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## PLANS MATURING FOR FAIR HERE

### Premium List Soon To Be Distributed; Professional Exhibitors Barred

With the premium list ready for the press, arrangements for the eighth annual Roanoke fair are going forward rapidly at this time, Manager John L. Rodgers stated yesterday. Several changes have been made in the rules and regulations controlling the exhibits, Manager Rodgers stated. "To make it a sectional fair," Mr. Rodgers stated, professional exhibitors from other sections and states will be barred from entering exhibits for prizes this year.

The association, this year, is attempting to build up a keen competitive spirit among the farmers, poultry raisers, swine breeders and others of this and the adjoining counties, the management believing that the results will be more beneficial and more marked within themselves.

Recent reports from several of the larger fairs in Maryland, and Pennsylvania state that the W. T. Stone Exhibition shows, booked for the fair here, are meeting with much success. The Cumberland, (Md.) Daily News says:

"Playing their first engagement at the Cumberland Fair the W. T. Stone Exposition Shows are holding sway on the midway with fourteen high-class shows and six of the latest and most thrilling riding devices, several of which have never made their debut before at this fair."

"The concessions as noted are all clean and present well-filled booths of high class merchandise of every variety. Fair patrons were patronizing these booths and in turn the showmen were giving out their prizes in abundance."

"On the midway the fourteen shows were offering their presentations to well-filled tents, principal among these noted were: The House of Wonders, a mystic and illusion show offering a talented company of stage stars presenting some of the highest class acts that have never been seen before only in the big time legitimate houses. Stone's Old Plantation Days, with a cast of thirty all-colored singers, dancers and comedians that put pep aplenty in their work; The All-Native Hawaiian Revue, presenting entertainers from the far off Pacific in a setting of splendorous beauty. The Congress of Fat Folks, The Law and Outlaw, Trained Animal Show, Zenobia, and others helped to make up an attractive array of outdoor amusements that the public of Cumberland can well afford to view while at the Fair this week. The shows are all clean and refined and their offerings appeal to both old and young."

"Gracing the midway the entire way is found the garden of rides, one of the most colossal collections of riding devices traveling under one banner that has ever played this exposition. Among them are: The Ferris Wheel, the Pony Circus, The Dangler, Whip, Caroussel and the Tilt-a-Whirl, the latest innovation of riding device manufacturers."

Managers W. T. Stone and J. H. Marks were seemingly everywhere last night as they attended to last minute details in their efforts to give the Cumberland fair the finest midway in its history."

## Farm Life School Opens Monday; 150 Enrolled

With a large number of parents and visitors present, the Farm Life school opened the 1929-30 session yesterday morning, 150 children enrolling for work in the various grades.

Messrs. C. C. Coltrin, W. B. Harrington, R. A. Pope, C. H. Dickey, and Henry Roberson made short talks before the assembly.

The enrollment recorded yesterday is said to be larger than that of last year.

## Western Union Moves Into Up-Town Office Here Today

Telegraphic messages were handled by the Western Union Telegraph Company in its new office here for the first time this morning. The office, located in the newly built Staton stores and offices, is fully equipped and compares favorably with the stations in larger towns.

Mr. L. L. Baldwin, of Chadbourn, the company's operator here, stated yesterday afternoon that the office will offer the same service given in other offices of the company. Moving from the Atlantic Coast Line station, where messages have been handled heretofore,

the Western Union will wire money to any point, a service that has not been offered here before. The messenger service will be continued, it was stated.

The office will open at 8 o'clock each morning with the exception of Sunday, when a two-hour service will be offered, from 9 to 10 o'clock in the morning and from 5 to 6 o'clock in the evening. During the week, the office will remain open until 7 in the evening, the operator taking an hour off at lunch and another from 5 to 6 in the afternoon.

