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50 a Year in Advance

BILL NELSON SHOOTS DOWN TWO OFFICERS

BOTH MEN KILLED INSTANTLY

Mayor Keech Was Seriously, If Not Fatally Wounded--The Shooting Occurred as The Officers Were Searching The Place.

The shooting of Mayor Keech and Policemen Gwatney and Riggins at Tarboro Saturday afternoon, shocked the entire State. It was one of those affairs for which there was not the slightest reason or excuse. W. C. Nelson, the murderer, valued his bottles of whiskey more than he did the peace and honor of his family, or his own life. Caught with more booze than the law allows, he rather than lose it, shot down three men; became a murderer for which he will have to suffer the full extent of the law. He has a trail of blood behind him, having killed Will Hammond at Bethel several years ago. Getting clerr of that crime, he felt secure, no doubt, and went about violating the law whenever and wherever he desired. Just one time too many, however, did he exercise his desire to murder. At last he has reached the place where there is no turning back. So it is, and will be with others who for a dollar, sell their souls in debauchery of themselves and their fellowman. Blind tigers are without conscience; they are full of rapine and murder, if they are not allowed to wreck the lives and homes about them. They dare put their contemptible traffic in the heart of towns and cities, and then make threats against any who dispute their right to pollute the very atmosphere they breathe.

Nelson is well known in Martin County, where some years ago, he went over the county buying and butchering cattle. Like many others he found pleasure in doing wrong, rather than in following the honest paths of life, and so failed as millions more have done, to live uprightly before men. If he had been dealing in anything else rather than booze, he would not have killed two men and desperately wounded another, but the blind tiger fences himself about with supreme authority to do anything under the sun--if it be murder, he claims that he has the right, and so is a menace to even the extreme immoral places in the world.

One Of The Needs

Among the needs of Williamston is a dairy, where people could at all times secure milk, cream or buttermilk. The complaint is very often heard that milk nor cream can be had in the town. Of course, there is a small quantity to be had, but far insufficient to supply the demand. Farmers living near town could easily arrange to build up a good trade in milk, for very few in the town are situated to keep cows, and then comes in the high cost of feed, which would not affect the farmer so much as he is prepared to furnish feed sufficient for his cows. Nearly all the milk produced in the town is furnished the drug stores, and when a family desires any it is not to be had regularly.

Turner Grimes spent the week-end in Robersonville.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual meeting of the State Board of the Christian Church of North Carolina was in session here on yesterday with the following gentlemen present: W. C. Manning, of Williamston; Rev. B. P. Smith, of Kinston; C. W. Howard, of Kinston; L. J. Chapman, of Grifton and Rev. C. C. Ware, of Wilson, the latter who is State Secretary was a former pastor of the local church. Several important matters that deserved the immediate attention of the body was disposed of during the all day session.

The program committee for the State convention which meets in Wilson in November was chosen.

The Board arranged for the location at Greensboro of Rev. J. T. Brown, a former North Carolinian, who has for sometime been in ministerial work in Illinois and other Western states. Mr. Brown is expected to report to his new field at an early date. An interesting program was arranged for the meeting of the North Carolina ministers of the North Carolina ministers of the Christian churches which convenes in Wilson next month, March 19-21. This gathering will be followed by the inauguration of the President of Atlantic Christian College on March 22. This will prove an especially interesting event, and many prominent men of other states will be in attendance and take an active part in the program.

At the invitation of the Board, Rev. J. J. Walker, pastor of the local Christian church attended yesterday's session and assisted in the deliberations of the meeting. -- Greenville Reflector, Feb. 27th.

Preliminary Debate

Friday evening at the Masonic Hall, the contestants for the honor of representing the High School in the triangular debate on the question of government ownership appeared before a small number of friends, judges and teachers. All the papers were excellent, especially for the first presentation, and were delivered with force rarely seen in pupils so young. The speakers were, Virginia Herrick, William Manning, Virginia Jordan, Mary King Ellison, Musa Enre, James Manning, C. D. Carstarphen, Roland Crawford, Mary Cook, Ethel Griffin, Hermon Taylor, Louise Robertson. It was decided to select three from each side of the question; and from these pick four for the finals. On the affirmative, William Manning, Mary King Ellison and Virginia Herrick were chosen; on the negative, C. D. Carstarphen, Musa Enre and Hermon Taylor were selected. The negatives will meet the Scotland Neck team at that town, and the affirmatives will remain at home, and the Tarboro team will come here to debate with them. There is much interest in the debates, and the contestants are working faithfully.

Returns to Williamston

J. L. Liverman, who was with Carstarphen & Co., several years ago, has again accepted a position with the firm. He has been in business at Plymouth for some time and also worked for the Greenleaf Johnson Lumber Co., at Vaughan since leaving here. He has many friends here who are pleased to have him return. As soon as he can secure a house he will bring his family here.

