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201 OWNERS OF PROPERTY HERE ARE ADVERTISED

Property Of Delinquents To Be Sold Second Monday In December

Two hundred and one delinquent tax accounts are being advertised by the town of Williamston today for sale the second Monday in December, the list representing an unpaid amount in the sum of \$7,808.33.

Last year there were 174 delinquent accounts representing an unpaid sum of \$7,641.39. While the number of delinquents this year was increased by 27, the unpaid taxes were larger only by \$166.94 over the unpaid amount for 1931. Last year the unpaid amount was \$7,641.39 or a sum greater by \$1,718.78 than the 1931 unpaid amounts.

Up until today the town had collected \$34,039.72 of the \$41,848.05 levy for the year 1932, an increase in total collections of about \$800 over the income received up until the same time last year for 1931 taxes.

Even though the number of delinquent accounts was increased along with the unpaid amount, the 1932 collection record reflects an improvement in that it was within \$200 of its mark reached last year while the 1931 collection record was nearly \$2,000 short of the record for the previous year of 1930. And, too, the bonded indebtedness was automatically increased in 1932, making the total levy larger. Then there were a few accounts carried over when checks were issued against insufficient funds. Deduct these amounts and the unpaid amount would actually be smaller than it was last year.

Many property owners will handle their accounts between now and the second Monday of next month, it is believed, bringing the collections within two or three thousand dollars of the goal.

MARTIN COUNTY COTTON REPORT

2,565 Bales Ginned In County During Month Of October

Martin County gins turned out 2,565 bales of cotton during the month of October, it was learned from Statistics Collector Luther Hardison this week. Up to the first of this month 5,201 bales of cotton had been ginned in the county from the 1933 crop as compared with 3,443 bales ginned up to November 1 last year.

Production in North Carolina up to the first of this month was greater by nearly 80,000 bales than it was last year. More than one-half million bales had been ginned in the State prior to November 1.

The crop in the United States is larger by one million bales than it was last year, reports showing that 10,361,404 bales had been ginned prior to November 1 this year compared with 9,247,045 bales up to November 1 in 1932.

Former Resident Died In Norfolk Last Tuesday

W. George Gurganus, a native of Williamston, died of a heart attack at his home in Norfolk early last Tuesday morning. He was found dead in the bathroom.

A brother of Mrs. James Herbert Ward, Mr. Gurganus left here about 32 years ago, making his home in Norfolk since that time. He was 65 years old. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Verd Gurganus. Besides his sister, Mrs. Ward, he is survived by his wife and one brother, Henry Gurganus, of Greenville.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jno. W. Rustin, pastor of the Ghent M. E. church, yesterday afternoon. Interment was in the Cedar Grove Cemetery, Norfolk.

Williamston 4-H Clubs Hold Regular Meeting

The 4-H Club of Williamston held the regular meeting Tuesday at 10 o'clock. At this time officers were elected for this year. The following officers in the senior club are: President, Helen Lindsey; vice president, Sallie Gorkins; secretary, Eloise Hopkins; treasurer, Helen Mishue; news reporter, Lucille Cowan.

The girls were requested to put on a Christmas program and bring material to make Christmas gifts. The meeting was brought to a close with some club songs.

OFFICIAL VOTE

While the official vote cast in the wet-dry election November 7 will not be officially canvassed until tomorrow in Raleigh, returns already tabulated gave the dry forces a majority of 161,000 votes. The dry vote was 276,000 and that of the repealists 115,000.

Present indications are that the dry majority will approximate 170,000 with 420,000 votes expected to be the approximate total. There were 710,000 votes cast in the State in the last general election, making the last November 7 vote just a little over half the size of the one cast last year.

SCHOOL NEWS AT OAK CITY

Last Month's Attendance Was Best In History Of School

Thanks Mr. Ayers For Radio Through the courtesy of J. H. Ayers, the school pupils were permitted to listen to the educational programs sent out last week. The school wishes to extend thanks to Mr. Ayers for this and the many other acts of cooperation he has shown from time to time.

Best Attendance Record

The past month ending November 10th is the best in attendance in the record of the school. With 130 enrollment and 125 membership the high school made an average daily attendance of 123.75. The grades with 265 enrollment and 255 membership made an average daily attendance of 249.35. The number of pupils absent grades 1-11 and high school 25, making a total of 138. The splendid record is attributed to two causes as follows: Good weather, and a direct check on absent pupils. The cooperation is good. Most parents are active in trying to keep their children in school. The school requires a note from parents when a pupil is out, stating the cause and when the pupil will return.