## ROBERSONVILLE WINS FIRST GAME

### Defeat Washington, 19 to 0, at Washington Friday Afternoon

Robersonville, Sept. 30.—Robersonville high school football eleven opened its season Friday by defeating Washington 19 to 0 at Washington. The game was played in real summer weather but didn't seem to show up the Robersonville lads who were determined to win. The boys from Washington put up a game fight but were unable to chalk up but one first down which was made by a penalty. The Robersonville backfield showed plenty of speed and drive. They always seemed to be sure of themselves, playing the entire game without a fumble.

At 3:30 o'clock Friday, October 4, Robersonville will meet Scotland Neck at Robersonville for the second game of the season. This should be a good game and one of interest to the local fans. The Scotland Neck boys have two victories chalked up, one against Rich Square and one against Suffolk while Robersonville only has one against Washington.

## HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER JAILED

### E. S. Nelson, of Edenton, Arrested After Wreck Sunday Night

E. S. Nelson, giving Edenton as his home, was arrested between here and Everetts Sunday night by Officer J. H. Allsbrooks and placed in jail here to face a charge of driving an automobile while in toxicated. Guy Bell, Nelson's companion, was also arrested.

According to the officers, Nelson hit a car, belonging to a Warsaw citizen, near Everetts. He is said to have continued without stopping to investigate the accident. Two boys, driving a Chevrolet coupe, reported the accident, and they, with Officer Allsbrooks, gave chase. Nelson continued this way until he reached the city limits, where he turned and started back toward Everetts. The chase continued for several miles, the officer making the arrest just this side of Everetts.

## Two Cars in Collision Here Sunday Afternoon

Two fenders were smashed and the bumper was partly torn off the Chevrolet sedan owned and driven by F. W. Curling, of Norfolk, last Sunday afternoon when the machine was hit by a Chevrolet coupe said to have been driven by John Taylor, of Robersonville. The cars collided at the intersection of highways numbers 90 and 30 at the J. K. Coltrin store here. The occupants escaped injury, it was stated.

No warrants were issued, although the case was called to the attention of a highway patrolman.

## Warrant Issued for Failure To Have Lights Repaired

A warrant charging Ira Meeks, of Cross Roads Township, with violating the automobile laws, was filed in the sheriff's office here yesterday afternoon. According to the data attached to the sheet, Meeks was warned by a highway patrolman to have his automobile lights repaired in August. The slip, showing that the repairs had been made failed to reach the patrol headquarters and the warrant was ordered issued.

As far as it could be learned, this is the first warrant of its kind to have been issued here.

## Patrolman Jails Two for Driving While Intoxicated

Charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated, Tom Laughinghouse, of Washington, was placed in the local jail Sunday afternoon by Highway Patrolman High. J. E. Paramore, riding with Laughinghouse at the time of the arrest, was also placed in the jail here, gaining his freedom yesterday morning. Bond was arranged for Laughinghouse, and he was released about noon yesterday.

The two men were three miles from here on the Windsor road when the arrest was made.

## 13 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

### Is Smaller Than Number Issued in September of Last Year

Thirteen couples, two from across the river, frowned upon "had times" when they applied for marriage licenses in the office of the register of deeds here last month. Five of the couples were white, the other eight permits going to colored applicants.

In September of last year, Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger issued sixteen licenses, and in August, this year, only eight applicants called for licenses.

The number of licenses issued to colored couples brought up the average for that race recorded last August when only one application was filed. The number in September led those issued to whites by three.

The list for the past month follows:

**White**  
Thomas S. Strickland-Lettie Brown; Robert Arthur Peel-Doshia Mizelle, of Beaufort county; Stanley Aysers-Bettie Wynn; Henry A. Hardison-Mary Gladys Wright; James Monroe Everett-Mary Magdaline Andrews.

**Colored**  
Armisted Bush-Elizabeth Darden, both of Bertie; Isom Williams-Mary Rogers; White Outlaw-Emeline Cherry, both of Bertie; Joe Henry Wiggins-Maggie Owens; James H. Williams-Julia Jane Williams; Walter Rucker-Beatrice Harrell; Alexander Slade-Lela Mae Congleton; LeRoy Jenkins-Minnie Little.

