

Jamesville Business District Threatened By Fire Wednesday

DESTROYS STORE AND POST OFFICE BEFORE PUT OUT

Williamston Fire Company Rushed Equipment To Scene Wednesday

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a store, the post office, and wrecked a barber shop and threatened several other buildings in the business district of Jamesville shortly before noon Wednesday. The loss is said to be more than \$6,000.

When discovered the fire was burning rapidly in the store building owned by Mrs. Lewis Mizelle and occupied by a Mr. Hawks, a dealer in apary products. Equipment and material, valued at between \$3,000 and \$4,000, were a complete loss to the honey man. He had just installed some expensive machinery in the building the night before, and had no insurance on any of the equipment. Contents in the post office building were removed to safety, but the fire had gained too much headway when discovered for any one to move the contents from the Mizelle building.

The Williamston fire company was called about 11:45 and reached there in time to be of help in stopping the fire in the barber shop. Griffin's store was next in line, and it is believed the fire would have destroyed that and spread to other buildings had it not been for the fire equipment that was put in use. Approximately 1,000 feet of hose was laid and water was pumped from the Roanoke. The pumper was in use for about three-quarters of an hour, the firemen finding it difficult to reach the burning timbers in the barber shop as it was of wood and tin construction.

EDENTON ONE UP IN SERIES

Play Here This Afternoon and Again Next Monday Afternoon

The Martins won their first start in the Albemarle League "little world series" here last Tuesday, and then turned around and dropped the next two contests at Edenton Wednesday and Thursday. The two teams met here today, when the locals will make a desperate effort to square accounts.

"Doc" Kugler, on the mound for Williamston last Tuesday, yielded 9 hits, but kept them fairly well scattered, while his mates bunched 8 hits off O'Brien—who once beat Williamston two games in the same day—and 5 errors for a 7 to 3 win. Latham hit a homer with one on.

Wednesday's game at Edenton was a free scoring affair, which was taken by the Colonials, 12 to 7. Cherry started for the Martins, but was relieved by Herring in the sixth. Pearce, although he yielded 14 hits, went the route for Edenton. Cherry and Herring yielded 16 hits between them, one a homer by Joynor.

"Red" Proctor lost a hard-luck decision to the Colonials yesterday, 2 to 1. The Martins scored their first run early in the game, while Edenton's two tallies were made as the result of an infield error followed by a home run by Leary. Proctor gave up but 5 hits, while Marsden, on the mound for Edenton, gave 6.

It is understood that Kugler is slated to start here today. The series will again be resumed Monday here, the sixth game going to Edenton on Tuesday, while the seventh game, if necessary, will be played here Wednesday.

Williamston will play the Plymouth team at Plymouth Sunday afternoon, it was announced yesterday.

Banks To Observe New Working Hour Schedule

Under rules adopted by the North Carolina Bankers Association nearly every bank in this section of the State will change its hours, effective at once, Mr. C. D. Carstarphen, cashier of the Branch Banking and Trust Company here, announced this week.

The bank will open at 9 a. m. each week day and close at 2 p. m. with the exception of Saturdays when the bank will close at 12 o'clock, noon. The bank, however, will remain open later than 2 o'clock in the afternoon for payment of tobacco checks, but no general business will be handled after the 2 o'clock hour.

FIRST MONDAY

Meeting in regular session here next Monday, the Martin County commissioners have nothing definite scheduled on their working calendar at this time other than the usual routine matters ordinarily considered of minor importance. The board might consider ordering land advertised for delinquent taxes. At least the authorities are expected to discuss such an order. Whether they order the sheriff next Monday or wait until the first Monday in October, it is very likely that the delinquent list will be ordered under court order for the first week in next month.

BEN WARD DIED YESTERDAY; WAS LEADING FARMER

Holding Last Rites At the Late Home Near Here This Afternoon

Ben Ward, successful farmer of Bear Grass Township, died suddenly in a Washington hospital yesterday morning about 1:30 o'clock, his death coming as a shock to his family and many friends throughout this section. Mr. Ward had suffered with some stomach trouble for some time, but his condition was not considered serious until a few hours before he died. Wednesday afternoon he was working around his home on the Washington road about ten miles from here, and was taken suddenly worse. He was rushed to the hospital late that night and died about two hours later.

