

LOCAL MARKET ESTABLISHES NEW PRICE RECORD

Official Average Yesterday on Williamston Market Is 35 Cents

Wholesale Violations of Liquor Laws Uncovered in This County By Special Group of Detectives

Warrants Issued Against Alleged Violators Monday

Cases Are Scheduled For Trial Before Judge Peel Next Monday

The alleged violation of State alcoholic beverage control laws on an extensive scale was uncovered in this county last night when officers started serving twenty-seven warrants in nearly every nook and corner of the county. The issuance of the warrants charging violations of the liquor laws in one form or another followed a 30-day campaign in this county by special detectives of Branch's National Agency directed by the enforcement bureau of the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in cooperation with the county board, it was learned today.

The first of the warrants were served upon the alleged violators late yesterday afternoon in Robersonville. Early last night fifteen warrants, issued earlier in the day by the clerk of the superior court at the direction and upon the oath of two detectives, were placed in the hands of county officers. Just how many warrants had been served up until noon today could not be learned, but it was stated that officers were going into nearly every section of the county armed with the papers. At 2 o'clock this afternoon only three arrests had been made, the other defendants furnishing bonds varying in amount from \$100 to \$200. Mrs. Lin Williams and two colored women, of Robersonville, are now in jail awaiting the completion of arrangements for raising their bonds.

The names of the alleged violators could not be learned as the warrants were delivered into the hands of officers in several towns. It was reported that in the list of alleged violators there are several women. Twelve of the alleged violators live in and around Robersonville, four in Williamston, one in Jameville, one in Dardens, four in Bear Grass and five in Hamilton.

The cases are scheduled for trial before Judge H. O. Peel in the Martin County Recorder's Court next Monday. The docket for the session is likely to be the largest ever prepared for one day in the court, and it is probable that a number of cases will be continued or the court will have to hold a continued session.

Investigations were started in this county by three private detectives about thirty days ago. Reports state that a stubborn opposition was met during the first few days, that the first seventeen offers to buy liquor, any kind of liquor at that, were turned down. The friendly friend, coming to the aid of the detectives, finally purchased a pint in a nearby county for them, but that did not count and a change in the line-up was necessary. Contacts were soon established after that, but even today it is believed that some alleged violators escaped the dragnet of the law.

Several of the warrants charge possession of illegal liquor. Others charge the possession of legal liquor for resale. Still others charge possession of illegal and legal liquor for sale, and still others charge the illegal sale of wine.

Junior Woman's Club To Hold Meeting Tonight

The recently organized Junior Woman's club will meet in the club rooms this evening at 8 o'clock. The session is the first regular one held, and the officers are anxious for all members to be present.

Mrs. H. O. Peel heads the club as president, Mrs. H. S. Manning, first and Mrs. Sam Woolford, second vice president, Mrs. Irving Margolis, secretary, and Miss Truliah Ward Page, secretary.

The club has about 30 members already enrolled, and a marked increase in the membership is expected.

TOWN TAX SALES

Strenuous efforts are being made these days by Williamston property owners to head off the tax collector's sales that are scheduled to be held on the second Monday in November. The delinquent list is being prepared this week for publication this week, reports stating that the number of unpaid accounts will be larger than it was a year ago unless quite a few accounts are settled between now and Thursday. Of the approximately 1,100 tax accounts, more than 180 were unpaid today.

Williamston High Beats Washington 13 to 6 Last Friday

Scotland Neck Will Play Here Next Friday at 3:30 o'clock

(By JACK BAKER SAUNDERS)

Williamston added another victory to its rapidly growing win column by taking Washington's Pam-Pack by a 13 to 6 count. As usual, Joe Hardison and Roger Riddick were the big noises for the Green Wave. Hardison went over for both touchdowns while the latter reeled off several nice runs. After the visiting Martins had started strong to score all its points in the first half, the Washington aggregation came back to hold Williamston scoreless the remainder of the game, although play was deep in Washington territory.

Hall kicked off for Williamston. The Pam-Pack was unable to advance and punted, Summerlin making the catch. On the first play Hardison went off-tackle for 30 yards. Several plays later he plowed across the goal with two would-be tacklers on his back.

In the next period a series of ground plays advanced the ball to the enemy two yard line from where Hardison went over for the score. Goodman made a leaping catch of Wier's pass to provide the extra point. That ended Williamston's scoring to the day. At any rate, it ended point-making, for Riddick went across the Pack pay-off line twice but each time the play was recalled because of an off-side penalty.

The losers' only marker came on the last play of the game. A Washington lineman broke through to block Wier's punt and run it 50 yards for a touchdown.