## NINE STRIKERS ARE RELEASED

### Reduce Charges Against 9 Others Charged With Aderholt Killing

Charlotte, Sept. 30.—Acting on the theory that half a loaf is better than no bread at all, the State today, at the outset of the third trial of the case, released outright nine of the 16 defendants charged with the death of Chief of Police Aderholt at union headquarters in Gastonia on June 7, and reduced the charge against the remaining seven from first degree murder to second degree murder.

Three New York women and six Gastonia men were released from the murder charge, while three Gastonia men and four organizers from without the State remain on trial. At the same time an unsuccessful effort was made to consolidate the murder cases with charges of assault with intent to kill growing out of the wounding of three of the four officers who accompanied Chief Aderholt, the seven additional defendants alone being also released outright.

Today Judge M. V. Barnhill, who has presided at all three of the trials still thought that nearly three weeks would be required for the trial. However, Solicitor John G. Carpenter, who reduced the charge of the three women to second degree when the case was called at Gastonia in July and removed here and who favored the same course for the 11 men, at the last trial but yielded to the private prosecution, was more optimistic.

Although no magazine writers are present, out-of-state newspapers are as well represented at this trial as at the last one. But with the number of defendants and the charges both sharply reduced, the amount of public interest from now on is expected to depend largely upon whether there is recurrence of violence comparable to that which broke out when the trial occurred and the jurors upon being released declared that upon the evidence they had heard they would have voted for an acquittal and upon the extent to which religious beliefs are injected into the trial as a threat of the competency of witnesses.

## Regular Meeting of Kiwanis Tomorrow

The regular Kiwanis luncheon will be held tomorrow at the Woman's Club hall, with Rev. Chas. H. Dickey in charge of the program. All members are urged to be present.

## FEDERAL PRISON INSPECTOR HERE

### Says Conditions in Almost All N. C. Jails Are Excellent

"With two unusually dark exceptions, conditions in twenty-four of your State's jails are far above the average rating," Mr. W. S. Van Rensselaer, Federal prison inspector, stated yesterday afternoon following an inspection of Martin County's jail here. The jails at Kinston and Whiteville were pointed out to be the two exceptions, while the jail at Beaufort was said to be one of the best he had visited. According to the inspector, conditions in the Kinston jail warranted the removal of Federal prisoners to other quarters.

Mr. Van Rensselaer, working out of New York, only inspects the jails where Federal prisoners are held. While the Department of Justice man was inspecting the jail here, Deputy Grimes carefully avoided mentioning the conditions existing here before the new jail was built.

## CAPTURE LARGE STEAM PLANT

### 300-Gallon Still Destroyed in Hertford County Last Friday

Federal Agent F. E. Street, working out of here, with deputies captured two men and destroyed a 300-gallon capacity steam still in a swamp along Chowan river in Hertford county last Friday afternoon. Steam was furnished by a six-horse power up-right boiler.

The officers, padding quietly down the river, heard the distillers as they turned the steam to the beer, one of the deputies stating that the place was so well camouflaged that sound was about the only way the plant could have been found. Taking their boat ashore, the officers walked the improvised tramway to a platform back in the swamp, where the still operators were hard at work. Two of the men jumped into the water and mire and made their escape, while the other two surrendered rather than seek their freedom in the swamp's mire.

Fifteen gallons of liquor and 2,600 gallons of beer were destroyed along with the outfit. Oscar Twine and Willie Pierce, white, are being held in the jail here in default of bond. They will be tried in the federal court at Wilson on the 21st day of this month.

The plant is said to have been in operation for years, but according to the two men captured in the raid they had only operated it during the past six months, finding it abandoned at that time. The distillers, with their tent and other equipment camped at the plant regularly.