In early manhood, Mr. Ward was married to Miss Lyda Revels, who with five children, Mrs. W. C. Browning of Washington; and Mrs. H. G. Roberson, Mrs. B. F. Whitehurst, Miss Hazel Ward, and Roy Ward, all of Williamston, survives.

Mr. Ward, 55 years of age, was born and reared in this county. He was a successful farmer and lumberman, and was favorably known throughout this section for his jovial character. He was a member of the Smithwick's Creek Primitive Baptist Church for a number of years and was active therein. He was always interested in his fellowman and his community, being recognized as a friend to all.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment will follow in the family burial plot on the home farm.

TELLS OF PLAN TO ROB BANKS

Escaped Convicts Arrested By Beaufort County Officers Recently

According to a story appearing in the Washington Daily News yesterday, two bank robberies were planned this week, one at Washington and the other at Robersonville. The robbery plans were frustrated when four escaped convicts were captured in Beaufort County recently. T. B. Traylor, one of the four men arrested, told officers about the contemplated robberies.

The News said: The "job" was to be "pulled," Traylor revealed, last Tuesday, the day the local tobacco market opened, and the bandits were to park their automobile in back of the bank.

One man was to go inside and get into an argument about a check. A little later it was planned to have two others come in the front door, lock it, and pull down the shades. The fourth man was to be near the rear entrance and when they had gathered up all the available money, the four were to make a quick exit through the back door into the car and speed out of town.

In addition to this plan, Traylor also stated that they had planned to rob the bank at Robersonville, but did not reveal the date nor how the robbery was to be effected.

Methodist Mission Group To Meet with Mrs. Brandon

The local department of the missionary society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. Tom Brandon Monday at 4 o'clock. All members are asked to attend.

MARKET HOLIDAY ASKED BY GOVERNOR

Farmers Will Support Any Kind of Reduction Plan

MEET HELD HERE THIS MORNING IS WELL ATTENDED

Favor Warehouse Holiday and Appoint Delegates to State Convention

With low prices for tobacco fresh in their minds, a large gathering of Martin County farmers met in the courthouse here this morning and cooperatively expressed themselves in connection with the tobacco situation as it exists today. While the meeting endorsed resolutions passed by a mass meeting in Raleigh yesterday calling for a 20-cent average for tobacco, the group here today had very little to say about prices, but the farmers expressed themselves as favoring a cooperative effort in handling the situation.

Without a dissenting vote, the body agreed to abide by any reduction plan has not been determined, but the meeting pledged itself to support any movement advanced by the Federal government in effecting an acreage decrease and a resulting parity price.

Messrs. V. G. Taylor, of Everetts, J. H. Etheridge, of Oak City, and J. G. Staton, of Williamston, were appointed to attend a state-wide conference in Raleigh next Wednesday, the group here empowering them to do what they thought was best. The delegates will offer a resolution calling for an acreage reduction and immediate relief for the farmers right now. A resolution committee, composed of Messrs. R. L. Coburn, V. G. Taylor, and S. H. Pritchard, supervisor of sales on the local market, will draft the resolutions outlined at the meeting for presentation at the conference in Raleigh next Wednesday.

At no time has there been a more earnest effort shown in the undertaking of the farmers' problems than that shown in the meeting held here today. The farmers and warehousemen were agreed that the sales holiday was a commendable undertaking, that they were ready to do anything in an orderly way for improving present conditions surrounding the marketing of tobacco. Some were so optimistic as to suggest a decrease of one-third in the 1934 crop, but the extent of the reduction plan will be determined by the tobacco administration, and whatever the plan is, it is certain that the farmers in the meeting here today will support the undertaking.

5 CASES TRIED BY RECORDER

Business Picks Up Little, But Average Is Still Below Normal

Activities in the county recorder's court increased last Tuesday, when five cases were called by Judge Peel, but even then the number of actions are smaller than the average. Fines totaling \$60 were imposed and one or two heavy road sentences were meted out.

