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Abandon Plans For Storing Additional Peanuts Locally

Reports State There Are Few Peanuts Left on Farms

After every factor was considered, efforts to provide additional space for the storage of peanuts...

Up until Wednesday evening, the government warehouse at Everetts had received and stored a few more than 5,000 bags of peanuts...

No report is available just now from the cooperative warehouses in Robersonville, but it is understood that ample storage space is available...

Unofficial reports indicate that 90 per cent of the crop in this county has been moved already...

Few movements have been reported, but the open market was reported stronger this week...

Series Of Wrecks During Holidays

No one was seriously hurt, but several people were painfully injured on the highways of this section during the holiday period.

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Christmas day passed without a serious accident, but Irving Dixon, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Dixon, of Parme, was run down and painfully hurt by a car driven by Cortez Winters...

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Hundreds Made Glad By Cheer Movement

HOLIDAY

Saturday, New Year's Day, will be observed as a holiday by several businesses, including the two banks, postoffice, V. E. P. offices and possibly others.

Since there will be no mail deliveries on Saturday, The Enterprise is making its appearance ahead of its regular schedule that deliveries may be effected in the rural communities before next Monday.

Everetts Man Sets Record For Holding Large Number Jobs

C. B. Riddick Is Now on His Seventeenth Assignment

He may not crave work, but it is quite certain judging from the number of jobs he has held that Mr. C. B. Riddick, Everetts man, has never run from work...

Starting as a water boy in a log-woods, Mr. Riddick has held and worked seventeen jobs. "I cooked my own flour bread and sopped molasses as a veteran on that first job, but it was a tough one and the pay was mighty, mighty small."

His first mercantile experience was with the late Noah Riddick in the Everetts Mercantile Company. "He paid me \$10 a month and board, my washing coming in as an extra remuneration," Mr. Riddick said.

Ten School Teachers Marry In This County

The fall term was a marrying period for teachers in the schools of this county, reports stating that ten had turned to matrimony since Thanksgiving.

Late last Thursday night, a Buick car belonging to Frank Perry, crashed into another car on East Main street, causing damage to both machines, but injuring no one.

Friday morning, a pick-up truck skidded on a slippery road near Sweet Water Creek and tore into the front of Oscar Bland's car, injuring Mrs. Bland internally and bruising the knee of C. B. Rogerson, passenger in the Bland car.

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Mrs. Minnie Rogers Passes At Her Home Near Here Thursday

Funeral Services Will Be Held on Friday Afternoon

Mrs. Minnie Rogers, wife of W. Henry Rogers, died at her home near here on the old Everetts road about one o'clock Thursday morning.

Mrs. Rogers, the daughter of the late Amlicke Askew and wife, was born near Williamston 63 years ago. She lived all her life in the community where she was born.

Mrs. Rogers was a member of the Methodist church for a long number of years, holding an active membership until her health began to fail at Vernon, near Williamston.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home by her pastor, Rev. R. N. Fitts, of Robersonville.

Farmers Planning Big Tobacco Crop

Martin County farmers are apparently planning a big tobacco crop in 1938, or, at least, they are planning to sow plenty of seed for a big tobacco crop, according to reports coming from the office of the county agent.

Assistant County Agent J. P. Woodard started cleaning tobacco seed more than a week ago, and to date he has cleaned more than enough to sow 107,200 yards of plant beds.

Mrs. Martha Thomas Dies In Bertie County

Mrs. Martha Thomas, mother of Messrs. Guy, Perlie and Grady Thomas, of Williamston, died suddenly at her home in Bertie County, near Windsor, early Tuesday morning.

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Liquor Sales

Legal liquor sales reached a new high peak for a single day in this county last Friday, Christmas Eve day, according to unofficial reports heard here yesterday.

Quietness Marks Observance of Holiday Season In Williamston And Throughout Martin County

Record Business Reported By Local Stores During Holiday

Williamston business houses reported a record holiday trade last week, sales exceeding those of any other period in nearly every case, according to preliminary reports heard here this week.

