

Personnel Planters Warehouse Here Is Completed Monday

CLAUDE GRIFFIN, ROY GRIFFIN AND TAYLOR PROPS.

Three Men Are All Well-Known To Farmers of This Section

The personnel of the Planters Warehouse here was completed this week when Messrs. Claude Griffin, W. Joe Taylor, and Roy T. Griffin formed a partnership to operate the house during the season opening the first of September. These three men are well known to the farmers of this section, and they have been connected with the warehouse business here for a number of years. They are experts in their work, and the partnership will, no doubt, be well received by the farmers of this entire section.

Mr. Claude Griffin has been one of the leading warehousemen of the town for several years, having made a splendid record in the copartnership at the Roanoke-Dixie. He is ably supported by Mr. Taylor, warehouseman-farmer. Mr. Roy Griffin, an office man of note, will have charge of the office, it was stated.

Mr. Roy Meador, a tobaccoist of many years' experience, will auctioneer for the house this year, it was announced yesterday by the proprietors. Mr. Meador was with the house last season.

Noah Peel, prominent farmer of Griffins Township, James E. Griffin, an old employee on the local market, with Mr. R. T. Griffin, will handle the book and office work.

Mr. Ben Roberson, of Griffins Township, assisted by Mr. Henry Johnson, of Gold Point, both prominent farmers, in their sections, will be the floor manager for the house. Mr. Johnson will also take part in soliciting tobacco for the house, it was announced.

Preparations for opening the market here are going forward very rapidly. Repairs are being made to the houses and arrangements are virtually complete for the opening the first of September.

DEATH OF MRS. MARTHA PRICE

Elder Cowin Conducts Last Rites at the Late Home Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. Martha Price, widow of the late William Price, of this county, died at her home in Bear Grass Township, last Saturday at 9 o'clock p. m., following an illness lasting more than two weeks.

Mrs. Price was born in Pitt County, near Whichards, 53 years ago, the daughter of the late Ashley Martin and wife. In early youth she moved with her parents to this county, marrying Mr. Price, about 18 years ago. Two children, Henry 16, and Fannie Price, 14, survive. She also leaves one brother, Mr. J. W. Martin, former sheriff of Edgecombe County.

Funeral services were held from the late home, near Bear Grass, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was in the burial ground at the home place.

Scouts To Have Court of Honor Here Friday Night

Members of two Boy Scout Troops at Robersonville and Williamston will participate in a Court of Honor at the courthouse here next Friday night at 8 o'clock, it was announced today by Scoutmaster Wheeler Martin. Nine scouts from Robersonville and a like number from here are expected to qualify for merit badges at the honor court Friday evening. The public is invited.

Commerce Body Makes Survey of Rail Property

In an effort to determine the value of all railroad properties in this county, the Interstate Commerce Commission is conducting a survey here at the present time. Attorney Knight, of Washington, D. C., is studying the property values and will be here from four to six weeks in completing the work, it is understood.

Escapes Injury When Car Plunges Down Creek Fill

Mr. J. B. Barnhill, of Everetts, miraculously escaped injury when his car tore through the guard railing and plunged down the embankment at Sweet Water Creek early last Saturday. The car, an Oakland sedan, was badly damaged.

DIES WHILE ON VISIT TO SISTER

Last Rites for Mrs. L. J. Blakey To Be Held Today in Cardiff, Md.

Mrs. L. J. Blakey, of Baltimore, Md., died at the home of her sister, Mrs. B. A. Critcher, here Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Mrs. Blakey, suffering with Bright's Disease, had been ill for some time, and during the past several months she had spent much time in a Kinston hospital, coming here about two weeks ago to visit Mrs. Critcher and family.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George K. Proctor, of Cardiff, Md., Mrs. Blakey lived in Baltimore following her marriage, but during the past few months and until two weeks ago, she was with her husband, who is liquidating agent for the defunct national bank in Kinston.

The body accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Critcher and children, Burras, jr., and Alta, and Messrs. S. R. Biggs and Charles Mobley, was carried by motor to Mrs. Blakey's childhood home in Cardiff, where the last rites are being held this afternoon.

Messrs. Mobley and Biggs returned at noon today.

2 TRAINS TAKEN FROM NORFOLK BRANCH A. C. L.

Local Postal Patrons Are Likely To Ask for Bus Mail Schedules

Mail schedules and passenger service, to a small extent, were affected Sunday when the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company discontinued two trains running between Norfolk and Rocky Mount. The change, however, caused no great delay in either mail or passenger service.