Claude Williams, the colored man who attacked his son with a deadly weapon, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

John Williams was sentenced to the roads for a period of two years when he was found guilty of larceny. He appealed, and, unable to raise bond, the man continues in jail.

George Purvis was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and disturbing religious worship. He was sentenced to the roads for six months on the first count and two months on the second.

J. P. Harris was adjudged guilty in the case charging him with assaulting Dillon Wynne with a deadly weapon. He was fined \$35 and taxed with the costs.

Welfare Board Orders A Survey of Work in County

A survey of welfare activities in this county was ordered this week by the county welfare board, the survey to center around money spent, garden activities, and canning. Welfare agents will make personal visits to the homes where the occupants have been given aid. The agents are directed to determine what the needy have done this summer to help themselves.

Mrs. V. A. Ward, of Robersonville; Mrs. J. W. Andrews, of Williamston; and Mr. R. O. Martin, of Jamesville, attended the meeting of the board here last Wednesday.

Fair-Sized Break on Market Today; Average About Same

To Hold Last of Union Meetings Sunday Night

This Sunday night's union service—which will probably be the last such meeting of the summer—goes to the Episcopal church Sunday night at the 8 o'clock hour.

No definite statement has been made, but it is understood that after this Sunday night's union services, the several churches will resume their regular Sunday evening meetings in the several places of worship.

31 MIDWIVES ARE GIVEN PERMITS IN THIS COUNTY

Number Licensed To Practice Midwifery In This County by Nurse

Thirty-one women were granted permits this week to practice midwifery in this county during the next year. The permits were issued to the 31 midwives following a series of classes conducted under the direction of the State Board of Health by a special representative.

Several county physicians attended the meetings and made short talks to the midwives. Four registrars of vital statistics were in attendance and they pointed out to the midwives the importance of making out birth certificates properly.

A large number of expectant mothers are attended only by midwives in this county annually, and it was in the interest of these methods and their offspring that the instruction was arranged in several parts of the county this week. Before one is permitted to practice midwifery in this state the woman must attend a meeting of instruction at least once annually, get the model bag with equipment and have an examination to show her physical fitness.

The following are a few important things the midwife must do, Miss Hobbs, state nurse, pointed out:

"Every baby must have two drops of silver nitrate in each eye at birth (the State Department of Health at Raleigh, N. C., will furnish it free).

"Every baby must have its birth recorded within five days after its birth. If there are twins they must each have a certificate.

"If there is a still-birth there must be a birth certificate and the baby cannot be buried until the family gets a permit from the local registrar.

"Every midwife must register with the State Department of Health at Raleigh once a year.

"Whenever a baby has red, swollen eyes, or they are discharging, a midwife must tell a doctor within one day.

"Also if you will send the name of the husband (of your expectant cases) his address, and when the baby is due, to the State Department of Health, they will write to the mother and tell her how to get ready for the baby's coming and help her to keep well and have a healthy baby. In this way you can help save babies' and mother's lives."

LOSES TOBACCO CROP BY FIRE

Barns and Crops of Sanford Roberson Destroyed Last Wednesday

Fire believed of incendiary origin almost wiped out the property of A. Sanford Roberson, white farmer living about three miles from here on the brick kiln road, last Wednesday night at 9:30 o'clock. The farmer had worked in his barn until sunset and had retired for the night when the fire was discovered in the outbuildings. Fifteen acres of tobacco, with the exception of 1,700 sticks left in a curing barn, 20 barrels of corn, several bags of potatoes and fertilizer, tools, wagons, 20 chickens were destroyed in the corn barn and packing house. The buildings were insured for about \$1,100.

Neighbors and others rushed to the scene and prevented the fire from spreading to the man's dwelling house.

