RIVER

U. S. Government Engineer Here Saturday To Make Arrangements

WILL BE READ DAILY
Daily Readings Here and in Weldon Will Be Compared for Data As Conditions Existing

In an effort to get accurate data on flood control, potential water power, and navigation on the Roanoke, Dan, and James Rivers, the United States Government is making a study of the conditions at certain points along the three streams. Mr. G. H. Matthews, one time consulting engineer of New York City, with assistants, was here Saturday determining elevations at several points in the town and at the river's edge, preparatory to establishing a water gauge at the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company.

The elevation at the courthouse here, according to the engineer, is 59.02 feet above sea level, while at the corner of the Standard Fertilizer Company's plant the elevation is only 129 feet above the sea level. There is, Mr. Matthews said, a marked drop in the water level between here and Jamesville, that the drop is greater between here and that point than it is from there to the sea.

It was learned from the engineer that a comparative study of the readings recorded here will be made with the gauge readings recorded at Weldon. It was the opinion of Mr. Matthews that with the placing of a gauge here, one could determine by comparing the readings at the two places the amount of the rise to be expected at this point when the river begins to rise at Weldon. A careful study will be necessary, however, it was pointed out, and general conditions will have to be taken into consideration.

The gauge, located at the Standard Fertilizer Company's plant, will be read daily. The readings will be forwarded to Norfolk, where they will be recorded and checked with those sent in from Weldon, it was stated.

TWO KILLED IN MAD RUSH

Crowd in Yankee Stadium Kills 2 in Stampede To Exits as Rain Starts

New York, May 19.—A college girl and a teamster were trampled to death and between 50 and 60 persons were injured in a mad rush by bleacher fans for Yankee Stadium exits to seek cover from a sudden heavy rain during the first game of a scheduled double-header between the Yankees and Boston Red Sox.

As the umpire's announcement of the end of play rang out, 6,000 fans in the south bleachers of the stadium rushed for an alley leading to 157th Street. Some stumbled and fell, the thousands in the rear pressed forward relentlessly in their blind haste to escape the downpour and almost in an instant the exit was clogged with a screaming, battling mass of humanity.

When the police finally stemmed the rush of the crowd and reached those who had been trampled, they found Joseph Carter, 60-year-old teamster, lying dead in the passage-way, and Miss Eleanor Price, 17, who lived in the Bronx and attended Hunter College, breathing her last. The girl died in the Yankee Stadium, officers believe medical aid could be administered.

The alley through which the crowd attempted to force its way is 12 feet wide and 35 feet long and has a floor of sand. Fourteen steps lead down to it from the bleachers. The first of the out-rushing crowd took these steps in a few jumps, but the sand proved insecure footing, and the crowd began to pile up.

As each succeeding wave of fans reached the top of the stairs and saw what was happening in the passage-way, there was an attempt to halt, but the pressure from behind was too strong and the piling up process continued. Women screamed and struggled frantically, young boys shouted in fear and men battled silently to either side of the alley finally gave way and spilled part of the crowd beneath the bleachers and the grandstand, where they crawled away to safety.

Local Policeman Catches Escaped Convict Saturday

Sylvester Pittman, escaped convict from the Edgecombe County road force, was captured here last Saturday night by Policeman Allsbrooks. When the policeman visited the show, Pittman, afraid of arrest, tried to avoid the officer's eye, but before he could make his escape, Policeman Allsbrooks took him into custody and questioned him. Upon learning that he was wanted in Edgecombe county, officers were notified there and they came for the prisoner.

SCHOOL PROBLEMS ARE DISCUSSED AT MEETING

T. R. GETSINGER DIES MONDAY
Former Resident of County Succumbs at Home in Tennessee

Mr. Tom R. Getsinger, formerly of this county, died at his home in Johnson City, Tenn., last night at 8:00 o'clock after suffering for several years with Bright's disease. Several days ago he contracted pneumonia, and relatives here were summoned to his bedside, three brothers, Messrs. J. Sam, John A. and Perlie E. Getsinger and Miss Thelma Getsinger arriving there only a few hours before his death.

The son of the late J. C. and Sarah Brown Getsinger, Tom R. Getsinger was born in Griffins township about 40 years ago where he received his early education in the schools of that section. He worked here as bookkeeper for Harrison Brothers and Company for a short while, later going to Plymouth as cashier of the Bank of Plymouth. While there he married Miss Margaret Taylor, of Johnson City, Tenn., who survives.

After living in Plymouth a short while, Mr. and Mrs. Getsinger moved to Johnson City where he served as cashier of the Peoples Bank of that city for several years. About three years ago he was taken ill and since that time he has been receiving treatment in various hospitals and sanatoriums in Philadelphia and Raleigh, but failed to find permanent relief. He returned to his home in a few days ago he battled courageously for life when pneumonia set in, causing death.

