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The Cost Of Living

Trifling A Century Ago

Old Hotel Ledger Sheet Reveals Almost Unbelievable Prices

Long before ration books were thought of, there wasn't a bit of inflation reflected in the charges of an extinct hotel at Gaston (now known as Thelma), N. C., as disclosed by a ledger sheet recently unearthed in the Seaboard Railway station there. It shows:

"Gaston, Tuesday, 31st March 1840.

Raleigh and Gaston R.R. Co., Dr. Engineer, Captain, Trainhand, each breakfast and dinner 75c.

Extra Engineer and Fireman, each breakfast 25c.

Petersburg, R.R. Co., Dr. Engineer, Captain, Fireman, 2 Trainhands, dinner, supper, breakfast and lodgings \$1.88.

Extra, 1 Engineer, supper, lodging and breakfast 38c.

Mr. Styles, 3 drinks 19c; Mr. Myers, 5 drinks, 1 ditto, 1 ditto, 4 ditto, at 4 1-2c 49c; 2 pints brandy and bottles 50c.

The Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road was one of the earliest parent companies of the present Seaboard Railway system, but at the headquarters of the road in Norfolk, Va., it is stated that no relationship is claimed to Mr. Styles and particularly to Mr. Myers.

Enfield School Exercises Begin

HENDERSON MINISTER PREACHES SERMON

Enfield, N. C.

Commencement exercises of the 1942-1943 school session began Sunday evening with the baccalaureate sermon preached in the Baptist church by the Rev. E. Norfleet Gardner, pastor of the First Baptist church of Henderson.

Hymns "God of Our Fathers" and "All Hail The Power" were sung by the congregation and an anthem "Praise the Lord" was rendered by the glee club, under the direction of Mrs. John Newton. Principal H. L. Kendall introduced the Rev. Norfleet who delivered his sermon "Graduation" to the 21 graduates. The Rev. B. D. Critcher gave the benediction.

Marshals were Wilbur Bridgers--chief Marshal; J. C. Cuthrell, Jackie De Lysle and Susan Gramham. Johnnie White, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White is the class mascot.

Other activities during this week was the musical recital of Mrs. John Newton's class on Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. On Thursday night at 8:30 the class night program will be given and on Friday night at 8:30 the graduation exercises will be held at which time Nathan Yelton, state school commissioner, will give the commencement address and diplomas will be delivered to the graduates.

Halifax Man Violates Draft

Roy Finch, 23 of Roanoke Rapids is under a sentence of 18 months in a reformatory on conviction of failing to appear for a physical examination when called by his local draft board.

The sentence was imposed by Federal Judge I. M. Meekins.

CHICKENS

Farmers are asked to raise an extra 200,000,000 chickens in 1943. Some has figured that these chickens will require about 20 billion tons of extra feed, if they are made to weigh 3 pounds each.

yields of lespedeza, crotolaria, pastures, clovers, and other summer legumes can be appreciably increased by the application of ground limestone and acid phosphate. For this purpose the chairman of the AAA Committee will gladly accept orders for farm delivery of these vital plant food elements.

Your AAA Committee now has on hand a quantity of acid phosphate and daily delivery of ground limestone is expected.

Contact your AAA Office in Halifax for the purpose of placing orders. The charges for this material will be taken out of your soil conservation payment and units of credit will be given to you for the purpose of meeting your soil-building goal.

Home Demonstration Agent Pressure Cookers--For the benefit of all those who have not already heard of the availability of pressure cookers we should like to say that ration application blanks may be obtained from the Farm Machinery Ration Board, Halifax, N. C., City dealers as well as those who live in rural areas may apply for a purchase certificate for a pressure cooker.

However, we are advising prospective purchasers to club together in groups of from four to six families as the U. S. Department of Agriculture War Board has specifically instructed local Boards approve applications that carry group of families first. Then those orders are filled if additional cookers are available, applications of individual families may be considered. The objective of the U. S. Department of Agriculture War Board is to that each pressure cooker that manufactured serves as many as possible, therefore the applications first.

Bonds--War Bonds and Stamps have been purchased by members of the following organizations: Melian Springs Home Demonstration Club, \$660.50, Darlington Home Demonstration Club, \$29.80, Halifax Woman's Club, \$129.25, Halifax W. S. C. S., \$3.00 and Oak Ridge Home Demonstration Club \$25.

Cross Sewing-- Home Demonstration Clubs made the following number of garments for the Cross: Oak Ridge one sweat-shirt, 12 shirts and Darlington 6 garments.

Maintaining Beauty--While our girls are away from home let us keep their homes beautiful to them to come back to. Mr. H. Harris, Extension Land Specialist, makes a few suggestions. Well rotted cow lot manure may be used as fertilizer for flowers and shrubs. Prune spirea forsythia as soon as the buds drop. Spray plant lice on your growth with nicotine Sulphate or Black Leaf 40. Dust plants infested with mildew with sulphur. Cultivate the soil for a distance of about 12 to 18 inches around shrubs and young trees. This makes the soil more absorbent to rain water and prevents roots from sapping the strength away from the shrub or tree. The more work and care you give your vegetable garden the more garden you will have. Take care of your lawn mower and keep it for the duration. Keep your garden hose in a dark cool place when not in use. Roll it up so it does not kink it.