Pupils Make Fine Average

Principal Bundy takes great pride in stating that he has a number of pupils who averaged ninety-five on their studies during the month of February. The parents of these pupils should feel a great degree of pride also, for it is not easy to average ninety-five through an entire month. Ethel Griffin and Musa Enre averaged ninety-five or over on all their studies; Louise Robertson, C. D. Carstarphen, James E. Harrell, Mary White, Virginia Herrick, Virginia Jordan and Mary King Ellison made the average on every study except one.

Pay Up And Get Credit

If you want to get good rating in The Credit Experience Guide, pay up at once. There are a few business men who have not sent in their reports, and now is the time to do it, or else it may be too late. Everybody will be rated according to the way they pay their bills. You will be rated Slow Pay, Fair Pay or Prompt Pay. Get in line and pay up quick.

Interesting To Farmers

Mr. C. C. Logan, of the Division of Agromony of the North Carolina Extension Service, has planned to be in Martin County during the entire week beginning March 20th. He will lecture at the following places and times: Lileys School, Griffins Township, Tuesday, Mar. 20th, 7:30 p. m.

Dardens School building, Wednesday, 21st, 7:30 p. m.

Bear Grass, Thursday, 22nd, 7:30 p. m.

Williamston, Court House, Friday, 23rd, 7:00 p. m.

This is an unusual opportunity for the farmers of Martin County to have their soils tested and to learn what it needs, etc. A full outline of the work will be published in the next issue of the Enterprise.

Yours for greater service,
Joseph L. Holliday,
County Agent.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES ON APRIL 27TH

Supt. Jerome announces that the annual commencement exercises of the Williamston Graded School will be held on Friday, April 27th. On the morning of that day, there will be an exhibit of the work in the different grades of the school to which the public is cordially invited. In the evening, the graduating exercises will take place, the address to be delivered by President Robert H. Wright, of the East Carolina Training School, Greenville. The graduating class is smaller this year than usual, as many of the girls and boys of the town enter college before completing the course at home. The class this year is composed of Misses Sylvia Upton and Carrie Dell White and Roland Crawford.

Joseph Parrisher, who manages the logging force of the Cooperage Co., laid his coat and dinner pail down on the bank of the river at the mill last week, and went across the stream to measure some logs. When he returned, he found that his coat had been disturbed and a purse containing \$68.00 was missing. He has been unable to find any clue to the thief.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

People You Know And People You Don't Know, Who Come And Go.

J. O. Guthrie, of Raleigh, is in town this week.

S. M. Manning, of Jamesville, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. C. L. Ellington is in town this week with friends.

Miss Louise Upton is visiting relatives in Washington City.

Murt Stubbs returned from a visit to Wake Forest Monday.

Miss Helen Farnell is in Washington this week for treatment for her throat.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts and daughter spent the week-end in Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robertson, of Ahoskie, arrived Wednesday to visit their parents.

Misses Anna Pope and Eula Lee Waters returned Wednesday from Washington City.

Miss Margaret Taylor, who is with Harrison Bros. & Co., again this season, arrived last week from Baltimore.

Louis C. Bennett, Duke Critcher, Harry Biggs and Kelly King attended the inauguration of President Wilson.

Ernest and Reginald Burrell returned home this week from Buies Creek, where they have been taking a business course.

Mrs. T. F. Harrison accompanied by Mr. Harrison left for Philadelphia Tuesday where she will consult a specialist for her eyes.

Mrs. Henry Cook and children leave tomorrow for Garland, where they will reside, Mr. Cook having accepted a position with a lumber company there.

Oak City Items

Miss Mattie Johnson, of Robersonville, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. John Bellflower.

Mrs. J. L. Hines was in Williamston Friday.

J. W. Hines returned from Norfolk Wednesday.

Miss Annie Rue and Miss Lena of Washington, spent Wednesday with Mrs. M. T. Haskett.

Miss Jefferson House and Miss Beatrice Daniel were in Parmele Monday.

Miss Eula Johnson of near Robersonville spent some time with her sister here.

Henry Early spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Early.

Hubert Stokes spent the week-end in Greenville.

Mrs. John Wiggins, of Tarboro spent the week-end with her parents here.

J. C. Ross returned from Norfolk Tuesday.

John House and Ricky Burnett from Tarboro spent Monday in town.

H. H. Rawls left for his home in Robersonville Monday.

Mrs. Cowrie, wife of Charles Cowrie, died at her home near here Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 1917. She was stricken with paralysis from which she never rallied. Her body was interred at the home place Thursday at 2 p. m. She leaves a husband and several children, among whom are Mollie Cowrie, of Tarboro, and Lucius Cowrie to mourn her loss.

