

BIG CROWDS AT CHURCHES HERE EASTER SUNDAY

Weather Disappointing To Some and Satisfactory To Many Others

Unfavorable weather conditions proved very disappointing to some and very satisfactory to others in these parts last Sunday. Those who were prepared to take part in the fashion parade were turned back by an unrelenting rain, their fineries and latest in this and that mode of dress being unnoticed for the most part. And then there were those who had not added to their wardrobe, and for them it was a lucky day. In short, Easter will not be until next Sunday, as far as dress and styles are concerned.

The several churches reported large attendance records, although the unfavorable weather held many at home who had planned and would have attended but for the rain that fell during much of the day. The day of resurrection was appropriately observed in the several houses of worship with special programs. Even though dampened by drizzling rains and dark skies, the spirit of the day was noticed in many places throughout this little community.

A goodly number attended the sunrise prayer service in the Christian church at 5:30 that morning for the first service of the day. The Sunday school there reported an unusually large attendance.

No preaching services were held in the Presbyterian church here, but a timely Sunday school service was held with much success.

A pageant, "Youth's Quest for the Holy Grail," was successfully given in the Episcopal church Sunday evening before an unusually large congregation. No services were held in several of the churches, and the several memberships centered there for the special service.

More than 300 visitors from several adjoining counties attended the quarterly conference of the Pentecostal Holiness church here Saturday and Sunday, when appropriate Easter services were held.

The cantata, "King of Glory," given in the Methodist church at the morning hour, was enjoyed by one of the largest congregations of the day. Members of two choirs, Christian and Methodist, cooperated in the rendition of the program there.

A full week of seasonal services terminated in the Baptist church Sunday morning when a large congregation of people was assembled in the beautifully decorated church auditorium to witness a baptismal service, hear the Easter music and follow the pastor through the impressive scenes, as he recounted them, of that memorable day in Jerusalem, when, on Easter morning the tomb was found empty and the Son of God began a series of appearances before His ascension.

It is being said by many of the parishoners that this series of religious services were the best held in this church for years. The spirit of the services was unusually fine and will carry over, it is felt, into the year's work. Four members were received into the fellowship of this church, and already there is a feeling that next year at this time much emphasis should be placed on the Easter events.

DRIVES TRUCK OFF RIVER FILL

R. H. Cox Being Held In Jail Here for Hearing In County Court

R. H. Cox, recently employed by the State in its bridge maintenance department, was jailed here last Saturday afternoon for the alleged driving of a highway truck while intoxicated. He continues in jail awaiting trial in the recorder's court week after next. Cox, "airing out" with one Verna Gardner Wells, drove the truck thru the guard fence on the river fill just this side of the bridge keeper's house. He tore down several posts and cut down a small sycamore tree near the foot of the fill. Neither of the two parties was hurt, and no great damage resulted to the truck.

Cox attempted to drive the truck back to the temporary camp of the highway force, but soon abandoned the machine and started walking. He was arrested by Chief W. B. Daniel and Sheriff Roebuck.

Potato Crop Prospects Better Than Last Year

Early Irish potatoes are reported by the crop reporting service at 77 per cent of a full crop prospect in comparison with 73 last year, and 84 for the five-year average. Florida reports unusually good prospects, while South Carolina and Georgia are below their usual averages. The crop for the Southern States shows 72.5 per cent, or 11 per cent better than last year and 7 less than the five-year average.

Town Convention Will Be Held Here Friday Night

A town convention for the nomination of a mayor and five commissioners was called for next Friday evening at 8 o'clock by the town commissioners in special session here last night. The convention will be held in the City Hall, and all those interested in the town government during the next two years are invited to attend.

It is understood that the present mayor, Robert L. Coburn, and all five commissioners, Messrs. L. P. Linsley, V. D. Godwin, G. H. Harrison, Luther Peel, and N.

C. Green, are candidates for re-nomination and election. Only one contest, that for the mayorship, has been officially announced. Mr. W. T. Meadows will run for the office. It has been rumored that another candidate for mayor would ask for the nomination at the convention Friday night and that five candidates would ask the nomination over the five now in office.

Names and definite information on the rumored contest could not be learned, causing many to think that the convention will be of little interest.

SEED LOANS

Approximately 545 seed and feed loan checks have been delivered to borrowers in this county up until today, and approximately 150 more will be placed in the mails within the next few days, it was learned from the register of deeds office here today.

The total amount of the checks could not be determined yesterday, but it is estimated that approximately \$100,000 will have been borrowed by farmers in this county from the Crop Production Loan office this spring.