Interment will be made in a Johnson City cemetery tomorrow afternoon, according to messages received by relatives here last night.

BASEBALL MEET THURSDAY NIGHT

Few Present at Meeting Last Night; Several Officers Elected

The first steps toward organizing a four-county baseball league in this section were taken here last night when representatives of Beaufort county met here with several local people interested in the game. Bertie and Washington counties failed to send representatives at the meeting, unfavorable weather probably keeping them away.

While the organization was not perfected at the meeting last night, the matter was discussed at length and officers were elected. Mr. C. A. Harrison, of this place, was made president of the league and Mr. L. T. Fowden, also of Williamston, was named as secretary-treasurer. Mr. Harrison will also represent this county on the executive committee. Beaufort county will be represented on the executive committee by Mr. Tod Maxwell, of Washington.

That the organization of the league might be completed as soon as possible, local supporters are planning to visit the neighboring towns today and discuss the matter further. Should the representatives meet with success today, an effort will be made Thursday night to organize a county team at a meeting here.

Adequate rules were mentioned at the meeting last night to assure the successful operation of a four-county league once an organization is effected.

Everyone interested in taking part in the play or would like to see a league formed is asked to meet at Mr. L. T. Fowden's office here at 7:30 next Thursday evening. If forming a team in this county a number of players is expected from neighboring towns and communities.

Steals Automobile After Escape from Road Force

Escaping from a Washington county road force, a prisoner stole the car belonging to M. L. Basnight, of Plymouth, and was making his way toward his home in South Carolina when the gas ran out of the machine and the Negro continued on his way by foot. The car was abandoned near Corey's store on the highway leading to Washington. Sunday morning Sheriff Roebuck was called to investigate the case, and he found that it belonged to the Plymouth man.

URGE EXTENSION OF POLICIES NOW BEING PURSUED

Against Any Drastic Reduction in Number of Teachers

LAW IS EXPLAINED

Lowering of Standard of Efficiency of County Schools Also Opposed in Meeting Here Friday

A liberal interpretation of the newly passed school law for the operation of the Martin County schools was almost unanimously endorsed at a meeting here last Friday afternoon when members of the county board of education, county board of commissioners, the committee on the several schools, and other interested citizens gathered to discuss the application of the law and what may be expected under either the liberal, medium, or drastic stem of rules developing out of the school law.

While the definite outcome of the meeting can not be determined at this time, the voice of the meeting Friday afternoon agreed that the same policies in force during the past year be followed as far as possible in the operation of the schools during the coming term. A drastic or even a medium lowering of the standard of efficiency was strongly opposed.

During the afternoon discussion, the operation of the schools under the three possible interpretations of the new law was explained. Supt. R. A. Pope, who has given the law much careful study, stated that under the drastic interpretation of the school act, Martin County's teaching staff would be decreased from 82 to 54 teachers, thereby increasing the teaching load on some schools, under certain conditions, to as high as 60 or 70 pupils for one teacher. The average daily teaching load under this interpretation would be 45 or more pupils for each instructor.

2-YEAR-OLD BOY DIES IN HOSPITAL

Son of Prof. and Mrs. W. T. Overby Is Victim of Ptomaine Poison

John William, the two-year-old son of Professor and Mrs. W. T. Overby, of Jamesville, died in a Richmond hospital Sunday night after an illness of around two weeks' duration. The little fellow ate some soup about two weeks ago and, according to physicians, ptomaine poison set in, weakening the child, and finally causing death.

Interment is being made this afternoon at the home of his parents in Margarettsville, Gates County.

NOTED ORATOR DIES SUNDAY

Colonel Harry Skinner, of Greenville, Dies After Long Illness

Colonel Harry Skinner, one of the State's most brilliant orators for a number of years and a leading lawyer, died at his home in Greenville last Sunday afternoon. He was a native of Perquimans county, and was 74 years old.

In 1875 he moved to Greenville to practice law, later serving in the North Carolina legislature. He refused the nomination on the Populist ticket for governor in 1892. He served two terms in Congress, during which time he advocated many measures that have since become the base of our Federal Reserve system. He also procured all necessary data on the inland waterways that have since developed into a valuable asset for Eastern North Carolina. He also served as District Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina for two terms and was president of the State Bar Association. For several years he has been in declining health and for months he was an invalid. Interment was made yesterday afternoon in a Greenville cemetery.

VILMA BANKY AT WATTS THEATRE AGAIN TONIGHT

Vilma Banky in "The Awakening" playing a second time at the Watts theatre tonight, was declared a most pleasing star in one of the best pictures here last night by many who attended in spite of disagreeable weather.

WATTS THEATRE

Wednesday May 22
BOB STEELE
in
"Headin' for Danger"
Also COMEDY

Thursday May 23
JOAN CRAWFORD
in
"Dream of Love"
Also NEWS REEL

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