Mail dispatched from the local office at 9:44 a. m. does not reach Norfolk until 6:15 that evening, whereas it reached there about 2 o'clock the same day before the trains were discontinued. Mail received here from Norfolk at 4:28 has to be mailed before 9 in the mornings, whereas before the change letters mailed around 11 o'clock in Norfolk would reach here that afternoon at 4:28 p. m.

While no action has been taken to better the mail service between this point and Norfolk and between here and Raleigh, Postmaster Jesse T. Price stated that by handling mail over the late bus of the Virginia Beach line, it would be possible to mail a letter here at 8:30 in the evening and have it delivered in Norfolk before the mail is dispatched from the local office under the present schedules. Mr. Price explained that by routing late mail over the bus line, it would reach Edenton in time to catch the Norfolk Southern train playing between Raleigh and Norfolk, making possible a quick mail service between this point and Norfolk and between this point and Raleigh.

This possible schedule is likely to be asked for by local postal patrons, it is understood.

Local Fire Company Has Good Record for Half Year

During the first six months of the year, the local fire company answered 17 calls, a number slightly less than the number recorded during the first six months of 1930, it was learned yesterday from records maintained by the department. Damage in 13 of the 17 calls was very limited, while in four other cases the losses were estimated at \$3,675, the greater portion of this amount being confined to the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ray in New Town. The company has not had a call since June 15.

Politicians Meet With the Legionnaires at Morehead

The North Carolina department of the American Legion is meeting in Morehead City this week, and press reports would indicate that a battle is still on. But this time it is the politicians who are doing the fighting with the war fighters constituting the audience. Every candidate for office, almost, has gone before the legionnaires, which within itself indicates that there is strength in the legion's vote.

Fred Jenkins returned to his home in Charlotte Sunday after visiting relatives here and in Robersonville for several days.

GEORGIA OPENING PRICES 7 TO 25 CENTS TODAY

BEGIN DREDGING WORK AT MOUTH ROANOKE RIVER

Senator E. S. Askew Not Impressed with Plans Of Engineers

Discussing the dredging work started recently in the mouth of Roanoke River, Senator E. S. Askew, of Merry Hill, this week stated that he was not at all impressed with the engineers' plans. Mr. Askew is of the opinion that the government engineers have made a big mistake in their plans changing the channel from the north side of the lighthouse to the east side.

In supporting his opinion, Mr. Askew stated that the old channel could have been dredged to a depth of fifteen feet at about the same cost as will be required in dredging a new channel, 10 feet deep, on the opposite side of the lighthouse. In the old channel there is a mud bottom which could have been handled much easier than the task of removing stumps and logs from the new path where two large dredges are now at work, Mr. Askew explained.

There are two distinct curves in the new channel, and the Bertie man believes that two beacon lights will be necessary to safe passage in and out of the river. He also believes that it will be impossible to either get in or get out of the river when heavy fogs fall, and that a line of barges cannot be successfully brought in or taken out without a danger of grounding. The old channel, Mr. Askew continued, is wider and straighter and could be navigated in the dark and fog by the aid of a fifteen second bell stationed in the lighthouse.

Mr. Askew stated, however, that he is only a layman and that he might be wrong; yet, he says he has much confidence in the laws of nature and the experience of navigators and observation of men as he has in the scientific guess of an engineer.

Efforts to get a better entrance to the Roanoke have been made at various times and by many shippers for several years, and after much delay dredging work was started there recently.

Living at the west end of Albemarle Sound, Senator Askew is very much interested in the dredging work just as he is interested in the welfare of the whole State and its people. He was recently appointed a member of the State Board of Conservation and Development for a six-year term, and in that work he is especially interested. His home is located about north of the lighthouse stationed in the mouth of the Roanoke, and although the sound is his front yard and his farm line fence, he can't fish there because the particular water is a natural spawning place for the famous white shad.

CHARGED WITH STEALING CORN

Jasper William In County Court Today Facing Larceny Charge

Jasper Williams, colored boy, is scheduled to appear before Judge Bailey in recorder's court today for removing corn from the warehouse of Harrison Brothers and Company last week. Williams is alleged to have entered the front door of the warehouse and carried approximately two bushels of corn out a rear door. He hid the corn back of a Washington Street store and later sold it to C. O. Moore and Company. Mr. Moore, believing the corn was stolen, started an investigation and it was virtually established at that time that the boy had removed the corn from the warehouse.

TWO CAPTURED AT LIQUOR STILL

Andrew Mobley and Jodie Haislip Fall Into Hands of Law Sunday

Andrew Modley and Jodie Haislip, both white, were arrested at a liquor still in Robersonville township, between the towns of Robersonville and Gold Point Sunday morning by Officers Roebuck and Roebuck, William Gray, and C. S. Goats. The two were given a hearing that morning and released from the county jail Monday afternoon, Mobley furnishing bond in the sum of \$500, and Haislip \$200.