GOOD TOBACCO IS MUCH LOWER THAN YEAR AGO

About 100,000 Pounds On Floors Here Today; No Change In Prices

The first week of tobacco sales in the eastern-bright belt have not been totally disheartening, but farmers, as a group, have been greatly disappointed with the price trends for the better quality grades. Very few complaints have been reported, but it is quite evident that farmers are disappointed with the price trends for the better quality grades.

Prices for inferior grades are materially higher, and farmers are well pleased with their receipts. But there is a different story when those prices received for the better quality grades are considered. While many farmers are averaging more for their tobacco so far this season than they did last year, they are understood to have tobacco far superior to that offered on the floors in 1932. And when quality is considered, the price this year is actually lower than the 1932 average.

"I just reckon we raised too much of the mess this year," one farmer was heard to remark yesterday, following a discussion of prevailing prices. Other than the big sales opening day, farmers throughout the belt are marketing the crop slowly. They hardly know what to do other than wait. A comparatively large break is on the floors here today, with the prices probably a little stronger than they were yesterday, but the difference is hardly worth arguing about. The growers are marketing what they have graded, but they are not rushing themselves to prepare a great deal for market just now.

Williamston had a comparatively large break last Tuesday, when 185,490 pounds were sold for \$20,901.92, a resulting average of \$112.3 per 100 pounds. The Enterprise in its issue that day estimated the break at about 170,000 pounds, and while it was slightly off in its estimate there, it did not miss the price average but 1 cent on the 100 pounds, the price being estimated at \$112.2, against an actual average of \$112.3. Wednesday, there were 25,260 pounds sold here at an average of \$10.50; and yesterday sales totaled 63,884 pounds for \$9.90 a hundred pounds.

Up to today, the market had sold 275,334 pounds for \$29,908.75, a resulting average of \$10.81 a hundred pounds.

Judging from authentic reports, the Williamston tobacco market is selling tobacco just as high as any other market in the belt is selling it, and it is honestly believed that farmers will profit by marketing their crop here this year.

Pastor Will Preach at the Baptist Church Sunday

The pastor will preach at the Baptist church Sunday morning, following the sessions of the Sunday school. In the evening this church is invited to join in with the others at the Episcopal church for the union service.

The newcomers into our community are cordially invited to the church of their choice.

Two Services at the Church of the Advent Here Sunday

September 3 will be observed throughout this country by the churches as Labor Sunday. The subject of the sermon at the morning service at the Church of the Advent will be "Christianity and Labor." In the evening the union service will come to us. You are especially invited to attend.

The regular services at 4 p. m. will be held at the Holy Trinity Mission near Bear Grass.

Attending Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Swain and children left today for Columbia to visit relatives. While away they will attend the annual reunion of the Baerman clan in Washington County.

LABOR DAY

With no tobacco sales in prospect for next Monday, and with the postoffice and the office of the Virginia Electric and Power Company enjoying a holiday, Labor Day, a national holiday, is likely to pass very quietly here. No postal deliveries will be made in the village or in the rural sections that day, and service will be limited in the postoffice.

As far as it could be learned today other business houses and institutions will continue operations as usual Monday.

WHITE MAN CUT BY NERGO HERE LAST TUESDAY

Perlie Ange Recovering In Hospital; Was Cut by Lester Williams

Perlie Ange, Jamesville Township farmer, was dangerously cut on the Main Street here last Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by Lester Williams, colored man commonly known as "Barrel o' Trouble." The negro cut a sizeable gash in the white man's stomach releasing a part of his small and large intestine. After receiving first aid treatment here, Mr. Ange was removed to a Washington hospital, where he is expected to recover.

Williams, a frequent defendant in the county courts, fled from the scene but was captured early the next morning in Poplar Point Township by Officers Roebuck, Daniel, and Grimes. The negro apparently was planning to leave the section for good. He is being held in the county jail, and a preliminary hearing for him will be arranged just as soon as Mr. Ange is able to appear as a witness in the case.

Very few people witnessed the actual cutting, and several different versions have been offered. It was said that Ange asked Williams to move so some women could enter the doorway of Young's store, that he pulled Williams out of the way. In a second the negro whipped out his knife and almost fatally cut the man. And in less than another second Ange knocked Williams down. It was also reported that the trouble started when the Jamesville farmer accidentally stepped on Williams' foot. Particulars in the case will hardly be available before the hearing.