Visitors' Week Observed

During last week a splendid spirit was shown by the people of the community. Those visiting the school during the week were as follows: Misses Hattie and Margaret Everett, Mesdames H. M. Ainsley, A. D. Eakes, J. A. Everette, Julian Mizelle, G. D. Pearson, Lester Keel, W. D. Smith, H. R. Smith, J. H. Wiggins, James Rawls, Oscar Peale, J. C. Ross, Messrs. and Mesdames J. H. Ayers, W. J. Harris, J. B. Whitfield, Messrs. B. M. Worsley and Jasper Harrell.

The sixth grade pupils having the most visitors for the week are to have a half-day holiday as a reward.

P. T. A. To Join State Group

At the last meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association Friday, November 10, a motion was made and unanimously carried that the association affiliate with the State. Mrs. V. N. Darden of Hertford, North Carolina, speaker of the occasion, outlined the necessary steps for the affiliation and told of success of the Parent-Teachers Association in her locality as a result of affiliating with the State.

Attend Meeting In Wilson

Those from the Oak City school who attended the Northeastern District Teachers Association, held in Wilson on November 10 and 11, were Misses Eunice Mae Rountree, Adeline Few, Elizabeth Whichard, Messrs. H. M. Ainsley and S. P. Williams.

Education Week Observed

Education week was observed throughout the whole school. Each grade had on display booklets, maps, posters, papers, drawings and other such school work.

To Sell Tobacco For School

The children from the elementary grades recently brought in about 42 bunches of tobacco to be sold and used for school activities.

Hot Lunch Successful

The hot lunch is proving to be very successful. A large increase has been made in the number of pay pupils taking lunch, due to the good management and supervision. Investigate Needy Cases The teachers have been urged by the welfare department to find out the homes needing aid and investigations are being made so that help may be given where needed.

Fire Company Answers Its Fourth Call Of Week Today

The local fire company today at noon received its fourth call of the week. The roof of Clive Parker's humble home caught from a grass fire and was slightly damaged.

KIWANIS CLUB TO SPONSOR LOCAL SAFETY SCHOOL

Sessions To Be Held Daily With V. P. I. Safety Engineer In Charge

Beginning next Monday and continuing through the week, a junior and advanced first aid school will be conducted in the high school here under the auspices of the Williamston Kiwanis Club. The safety department of the Virginia Electric and Power Company has willingly agreed to have its safety engineer, Mr. E. C. Bookman, of Richmond, conduct the classes.

The course includes two classes daily, on each morning for five days from 9 to 12 o'clock for 30 high school pupils. The afternoon classes are planned for adults in and out of school. The instruction is offered according to plans of the American Red Cross. All those taking the work and meeting certain requirements will receive certificates from Red Cross headquarters in Washington City.

Local people are indeed very fortunate in having this school brought to them, for the need of knowing and following the rules of safety is becoming greater almost daily. All persons who wish to attend are invited to do so. The company is offering the instruction without charge to the club or school.

31 Pupils On Honor Roll In Farm Life School

The names of 31 pupils in the Farm Life School appear on the second month honor roll released this week by Principal Charles Hough, as follows:

- First Grade: Tillie Gray Griffin.
- Second Grade: Noah Roberson, Georgia Dean Roberson.
- Third Grade: B. F. Gilley, Lola Hardison.
- Fourth Grade: Lola Smithwick, Vera Pearl Williams, Lilly Marie Revels.
- Fifth Grade: Oscar Wiggins, Ida Mae Corey, Lavaughn Hardison.
- Sixth Grade: Ola Lea Lilley, Mitie Brown Manning, Evan Griffin.
- Seventh Grade: Sarah Gtasinger, Ruby Griffin, Ruth Lilley, Verna Smithwick.
- Eighth Grade: Marjorie Daniel, Annie Gtasinger, Evelyn Peale, Daniel Taylor Lilley, Ella Ruth Corey, Mamie Clyde Manning.
- Ninth Grade: Joseph Lilley.
- Tenth Grade: Beulah Roberson, Sarah Roberson, Thelma Clyde Coltrane, Verna Griffin.
- Eleventh Grade: Louise Manning, Lillian Daniel.

Neighbors Save Home In Griffins Township

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Manning in Griffins Township was threatened by fire yesterday shortly after the noon hour, but neighbors, summoned by telephone, reached there in time to check the blaze. The fire, believed to have started by flying sparks from a chimney, burned a small hole in the roof.