More people were attracted to Williamston during the holiday season than had ever been here before. Cars were parked several blocks from the business district, and parking space offered the town its biggest problem.

At the postoffice, Postmaster L. T. Fowden explained that they were closing the busiest period in the history of the office.

Stamp sales for the current period are \$300 ahead of those of a year ago, and it is certain the sales for the year will approximate \$23,000 or almost double those of 1932.

Give Prizes for Best Holiday Decorations

City Hall Attracts Much Attention In Its Holiday Attire

Judges Offer Much Favorable Comment on the Decorations Here

Wearing possibly the most gala holiday attire of any town its size in this section, Williamston gained much favorable comment from over a wide territory for its extensive decorations during the Christmas period.

Wesley Kay To Play For Legion Dance

Wesley Kay will bring his broadcasting orchestra to play for the American Legion dance here on Friday night of next week, it was announced by the promoters today.

Prizes, totaling \$34, were awarded as follows: Window displays: Clark's Drug Store, \$5 first prize; Margolis Brothers, \$2.50 second prize, and Peele's Jewelers, \$1 third prize.

Interior store decorations: Peele's Jewelers, \$5 first; Davis Pharmacy, \$2.50 second, and Leggett's, \$1 third.

Home doorways: Mrs. John A. Manning, \$5 first prize; Mrs. L. T. Fowden, \$2.50 second prize, and Mrs. N. C. Green, \$1 third prize.

Yards: Mrs. E. S. Peel, \$5 first; Mrs. M. J. Norton, \$2.50 second, and Mrs. H. G. Horton, \$1 third prize.

The courthouse group and the water and police departments were not eligible for prizes, but their decorations received much praise from the judges.

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Few New Cases Placed On Recorder's Docket

Fewer new cases have been placed on the docket during the past week for trial in the county recorder's court next Monday than in several Christmas holiday seasons, a count of the cases yesterday showed.

Death Toll Over Nation Is Larger Than A Year Ago

Few Arrests Are Reported In County During Christmas

The Christmas season was quietly observed here and throughout the county, reports coming from local and county officers describing the holiday period as the quietest in a number of years.

Police records show fewer arrests this year than last during the Christmas season. Nearly all of the dozen people arrested in the county during the holiday were charged with drunkenness, the few others being booked for drunken driving or assault.

"It was the quietest observance of Christmas I have seen in several years," a county officer said. "Disorders were reported here and there over the county, but they were not serious," the officer continued.

A year ago the automobile claimed a life and another was lost in a fire during Christmas in this county. Much sickness was reported in the county, the number of pneumonia cases, several of them serious, exceeding a normal average.

WARNING

The highway patrol issued a new warning this week when it advised owners that their livestock would be killed when allowed to run the highways.

Several accidents have followed in this section recently when stock was allowed to run the highways.

The patrol also warned that all transfer operators must have licenses, that anyone caught operating without a license would be required to buy them and pay an additional sum of \$25.

Mrs. Nannie Murrill Dies In Richlands

Mrs. Nannie Murrill, mother of Mrs. G. H. Harrison and Mrs. R. G. Harrison, Jr., of Williamston, died suddenly at her home in Richlands Sunday evening shortly after nine o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Richlands Methodist church of which she had long been a member.

Interment was in the family cemetery on the old home place, near Richlands.

Besides her two daughters here she leaves the following children, Mrs. W. D. Russell, Mrs. Edgar Koonce, Mrs. John Rand, Mrs. Leon Sylvester, and Mrs. Stanley Koonce, all of Richlands.

Record Shipment Motor Oil Is Unloaded Here

The largest shipment of motor oils and gasoline ever received in this section was unloaded at the docks of the Harrison Oil Company here Thursday.

The shipment consisted of 36,000 cans of the popular Texaco and Havoline motor oils and seven carloads of Firechief gasoline.

Local Auto License Bureau Sells 2500 Tags

Up until Wednesday night, the Carolina Motor Club Bureau had sold more than 2,500 licenses.