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## FAIR IS MARKED BY ABSENCE OF USUAL DISORDER

### Only One Accident Reported; No Arrests Made for Drunkenness

The Roanoke Fair held here last week was marked by the absence of rowdiness, fights, drunks, wrecks, and disorders in general, according to reports coming from police sources.

Only one accident was reported, and it is understood that the victim was not badly hurt. A small colored girl was run over by an automobile.

A man named Cratt is said to have been almost butchered near the main entrance late Friday evening, but particulars could not be learned here, as no report was entered in court records. One report stated that 36 stitches were required to close the wounds.

Officers are said to have poured out small quantities of liquor during the week, but only one alleged drunk was arrested, it is understood.

Visitors to the fair were generally agreed that the carnival was one of the cleanest to play here in ten or more years.

Completing the engagement here, the shows left early Sunday morning for South Carolina. Harry Taylor's rodeo remained over several hours longer, selling a number of the horses and steers before leaving for winter quarters out west.

Reports on the financial success of the fair are not available as the manager was called to Dunn Saturday. Fair-sized crowds attended throughout the week, and it is believed the management about cleared expenses and possibly a small profit.

## JAMES THOMAS GARDNER DIES

### Had Been Ill Long Time; Funeral Held Saturday Afternoon

James Thomas Gardner, farmer, died at the home of his son on R. F. D. 2, near here, early last Friday morning following a long period of declining health. The end came gradually.

Mr. Gardner, 76 years old, was born on Mulberry Branch in Williams Township, where he lived the greater part of his life. He had lived in other parts of the county, and had for some time made his home with his son, Mr. J. Henry Gardner, near here. He was known as a hard-working farmer up until he was forced to retire by infirmities of old age.

He was married twice, his first wife having died a number of years ago. His second wife survives and lives in Williams Township. He leaves two daughters, Miss Eliza Jane Gardner, of Williamston R. F. D. 2; Mrs. Archie Council, of Williamston R. F. D. 3; and one son, Mr. J. Henry Gardner, of Williamston R. F. D. 2. Three sisters and two brothers also survive. Their names are: Mrs. Minnie Jane Hardison, Mrs. Mozella Williams, and Mrs. Hoggard and H. L. Gardner, all of Williamston R. F. D., and Charles Gardner, of Tarboro.

Funeral services were conducted from the home of his son Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Jas. Knox, of Robersonville. Interment was in the Reddicks Grove churchyard in Williams Township.

## ATTACK OAK CITY POLICE OFFICER

### Warrants Sworn Out for Three Oak City Men Here Monday

Edmond Early, Oak City police officer, had his eye glasses torn from his face and he was bruised and scratched about the body when he was attacked on the Main Street there early last Sunday evening by John and Herman Manning and Johnnie T. Mobley, residents of that community.

Said to have been drinking, the three men were asked to observe the rules of decency, and the request led to the attack. In the scuffle, Herman Manning received a well-directed blow on his forehead with a blackjack, and the other two men received a blow or two that proved not quite so effective as the one received by the first man. The three men overpowered the officer, and Mobley is said to have taken the weapon and declared himself an officer of the peace.

Warrants were issued yesterday morning for their arrests.

## Schoolmasters' Club To Meet in Robersonville

The Martin County Schoolmasters' Club will hold its second meeting of the term in the Robersonville High School Building Thursday evening of this week at 6:30 o'clock. Professor D. N. Hix announced this morning. A round-table discussion of school problems will be held.

## Local Tobacco Market Will End Season November 16th

Friday, November 16th, was officially agreed upon by the local tobacco association for closing the Williamston Tobacco Market, Director of Sales R. W. McFarland announced this morning. The director explained that the market had been assured all the buyers would remain here until that time, but that they would likely be with drawn soon thereafter to go to markets in other belts.

There is very little tobacco left in this section, and it is believed that the remainder of the crop can be easily marketed by the 16th, and the closing at that time will prove advantageous to farmers, market and buyers.

Up to today, the market had sold 6,240,772 pounds for \$1,785,197, or an average for the entire season so far of \$28.61. Yesterday 68,358 were sold, with sales considerably smaller today. Tobacco was here yesterday from as far away as Johnston County.

Farmers continue to find it to their advantage to sell tobacco here, making the current season one of the most successful for the local market in years.