Regular Preaching Services Announced At Jamesville

Regular preaching services will be conducted in the Jamesville Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7 o'clock. Sunday school will convene at 10 a. m., it was announced. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Funeral Services Held For Williams Township Boy

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Andrews died Wednesday morning about 3 o'clock at the home of his parents, about three miles from here in Williams Township.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. Charles T. Rogers. Interment was in the cemetery near the Williams home in Williams Township.

Goldsboro Minister At Holiness Church Sunday

Rev. J. Rome Hodges, conference superintendent of the Holiness church of Goldsboro will conduct the 11 o'clock service in the Pentecostal church here Sunday morning, it was announced today. The membership is urged to attend and the public is cordially invited to hear Mr. Hodges. He will be here for the one service only.

Another Successful Week On Local Tobacco Market

With nearly 100,000 pounds of tobacco on the floors today, the local tobacco market is completing another successful week. Averages have ranged well above the 20-cent mark all-week, and with one or two exceptions, sales have been comparatively heavy all week.

Present indications point to a very favorable selling period next week, with the price trend ranging upward.

AGRICULTURAL SITUATION NOW SEEMS BRIGHT

Farmers Appear Optimistic For Higher Prices For Their Products

The agricultural situation in North Carolina is distinctly improved. Tobacco prices are much more favorable in spite of the large crop. Cotton farmers are not so blue. Peanut growers are beginning to smile. Small grain operations show optimism. Hay crops have been good in yields and harvest conditions. Excellent conditions prevailed for harvesting both kinds of potatoes, although the yields of late Irish potatoes were generally short. In general, prices are improving, although the purchasing power of the farmer's dollar is rising slowly.

October weather conditions were generally favorable. The month was warm and dry. Killing frost came late in the month, followed by good rains. Trees that were heavy with green leaves the first of November were practically bare of any kind by the tenth. Frost and freezing were frequent during this time.

That the United States November 1st, 1933, corn crop estimate of 2,290,000,000 bushels justifies a good price is indicated by its being 9 per cent below the five-year average and almost 20 per cent below last year's crop. On the favorable side is that North Carolina shows about the opposite or increased production. The national yield per acre of 22.2 bushels is 15 per cent less than the ten-year average, while the North Carolina yield is equal to the five-year average.

The soy bean crop is short everywhere, as are Virginia type peanuts. Pecans are short in North Carolina and less than 1931, but are more than last year for the southern states. Cigarette tobacco shows for flue-cured production 89 per cent increase and burley 33 per cent. The total November estimated production by types and North Carolina October warehouse sales prices of tobacco were for type 11: 230,004,000 pounds and 15 cents average for October sales; type 12: 280,808,000 pounds at 15.5 cents, while type 13 of the Carolinas and Georgia produced 131,300,000 pounds with the North Carolina season's average at 12.8 cents per pound.

Price Trends

The present prices of corn at about 75 cents are above the last two years, in spite of a very short crop last year. The same holds for wheat and rye at \$1.00, oats at 60 cents and barley at 80 cents. Cotton has varied from 9 to 10 cents for the past six months. Sweet potatoes average 60 cents in October, which is slightly above twelve months ago and compared with about 90 cents for 1927-30 period. Tobacco shows the highest average for about four years, but the promised cut in acreage next year together with the short crop last year are responsible. Peanuts average about 2.5 cents per pound.

John W. Brabble Dies In Poplar Point Township

John W. Brabble, 59-year-old farmer, died at his home in Poplar Point Township Wednesday. Originally from Washington County, Mr. Brabble and his family moved here from Chowan County about two years ago.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday and interment was made in Chowan County, two miles from Edenton, the Rev. Mr. Butler conducting the last rites.

Baptist Church Services Announced For Sunday

Professor H. O. Hickman will occupy the pulpit in the Baptist church here at both the Sunday morning and evening hours, it was announced today. Sunday school will convene at the usual hour, 9:45. B. Y. P. U. will meet at 6:30 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend any or all these services.

Rev. C. H. Dickey returned home last evening from Duke Hospital, Durham, where he had been since Monday undergoing treatment.

GROUP ONE OF STATE BANKERS IN SESSION HERE

Gurney P. Hood, Banking Commissioner, Attends Meeting

A proposed code for banks was discussed at a meeting of Group I bankers held in the Woman's Club hall here last night, with Bank Commissioner Gurney P. Hood and officers of the North Carolina Bankers' Association leading the discussion.