This is the last week that applications will be received.

CIVIL TERM OF COURT BEGAN HERE MONDAY

Court Takes Recess When Work on Calendar Is Finished Today

Convening a two-week term yesterday for the trial of civil cases only, the Martin County Superior Court heard a few cases, entered judgments agreed upon by the litigants in others, and took a recess at 4 o'clock. The several cases heard in court yesterday were of little importance, one involving no more than a \$2 rental bill. Judge Clayton Moore is presiding.

The case of Farmers and Merchants Bank against Mrs. Ada Sexton, administratrix, was settled by a agreement, the plaintiff taking nothing and the defendant paying the cost.

A similar settlement was recorded in the case of Slade, Rhodes & Company against Ed Roberson.

In the case of S. J. Tetterton against Belmar Hardison, the jury found that the plaintiff did not rent certain lands to the defendant and that the defendant had not broken any contract in connection therewith.

An agreement was also reported in the case of the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank of Raleigh against C. S. Johnson. The defendant is to remain on the property until December 31, 1933, and pay rent in the sum of \$200.

The feature case of the session yesterday was that of Jack Biggs against Hattie Brown, both colored. The plaintiff wanted to eject the defendant from his house, the suit being based, it is understood, on unpaid rent in the sum of \$1.50. The case had been heard in a justice of the peace court and later in the recorder's court, the superior tribunal's verdict in favor of the plaintiff reversing the two decisions of the lower courts. A jury heard the issues.

A recess was ordered this morning by Judge Moore, the court having caught up with the calendar. The judge stated this morning that he was well pleased with the progress of the court in that some difficult cases had been settled that ordinarily would have required several days to try.

Bailey To Ask Inclusion Of Peanuts in Farm Bill

Senator J. W. Bailey will seek to have peanuts restored to the Federal Farm Relief bill that is still under consideration by Congress. It was first written into the bill by an amendment when the Senate committee took over the bill after house passage; he was later excluded by the committee. Senator Bailey has now given notice that he will seek to include peanuts in the bill when it comes to the floor of the Senate. He says in a statement issued this week that the provisions of the bill would do more good for peanuts than for other products in the bill and calls attention to the fact that peanuts are now grown in 14 States and deserves consideration at the hands of Congress.

Misses Virginia and Vivian Taylor, of Greensboro, spent the week-end here with their mother, Mrs. H. D. Taylor.

EXPECT BETTER SEINE FISHING IN RIVER SOON

Size of Herrings Believed To Be Smallest Ever Seen In Roanoke

Approximately 6,000 herring and a few shad were caught in the first "haul" at the Fleming fishery in Jameville early yesterday morning. Second and third catches averaged about 1,200, it was said. While fair-sized catches were made all during yesterday, the fish have not as yet started to run in great numbers. Only once this season has an unusually large run of fish appeared in the river, and as many as 10,000 and 12,000 were taken at one time. But the fishery operators are looking for larger catches within the next day or two, or some time between now and about May 10, the usual time for taking the seines from the waters.

Comparatively few shad are being taken at the fishery at Jameville this year. It is believed that most of the shad are being trapped by nets in the sound. Buck shad are said to squeeze through the nets, but the roe are trapped, and as a result breeding is limited.

The size of the herring this year is the smallest ever seen by fishermen of long experience. The fish are so small, as a whole, that the plant attendants refer to them as "Hoover" herring.

Rock were being taken there today in fairly large numbers, and some of them were of unusual size. One weighed a few ounces over 25 pounds and another was almost as large.

Visitors to the fishery yesterday by the hundreds, some stating that the crowds there yesterday were the largest to visit and view the operations in several years.

LUMBER PLANT TO REMAIN IDLE

Negotiations for Purchase of McCabe Plant Here Meet with Failure

The lumber plant of the Murray & McCabe Company here will continue to remain idle, according to information learned here this week. Thompson and Company, mill operators of Bertie County, had an option on the site upon which the mill is located, but they dropped the right to buy when it was learned the plant could not be bought on account of legal entanglements surrounding the mill property.

Negotiations for the purchase of the site and the mill have been under way for some time, but the proposed sale fell through last week on account of the legal entanglements, it was said. What disposition will be made of the mill property is not known. It is believed a purchaser could be had and its operation resumed were it not for certain legal entanglements.