## LOCALS DEFEAT WASHINGTON, 13-0 IN GAME FRIDAY

### Win Is the Sixth Straight Victory for the Locals This Season

Taking their opponents by surprise, Williamston's football boys scored two touchdowns in the first few minutes of play to defeat Washington, 13 to 0 there last Friday afternoon and annex their sixth consecutive victory of the season. Following the first few minutes of play, the two teams played on a more equal basis, with Washington having the advantage. While Williamston was making three first downs, the opposing team, led by Sparrow, accounted for nine first downs. However, Washington never threatened to score, Williamston making the gains count for points.

Getting a break in the early part of the game by blocking a punt, Williamston scored three plays later when Roberson went six yards for a touchdown. Holloman converted the extra point from placement. A few minutes later, Roberson received a punt on the 50-yard line and ran it back for the second touchdown. After that time Williamston offered a determined defense, and the game dragged along. Neither side completed a pass, and each team had one intercepted. Williamston tried three and Washington three tosses.

Windsor is scheduled to meet the locals here Friday afternoon of this week at 3:30 o'clock.

The line-up for the last Friday game:

Pos.	Williamston	Washington
LE	Hardison	Winfield
LT	Ward	Parvin
LG	Ramey	Long
C	Rogerson	Roberson
RG	Holloman	Hardison
RT	Gurganus	Canady
RE	Bowen	Talley
QB	Cook	Stewart
LH	Roberson	Carter
RH	Strawbridge	Sparrow
PB	Perry	Davenport

Substitutions: Williamston, Cone, Moore, Crockett, Critcher, Mendenhall, Harrison, Washington, Phillips, Lindsey, Cox, Weston, Bell, Langley, Allgood, Chauncey, Hood, Daniel.

## OLD PARMELE SCHOOL BURNS

### Blaze Believed To Be of Incendiary Origin; Loss Is About \$2,000

Fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, destroyed the old white school building at Parmele early Monday evening, resulting in a loss of about \$2,000, it was learned. Discovered about 7:30, the fire could not be checked, and the contents burned with the building.

Remodeled in 1922, the building had five large rooms and was of the one-story wood type. It had been used for school purposes up to the consolidation with the district with Robersonville. However, a church congregation had had use of the building since that time for Sunday services.

The property was offered for sale at auction at the courthouse Monday by the board of education, but final sale was delayed for ten days.

A portion of the loss was covered by insurance in the amount of \$1,750.

## Big Fiddlers' Convention At Roper Friday Night

Cash prizes totaling \$32.50 will be offered contestants in an old-time fiddlers' convention to be held in Roper Friday night of this week. I. J. Kelum, director, announced. Players from this section are urged to take part and the public is invited to attend.

Leading the movement are many of the growers who called the mass meeting in Raleigh last year that resulted in closing markets until better prices for the weed were assured.

As far as it could be learned today, very few farmers are planning to attend the meeting from this county, but representation is planned.

## Green Wavelets To Play Lewiston There Thursday

Williamston second team or football's baby squad, for the most part, will play Lewiston at Lewiston Thursday afternoon of this week.

## COUNTY BOARD HOLDS REGULAR MEET MONDAY

### Fix License Tax on Sale of Fireworks; Draw Jury For December Court

Handling only one or two matters of any consequence, the Martin County commissioners in session here yesterday spent a greater part of the day performing duties of a strictly routine nature. Several tax relief orders were granted, and relief was extended to two or three worthy applicants.

A license tax on the sale of fireworks was fixed at \$100 for residents and \$200 for non-residents.

J. G. Staton settled in full a judgment held against him by the county when he paid \$4,500 in cash and allowance was made for collateral already held by the county treasury. By the settlement, the county regained all its deposits held in the defunct Peoples Bank.

A jury list for the December term of court was drawn as follows: Jamesville: J. D. Holliday and O. W. Hamilton.

Williams, Frank Hopkins. Griffins: H. G. Roberson and S. D. Roberson.

Bear Grass: A. W. Bailey. Williamston: Irving M. Margolis, S. A. Mobley, Jack Daniel, W. A. Cherry, J. H. Harrell, Fred M. Taylor, C. G. Crockett, O. S. Anderson, and J. H. Gurganus.