## Three Claim and Delivery Papers Issued So Far

Three claim and delivery papers have been served in this county on tobacco crops, according to records held in the sheriff's office here. While the number is small now, the outlook is for a large number later on.

## Sandy Ridge School Opened Yesterday

Loosing one of its teachers as a result of the recently passed school law, the Sandy Ridge school opened the 1929-30 term yesterday morning with a decreased enrollment as compared with the one of last year. Approximately 45 pupils attended the opening, it was unofficially reported this morning. The school has only two teachers this year, offering instruction through the sixth grade.

## Lawsuit Over Hen's Death Develops Complications

Last June Antoine Duminy was driving his automobile through a suburb of Toulouse when a hen belonging to Jules Pessant, a local horse-shoer, became confused at the headlights of the car, flew at them, broke one, and then died under the wheels. M. Pessant demanded 50 francs, or \$2.04, as compensation. The motorist refused to pay on the ground that the hen had smashed his headlight. The two drove to a garage where the headlight was repaired for 52 francs, or \$2.12. Thereupon M. Duminy called upon the horse-shoer to pay him the difference between the value of the hen and the cost of repairs, which was 2 francs.

The horse-shoer again declined and was sued for the 2 francs. When the case first came up M. Pessant lodged a counter claim for 150 francs, or \$6, on the ground that the slain bird was a sitting hen and that the eggs which would have been hatched were worth the amount claimed, minus the 2 francs. Thereupon M. Duminy instituted a supplementary suit claiming damages of 250 francs, or \$10.20, the cost of a new glass to his lamp and the danger incurred by using the repaired one.—New York Times.

## UNION MEETS IN COUNTY SUNDAY

### Primitive Baptists in Meet Here; Christians at Robersonville

Martin County people entertained two Church unions' last Sunday. At the Primitive Baptist union held at Skewarkey, one mile south of here, hundreds of people assembled, some going to hear the preachers and others going to greet old friends and renew acquaintances. This union embraces a dozen or more churches in this and adjoining counties and rotates from one church to another, meeting each fifth Sunday and the Friday and Saturday before.

The union of the Christian church was held at Robersonville. There, a gathering of people, estimated to number from 2,500 to 3,000 people, assembled, enjoying the services and the hospitality of those people there. This union embraces about fifty churches in the northeastern section of the State.

The entertainment at each of the unions showed the boundless hospitality of the people of the two communities where tables were heavily laden.

## MEET TO DISCUSS LEAF SITUATION

### Many Manufacturers and Growers Represented in Washington Today

With many tobacco manufacturers, and a large number of prominent representatives from this State attending, a discussion of the present tobacco situation is being held at a meeting in Washington City today. The Secretary of Agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde and James C. Stone, vice-chairman of the Federal Farm Board, are attending the conference which is being held in a committee room of the Senate office building.

A. D. MacLean, of Washington, N. C., is the spokesman for the growers. The North Carolina delegation, headed by Joseph Daniels, Clarence Poe and Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham, reached Washington early this morning. After a brief conference with Senator Simmons, the delegation met at the committee room in the Senate office building, the hearing beginning at 10 o'clock.

"Abnormally Low Price," is the subject of the conference. It has already attracted national attention. Senator Simmons received a petition signed by several hundred tobacco growers stating that tobacco is selling for less than it costs to make it and endorsing the conference.

The tentative program arranged for the conference between North Carolina tobacco growers and their spokesmen follows:

10:30—Meeting called to order by Senator Simmons. "Conditions in Eastern North Carolina as Reported to Me With Regard to Tobacco Prices."

10:40-10:50—The Spirit in Which This Conference is Held—Dr. J. M. Parrott, Lenoir County, N. C.

10:50-11:00—A Tobacco Grower's Statement of Conditions—John T. Thorne, Pitt County, N. C.

11:00-11:20—The Situation as it Affects the Business and Financial Interests of Eastern North Carolina—J. W. Holmes and Felix Harvey.