Although the opposition was green the locals failed to run up as big a score as might have been expected. Andrews, Hall, Hadley, and Goodman shone in the line. Williamston racked up six first downs. Washington was unable to register one.

Scotland Neck plays here next Friday at 3:30 o'clock. A large crowd was present at the first home game of the season and it is hoped that another will be on hand for the second contest.

Old-Fashioned Fiddlers Contest In Jameville

The Jameville Vocational agriculture class is sponsoring an old fashioned Fiddlers Contest in the Jameville school auditorium on Friday night, October 15, at eight o'clock. In this program will be heard five of Eastern Carolina's best string bands, also guitar playing, banjo picking, mouth harp blowing, and quartet singing. A small admission will be charged to defray expenses.

Tonsil And Adenoid Clinic Will Be Held Here Oct. 20

A clinic for the removal of tonsils and adenoids will be held here October 20th. Dr. Sawyer will perform the operations and will be assisted by competent nurses. Dr. Sawyer said he was holding this clinic because of the many requests he had received.

Flimflammers Are Caught Trying To 'Work' on Farmer

Ferd Jones, Colored Farmer of Near Here, Outsmarts 'Easy' Money Men

Wise to the old pocketbook game, Ferd Jones, colored farmer living near Williamston assisted local and county officers in trapping three alleged flim-flammers here last Friday. James Evans, 28, Gus Perkins, 46, and Will Miller, 41, are now being held in the county jail awaiting a report on their fingerprints from the Federal Department of Justice. Washington, D. C. Officers in other counties are interested in identifying at least two of the men in connection with alleged robberies of their subjects.

The group started the old game off with a bang. Jones saw one of the men pick up the purse, and an agreement was made for a division of the findings. The man, picked for the victim, did some fast thinking and overcame the offer of "easy" money. He agreed to go to the bank and get the change just as soon as he sold his tobacco. The plan was working well with the three men holding their positions. During the meantime, Jones notified the sheriff and Officer Allsbrooks, and they entered the plan. Jones started to the bank to carry out the plan and as the officers arrived upon the scene at the corner of Washington and Main Streets, Evans, Perkins and Miller became frightened and fled. One darted around the Central Service Station and crawled through a small hole in the fence. Officer Allsbrooks picked him up in the Roanoke Chevrolet used car lot. Another was run down and caught between the Watts theatre and the Woolard Hardware Company store. A third one was picked up a few minutes later in his car parked on a side street.

Miller admitted trying to "pull" the pocketbook game on Jones, officers stating that while they believe the other two men are guilty there is doubt if it will be possible to convict them.

The three men are said to have been traveling in a Pennsylvania car, and that they had several changes of clothes.

Better Attendance In Local Schools

The local schools established a splendid attendance record last month, Principal D. N. Hix stating that 746 of the 810 children enrolled during the period attended school regularly. During the first month of last term 717 out of 784 enrolled attended regularly. During the first of the last year term 67 children were absent from the local schools each day compared with 53 this year.

Enrollment figures steadily increased in the high school department during the month and exceeded those of a year ago. A year ago there were 190 enrolled in the high school during the first month as compared with 217 last month. The elementary school reported 584 enrolled last month as compared with 594 enrolled a year ago. However, the average daily attendance in the elementary school so far this year is 545 as compared with 538 a year ago.

While there are more girls enrolled in both the elementary and high school departments, the number of boys showed quite an increase this year over last, the number of girls decreasing slightly. The number of boys increased from 377 to 402, the number of girls decreasing from 497 to 399. There are 26 fewer girls in the elementary school than there were a year ago, but the number in the high school increased from 106 to 118, the number of high school boys increasing from 84 to 99.

Missing For A Week, County Colored Man Believed Murdered

Two Colored Men Are Being Held in the County Jail for Questioning

Dan Blue, young colored man until last Tuesday employed by a logging contractor in the Dymond City area of this county, has been missing a week, reports reaching here indicating that the man had been murdered and his body disposed of by his assailants. L. Barrus and Curtis Arnold, colored men also employed by the logging contractor, Tom Gaines, are being held in the county jail for questioning, officers stating today that they had not gathered sufficient evidence to support a warrant against either of the two men. Additional witnesses are being questioned today, the officers stating that they expected evidence momentarily that would throw light on the man's disappearance.

Blue and Barrus were said to have come to the fair here last Tuesday afternoon, and he has not been seen since that time. Barrus claims that he and Blue reached the main gate and parted, Blue remaining on the outside. When questioned later that day about Blue's whereabouts, Barrus stated that he heard a small boy say that he (Blue) had been run over and killed by an automobile. Barrus is said to have changed his story when questioned later.