Cross Roads: Alton Keel, Reubin Bailey, Frank Gurganus, H. E. Baker. Robersonville: A. B. Curtis, C. D. Taylor, E. R. Carraway, jr., Larry Bunting, H. V. Jenkins, H. B. Roberson and Leland L. Roberson. Hamilton: Davis Purvis, Paul Bellflower, L. Frank Stokes, H. R. Everett.

Goose Nest: J. H. Etheridge, B. A. Long, J. J. Piland, Peter Bellflower, W. J. Johnson, jr., and Hubert Rawls.

## SCHOOL NEWS AT OAK CITY

### Armistice Program Planned at Meeting There Next Friday Evening

Parent-Teacher Meeting. An armistice program has been prepared for the Oak City parent-teacher meeting, which is to be held on Friday night, November 9, at 7:30 p. m. A letter has been received from the Tarboro post of the American Legion which states that Mr. Lyn Bond has been appointed as the speaker for this occasion and that as many Tarboro members of the Legion as possible will be present. The history and music departments of the school have prepared a pageant which covers briefly the history of America from its discovery until the present time. A cordial welcome is extended every one at the meeting, and all ex-soldiers are urged to be there.

Chapel Program. A chapel program in keeping with American Education Week will be given by the fourth grade pupils Wednesday morning. This week is also visitors' week. We cordially invite all parents and interested friends to visit our school.

News of Primary Grades. The primary grades of Oak City school were well entertained Wednesday afternoon at a Halloween party given by the primary teachers. Cat's tails were pinned on, apples bobbed for, ghost stories told, and a jolly good time was had by all.

These grades attend chapel every Friday morning and very good programs have been rendered. Special attention has been given to music and to the rendition of each song—each teacher striving for perfect tone.

Evening Class. There will be an evening class held Tuesday night, November 13, at the Oak City High School building. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the cotton adjustment program in an effort to help cotton farmers to adjust cotton acreage for 1935.

Outdoor Activities. Up to now, not much has been done in any organized way toward the outdoor activities of the elementary grades. The play periods this year are being well supervised and the children are not only enjoying this time, but are striving to attain the standards outlined for them by the state.

Halloween Carnival Success. The Halloween carnival given on Wednesday night was a big success. Receipts from the general program, the different booths, and the bingo stand far exceeded that which was expected. These profits will be used for things most needed by different groups who sponsored the booths, and the school in general. The faculty and student body wish to express their appreciation for the cooperation and support of the public in helping make this carnival a success.

## 35 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED IN PAST MONTH

### Number Is Largest Issued in Single Month So Far This Year

One of the largest issuances of marriage licenses during the month of October in this county by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger this week. Climbing from a low of 12 licenses in October, 1931, the issuance last month totaled 35, white couples applying for 13 licenses and 22 going to colored applicants. Two other licenses were said to have been issued, but they were revoked. The number of licenses issued last month was the largest reported in any similar period this year. Licenses were issued to the following:

White. Leslie Ayers and Georgia Bell Roebuck, of Cross Roads. Andrew Hale and Bessie Harrell, both of Goose Nest.

Grover Perry and Minnie Martin, of Bear Grass. James L. Litchworth and Pauline Wynne, both of Robersonville.

Daniel Haislip, of Robersonville, and Mary Frances Holliday, of Williamston. Jay Rawls, of Beaufort County, and Huldah May Taylor, of Bear Grass.

Larry Bailey, of Pitt County, and Minnie Bailey, of Williamston. Clifton Turner and Ella S. Gurganus, both of Robersonville.

Elbert Tice, of Griffins, and Irma Woolard, of Beaufort County. Atwood Tetterton, of Plymouth, and Jamie Roberson, of Griffins.

Thomas M. Hardison and Gracia W. Britton, both of Jamesville. John White and Susie Edwards, both of Bertie County.

J. H. Thomas, of Robersonville, and Manie Thomas, of Bertie County.

Colored. Johnnie Roberson and Ruth Bell Lloyd, both of Williamston. Leo Council, of Robersonville, and Margaret Whitley, of Bertie.

Johnnie Smith and Vina, both of Williamston. Orange Simmons and Lester Butler, of Robersonville.

Samuel Lloyd Ore and Elnora Hines, both of Robersonville. William Reddick, of Griffins, and Alma Keel, of Williamston.