THE PEOPLES BANK OPENED

As announced last week, the Peoples Bank opened in the Hoyt building Monday morning. The temporary quarters for the Bank are very conveniently and attractively arranged for the handling of the business which will inevitably come to this new institution. This makes the eighth bank in Martin County, and it will add greatly to the volume of business which is coming to the people of the town and county. Martin County is wonderfully progressive in financial things, and still there is room for more business, and the banks will start the movement for greater strides in business lines.

On the first day in the life of The Peoples Bank, \$45,171.07 were deposited by 105 depositors. This was a splendid showing for the institution, and bespeaks for it the confidence of the banking public. No county in North Carolina can show safer and more prosperous institutions, than Martin.

Can Cure Cancer

Mr. W. C. Manning, Williamston, N. C.,

Dear Sir:--

As I have been suffering for some time with a cancer, and have been relieved, I would like for all who suffer with cancer to know that Mrs. Eliza Bridgman, of Belhaven has a cure. She has cured numbers, and never fails if she can get to the case in time.

For the benefit of others, I desire that this be published in The Enterprise. I have been relieved and want the good news to be spread abroad.

Yours very truly,
Henry D. Griffin,
Belhaven, N. C.

THE PROGRESSIVE MERCHANTS HERE ARE ON

Readers of The Enterprise must appreciate the progressiveness of the business men in Williamston and other places, for they can readily see that the ad space in the issue of last week was greater than ever before in the life of the paper, except when special editions have been issued. There were 544 inches of advertising in the last issue, and this week the space has been increased. "It pays to advertise" is the slogan of the progressive business man, and the best and proper medium is the Enterprise for local people and for any in foreign places, who want to reach the eyes of the Martin County folks.

The negro who escaped after attacking Mr. Robert Keel near Everetts several weeks ago, was caught by a Plymouth officer last week and brought here to be placed in jail. His confederate has been in jail since the day of the robbery.

A peanut and cotton weigher has been provided for Williamston by the Legislature. This should have been done years ago.

It is reported that several car loads of molasses of the "horse" kind, have been received here within a short time. This speaks loud for the activity of the makers of "monkey rum." This drink betrays its presence by the nauseating odor which it carries. Evidently the gallberry bushes are popular resorts now.

HOLDS RECORD PRICES IN EASTERN CAROLINA

SOLD AS HIGH AS \$2.75 POUND

All Three Houses will be Operated This Season, and High Standard of the Williamston Market Will be Maintained.

The season just past was a most successful one for the local tobacco market, the combined sales of the warehouses approximating 3,000,000 pounds of the golden weed, which brought prices ranging from 10 cents to \$2.75 per pound. No market in the East sold tobacco as high as did the Williamston market during the season of 1916. This fact should be the ground upon which the market this year depends largely.

J. D. King & Sons will be proprietors of the Dixie and Roanoke; J. W. Hight having purchased an interest in the Farmers Warehouse, will be associated with Messrs. Joe Taylor and Mack Mobley, and W. A. James and Eli Gurganus are preparing to erect another warehouse on Haughton Street extension. With this building erected, the market will have four houses for the sale of the crop of 1917.

The farmers in the county have been hindered greatly in planting beds by the unprecedented weather which has prevailed for nearly two months. However, it is hoped that enough strong plants will be secured for the acreage which will be increased this year in the county, though the degree of increase will not be large. Tobacco raisers should cultivate with the idea of selling on the home market, where it is most convenient and where the highest prices are assured. Evidently prices will be high this season, and farmers should cultivate with care, and then cure and grade so that nothing be lost by carelessness. Many people fail to take care of their crop after it is made and put in the pack house. Cultivate, cure and grade every leaf with due care, and then bring to Williamston for the best prices. It is not too early to be reminded of all this.

Hamilton Items

F. L. Haislip went to Norfolk Sunday.

W. S. Rhodes went to Norfolk last week.

J. P. Boyle went to Norfolk Wednesday.

Mrs. J. P. Boyle is spending the week in Norfolk.

John Martin is spending some time in Tillery with his son.

Ed Inscoe has returned from Rocky Mount, where he has been in the hospital.

Mrs. Bunting and daughter spent the week-end in Hobgood with relatives.

Mrs. T. B. Slade, Jr. and son have returned from a visit to Georgia and Florida.

Dr. Servie Purvis of Salisbury, and W. T. Purvis, of Durham, spent the week-end here with their mother.

H. T. Roberson, of Griffins Township, was in town one day last week with a wagon load of fine turkeys for sale. Mr. Roberson is one of the most substantial farmers of Martin County.