Officers are of the opinion that Blue started home late Tuesday night, and that as he neared the camps he was shot and killed. A long search by Officer Geo. Beck of Jameville, and a number of assistants last Saturday failed to uncover any trace of the man in the logging territory.

Arnold, said to have quarrelled with Blue a few days before the man disappeared, was reported to have gone bear hunting late Tuesday night, and was away from the camps about two or three hours. Reports of two gun shots were heard by others at the camp, and the two empty gun shells were found by the searching party. No trace of Blue or his body was found however. Arnold is said to have had blood stains on his hat, that when he was arrested last Saturday he was boiling his overalls.

Blue came to this county not so long ago from Kenly. Officers connected relatives there, but it was learned the man had not been at his home for some time. The other two men are from other sections, it was stated.

Alfred L. Purvis Dies Near Hassell

Alfred L. Purvis, member of one of Martin County's oldest families, died late Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. K. Downs, near Hassell in Hamilton Township. Mr. Purvis, 84 years old, had been in failing health for some time, retiring several years ago from his farm duties.

He was the son of the late Calvin and Nancy Johnson Purvis, well known family of this county. Mr. Purvis lived on a farm all his life in this county, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the late home. Interment will follow in the Purvis cemetery in Hamilton Township.

Country Home Burns In Bear Grass Township

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Peel and just about all the contents were destroyed by fire early last Saturday afternoon. No estimate of the loss could be had, but it will run well into several thousand dollars. It could not be learned whether insurance was carried.

Mr. and Mrs. Peel left home about 12:30 to visit in Williamston. Mr. Peel stated that there had been fire in a heater, but that it was out or nearly when they left. Neighbors, seeing the smoke, rushed there to find the fire burning rapidly in the room where the heater was, but they were unable to check it. One bed was saved, all the remainder of the furniture burning. All the clothes saved from the fire were on the backs of the members of the family.

Farmers Selling Here Are More Than Pleased With Sales; Price Holds Firm as Selling Continues

Mrs. H. L. Walker and Three Others Lose Lives in Wreck

Mrs. Bertie Walker, wife of Harvey L. Walker, resident manager of the Williamston Fair, was fatally injured and her brother, John R. King, his wife, and a friend, Mrs. Gladys Carroll, all of Raleigh, were killed in an automobile-truck crash a few miles west of Spring Hope on the Raleigh road at 12:50 o'clock yesterday morning. Miss Kathleen Branham, a fifth passenger in the car driven by King, was badly hurt but reports from a Raleigh hospital state that she is expected to recover. Mr. and Mrs. King and Mrs. Carroll were killed instantly. Mrs. Walker died shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The party was returning to their Raleigh homes following a week-end visit with Mr. Walker in Williamston.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carroll are being held in the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh, this afternoon at 2 o'clock, a triple service to follow at five in a Raleigh funeral home.

State Highway Patrolman T. R. Burdette who investigated the accident, said that the truck was driven by Charles Smith of Apex and that it was meeting the Raleigh car, driven by King on a curve near the intersection of the Wake Forest road on Highway No. 64 when the crash occurred. The truck and trailer attached were loaded with tobacco.

Patrolman Burdette quoted Smith who was reported only slightly injured, as saying that he dimmed his lights when his truck and trailer approached the Raleigh car. King was said to have attempted to dim his own lights but Smith said they went out just before the two vehicles met.

The patrolman said that his investigation showed that the crash occurred not so far from the center of the highway with the left wheel of the truck striking the left wheel of the car.

Neither vehicle turned over, Burdette said, but the truck body partially covered the automobile so that a wrecking crew had to remove the bodies. King's head was crushed, the patrolman said.

Mrs. Walker had many friends here where she had visited her husband during the time he was connected with the fair.

H. F. Gardner Dies Near Jameville

Hoyt F. Gardner, well-known resident of the Jameville community died at the home of his brother, Station Gardner, there yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the age of 76 years. He had been in declining health for almost a year, but had been confined to his bed only during the past three weeks.

He was the son of the late Luke and Eliza Hardison Gardner, an old family of this county. Mr. Gardner never married and is survived by only one brother. He was a member of the Cedar Branch Baptist Church during a greater part of his life, and had many friends in his community.

Services are being conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington, his pastor. Interment will follow in the family cemetery in Jameville Township.

Fire Company Called Out Last Saturday Morning

The local fire company was called out last Saturday morning when soot in the Colonial Beauty Shop chimney caught fire and filled the shop and the ABC store on the first floor with smoke. Paper on the walls was scorched, but very little damage resulted. No water or chemicals were used, the firemen letting the soot burn out.