How About Canning Bees?--We are able to get away from the less and less and there is more and more for the average wife to do would it not be a good idea to have canning bees in summer. Women need to get together occasionally. Social contacts keep them on friendly terms with their neighbors, it takes their minds off their own problems and to relax tense nerves. A canning bee will do all these things at the same time pool equipment and labor. Canning alone for fruits and vegetables is a process because of the many in preparation. A canning bee will give a worker for each in the preparation and canning and expect the whole process well as being a social occasion. A woman could take her fruit vegetables, jars and equipment to the house of the hostess for the day and take home her finished jars. Then she would be hostess for turn.

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Allowing cattle to graze spring pastures before the grass has made sufficient growth to withstand full is a good example of hasty grazing. Too early and too heavy spring grazing does not pay though it is hard to resist temptation when pastures become "green up."

Allowing pasture grasses are rich in nutrients during the spring period, they may be prevented from making full growth by overgrazing. Grass should be enough for cattle to get a mouthful when grazing it. In case of new plantings the soil should be firm enough so that the cattle walk on it they do not destroy the plants.

These precautions are not observed and cattle are turned onto pastures too early, the amount of grazing will be reduced materially in the season.

When pastures come on somewhat slowly, it may be desirable to turn the cattle out for only one or two hours a day. Sometimes a rotational system of grazing is desirable. In rotational grazing, a portion of the pasture is "rested" and the other portion is being grazed.

HALIFAX COUNTY A. C. A. necessity for good growth of summer legumes is based on available mineral plant food elements in the soil. Plant growth and seed

FARMING "ON THE LEVEL" UPS WAR CROP YIELDS



That broad grin is typical of farmers throughout the nation, who find that contour farming, level around the slope, holds soil, water and fertilizer on the land. In addition to increasing production of Food For Freedom, farmers using conservation methods report a saving of fuel and machinery wear.

Miss Annie Belle Bennett

Funeral services were conducted from the Chapel of the Branch Funeral Home in Enfield on Sunday afternoon for Miss Annie Belle Bennette, 55, who died on Friday after a lingering illness. The Rev. Ross Cade and the Rev. George R. Stair were the officiating ministers and burial followed in Elmwood cemetery.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Hardy Boudett and Mrs. S. E. Hardee of Enfield, Mrs. Willie T. Eure of Halifax and three brothers, S. L. Bennette of Enfield, George R. Bennette of Greensboro and H. F. Bennette of Norfolk, Va.

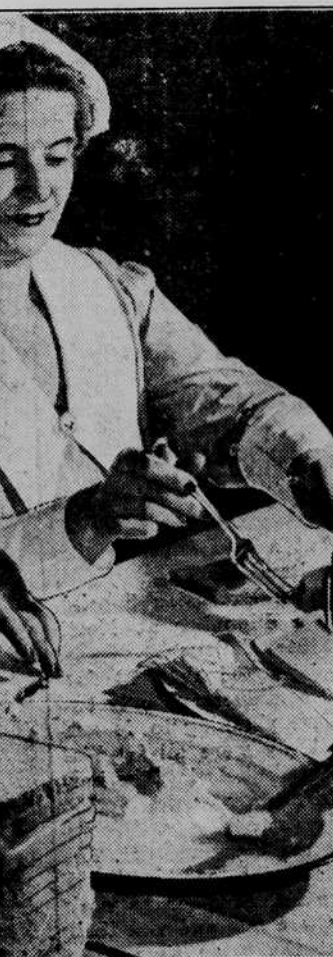
Mrs. Nita Mae Campbell

Funeral services were conducted from Pleasant Grove church on Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Nita Mae Campbell, 56, who died in Roanoke Rapids Hospital Friday morning after a lingering illness. The rites were conducted by the Rev. J. B. Hurley assisted by the Rev. C. H. Trueblood of the Seaboard Baptist church and the Rev. J. E. Garlington of Garysburg.

Mrs. Campbell was a former resident of Iredell County but had resided near here for several years. She is survived by her husband L. R. Campbell, two daughters, Mrs. W. B. Barnes of Gumberry, Miss Maybelle Campbell of the home and one son James Buxton Campbell of the United States Navy, who is stationed in Maryland.

"Morale" Food for Civilians

IN the event of a civilian emergency, we won't go hungry. Red Cross nutritionists favor sandwiches of enriched white bread for mass disaster feeding. All white bread today, including the loaves you buy for home use, is enriched with vitamin B-1, the "morale" vitamin, with other B-vitamins, and with the food-mineral, iron.



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Weldon School Finals To Begin Sunday Night

P.F.C. Collins Is Training In Chicago

Chicago, April 15, 1943--Pfc. Benjamin F. Collins, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Collins of Weldon, has been assigned here to be trained as a radio operator, mechanic in the new Air Forces Technical school now operating in the buildings formerly occupied by the Stevens and Congress hotels and Chicago's historic Coliseum. The new radio school is one of the Army Air Forces Technical Training command's Chicago schools under the command of Col. John P. Temple.

