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June 15-20 Will Be Clean-Up Week Here

URGE CITIZENS TO TAKE PART IN MOVEMENT

Sponsored By the Woman's Club Has Support of the Town and Kiwanians

Sponsored by the Woman's Club and supported by the town commissioners and the Kiwanis club, next week has been set aside as "Town Clean-up Week."

That section of the law requiring owners to clean up their vacant lots, has been officially cited to the public, and while it is not the desire of the authorities to prosecute any cases, it is their desire to have the people join in the clean-up movement.

Each year, a clean-up movement has been observed here, and the one this year is expected to be the most thorough ever planned.

"Since the paving of our streets and sidewalks, the civic pride as well as individual pride in the beauty and attractiveness of our pretty old town has increased several hundred points. The home owners have more than ever before fixed up, cleaned up, and beautified their premises this spring. But since there are still some vacant lots and other premises around town that still need attention, the city fathers, the Kiwanis Club, and the Woman's Club have joined their strength together to completely clean up the whole town."

"The colored people are especially urged to enter in this campaign. In order that we may rid the town of flies we are asking everybody to join in this clean-up crusade. The town will furnish plenty of extra trays or trash carts next week, and if the carts do not get around, a call to the mayor's office will bring one at once."

NORFOLK HAS A \$3,000,000.00 FIRE

Blaze Sweeps Over Six City Blocks There Late Last Sunday Afternoon

Fire, sweeping over six blocks along Norfolk's water front late Sunday afternoon, resulted in a property loss estimated at about three million dollars and injury to more than fifty firemen and citizens.

Starting in or near the Buxton Lines warehouse on the Old Dominion piers, the blaze, swept by a strong wind, rapidly spread to other buildings, and an hour after the first alarm, a general call was made to fire companies all over Norfolk, Portsmouth, the U. S. Navy Yard, Newport News, Suffolk and Elizabeth City. One fire engine and 3,000 feet of hose, belonging to the City of Norfolk and valued at more than \$25,000, were destroyed in attempt to check the blaze that sent smoke and sparks over a large area of the city.

Several firemen were badly burned, one seriously during the more than four hours that the fire was out of control.

A report stated that the blaze started from an explosion on a boat, but it was not official, however.

The firemen and apparatus used were pushed back block by block until a stand was taken with more than seventy streams of water turned on the blaze. Several fire boats worked on the blaze from points just off the burning docks. One boat, operating between points along the Atlantic seaboard, was damaged by the blaze, it was stated.

Occupants of two hotels, near the scene of the vast blaze, left their rooms, but neither of the two buildings were burned.

The fire was described as one of the worst in the history of Norfolk.

Officials To Determine Market Opening Dates

Meeting in Asheville this week the United States Tobacco Association, R. B. Carrington, president, will name the opening dates for the various tobacco markets in Georgia, South and North Carolina. No drive, as yet, has been current for an early opening. However, an early opening is likely to be urged for this belt, as the crop is further advanced now than it was at the same time last year, as a whole.

CAR BELONGING TO JULE JAMES STOLEN FRIDAY

Thieves Borrow Mule from Nearby Neighbor To Tow Auto Away

The Model A Ford coupe, belonging to Mr. Jule James, was stolen last Friday night, officers up until this morning having failed after a thorough search to recover the machine.

Parked in a shed at the home of his brother, who lives at the old Daniel and Staton Mill, about four miles from here, the machine was pulled away behind another car some time before midnight. Investigating the theft Sheriff Roebuck learned that some one went to the home of Johnnie Savage, a mile away, and took one of his mules from the stables. It is believed that the rogues took the mule in an attempt to pull the car from the shed without waking the owner. The animal returned to the Savage home, and the harness was found near the mill. Mr. James had the switch key in his pocket, and it is believed that the rogues pushed the car from the shed and pulled it with another automobile a distance from the home before rearranging the wires to start the motor.

MASONIC LODGES HAVE LECTURER

Will Complete Work In the County at Robersonville Next Saturday

Assistant Grand Lecturer Marquette of the Masonic fraternity, is giving a series of lectures in the Skewerke Lodge here and the Stonewall Lodge at Robersonville this week. In addition to his series of lectures he is conducting daily classes emphasizing the work in the first, second, and third degrees.

Coming here from Statesville, Mr. Marquette held his first classes yesterday afternoon, and last night he lectured to a group of Masons representing all parts of the county.

After handling first degree instruction here yesterday and in Robersonville today, he will return here tomorrow to continue his instruction having to do with second degree work. He will continue that work in Robersonville Thursday. Friday he starts here on third degree work, and concludes his stay at Robersonville Saturday. Arrangements are being made to have Mr. Marquette visit Concho Lodge at Hamilton before he leaves. Members of the three lodges in this county are taking much interest in the series of lectures, it was stated.

