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LOCAL STORE VICTIM OF BURGLARS WEDNESDAY

Tuesday night the hardware store of Mr. F. W. Hoyt was broken in and two guns, a large supply of cartridges and shells, a flash light and several knives and other articles were taken. The theft was not discovered until Thursday morning and nothing was known as to the guilty parties until about eight o'clock when people along the Washington road saw colored men going towards Washington with guns. Sheriff Roberson, Chief Page and Mr. Gurganus went in pursuit of them. The officers were informed that the parties seen were John Henry Murphy and John Lanier. They had left the road and were out in the woods trying their new guns. They hunted until three o'clock when they went out to the home of a colored woman about four miles from Washington and soon after their arrival there the sheriff with his posse accompanied by Beaufort County officials came and arrested them. They frankly admit the robbery, saying that together they broke open the door panel and Murphy went through and opened the door. They claim their purpose in breaking in was to get something to eat as they thought it was a restaurant and after entering they decided to get themselves a supply of guns and ammunition. Murphy says that he had run away from the Beaufort County chain gang, where he was serving an eight month's sentence for gambling but he is not certain just how much additional time he owes over there. Lanier was raised in Williamston but has for a long while lived in Norfolk, recently going to Washington. He says he visited the jail in that town but was only entertained about two hours and a half. We understand he was in for "finding" a pistol and was not convicted. He is twenty years old and Murphy is only twenty-two. They claim that they came to Williamston on the evening train Wednesday broke into the store about midnight and left immediately. They will be tried in the Superior Court to be held next week.

NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND HAMILTON

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Salisbury and children spent Sunday in Scotland Neck. Mrs. Kitchen of Scotland Neck is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. K. Henderson. Miss Mary Roberson of Oak City spent Tuesday night in town. Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Woreley spent the weekend with their sister, Mrs. E. M. Long. Mrs. Pattie Johnson of Scotland Neck is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. L. Salisbury. Mrs. Caroline Martin of Williamston spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. W. D. Matthews. Mr. and Mrs. John Davis and children were here from Pinetops Sunday to visit their daughter, Mrs. R. W. Salisbury. R. B. Sherrod spent several days in Norfolk last week. Miss Cadie Purvis was the guest of Miss Della and Corde Purvis last week. Mrs. J. P. Boyle, Mrs. T. B. Slade, Miss Mary Roberson, Pattie Sherrod and Edna Waldo were in Robersonville shopping Saturday. W. B. Rhodes went to Norfolk Wednesday. Mrs. Hatch of Sanford, Mrs. L. C. Larkin, Mrs. J. W. and another spent a few hours here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Everett are making their home in the country.

NEW ADMINISTRATION IS A DISAPPOINTMENT

(By Julius Peel) President Harding has been busy since his inauguration making home-town appointments. For Comptroller of the Currency, he appoints a country banker from his home-town; this position should by all means have been filled by a man of national experience and importance. The President takes a country physician out of his home-town and makes him a Brigadier-General. Within two this Doctor will be entitled to retire on a big pension and with high official grade when there are hundreds of more learned doctors in the Service who will never attain a higher rank than Captain or Major after a whole lifetime of devoted service. Other political and personal friends, regardless of their ability, are being appointed to positions of national importance. Even the Republican Senators and Congressmen are beginning to make strenuous objections to such tactics. No strong administrative policy has yet been outlined, and the country as a whole is just marking time, waiting for something to happen. Big business is getting shaky, small business is worse, the agricultural interests are mortally wounded, but yet the administration seems to be chiefly concerned in making political and friendship appointments, indulging in white-house luncheons, auto parties, golf, etc. What few important actions that have up to present been taken by the President have largely been in line with the course pursued by President Wilson; and the Wilsonian ideas and ideals will no doubt be greatly followed for the next four years, but under another name. Had the outgoing Democratic administration been supported as it should be by the people, then the League of Nations and other international questions would have been settled, and there would never have been any of the bust in prices which the farmers experienced last fall and now. We would have been trading with Germany and all of Europe would have been more or less on friendly relations. We owe the present conditions to a Republican Congress, and it looks like we are going to owe a whole more of hard times to a Republican administration unless things change very quickly. The South is being studiously neglected by the present administration, except so far as preparations to embarrass us are concerned. There is strong talk of cutting down our present Representation in Congress, and other more studied forms of insult by personal inspection of the South presumably to watch our treatment of the negro, etc. etc. Even North Carolina Republicans are not getting much satisfaction out of the present administration; and Eastern Carolina Republicans are being dominated by the Western wing of the party. It would not be surprising to see some Western Carolina Republicans dominate the federal appointments in Martin County, as they have been doing the general appointments. Republicanism, Ruin and Riot spell the same thing. Having qualified as executor of the estate of Eliza Porter, late of the county of Martin, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to come forward and settle same at once. All persons holding claims against said estate will present same for payment on or before March 16, 1922, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. This March 16th, 1921. JOHN L. HASSELL, Executor.