Williams was in trouble only a few days ago when he attempted to assault a man with a knife. He was arrested but escaped. Captured later, he was dismissed after paying a small fine and cost.

IS ARRESTED FOR MAKING THREATS

Two Men Had Just Returned Home from Trial in Recorder's Court

Dillon Wynne, young white man, waived examination at a preliminary hearing here Wednesday morning in the case charging him with threatening the life of J. P. Harris, a neighboring farmer. The case was ordered docketed for trial in the county recorder's court next Tuesday.

Wynne, said to have been drinking, cursed Neighbor Harris and said he would kill him if he (Harris) entered the road separating the homes of the two men. Wynne is said to have shot in the direction of the house but did no damage.

The two men had been in court here that day, when Harris was adjudged guilty of attempting to assault Wynne with a deadly weapon.

Missionary Society Meets with Mrs. Harrison Tonight

Members to the Christian Phila-thea class will meet this evening at 8:15 o'clock, with Mrs. G. H. Harrison in her home on Main Street. All members are requested to be present.

ACTION IS TAKEN AT REQUEST OF FARMERS' MEET

No Markets In State Will Likely Open for Sales Next Monday

The suspension of tobacco sales throughout North Carolina was requested by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus in a proclamation issued yesterday following a "protest" meeting held by farmers in Raleigh. Under the governor's proclamation, the holiday would continue until further notice and until ample opportunity is had for action by the Federal government.

While the action of the governor only calls for the voluntary closing of the warehouses after sales today, it is generally believed that warehousemen will cooperate to the fullest extent. Operators of warehouses here were jubilant over the proclamation and will fall in line to do whatever they humanly can in the way of cooperating with any movement that will effect an increase in prices.

The action on the part of the governor came yesterday when approximately 2,000 farmers and others held a "protest" meeting in Raleigh. Other meetings are being held throughout the belt this week, and next Wednesday delegates will be named at a meeting in Raleigh to go before the tobacco administration in Washington.

Whether the holiday proclamation will speed up the much-desired relief is not certain, but it will delay marketing activities until there is a show-down. It is the belief of some closely connected with the tobacco industry that immediate action will be taken, that the government will put graders on the markets and see that parity prices are paid. It is reasonable to believe that no definite action can be taken over the week-end and that the holiday will likely continue through a greater part if not all of next week.

The proclamation as first drawn by the governor would have had the markets close today, but the request was considered too late, and it was later arranged to have the markets remain open today to care for as much of the tobacco already graded as was possible.

At the present time it looks as if the markets will not open Monday, but it is possible—although not very likely—that some developments will take place over the week-end making the reopening advisable.

Farmers and warehousemen in a mass meeting here today endorsed the action of the governor, and it is believed some definite results can be expected before sales are continued.

ARE ACQUITTED IN BERTIE COURT

Herber Gardner and Carl Brown Are Freed On Year-old Charge

Carl Brown and Herbert "Slim" Gardner, two Jamesville boys, were found not guilty in the Bertie County Superior Court this week in the case charging them with hunting without license and trespassing.

The charges were preferred against Brown and Gardner about a year ago when they were seen paddling a boat in a Broad Creek tributary over in Bertie County. They were declared guilty by a justice of the peace, from which verdict they appealed to the general county court. Adjudged guilty there, the two men again appealed, that time to the superior court and were found not guilty this week.

Gardner and Brown claimed that they had been hunting on their own reserve, that they were looking for a lost dog when they were seen in the boat by a deputy game warden.

W. T. Todd, 86, Dies In Bertie County Near Here

William David Todd, 86 years old, died at the home of his son, N. T. Todd, just across the Roanoke River causeway in Bertie County last Wednesday night from erysipelas. He had been in feeble health for some time.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon and interment was made in the Todd burial ground near Greens Cross Roads in Bertie County.

Mrs. Todd, who is well advanced in years herself, survives with five sons and two daughters.