Settlement Is Effected In Ward-Roebuck Car Wreck

A settlement of the case growing out of the Ward-Roebuck automobile wreck near Windsor several days ago, was effected in Windsor last Saturday when the defendant Ward, of Norfolk, agreed to pay the plaintiff \$200. Several hearings were held in the case, the plaintiff, through his counsel, dropping the case upon the conditional payment of the specified sum.

Jamesville 4-H Club Girls To Give Ice Cream Supper

The 4-H club girls of Jamesville are giving an ice cream supper in the school building there Friday at 7:30 p. m. in an effort to raise funds with which to send a representative to the short course in Raleigh this summer. The public is cordially invited to attend and assist the girls in the undertaking.

TOBACCO FIELDS THREATENED BY BUD WORM NOW

Agent Tells of Methods for Controlling Bud and Horn Worms

Escaping with little or no resulting damage from blue mold disease, many tobacco fields in this county are now threatened by the tobacco bud worm, according to County Agent T. B. Brandon. During the past few days, the agent has received many reports from farmers throughout the county, stating that the pest was doing much damage to the crop.

Mr. Brandon, discussing the worm and methods for its control, stated: "Tobacco worms are well-known pests to North Carolina tobacco growers. There are two kinds of worms responsible for the damage, as most growers know. (1) The tobacco bud worm; (2) the tobacco horn worm. The pests cause many thousands of dollars' damage to the tobacco crop each year, and growers should make every effort to control these insects."

"The tobacco bud worm is closely related to the corn ear worm and feeds in the tips of the growing plants. The best known method of control is to apply poisoned corn meal to the buds. Mix 1 pound of arsenate of lead with 75 pounds of corn meal (or 6 heaping teaspoonfuls of arsenate of lead to 1 peck of corn meal)."

Carefully mix the poison throughout the corn meal. The meal should not contain much coarse husk. About 12 pounds of the mixture (arsenate of lead and corn meal) or 1 peck per square is necessary for each application.

"Do not substitute Paris green, calcium arsenate, or any other poison for the arsenate of lead. Do not substitute any other material for the corn meal."

"A small pinch of the poison mixture should be dropped into the center of bud. Applications carelessly made are of no value. When the buds are closed they should be opened with one hand and the mixture dropped in with the other. Do not apply too much of the poison mixture as an overdose will injure the plants."

"From three to five applications during a season will usually give control. Applications should be begun when a careful examination of the buds show that the worms are becoming numerous. The applications should be made a week apart."

"The tobacco horn worm is well known by all tobacco growers. The damage by this pest is often very severe. Arsenate of lead applied as a dust has given best results in the control of the horn worm. As a dust, the arsenate of lead should be applied at the rate of 3 1-2 pounds to 5 pounds per acre. If applied as a spray, use from 3 to 4 pounds of arsenate of lead to 100 gallons of water."

"The 'one-in-six' mixture (1 pound of paris green with 5 pounds of arsenate of lead) used for the flea beetle will control the horn worm. See circular on tobacco flea beetle for information about the tobacco flea beetle. Do not substitute any other material for those recommended."

For detailed information about the tobacco horn worm write for Farmers Bulletin 1356, 'The Tobacco Horn Worm.'"

Chamber of Commerce Meeting at Oak City

The importance of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce work in the agricultural sections of the State was stressed by Mr. Newell G. Bartlett, secretary of the organization, in a speech at Oak City last week. The organization during the past few years has advanced the cause of landowners and taxpayers in this part of the State, and is deserving of a loyal support.

At the meeting last week in Oak City, five citizens joined the organization. A barbecue dinner was served, with J. W. Hines acting as toastmaster.

Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Gardner Dies

John Robert Gardner, eighteen months old, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gardner, in Williams Township Sunday after an illness of three weeks. The little fellow died of colitis.

Funeral services were held from the home yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Harris, of Washington, conducting the last rites. Interment was in the R. B. Gardner burial ground, near the home.

North Carolina has on the average 65 people per square mile of land area.

SIX COUNTY SCHOOLS MAY BE CLOSED

County Man Gets 10 Tons of Guano for Note Made in 1870

Real Honesty and the Idea of Fair Dealings Triumph Over Statute of Limitations When Son Willingly Meets Obligation Made by His Father

The statute of limitations has figured in many cases, often pushing honesty into the background, but honesty and the idea of fair dealings triumphed in a case recently disclosed here.