Employment Lower This Year Than Last in State

Reports from 200 of the 2,800 manufacturing establishments throughout this state, which are regularly contacted by the Department of Labor's representatives, indicate a decline in employment of 2.2 per cent under the same month last year. The report on production for March, 1933, is 84.6 per cent of that of a year ago. There is a note of optimism, however, in the outlook for employment for the next three months, as expressed in the statement that 12 per cent of the firms reporting expect to increase their personnel during this period while only 1 1-2 per cent are expecting to operate with fewer employees.

Durham Farmers Go In Strong for Gardens

Nearly every Durham County farmer will plant a garden this year with most of them making plans to keep the garden going the year around.

2 NEGRO MEN DIE IN AUTO WRECK NEAR EVERETTS

A Third Man Is Seriously Hurt In Early Sunday Morning Accident

Charles Garfield, colored, was instantly killed, Ned Colston, colored, was fatally injured, and Buck Brown, also colored, was badly hurt in an automobile wreck on Highway No. 90 near Everetts early Sunday morning. Garfield is said to have suffered a broken neck and died before aid could reach him. Colston, a middle aged man of large build, died a few minutes after he was removed to Robersonville. Brown was injured about the neck and back, but he is expected to recover.

Traveling toward Robersonville, the three men had just passed the first curve beyond Collier Swamp when their car gradually left the highway and turned over about 100 yards away. The top and windshield of the Ford sport roadster were smashed, and it is believed the necks of Garfield and Colston were broken when the top of the machine was leveled down to the body. Colston was caught under the car, and the other two were thrown out. A small amount of liquor was in the car, but it could not be determined whether Colston, driver of the car, was drinking. Apparently the car was being driven rapidly and gradually left the road just about the time the curve was passed.

Colston's body was removed to Williamston and held here until this evening when it was transferred to his late home in Portsmouth. The man was said to have operated a bakery in the Virginia city and going after his wife, formerly of Robersonville, when he met his death.

Garfield, it is understood, was a fugitive from justice, and was said to have accompanied Lovingood Mordecai when he was shot in an attempt to enter the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Harrison here about two years ago. He and Brown have been scouting here and there during the past few months, Brown having left this section when he was accused of mistreating his wife.

The three left Portsmouth early this morning and were planning to spend Easter in or near Robersonville.

RIVER LOWLANDS URGED FOR PART OF FOREST FUNDS

Overflow Lands of Roanoke Swamps May Come in Roosevelt Scheme

Windsor.—The Roanoke River lowlands in Bertie County would be the location for the expenditure of a part of the huge appropriation for forestry and flood control work which was made recently by Congress when it approved President Roosevelt's reforestation program, if the suggestion of Judge Francis D. Winston to Congressman John H. Kerr is followed. Judge Winston sent a letter last week to the congressman calling attention to the need for this work in the Roanoke lowlands and urging that it be undertaken. Speaking on this subject, he said:

"During the second Cleveland administration meetings were held in all the counties bordering on the Roanoke to urge Congress to reclaim those lands and protect them from freshet overflows. During slavery the low grounds of the Roanoke were largely protected by dykes and dams.

"They are the richest farming lands in the world and are on each side of the river, reaching up into Virginia. Bertie County is deeply interested in these lands, which in many instances are now idle. No skilled labor is needed. The remains of old dams point out in many instances where the work can be done. A dollar a day and board will give the government all the labor it needs for that work, and not disturb our farming or other labor problems."

Jameville Seniors Present Play There Next Friday

The members of the senior class of Jameville High School will present their annual play, "A Romantic Jump," Friday evening, April 21, at 8 o'clock. The play, a comedy-drama, is wholly original, combining good clean comedy with strong situations and interesting climaxes. A strong cast has been chosen. Additional features of chorus girls and boys will be given between acts. The play is being coached by Miss Annie V. Horner, English teacher in the high school, and the chorus is directed by Miss Louise Roebuck.

A small admission fee will be charged to help defray commencement expenses.

SAYS ASSEMBLY TO SOON FINISH AND GO HOME

Thinks Body Will Agree on Some Form of a Consumption Tax

T. W. Bost, Raleigh correspondent for the Greensboro Daily News, in his dispatch to the News Monday says "Many legislators have written home for money and summer clothes, but the general judgment is that the general assembly will be away from Raleigh almost a full month earlier than it adjourned two years ago.

"Despite the temper of the times, the mood of the assembly is far better than it was two years ago. And the further it goes the better that body gets. It is going to agree much more easily on some form of consumption tax than any vote thus far has shown. It voted down the general sales tax in the house because there appeared to be a special commodity that would be better economics and better politics. But the selected commodity embraced the worst form of general sales tax, and the general sales tax failed to incorporate the best features of the 'luxury tax'.