11:20-11:30—The Situation in South Carolina—Dr. W. W. Long, Director of Extension, Clemson College, S. C.

11:30-11:50—A General Review of the Situation—Hon. A. D. MacLean, Beaufort County, N. C.

11:50-12:00—A Statement by the Governor—Hon. O. Max Gardner, Raleigh.

12:00—Response by representatives of tobacco buying companies and general conference on suggestions for relief.

## Seventeen Cases Are On Recorder's Docket Today

Seventeen cases were on the docket yesterday noon for trial in the recorder's court here today. Assaults and violations of the liquor laws lead in the number of cases.

Although the docket is larger than usual, the number of cases is small considering the fact that the court has not convened since the 10th of last month, giving way at that time to the regular term of superior court.

Several of the defendants, unable to raise bond, have awaited trial in jail.

## Rain Spoils Deer Hunt on Opening Day of Season

Donning their hunting garb early this morning, several sportsmen of the community were badly disappointed when the rain fell about the time they were planning to start a big hunt for deer, forcing them to alter their plans temporarily. The deer season opened this morning, bringing out a number of the little round badges.

## County Taxes Are Due Next Monday

### LOCALS DEFEAT FARMVILLE, 33-0

#### Have Little Difficulty in First Game of Season; Reserves in Action

Playing Farmville here last Friday afternoon in a first game of the season, Coach Hood's football squad registered a 33 to 0 victory over the visitors, featuring the win with long end runs and passes and offering a defense that turned the Pitt County lads back with out a first down. With a hot summer sun over their heads and the fans, dressed in regular summer garb, cheering them on, the boys forgot the heat and started to work to make the first score two minutes after the starting whistle.

Although the visitors offered no strong opposition, they tackled hard to check the locals' onslaught. Time and again the Farmville lads would hit Williamston's line, but, standing as a brick wall, the locals would turn them back. Two penalties gave the visitors their only gain. Both teams kicked effectively, the locals slightly leading in that feature of the play.

Williamston, receiving the ball for the first play, carried the oval in the visitors' territory, Saunders catching a well-planned pass from Shearon to carry the ball over for the first score. Receiving the ball on the next kickoff, Farmville failed to gain in two attempts and kicked. In two runs the locals carried the ball to their opponents' 18-yard line, Holding taking it over the goal line, but a penalty was imposed and the run was not recorded. Again on the 18-yard line, Shearon aimed a pass to Saunders for a second touchdown. The extra point was made, bringing the score to 13 to 0.

The locals kicked to the Farmville eleven. A pass was attempted, and upon their failure to complete it, the visitors kicked to the locals. Forty yards were lost as quickly as they were gained when a 15-yard penalty was imposed and signals failed to carry in a play a few minutes later. From mid-field, Shearon made his way around end to score a third touchdown. The extra point failed. Receiving the kickoff again, Farmville failed to gain and kicked out of danger. At the half the locals were on the visitors' five-yard line. Coach Hood used a number of his subs during the last few minutes of the half.

Receiving the ball when the play was renewed, the locals made first downs at random. A pass to Saunders placed the ball in line for another score. Holding, bucking the line for the fourth touchdown. The extra point brought the score to 29 to 0. Farmville received and failing to gain through the line attempted a pass that was intercepted by Shearon. Farmville recovered the ball on a fumble in the next play, but after trying to gain through the line, a kick was ordered. In the last quarter, the locals carried the ball the length of the field for a fifth touchdown, the extra point bringing the total score to 33 to 0.

Charged with holding, the locals lost a possible score when Saunders handled a lateral pass from Holding and crossed the line with it. Oscar Anderson, jr. featured in the last play of the game.

Next Friday afternoon the locals meet Vanceboro's team here. It is understood that Vanceboro has a strong eleven this season and a close game is forecasted.

## OFFICERS GET THREE STILLS

### All Captured in Griffins Township Saturday Afternoon

Centering their activities in a small area in Griffins Township, about 8 miles southeast of Williamston, prohibition agents captured three stills and a large quantity of beer.