Back in 1870 Thomas Burroughs, resident of this county until his death about 45 years ago, gave Robert Rogers, a neighbor, a note for \$250. It was just a plain note, had no seal on it, and did not advance the cause of issuance. When Mr. Rogers died, he divided the property, giving to Mr. Henry Rogers the farm and certain papers. Recently, Mr. Henry Rogers' son, Lester Rogers, was looking over the papers left his father by his father's father and found the note.

Finish Revaluation Williams Township

DISTRICT FIRST TO END WORK UNDER NEW LAW

Real and Personal Property Values Drop from \$452,000 To \$401,000

With the possibility that a few adjustments will be made later on, property revaluation in Williams Township was made complete last Saturday, the district being the first to complete the work in accordance with the new law passed in connection with the revaluation of properties.

According to a report made by Mr. Lucian Hardison, lister in the township, property values there dropped from \$452,000 in 1930 to \$401,000 this year, a decrease of approximately 11.3 per cent. Fourteen thousand of the fifty-one thousand dollar loss was reported in personal property values, placing the percentage loss in real estate values at nine and one-half per cent. The loss is within one-half of one per cent of the decrease allowed by the recent law passed by the State legislature, and leaves an adjustment margin of only \$1,000, Mr. Hardison stated.

It was learned from the report filed by Mr. Hardison that approximately 10 per cent of the property in the township was raised in value, but the greater portion of the values were lowered or were left unchanged.

While the personal property loss was \$14,000, as compared with \$37,000 real estate drop, the personal percentage decrease is greater in proportion to the percentage loss in real estate values.

Other townships in the county are working feverishly to effect adjustments within the 10 per cent limit allowed by law. In those districts where the revaluation work was completed before the legislature established the 10 per cent reduction limit in real values, the work is being rechecked and values are raised where occasion demands.

MAN ARRESTED WITH LIQUOR

Officers Find Liquor in Jno. James' Home In Free Union Section

John James, alleged by officers to be the king of liquor dealers in the Free Union section of this county, was arrested at his home there Sunday evening by Federal Agents C. S. Coats and G. B. Crook. James was placed under a \$300 bond for his appearance at the October term of Federal court in Washington.

Armed with a search warrant, the officers searched James' home and found a gallon and a half of liquor. Suspicion has centered around James for some time, but the search Sunday evening resulted in the first evidence the agents have been able to establish.

The land area of North Carolina is 48,740 square miles; the mater area 3,686 square miles, making a total area of 52,426 square miles—approximately one thousandth part of the earth's surface.

ARREST THREE FOR ATTEMPTED THEFT OF AUTO

Joe Isui, Jimmy George and Andy Ellis, of Brooklyn, Jailed Last Night

Three white boys, giving their names as Joe Isui, 22; Jimmy George, 20; and Andy Ellis, 19; were jailed here last night by Chief W. B. Daniel and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and are appearing in recorder's court today on attempted theft charges.

The boys, stating they were from Brooklyn, were observed here yesterday afternoon by officers. At that time they were traveling toward the river asking rides of passing motorists. In jail here this morning the boys stated they were traveling south, but yesterday they were headed north. Later in the day they were seen in several parts of the town prowling around automobiles. They were said to have been seen inspecting Harold Everett's car, parked on a side street, and the car of Bill Cherry on Main Street. A short time after that they were seen prowling around Mrs. Fannie Crawford's car on Haughton Street, and shortly after that two of them were arrested near the home of Mr. P. H. Brown, on Simmons Avenue. One of the two arrested there had opened the door of Mr. Brown's car when the officers brought an end to the explorations, it was said. The third boy was arrested on the courthouse grounds, where it was believed he had made plans to steal the sheriff's car.

The officers attempted to trap the boys but their plans were exposed by citizens reporting the activities of the three while the traps were open. Sheriff Roebuck cut off the gas supply on his car, leaving enough for the boys to get in and drive a short distance. Chief Daniel parked his car in a convenient spot for the boys and hid, but the plans were thwarted each time, and the officers brought the apparent theft attempts to an end with the arrests.

The boys refused to give their street addresses, and maintained that they did not know how to operate an automobile.

CLUB MEMBERS TO GO TO CAMP

Tri-County Camp For Club Members in Beaufort, Pitt and Martin

Definite plans were made yesterday for having the best 4-H club camp ever when Misses Violet Alexander, home agent of Beaufort County; Ethel Nice, of Pitt County, and Lora E. Sleeper, of Martin County, met in Washington to complete arrangements made a few weeks previous. This is the first tri-county camp which has ever been held by these counties. The dates for the camp will be later than usual this year, owing to encampments of Episcopal church young people's organizations. Camp Leach, visited some days ago, will again be the camp site. The camp is undergoing many improvements, which will be much appreciated by the campers.