The plant, an old steam outfit, was destroyed. Haislip stated that he had been at the still only a few minutes when the officers arrived. Mobley, charged with operating the plant, denied ownership and refused to tell the name of the owner.

Few Tobacco Barns Burned This Year; Season Half Over

Few, if any, tobacco barns have been burned in this section since curing was started several weeks ago, according to reports coming in from all parts of the county week. More than 25 farmers, representing almost every section of the county, were questioned in this connection, and each stated that he had not lost or heard of a barn being destroyed by fire in his section.

So far the loss by fire has been the smallest known in this section in years. However, the season is hardly half over, and there might

be a different tune before the work is completed. Farmers in certain sections of the county are carrying group insurance, but the practice is not being followed to any great extent, many farmers accepting their own individual risks. It is believed, however, that more farmers, were they in a better financial condition, would carry insurance on their curing houses and tobacco.

Comparatively few barns have been lost by fire in other near-by counties, according to reports reaching here.

MASONIC PICNIC TO DRAW MANY

Local Lodge Members Will Have Charge of Beach Bath Houses

With favorable weather prevailing, large crowds are expected to attend the annual Masonic picnic at Eden House Beach Thursday of this week. Sixteen lodges in Eastern Carolina are cooperating to make the affair a success, and in years past the events have received a hearty support from thousands of people.

Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, here is taking part this year, and its members will have charge of the bath houses, it was stated. Members of other lodges will have charge of various amusements and lunch counters.

Each lodge makes a donation for the purchase of various articles and the complete proceeds go to the Oxford Orphanage. Many people from this immediate section are planning to attend, it is understood.

MANY FARMERS AT CONVENTION

Number from This County Receiving Special Work At Raleigh Meeting

More than 1,000 men and women from all over the State were in Raleigh this morning for the opening of the annual State Farmers' and Farm Women's Convention. A number of delegates from this county left with the home agent yesterday to attend, and during the day several truck loads of the farm folks passed through including several women from Dare County.

Mr. H. G. Ashcraft, president, formally opened the convention this morning, William A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, extending the visitors a welcome.

Each year, hundreds of North Carolina farmers and farm women go to Raleigh for training in various farm and home practices, early indications pointing to the most successful convention this week ever held by the agriculturists. The convention will be brought to a close next Friday and Saturday.

FIRE AT RAY'S CAMP MONDAY

Destroys Two Buildings; Blaze Believed To Be of Incendiary Origin

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a small residence and a log cabin and threatened several other buildings at Ray's Camp, on Gardner's Creek, near Jamesville, early last evening. It could not be learned whether insurance was carried covering the loss, estimated at \$400.

Mr. F. S. Dawes, taking over the operation of the camp a few days ago, had left a short while before the fire broke out for his home in Jamesville, a few miles away. He was notified at his home and rushed back to the camp. Mr. J. D. Ray, owner, built the camp several years ago and in season much fishing was carried on there.

Norfolk Undersellers Start Sale Here Next Friday at 9

Consolidating the bankrupt stock of F. C. Swanner, Washington, and the "50-50" Grocery Company stock, of Charlotte, here, the Norfolk Underselling Company, beginning next Friday morning, will offer bargain prices to the people of the section, it was stated by Mr. Jack Frank, owner, here this morning. The sale will be conducted at the old C. D. Carstarphen and Company stand, corner of Main and Smithwick Street here, and includes large stocks of groceries and general merchandise.

STRIKE LEADERS ARE ORDERED TO VACATE HOUSES

Company Said To Be Having Difficulty Securing New Laborers

Lewis Williams and Wiley Joyner, alleged leaders in the Standard Fertilizer Company labor strike last week, were yesterday ordered to vacate the houses occupied by them and belonging to the company. The ejectment orders embraced in papers signed by Plant Manager Bondurant were read to both Williams and Joyner yesterday by Chief of Police W. B. Daniel. Both the defendants, however, failed to appear at a hearing scheduled before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell here yesterday afternoon, the company setting judgment by default.

Both Williams and Joyner told Chief Daniel that they would vacate within a few hours, Williams adding that he had made arrangements to move into Joe Gorham's home at the foot of the river hill. Joyner is planning to return to his old home in Bertie, it was stated.

While quietness continues to surround the strike and no disorder is expected, operations at the plant are very limited, and unofficial reports indicate that the company is experiencing difficulty in employing more labor at its present wage scale. No alarm is expressed by the company, however, as operations at this time of the year are not very pressing in their nature.