"Nobody is speaking for the subcommittee now at work on the revenue bill, but it isn't an organization to tie itself up everlastingly. The men on it have tremendous convictions, but if there is any member on it who can not change his mind there is no past record in legislation to identify such a perfectly put person.

"In all of these efforts at early agreement and adjournment, there are calculations without Mr. Bowie, and it never is entirely safe to leave Mr. Bowie out.

"The Bowie historic positions all fail. He was tremendous in his opposition to the taxing of foreign stocks in 1923, but he was for it in 1933. He was a wild spender in 1921, 1923, and 1925, but a very tame spender in 1933. He was vociferous in 1931 against the Bowie allies of today. They would not enact a sales tax or a selected commodity measure in 1931. He assailed them. But he will not allow them to propose such a plan in 1933. The shift Mr. Bowie isn't discredited intellectually, but his leadership lacks cohesion. The bloc can't follow him and the bloc has been splitting up all session.

"The house has had no pleasure in his absence. It likes to see him fight. He gives all that he has and breaks himself down. But nobody has satisfactorily explained why there was any more reason for tapping special taxes in 1931 than in 1933. Indeed, the need appears much greater this year than it was then.

"The point is simple enough: There really isn't any reason for a protracted stay in Raleigh. There will be a quick agreement on some form of revenue that will balance the budget. And there should be no assembly here April 30."

DEATH TODAY OF MRS. W. L. STALLS

Funeral Services Will Be Held at Home Tomorrow Afternoon at 3 O'clock

Mrs. W. Lawrence Stalls died at her home on Main Street here this morning at 5 o'clock following an illness of several years' duration. During the past year she was confined to her bed most all the time. She was about 67 years of age.

The daughter of the late William Bullock and wife, Mrs. Stalls was born in Cross Roads Township not far from Bear Grass. She was married to Mr. Stalls about 35 years ago, and lived in Gold Point for a while, later locating in Williamston. One child, Leon Stalls, of Portsmouth, was born to the union. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist church for a number of years, holding her membership with the church at Bear Grass. Several brothers and sisters were in the family but they preceded her to the grave.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by Elder B. S. Cowin. Interment will follow in the cemetery here.

Confidence Is Being Restored To Nation

Greensboro.—Reports from different parts of the country as conveyed by executives of most of the leading insurance companies are encouraging, according to Julian Price, president of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, who returned this week from a trip to Chicago. He and other insurance executives attended a national meeting of insurance commissioners from the various states.

Those with whom he talked in Chicago had not observed any particular upturn in business, Mr. Price said, but they had noticed that the people are regaining confidence. This is considered a very encouraging factor.

County Tax Listers Start on Huge Task

HIGH HONOR

William Clyde Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Claude Griffin, of Williamston, gained one of the highest scholastic honors offered by any college or university in the country recently. Young Griffin was one of 27 students in the University of North Carolina receiving the Phi Beta Kappa key, earned by his scholastic achievements in the university during the past three years. During that time the young man averaged 90 or more on all his subjects.

FUTURE FARMER SPEAKING TEST HERE TOMORROW

District Elimination at 3 O'clock in High School Auditorium

The Young Tar Heel Farmers Association, an organization of students of vocational agriculture in North Carolina, and a unit of the Future Farmers of America organization, is sponsoring this year a public-speaking contest. This contest is national in scope and finality. It has its beginning in the local schools, where there are located departments of vocational agriculture. Here each local chapter of the Future Farmers conducts a contest within the school to select the school winner. The Young Tar Heel Farmers who wins each school is then permitted to participate in the district elimination contests. For North Carolina there will be seven of these district elimination contests in 1933.

The contest for the Northeastern district of North Carolina will be held in the high school auditorium here tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. To date, R. C. Jordan, vocational agriculture teacher of Jameville, and chairman of the contest, has received notice from five students of their intention to participate. It is thought that more will enter before tomorrow. The speakers have been allowed to select their own subject, except that the subject must be of agricultural nature. The student having the best presentation here at Williamston wins the privilege of participating in the State contest to be held in Raleigh in the summer. The winner at Raleigh will represent North Carolina in the national contest at Kansas City.

To those people who are interested, an invitation is extended to attend. The speakers, especially, will appreciate your presence.

The judges for the contest will be the county superintendent, James C. Manning, and two others whom he will select.