Three chaperones will go from each county to assist with the programs. The 4-H club members will go to camp July 14, each camper asked to be in camp by 3 p. m. The fee will be \$1.50, besides food. No 4-H club member will be admitted if he or she has failed to do the required amount of work during the past six months. Further details will be given concerning the camp some time in the future.—Reported.

MORE ACCIDENTS IN LESS MILEAGE

Auto Mileage Decreased 10 Per Cent Last Year and Accidents Increase

Although there was an indicated decrease of about 15,000,000,000 miles in motor-vehicle mileage in this country in 1930, equivalent to about 10 per cent, the number of automobile accidents increased 12 per cent, deaths increased 4 per cent and injuries increased 13 per cent, according to a compilation of the Travelers Insurance Company.

The survey shows that the gasoline consumption for motor cars in 1930 was 12,600,000,000 gallons, compared with 12,934,330,000 gallons in 1929. Deaths from automobile accidents in 1930 totaled 32,500, compared with 31,215 in the preceding year, it was reported.

In the death of more than 28,000 persons, the cars involved had nothing wrong with them which contributed to the cause of the accident.

By far the largest percentage of persons injured in automobile accidents during the year were either the occupants of cars or hit by cars that also had no apparent mechanical defects. The figures indicate that nearly 95 per cent of the injured toll of more than 960,000 were the victims of automobiles in good condition.

Sent To Prison for Killing Former Martin County Boy

Charlie Penwell, young white man of Tarboro, was sentenced in an Edgecombe county court last week to 12 months in prison for the killing of Leiford Gardner there early in May. Gardner, a former Martin County boy, was fatally cut in a fight with Penwell several days before his death.

Small Schools Suffer Under Terms of Law

ACTION PENDING

Must Prove Present Plan of Operation Is Cheaper Than Consolidation

Six Martin County white schools, three in the elementary and three in the high school group, are subject to be closed and consolidated with other units, according to an interpretation of the new school law made public recently. That these schools will be closed and consolidated with other units is not certain at this time, but under the new law the provisions for closing and consolidating the small schools will be strictly enforced, it is understood.

The new school law provides that no elementary school can be operated, except under extraordinary circumstances, if the average daily attendance during the preceding year was less than 22. The same provision is carried for high schools with an average daily attendance of less than 50.

Using these figures as a basis of assumption, and ignoring any other factors that might be brought into consideration, the elementary schools at Angertown, Spring Green, and Poplar Run, and the high schools at Hamilton, Bear Grass, and Everetts will be closed and consolidated with other units in the county, it is understood. Little authority rests with the county board of education in preventing the operation of the law, it is understood. However, it was unofficially learned that the proposed consolidations will not be effected if facts and figures, supported by the minutes of the county educational body, show that the schools can be operated more cheaply under the present system than they can be under the consolidation plan.

A complete interpretation of the law is not available at this time, but there are approximately 450 small elementary and 175 small high schools in the State that are likely to be affected by the 1931 school law.

The elementary schools in this county that are likely to be affected by the new law, had a total average attendance last term of 46.58 pupils, divided as follows: Spring Green, 16.37; Angertown, 19.24; and Poplar Run, 10.61. The three high schools, considered under the new law, reported an average daily attendance of 94.52, divided as follows: Hamilton, 20.16; Bear Grass, 35.92; and Everetts, 94.52.

Leroy Martin, secretary of the State Board of Equalization, stated Saturday that the provision will be strictly enforced, it being the opinion of the board that the provision strikes at one of the most uneconomic phases of school administration.

Carrying out of the law will mean that about half of the 900 one-teacher schools in North Carolina will vanish and that there will be not only further consolidation of elementary schools but of high schools as well, many small counties now having numerous high schools, some of which have only one or two teachers. The law will also do away with some high schools with three teachers, that number being allowed under the present law, where the average daily attendance is 45 or more.

ERECTING TWO GAS STATIONS

Number Stations In Town Will Soon Be Increased To Seventeen

Two new filling stations are under construction here at the present time, one near the river wharf and a second one between the Roanoke-Dixie and Planters warehouses. The Harrison Oil company is erecting the one at the intersection of the river road and Highway No. 30, near the wharf. According to present plans the station will be completed within two weeks.

While all indications would lead one to believe that he was building a filling station near the warehouses, Mr. Sid Mobley stated only a few days ago that he wasn't planning to build one there.

With the completion of the station near the river and the one at the warehouses, if it is one, the town will have seventeen service stations with two more just across the town line.