Details of the meeting were not released for publication on the request of federal officials, it was explained. The meeting was one of a series being held by groups of the banking association throughout the State, preparatory to presenting a code to government authorities in Washington on December 2.

In addition to explaining the operation of the proposed code, uniform service charges and federal deposit insurance were discussed. It is understood that the proposed code was considered favorably with the possible exception of hours.

Officers in attendance were Forrest Eskridge of Shelby, president; Millard F. Jones of Rocky Mount, vice president; C. L. Leinbach of Winston-Salem, vice president; M. E. Hogan of Chapel Hill, vice president, and Paul P. Brown of Raleigh, secretary. In addition, about 57 bankers from various towns in the First Congressional District were present.

THIEVES PILFER SCHOOL HEATER

Poplar Point Children Have Holiday Due To Lack Of Heat

George T. Hill was a disappointed school teacher but there were some happy school children when they went to their little house of learning in Poplar Point yesterday morning and found their wood heater gone. Thieves had gone there during the night, broke in a window, unbarred the door and hauled the \$15 heater away.

The children were celebrating around an open fire a short distance from the building when the professor peddled his bicycle to the scene. Hill saw the smoke rising when a short distance from the school ground, saw the smoke rising and concluded the building was afire. He peddled harder and faster, and even though the building was safe, the school man was about as badly disappointed when he found the heater missing as he would have been had the building been burning.

School never met that day, but classes are now under way with the children enjoying the warmth pouring forth from a brand new stove.

And the act was one of the most dastardly one reported in the county in a long, long time.

Services Announced For Presbyterian Church

Following is the schedule of services at the Presbyterian Church for Sunday, November 19:
Church school at 9:45 a. m.
Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m.
Bear Grass: Church school at 9:30 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 7 p. m. Young People's League at 6:15 p. m.
Roberson's Chapel: Church school at 3:30 p. m.
Ballard's Farm: Church school at 2 p. m.
Prison Camp: Services by Rev. G. T. Hill at 3:30 p. m.

Let us not forget that we are to bring our self-denial offerings for foreign missions to these services.

Jamesville High School Pupils To Stage Minstrel

Pupils in the Jamesville high school will stage a minstrel in the school auditorium there tonight at 7:30 o'clock, featuring an array of local talent.

Breath Of Winter Strikes Territory This Week

While the mercury was advancing slightly today, it certainly went into temporary winter quarters last Wednesday night and last night. Freezing temperatures were reported, and a slight crust formed over the ground, bringing to this section the first real breath of ole man winter.

TAX COLLECTIONS

More than one-half hundred Martin property owners settled their tax accounts for the year 1932 this week, decreasing the delinquent amount to \$37,508.40. More than \$1,300 was paid, the sheriff stating that he was sure several thousand more dollars would be paid before the sale to be held the first Monday in next month.

As for current year tax collections, the sheriff stated he was well pleased with the progress made so far. He described the payments as being the largest since he can remember.

BRIEF SESSION COUNTY COURT

Eight Cases On Docket, But Not All Were Disposed Of By Judge Peele

Judge H. O. Peele, of the county court, had a rather brief and uninteresting session of his tribunal Tuesday of this week. Only eight cases were on the docket, and the defendants in two of them failed to answer, while another was continued for three weeks. A couple of jail sentences were handed out and one fine for \$75 imposed, so all in all the session was not a total loss.

Cases disposed of follow:
The court found Spencer Hyman guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, but prayer for judgment was continued until December 5.

Early King Savage entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and was given sentence of 60 days on the roads.

C. B. Hardison and J. P. Powell, charged with the manufacture of liquor, entered pleas of guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued until the first Tuesday in December.

Tobie Barber plead not guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, but the court found otherwise and sentenced him to six months on the roads. Notice of appeal was given and appeal bond set at \$200.

Clifton Morehead entered a plea of guilty to a count of driving an automobile while intoxicated. He was fined \$75 and the costs of the action and his license to drive a car was revoked for six months.

Teddy Jackson, charged with being drunk and disorderly, possession and transporting liquor, was called and failed to answer. Warrant was issued for his arrest.

A warrant was issued and sent to Bertie County for Ned Slade, booked on a charge of driving a car while intoxicated, when he failed to answer.

The case against Walter Godard for assault with a deadly weapon was continued until December 5.

Firemen Check Blaze In Warehouse District

The roof of Lizzie Booze's home on Washington street near the warehouse district, was considerably damaged by fire last Wednesday noon. The front room and contents were damaged by water.