Last Week's Sales Well Over Million Mark; Average \$33

Williamston To Date Has Sold More Than Six One-half Million

Williamston stepped into the tobacco marketing spotlight yesterday when prices reached a peak unheard of at any time this season or any year since 1919. "It was the most satisfactory sale I ever ran," a local warehouseman said late yesterday afternoon just after the sales were completed. Farmers were also agreed that the prices were the highest, most satisfactory they had seen in a long, long time. Forty farmers, asked how tobacco prices were during the day, said, "Tobacco is selling high, the best this year or in a number of years." Most of them expressed the hope that the price would hold up.

Beginning the week with more than six million pounds sold, the market yesterday handled 224,800 pounds for an average of \$36, the highest reported here. Including today's offerings, the market has sold right at six and one-half million pounds.

Last week, the market set a unique record by selling 1,134,910 pounds for an average of \$33.04, another record that hasn't been equaled on the market in a long time.

Whole rows of tobacco today averaged forty cents a pound or better, and individual averages over 50 cents were numerous. There were more piles of tobacco on the floors during the day that brought forty cents a pound or more than there were under piles sold for fifteen cents or under a market observer said following the close of sales for the day. Prices above 50 cents were numerous, some going into the sixties.

Strong competition by all the major companies, especially the Reynolds, Export, Imperial and American, made itself felt today from the beginning to the last sale about 4:30 in the afternoon.

Very few tips were in evidence today, making possible the high price average today. There were a few tips, however, and they sold well. Major Gardner, the tobacco farmer from over in Williams Township, selling a big pile for 38 cents.

Few will offer any opinion as to what the price trend will be in the future. Some believe the prices will continue to hold up; others express doubt if the price average will hold to the point established yesterday.

Late estimates maintain that the crop is 75 per cent sold, that the season will be spent by Thanksgiving, and possibly before that time.

State Employment Service Lists 559

Active registrations of workers in various trades and occupations in Martin County total 559, according to C. W. Bazemore, manager of the Williamston office of the State Employment service. Those registrations include men, women and World War veterans, who have indicated their purpose and desire to find suitable employment in this area.

The Service, operating in a group of counties in this area, with district headquarters at Edenton, placed over 229 workers in various occupations, in this district in the month of August. September placements have also been active.

The Service is for the public, and registrations include workers seeking jobs in almost every trade and occupation. Pile drivers, cooks, stenographers, laborers, truck drivers, mechanics, boat pilots, deck hands, engineers, machinists, farm workers, governesses, teachers, salesmen, deliverymen, clerks and a great many other occupations are represented in the registrations and placements made in the recent past in this section.

Otis Andrews Dies At Sister's Home In Washington County

Was in Declining Health Almost a Year, Having Retired from Business

Otis Andrews, native of Williams Township and for a number of years a resident of Williamston, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sam Hopkins, in Washington County, near Plymouth, last Friday. He has been in declining health most of this year and retired from his work in a Tarboro furniture store to make his home with his sister.

Mr. Andrews was born in Williams Township, this county, on December 19, 1876, the son of the late Luther and Lucy Perry Andrews. He spent his early life on the farm, and later entered the insurance business in Williamston, Washington and later in Wilson. During the past eight or ten years he had made his home in Tarboro. He was married four times, his first three wives, the former Miss Alice Jones, of Wilson, Miss Lula Willis and Miss Mable Hill, both of Washington, preceding him to the grave. His fourth wife, Miss Pattie Gwaltney, before marriage, survives.

He leaves three children and the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. W. B. Daniel, and Mrs. Sam Jones, of Williamston; Mrs. N. S. Cherry, Mrs. Robert Cherry, Mrs. Chas. Pate and Mrs. Grover Godard, all of Williams township; Mrs. Sam Hopkins of Washington County; Roy and Ben Andrews, of Williamston, and Sam L. Andrews, of Williams Township.

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday afternoon at the old home in Williams Township by Rev. R. R. Grant, local Methodist minister, and Rev. Chester Alexander, Presbyterian minister of Tarboro. Burial was in the new family plot near the old home.

Senior Woman's Club To Meet Here Tomorrow

The local Senior Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting in the club rooms tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the officers urging a full attendance upon the session.

The Garden Committee will have charge of the program, and Mr. Nash of Tarboro, will speak to the meeting on fall planting of bulbs and care of shrubs during the winter months. Bulbs and shrubs will be exchanged at the meeting, it was announced.