Willie Taylor and Alice Roberson, of Robersonville. Ransom Whitehurst and Flossie Whitefield, both of Robersonville.

Harvey Carrow and Mary V. Harris, both of Williamston. Jake Norfleet and Mary Della Sherrod, both of Williamston.

John McKnight, of Edgecombe, and Cordace Moore, of Hamilton. John L. Daniel and Ellen Little, both of Cross Roads.

Percy Brown and Lillie Bell Spruill, both of Robersonville. Augustus Lee Rogers and Ludie May Brown, both of Williamston.

William R. Kirkman and Helen Louise Roberson, both of Robersonville. S. H. Keys and Catherine Lilley, both of Jamesville.

George Ruffin and Vada Clemmons, both of Williamston. Levi Grimes, of Pitt, and Sadie Perkins, of Robersonville.

Claude Peel and Maggie Keel, both of Griffins. John Robbins and Lizzie Daniel, both of Williams.

Noah Andrews and Courtney Williams, both of Williamston. Hopic Brooks, of Bear Grass, and Estella Ruffin, of Cross Roads.

## Tonsil Clinic Will Be Held in Club Hall Here Thursday

A second tonsil clinic, sponsored by the several local doctors, will be held in the Woman's Club hall Thursday of this week. Arrangements have already been made for a number of operations, it was learned today, and other applications will be received through the offices of the local physicians.

Kilings Reported at Polls in Pennsylvania Today. Riots and bloodshed were witnessed in the Pennsylvania elections this morning, according to information received here this afternoon. Twenty-three persons were said to have been killed in one center as they marched toward the voting precincts. Others were wounded, and large numbers of citizens were deputized to help restore peace. They were said to have been shot down with a machine gun.

A prominent Republican was arrested, the report added, and fire arms were found in his home.

## Week-Old Infant Dies in Williams Township

The one-week-old child of Colon Perry died in the "Islands" section of Williams Township about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. Burial was in the Lilley cemetery, near Jamesville, beside the mother, who died last Tuesday evening.

## Action Is Instituted In Foreclosure Suits

### SMALL VOTE

Reports from several of the precincts at noon today indicated one of the smallest election votes in this county in years. However small, the vote was believed overwhelmingly Democratic.

Williamston reported a few less than 100 voted at noon today as compared with more than 325 voted up until the same hour in the last primary. All other districts heard from reported even smaller voting ratios up until the noon hour.

The campaign in this county attracted very little attention, the Democratic rally in Bear Grass, attended by about 40 people last Friday evening, being one of the largest meetings held in behalf of the Democratic ticket. Speakers in other centers reported unusually small attendances.

## BIGGS COX DIES AT HOME NEAR HASSELL FRIDAY

### Death Is Result of Stroke Of Paralysis Suffered Last Friday

Biggs Cox, well known and highly respected farmer of the Hassell section of this county, died at his home there early last Friday night following a stroke of paralysis suffered a short while before. He was fairly active for his advanced age almost up to the time of his death.

Mr. Cox was born in Pitt County 72 years ago, where he spent most of his life. Several years ago he moved to this county and purchased a farm near Hassell, where he spent the remainder of his days. Humble of disposition, Mr. Cox was recognized as a friend by all who knew him, a friend who found pleasure in doing for others. He was a gentleman of the old school and gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact.

Mrs. Cox survives with seven sons and four daughters. Their names are: Zodax Cox, of Speed; Zeber Cox, of Tarboro; George Cox, of Winterville; Thad Cox, of Defnox, Iowa; Lee and Desmond Cox, of Has-ell; and Gaston Cox, of Ayden; Mrs. Ira Haislip, of Hassell; Mrs. Zeno McLawhorn, of Winterville; Mrs. J. W. Cannon, of Raleigh; and Mrs. McLawhorn, of Winterville.

Funeral services were held at the late home at 1:30 Sunday afternoon by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of Farmville. Interment was in the family burial ground at Ayden.

Pickers Stick to 30-Cent Rate. Very Few Picker Operators Are Said To Charge 25 Cents a Bag.

With only two or three exceptions, the agreement to charge 30 cents a bag for picking peanuts is being generally observed by picker operators in this county, according to reports reaching here over the week-end.

Two or three operators in Griffins Township are picking for 25 cents a bag, it was learned, but operators in all other sections of the county heard from are adhering to the agreed-upon price.