At their first stop, the officers found a 50-gallon still, a gallon of whisky, and a quantity of beer. The still was in operation at the time, but the distiller made his escape. The agents next picked up a still of 80-gallon capacity. The outfit was complete, and the kettle was cold. A third plant was found not far away from the second. The kettle, 100-gallon capacity, was cold.

Continuing their search, the officers found another plant and a quantity of beer, but the kettle had been removed. Visiting in Bear Grass Township, the officers captured and destroyed a small steam outfit yesterday afternoon. No arrests were made either Saturday or yesterday.

## OFFER DISCOUNT 1 PER CENT FOR EARLY PAYMENT

### Few, However, Will Be Able To Take Advantage of Discount

#### ADD PENALTY LATER Beginning February 1 One Per Cent Will Be Added Each Month Until June 1

Approximately \$25,000 in taxes will be due and payable to Martin County next Monday, furnishing a problem that many property owners will, no doubt, find hard to solve under present conditions. From next Monday until the first Monday in June, 1930, the toll will flow into the county's treasury. For many, probably even more than has ever been before, the obligation will mean great sacrifices. Those who are able can take advantage of a one-cent discount the first month, and so "go down the line" until next June the poor man will find a 4 per cent penalty added to his taxes.

The 1929 State legislature requires all the counties to offer discounts during the first few months that the taxes are due and payable and to impose penalties on those property owners who wait until February 1 to settle their accounts. During two months, December and January, the tax shall be paid at par or face value, the law provides.

The seven clauses having to do with discounts and penalties in the payment of taxes and appearing in the public laws, Chapter 344, section 805, follow:

On or before the first day of November and on or before the first day of December next after due and payable, there shall be deducted a discount of one-half of one per cent.

After the first day of November and on or before the first day of February next after due and payable, the tax shall be paid at par or face value.

After the first day of February and on or before the first day of March next after due and payable, there shall be added to the tax a penalty of one per cent.

After the first day of March and on or before the first day of April next after due and payable, there shall be added a penalty of two per cent.

After the first day of April and on or before the first day of May next after due and payable, there shall be added a penalty of three per cent.

After the first day of May and on or before the first day of June next after due and payable, there shall be added a penalty of four per cent.

Apparently the discount and penalty feature injected into the collection system will have some effect. As far as this particular section is concerned this year, the law is going to bring about a hardship on many, for the majority of the taxpayers will be unable to settle their taxes the first month, even if a 50 per cent discount were allowed. The feature inducing one to pay his taxes early is pushed far into the background by the penalty feature, for where one will get one per cent off for an early settlement, another will get four per cent added on if he waits until next May to settle.

It is very evident that a large majority of the taxpayers in this county will not be able to effect settlement by the last of October, the time the first discount is spent. And it will be in February, March, April, and even May before hundreds will be able to square their accounts.

Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger and his assistants have been busily engaged during the past several weeks preparing the books preparatory to turning them over to the sheriff.

## THIRTY-EIGHT ENROLLED AT CROSS ROADS YESTERDAY

### Thirty-eight children enrolled for instruction in the Cross Roads school yesterday morning; according to an unofficial report received here yesterday afternoon.

The decrease reported in the enrollment is due to the fact that many of the pupils are going to other towns to attend school, it was pointed out. The school lost one of its teachers this year.

## Miss Sleeper Judging at Pitt County Fair Today

Miss Lora E. Sleeper, Martin County's home agent, is assisting in the judging of exhibits in the woman's department at the Pitt County Fair in Greenville today. The unusually large number of exhibits is requiring the services of several judges, it was stated.

**WATTS THEATRE**

Wednesday October 2

**BOB CUSTER**

in "Heading Westward"

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Thursday-Friday October 3-4

**WM. HAINES**

in "A MAN'S MAN"

Also NEWS and COMEDY

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