When he completes his training here, Pfc. Collins may be assigned to the communications section of an Air Forces ground unit in a combat zone, or, after further training as an aerial gunner, will take his place as radio operator in a bomber crew.

Pfc. Collins is a graduate of Weldon High School and during civilian life was employed as a drug store clerk by Dr. Caney Foster.

Halifax Is Planning Program Again

County That Won First Place in Improvement Contest Makes Plans for 1943

Halifax County, not content with first place in the one-variety cotton improvement contest last year, has planned another excellent program for 1943, Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of Extension at State College said.

He praised their recommendations for seed cleaning, seed treatment, and the use of plenty of seed at planting time; and also the recommendation of "Don't chop too early, and leave a thick stand of 3 to 5 plants about 8 to 12 inches apart."

According to Schaub, the Halifax growers under the direction of County Agent W. O. ... have published a complete program of better cotton production and this includes definite instructions on fertilization, application of fertilizer to the crop, cultivation and boll weevil control methods to fit their section.

He pointed out that last year 98 1-2 out of every 100 acres of cotton in Halifax was planted to Coker 100 cotton seed of an improved strain. Not only are the growers striving for better yields of cotton but also cotton of improved quality and staple length.

Halifax cotton ginners cooperated in the program and everything possible was done to give the best job of ginning. Business men and the press joined in advertising the program and Halifax was made thoroughly cotton conscious. One of the results of the campaign was the production of twice as much middling cotton as in 1940.

Halifax has experienced some rather lean years in cotton production in recent times but the one-variety program has again restored cotton to its former level.

J. U. Vaughan Sr.

Jackson Ulysses Vaughan, Sr., 73, died at his home here Friday morning after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3:30 from the Weldon Methodist Church and burial will follow in the Calvary Church cemetery near Littleton. The Rev. E. D. Weathers and the Rev. W. W. Fintalar will be the officiating ministers.

Mr. Vaughan was a native of Bertie County but had made his home in Weldon for more than thirty years. He retired from business several years ago, but prior to that time he was associated with the Weldon Grocery Company.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Sally Myrick Vaughan, one daughter, Mrs. Ernest McDaniel of Richmond, Va., and two sons, J. U. Vaughan, Jr., of Weldon and Oscar R. Vaughan of Greensboro.

COOKERS

The 150,000 pressure cookers, which will be available this season, will be rationed by County Farm Rationing Committees. Community pools will have a better chance to obtain one than individual families.

PROMOTED

Sterling (Bumps) Mohorn, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Mohorn of Weldon has been promoted to the rank of Corporal in the United States Army. Cpl. Mohorn is now station at Camp Hean, California.

Lt. David J. Ward of the Receiving Station, Naval Base, Norfolk, Va. spent Easter with his mother, Mrs. W. J. Ward.

Weldon High Won Two This Week

The Weldon High School baseball team ended a successful season yesterday by defeating Tarboro by the score of 2 to 0.

Weldon's ace pitcher, "Bug" Edwards in pitching his final game for the locals, served up a masterpiece. He limited Tarboro to two hits, struck out 11 batters and issued only one walk.

This victory over Tarboro gave the Weldon High team an undefeated season. It has two victories each over high school teams from Roanoke Rapids, Tarboro, Littleton and Seaboard.

Superior Court

A two weeks term of Superior Court convened in Halifax Tuesday morning with Judge Clawson Williams, presiding. This week which was devoted to criminal cases was termed the filthiest docket tried in Halifax County in ten years due to the fact that seven attempted rape cases were tried in six of which girls from 5 to 12 years of age were featured.

L. C. Gay, white of Roanoke Rapids was found guilty of non-support of his wife and child, and sentenced to 18 months in jail, suspended on condition he pay \$10.00 a week for the use and benefit of his wife and child.

Dan Faison, white of Roanoke Rapids received a 6 months suspended sentence on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Lemuel Robertson, white of R. Rapids, charged with carnal knowledge of a female under 12 years of age, was prosecuted on a charge of assault with intent to commit rape on Elizabeth Maybell Culbertson and was sentenced to two years in jail to be assigned to work under the direction of the S. H. and P. W. C.

George (Buck) Loomis, white of Roanoke Rapids, through his lawyers entered a plea of assault on a female under 12 years of age, after being charged with rape on the person of Mary Ruth Barnes, and was sentenced to fifteen years at hard labor in the State Penitentiary.

E. C. Smith, white of Roanoke Rapids was sentenced to from 2 to 3 years in jail to be assigned to work the public roads for larceny and receiving, this sentence to begin at the expiration of one he is now serving.

Henry Hopkins, alias Joe Henry Hopkins, white of Hobgood, received a sentence of from three to five years in the State Penitentiary after being found guilty of bigamy.

Mary Ella Anderson, colored of Littleton was found guilty of larceny of person and sentenced to four months in jail.

Buddy Powell, colored, Roanoke Rapids found guilty of perjury and sentenced from 18 months to 2 years.

Carson Blanton, white, who resides on the Weldon-Roanoke Rapids highway received a sentence of from three to five years in the State Penitentiary after pleading guilty to a charge of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of ...

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