Commenting on the 30-cent price, Commissioner Joshua L. Coltrane said yesterday that 30 cents might seem a little high at the present price of peanuts. "However," he continued, "if the operators exercise proper care and fill the bags, there will remain only a fair profit for the operator under the 30-cent charge." It is to be admitted that the operators are due a fair profit.

## Local Firemen Get Two Calls During Past Week

The local fire company received two calls over the week-end, the first to investigate a burning flue in the Proctor Hat Shoppe Friday evening, and the second from Ahoskie.

No damage was done at the hat shop as the fire was confined to the flue. Smoke broke through the flue and filled the attic, however.

With one of its largest store buildings on fire, Ahoskie called for assistance shortly before noon Saturday, but a few minutes later, just as the apparatus was leaving the station here, a second message was received stating that the Ahoskie firemen were getting the fire under control, and the visit was not necessary.

## LIST OF 465 NAMES EMBRACES \$22,000 IN UNPAID TAXES

### Deeds To Property Will Be Passed Within Next Twelve Months

Action is being taken this month in the foreclosure proceedings brought against 465 property owners in this county who have not paid their 1930 or 1931 taxes. The first of a series of four advertisements, required by law as a safeguard for any one holding a claim against the property, appears today. Unless the taxes and costs are paid within one year a deed will be passed to the purchaser of the tax certificate issued by the sheriff at sales held in 1931 and 1932.

The foreclosure suits are found as follows: 76 in Jamesville, 33 in Williams, 11 in Bear Grass, 7 in Griffins, 93 in Williamston, 30 in Cross Roads, 68 in Robersonville, 43 in Hamilton, 5 in Poplar Point, and 99 in Goose Nest, representing an unpaid tax of about \$22,000.

Several property owners are said to have filed answers to the suits, but there is little to gain and just that much expense to meet. The suit might be delayed, but the cost continues to increase. If the property owner is unable to pay the tax and cost now or within the next 12 months, he will hardly find it profitable to file an answer to the suit, it is believed.

As the 1933 law is understood here, a property owner who has not paid his taxes for the year 1930 will find the total increased by about 50 per cent. For instance, the owner owes \$100 taxes for the year 1930 he will find added to the amount \$4 penalty, \$1.50 sheriff's sale costs, \$6 foreclosure costs and about \$37 interest, making about \$148 due. The legislature reduced the foreclosure cost last year when it specified "that in no event shall the attorney fee exceed \$2.50 in each suit for foreclosure," and "that the total cost to the taxpayer, including the attorney's fees shall not exceed \$6," and "that the interest and penalty on tax sale certificates shall be 8 per centum per annum."

## COUNTY TAX SALE MONDAY

### Property Is Bought in by County in All But 15 Or 20 Instances

The property of approximately 625 owners in this county was placed on the auction block here yesterday noon by Sheriff C. B. Reiback to satisfy taxes unpaid for the year 1933. Thirty or more interested parties were present for the sale, about 40 owners managing to hold their holdings off the block at the last minute, and about 15 or 20 other parties bidding in certain tracts scattered here and there throughout the county. For the most part, Martin County bought in the taxes, and under the law it will start foreclosure proceeding within the next 18 months.

Certificates of sale are now being prepared in the office of the collector, and they will be turned over to the land purchasers and to the county attorney shortly, giving the sheriff more time to devote to the collection of 1934 taxes. The exact amount of the insolvent list is not known just at this time, the office awaiting an audit of the books before offering an estimate.

## Play at Gold Point On Friday Evening

"Deacon Dubbs," a three act farce comedy, will be presented in the Gold Point school Friday evening of this week, it was announced. A small admission will be charged.

## Masons To Hold Special Meeting Here Tonight

There will be a special meeting of Skewarkee lodge, No. 90, A. F. and A. M., tonight at the lodge hall at 7:30 p. m. Work in the second degree. Visiting Masons are cordially invited to attend.

## Fair Premiums Totaling \$500 Paid Out Last Week

Approximately \$500 in cash money was paid by the Roanoke Fair here last week to exhibitors and prize winners, according to an estimate offered by a fair official last night. More than \$100 went to owners of prize-winning chickens, and \$80 went to one swine exhibitor. It is understood every exhibitor won a prize, varying from \$5 to \$80.