When the fire company reached the scene, the fire was burning rapidly, but the firemen, using a hose connection direct from the engine pumper, soon checked it.

The fire was believed to have started from a defective flue. As far as it could be learned no insurance was carried on the property or contents.

The call Wednesday was the third received by the local department this week.

Visiting Clergyman At Church Of The Advent

This Sunday the Rev. W. R. Noe of Wilmington will be at the Church of the Advent for both morning and evening service. In the morning the service will consist principally of the celebration of the Holy Communion. It is hoped that the entire membership will come to these services.

St. Martin's, Hamilton Holy Trinity Mission

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Mr. Noe will have a service at St. Martin's Episcopal church, Hamilton.

Mr. Moseley will conduct a service at the Holy Trinity Mission near Bear Grass at 3:30 p. m.

Important Legion Meeting Called For Next Monday

An important meeting of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion has been called for next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urgently requested to be present.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR RED CROSS DRIVE

Canvassers Selected For Complete Coverage Of Entire City

Arrangements for conducting a thorough canvass in this town and community for memberships in the Red Cross have been completed by the county chairman, Mrs. A. R. Dunning and the solicitors will complete their work between now and Thanksgiving.

The following canvassers have been assigned districts locally:
Mrs. George Harrison and Mrs. H. D. Taylor, West Main street; Mrs. Wheeler Martin and Mrs. Hugh Horton, East Main street; Miss Edna Barnhill, V. E. P. Co.; Mrs. T. B. Brandon and Mrs. M. J. Moyer, Haughton street; Mrs. R. H. Goodman, apartment building; Mrs. J. C. Manning and Mrs. H. D. Harrison, Simmons avenue and Smithwick street; Mrs. Clayton Moore and Mrs. F. U. Barnes, Church and Academy streets; Misses Esther Gating and Bessie Willis, high school; Miss Ruth Manning and Mrs. Leman Barnhill, grammar school; Mrs. Roger Critcher and Mrs. Jimmie Harrison, Watts street; Mrs. Maurice Watts and Mrs. Z. T. Piephoff, Warren and Williams streets; Mrs. Wilton Knox, New Town; Mesdames Oscar Anderson, Titus Critcher, Jack Frank and Robert Everett, Main street-business section; Mrs. J. D. Woolard and Mrs. E. M. Manning, Washington street; Mrs. E. P. Cunningham and Mrs. James King, tobacco warehouses.

The solicitors will handle the tasks assigned them with no hope of remuneration other than the satisfaction they are taking a part in the operations of a great humane organization. The support of our people is asked in behalf of the needy at this time when hunger and cold are prevalent among many.

Red Cross relief still continues in the hurricane area of North Carolina. At last report 2,113 families had registered for aid. New cases come in as people who thought they could pull out from the disaster unaided find themselves forced by circumstances to apply for help.

In the repair and rebuilding of homes of destitute victims of the storm, the Red Cross has stood alone. It has been the Red Cross that has given the materials—with all credit to the county welfare departments, that have supplied labor in cases where the families could not supply their own. Relations between the Red Cross and the local and state public relief agencies have been cordial and cooperative.

When the final accounting is made, it will be found that the national Red Cross has spent ten times as much as the sum total of the local relief contributions. In other words, the Red Cross is spending not only the funds collected in this State but drawing upon its national organization for approximately 90 per cent of the total cost of the relief.

Funds raised locally have all gone directly to the disaster victims, and not one cent of these funds has helped to support the Red Cross locally or nationally.

Improvement Reported In School Attendance

A decided improvement was reported in the local school attendance figures for the second month recently ended. The elementary school, with an average daily attendance of 521 for the period, reported an increase of 30 pupils. The high school attendance, however, showed a slight decrease. The number of pupils dropped from 165 the first month to 161 last month. Average daily attendance for the period was 90 per cent of the total enrollment of 750 pupils.

On an average, 353 of the 394 boys enrolled attended regularly. Of the 356 girls enrolled, 329 attended regularly, making a total daily attendance of 682 pupils.

George Bailey Pardon This Week By Governor

George Bailey, young Raleigh white boy, sentenced to not less than 18 months and not more than three years, was paroled by Governor Ehringhaus this week. Young Bailey was convicted in the Martin County Superior Court last March in connection with the robbery of the Harrison Wholesale Company several months before.

An application for a pardon for parole for Perlie Hardison, convicted in this county last September on a larceny charge, has been filed with the pardon authorities, but no action has been taken in the matter so far.