GOOD ROADS MEETING TO BE HELD IN APRIL

Wonderful interest has been aroused in the coming meeting of the U. S. Good Roads Association, the U. S. Good Roads Show; and the Bankhead National Highway Association, in Greensboro, N. C., April 18-23. These three events promise to be the greatest gathering of good roads enthusiasts that have ever assembled in America, according to a statement of Mr. J. A. Rountree, Director General of the U. S. Good Roads Association, who opened temporary headquarters in Greensboro, N. C., 30 days ago for the purpose of promoting and arranging details of these organizations. The leading incentive of the meeting of U. S. Good Roads Association is to formulate plans, and appoint a committee to go to Washington and urge Congress to pass the bill appropriating one hundred million dollars annually for the next five years to aid the states in building a system of highways in their respective states; also to make an appropriation and adopt a plan for a system of national and transcontinental highways. Failure of Congress to reenact this appropriation has aroused good roads advocates and they are coming to this meeting. The meeting of the Bankhead Highway Association is for the purpose of permanently settling the main line and branch lines of this road from Washington to San Diego, Cal., also to arrange for permanent signs, to build and beautify this highway. The U. S. Good Roads Show will be the most complete exhibit of road machinery and road material, of operating machinery and demonstrating road building that has been assembled in this country. Director General Rountree states that assurances have been received that there will be over 1,000 state, county and city commissioners and engineers in attendance. More than 5,000 from the 40 states, not including the great crowds that will attend from the state of North Carolina.

WILLIAMSTON WINS TWO OUT OF THREE

At the Williamston wharf Wednesday, at 2:30 P. M., a small jitney gas boat whistle pierced the air—ropes and anchors were drawn in, and the local basket-ball rookies were off! They were met at Speller's Ferry, by the Windsor "gang", including several speed devils, as our boys were rushed to the city in autos, at not less than sixty per. At eight-thirty P. M., one of the liveliest and peppiest games of the season swung into motion. The ending of the first half brought a score of 15 and 11 in favor of Williamston. Smiles could be seen rippling about the eye-brows of three lonesome little Williamston rooters hidden in the vast Windsor crowd. Two brilliant new goals in the last half by Britt reassured the little rooters that they would bring the bacon home. The game ended with the score 21 and 19 in favor of the locals. After the game our boys were royally entertained by the young people of Windsor. A remarkable amount of kindness was shown the rookies that will always remain in their memory. This is the third game which the Williamston boys have played Windsor. The Bertie town took the first one, but the locals came back strong and took the next two straight. Another game will be played sometime about the last of this month, which will end the season insofar as the local basketeers are concerned. The lineup follows: Williamston Windsor Bowen Madra Edwards R. F. Perry Britt L. F. Sawyer Booker C. White Taylor R. G. Smith L. G. Williamston scoring: Field goals: Britt 5; Bowen, 3; Edwards 1; Booker 1. Foul goals: Britt, 1. Windsor scoring: Field goals: Perry 2; Madra, 3. Foul goals, Perry, 2; Sawyer, 1. Score by halves: 15-11; 6-2. Referee, Etheridge, of Windsor. Taylor and Jno. R. Peal at Warehouse before buyers-fertilizers.

TOWN TAXPAYERS

Town taxes must be paid. It is embarrassing for the officials to have to resort to extreme methods to collect taxes, but they must be paid within the next few days. Let us have them at once. C. F. PAGE, Chief of Police.

Local News and Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gurganus motored to Washington yesterday afternoon. Mr. Luke Lamb spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Tarboro. Mr. W. G. Lamb, Jr., arrived last evening from a business trip to Wilson. Mr. Simon Lilley attended the basket-ball game in Windsor between Williamston and Windsor Wednesday night. Mrs. Hunter Price and little son of Norfolk, are visiting Mrs. Price's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Gordy, in New Town. Mr. Hodges of Mackays Ferry is visiting his uncle, Mr. Jos. L. Roberson here this week. Mr. Jno. Eubanks of Hassells was a business visitor here yesterday. Mrs. B. W. Hardy will leave Monday for Wilson and Enfield to visit relatives. She will not return until after Easter. Mr. Asa T. Crawford is in Norfolk on business this week. Mrs. Joe Lilley, Ira Coltrain and Mrs. John Long of Jamesville were shoppers here yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Stator and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunning motored to Washington this afternoon. Mrs. Frank Sexton and Miss Rhoda Peel of Jamesville spent a few hours here yesterday. Miss Ida Green, who lectured here Wednesday evening left yesterday by automobile for Ahoskie. Misses Leona and Kate Philpot spent Tuesday in Rocky Mount. Mr. Chas. Hassell has arrived after spending some time in Rocky Mount working on income tax returns. Mrs. Hassell is expected to return in a few days. Mr. W. E. Warren has been in Norfolk this week on business. A large number of herring are being caught this week by everybody big enough to hold a paddle. There is more fishing being done this season than usual. Over heard in a small circle of women who know—Miss So and so—"Have you seen the new dresses and different things on display at Margolis' store?" "Yes," was the remark made by friends, "I think they are the best collection I have yet seen and are marked so reasonable".