LIGHTNING HITS SCHOOL HOUSE AT JAMESVILLE

Damage To Building Estimated at \$200; Tears Off Chimney Top

Lightning striking the school building at Jamesville last week resulted in damage estimated at more than \$200, according to Principal A. L. Pollock and County Superintendent J. C. Manning, who made an investigation last Saturday.

Approximately 200 brick were hurled from the chimney and several holes were torn in the roof of the building. The bolt failed to fire the building. No one felt the shock.

The bolt is known to be the fourth that has caused damage in the county during the past few weeks. A bolt struck a telephone terminal on Haughton Street here a few weeks ago, shocked nearby residents and burned out several radio sets. A third bolt struck a telephone pole near here on the Everetts road and splintered it completely. A transmission line pole of the Virginia Electric and Power Company was torn down at Sweet Water Creek, near here, last week.

FEW FIRMS ARE MAKING MONEY

American Telephone and Telegraph Company Reports Larger Earnings

While a marked decrease in earnings was reported by some big corporations during the first 6 months of this year, others made substantial gains, their earnings statements showing more and more money was heaped upon the pile. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company reported an increase in earnings of nearly eight and one-half million dollars. Bohn Aluminum and Brass, Colgate-Palmolive-Peet and others made substantial gains. The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company was one of the big concerns reporting a deficit during the six-months period. Paramount Pablix reported a loss of nearly three million dollars.

Local B. Y. P. U. S Enjoy Beach Picnic Yesterday

Members of the local Baptist Young Peoples Union and a number of invited guests picnicked at Eden House Beach yesterday afternoon. The picnic is an annual event planned by the members of the local B. Y. P. U.

Freak Ear of Corn Placed On Display Here Monday

An ear of corn, patterned after the human arm and hand, was displayed here yesterday and today by Mrs. W. S. Mallory, who lives between Williamston and Everetts. Especially does the freak ear of corn resemble a human hand-gloved. While the corn around the thumb part failed to develop, the remainder of the ear has a normal development.

Average Seems To Be Around 9 to 11 Cents

PRICE IS HIGHER

Blackshear Averages 10 1-2 Cents With Reynolds Buying Heavily

Opening prices reported on two tobacco markets in Georgia today averaged around 10 cents, Blackshear, one of the average markets of that state, reporting an average of 10 1-2 cents a pound, and Tifton reported an average of \$9.32 per hundred pounds.

Prices at Tifton are said to have ranged from 7 cents to 25 cents, a slightly higher figure than was reported there on opening day last year.

Reynolds was said to have been the heavy buyer at Blackshear, but reports on the activities on other companies were not available at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

A comparison of reports shows that the prices this year are slightly higher on the markets there opening day than they were on the opening day last year when an average slightly below nine cents was reported.

Poundage offered and the quality of the tobacco placed on the floors were not mentioned in the early reports received here.

Early comments by growers were not mentioned.

A marked shortage in the crop there has been reported by the government, and warehousemen are of the opinion that the poundage will be 30 to 35 per cent less than it was last season.

The nation's new tobacco crop started to market this morning, inaugurating the Federal government's first attempt to report average prices paid for standard grades and types.

Daily quotations, a part of the \$30,000 tobacco market news service authorized by the last Congress, will be posted by field offices in eight important districts. Reports will be made only on 20-45 sizes of standard medium colored or orange grade of wrappers, leaf, cutters and lugs. Accompanying trade comments will show comparable values of lemon and mahogany grades.

FEW MARRIAGES TAKING PLACE

Only Three Certificates Issued Here So Far In Month of July

"The quietness in the marital advancement of the county is reaching serious proportions," Register of Deeds J. Sam Gingsler stated here yesterday morning. Up until noon yesterday, the register of deeds had issued only three license certificates since June 30. One of the certificates went to a white couple and two to colored parties.

Marriages in the county have been more limited so far this year than last, but if now looks as if the number will reach a new low level this month. Eighteen licenses were issued from the county office last March. Twelve were issued in April, eight during May and only six last month.

IS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT ON GIRL

Spence Gurganus Is Jailed For Alleged Assault on Young Coburn Girl

Charged with criminally assaulting Helen Coburn, 19-year-old white girl, of near Robersonville, Spence Gurganus, young white man, was jailed here late yesterday, C. M. Hurst, Robersonville mayor and trial justice, who heard the preliminary action, refusing the man bond.

Gurganus is said to have called for the girl Saturday evening, explaining to her people that he was taking her to a show. The next morning, the couple is said to have returned in an allegedly drunken condition. Following a heated argument with the girl's people, the couple left in Gurganus' car a second time.

It was advanced that Gurganus carried the girl to an old vacant house, where he is said to have given her liquor and committed the alleged assault during the night.