WHALE EXHIBIT HERE ON MAY 3

Big Fish Weighs 68 Tons and Is Carried On Rail Car 100 Feet Long

This probably is the biggest fish story of the year—and, what's more, it's a true story.

A whale, 55 feet long, and weighing 68 tons, will be on exhibition at the Atlantic Coast Line depot here Wednesday, May 3.

It is to be shown in Williamston for the first time since it was captured near the San Clemente Islands off the California coast by the Pacific Whaling Company, Inc.

The company, realizing that whales are rapidly disappearing from the seas, has caught and embalmed seven of the denizens of the deep for educational purposes. The other six now are touring the country, allowing thousands of "inlanders" to inspect specimens of the mighty monsters that have colored the pages of literature for ages.

The cost of capturing the whales runs into imposing figures. The ship chartered for the whale hunt costs around \$1,000 daily, and 11 days were required to bring in the huge visitor, who now reposes in his private railroad car.

After Mr. Whale was beached, the problem of embalming and loading him on his car provided the company officials plenty to think about for several days. After pumping 3,000 gallons of embalming fluid into the huge mammal, he was again floated and towed to a rail pier. There a large 90-ton crane lifted the special steel car over the side of the pier and under its passenger. Snugly settled in the car, the whale was hoisted up and placed upon the railroad track for his journey about the continent.

EARLY LISTING IS BEING URGED TO AVOID BIG RUSH

List-takers Hope To Finish Work In This County By First of May

The listing of property for taxation for the year 1933 is now under way in several of the 10 townships, it was learned here yesterday. However, the work is progressing very slowly, giving rise to the same old story having to do with a big rush at the last minute. Realizing that farm activities will be under way in full swing next month, the authorities are appealing to all property owners to visit the respective listing places and get the work behind them.

A delay has already been experienced on account of indefinite action on the part of the General Assembly, but arrangements are complete now and listing is in progress with a horizontal reduction of 33 1-3 per cent in effect on real property. Listing is ordinarily completed by the first of May, and all listing after that time is subject to heavy penalty. The work will necessarily have to advance very rapidly, if all properties are properly listed by that time this year.

Sitting here yesterday for the first time, list-takers in this township received comparatively few lists, but the work is expected to increase rapidly within the next day or two. Here, as elsewhere in the county, property owners will find they will not have to wait as long when they visit the listing places early.

Approximately 8,000 lists will have to be entered by the list-takers this year, and considerable time is required in the handling of many of that number. It costs no more and the taxes will be no higher when property is listed early, and as an early listing proves advantageous to all concerned, the list-takers are anxious to get the work completed.

The list-takers will sit at the Farmers Supply Company here each day except Saturday and Sunday until the first of next month.

Mr. George Griffin, list-taker for Griffins Township, in an effort to accommodate the property owners of that district, has arranged to carry the books to four places between now and the end of the month. Tuesday of next week he will sit at W. T. and H. G. Roberson's store; on the following Thursday, April 27, he will be at Lilley's Hall; Griffins schoolhouse on the 28th; and at S. E. Manning's store on the 29th. At the first three places he will sit from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m.; at the latter place he will sit from 1 to 6 p. m.

Other schedules will be announced by the several remaining list-takers, and property owners in those districts are urged to make arrangements to list their properties as soon as possible.

USE LOANS TO BEST ADVANTAGE

No Obligation Buy Any Particular Brand or Materials

Some North Carolina farmers who are using governmental seed and fertilizer loans to finance their crops this season have been given the impression that they must buy certain brands or materials in expending the money loaned to them.

This is an error. According to advice received by Dean I. O. Schaub at State College from the director of crop production loans in Washington, the regulations governing these loans do not contain any requirements or suggestions to borrowers as to the purchase of any particular brand or manufacturer. Director C. W. Warburton says borrowers are free to use the proceeds of their loans for any needed supplies within the regulations using their best efforts to obtain the best possible value for the money expended. It is not a part of the duty of the supervisors to suggest or direct crop loan borrowers to buy goods of any particular brand or manufacturer or to purchase supplies from any particular source.

Mr. Schaub says this information should clear up this confusion at once. Tar Heel farmers borrowing from the Government seed loan fund should use the money to the best possible advantage, buying where best prices can be secured and obtaining the best materials possible with the money available. The regulations do not say that a borrower has to buy a certain kind of nitrogen fertilizer, for instance, if he believes some other kind would give better results, or would be a better buy for his particular conditions.