FERTILIZER TAKES A 25 PER CENT DROP

(By Julius Peel) Since the last issue of The Enterprise, the price of standard fertilizer has dropped twenty five per cent and any further reduction to happen later on will be guaranteed to the present purchaser by any reliable concern. The most important matter for the farmer to decide now is the matter of getting the very highest grade fertilizers. There are certain brands of guano and accessories which will be sold less than standard prices, but it is well to be sure of the analysis of these mixtures before purchasing same. Sorry guano is the sorriest commodity that a farmer ever hauled to his farm, and the farmer of today has got to be mighty careful not to get stung by such fertilizer, on account of the cheapness price. There are certain brands of fertilizer advertised thru the medium of this paper, which are standard in the particular of analysis, and these brands and only these brands can we guarantee—however, no doubt there are many others equally as high in analysis. Careful purchasing by farmers will have lots to do with successful crops, and without exception everyone is anxious to see the planter, the backbone of the nation, get back to his former state of prosperity. The farmer of North Carolina alone lost one hundred and sixty million of dollars last year by the disastrous farm prices, and today the farmer finds it nearly impossible to even mortgage his farm in order to raise money to meet his past due obligations. Organization is the only ultimate means of safety for the farmer, for it seem that unless they look after their own safety, no one else is going to take the job. The politicians have turned them down after getting their vote, as well as the big money interestests. Organization means success, but with out it, let us have careful and sane purchases, careful and sane production and careful and sane living. Begin to make preparations for your guano purchases and be sure you don't crowd yourself in waiting an inopportune time before arranging your purchases.

MRS. AMANDA WILLIAMS

Monday morning about five o'clock Mrs. Amanda Williams died after a severe attack of pneumonia at the home of her son, Mr. W. H. Williams, on Main street. Mrs. Williams was the daughter of Levy and Dorothy Howell of Halifax County, and was born February 18th, 1842. In young womanhood she married William McKinley Williams of Williamston and was the mother of four children, only one of these surviving her, Mr. William H. Williams and six grandchildren. The funeral services were conducted by Elder Sylvester Hassell and interment was in the Skewarkee cemetery Tuesday afternoon. LOST: NICE RED DUROCK SOW, unmarked. Reward for return. Dr. J. S. RHODES

WANT TO BUY CORN

State flow much for sale and lowest price. HAYWOOD ROGERS, Williamston, N. C. M. I. 4pd

WHAT SHALL FARMERS OF THE SOUTH DO?

What shall the Southern farmer do this year or how shall he handle his farm in order to make the year most profitable to himself? The first thing is, how can he feed himself and family and keep out of debt? First he should plant and keep a garden for the entire year, grow all the seasonable vegetables in plenty for present needs and enough to can, preserve and store for winter. He should raise enough hogs to make his meat and some to sell to those who do not farm. The garden and a succession of green crops of rape, soy beans, green corn and peanuts will take care of the hogs until they have the run of the fields next fall. A little care in this work will soon show that hog raising is one of the most profitable operations of the farm. No farmer is prosperous who does not grow his food and feed on his farm, so the farmer should see to it South has made her greatest mistake and this blunder was never felt more than these commodities are looked after than now. Grow a cover crop or a ter first. Right here is where the catch crop on every acre on the farm and the feed will doubly pay for the effort to say nothing of the improvement to the farm and the money saved on commercial fertilizers. Soil improving crops in winter on a farm where corn, meat and hay need never be listed as a liability to its owner because it feeds the farm family more cheaply than any source in the world and is the farmer's greatest asset because it gives a daily net income. If the Southern farmer does the things here mentioned he need not fear the low prices of the South's money crops. A farmer should not stint his crops but fertilize well. There is no danger of an overproduction of money crops if the South feeds her people and stock at home. Diversity with all the crops adaptable to your section, prepare and cultivate well and you need not doubt. The eggs will not all be in the cotton or tobacco basket. I repeat, the South cannot overproduce money crops and at the same time feed herself. It is the money cruse that has ruined us. It is sane farming that shall redeem us and the opportunity has never beckoned to us more surely than

WOMAN CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR IS PROBABLE

(By Julius Peel) On good authority the writer has it, the ladies of the town are planning a neat little surprise for Mr. Mero Man at the coming Municipal elections in May. There will be a lady on the ticket for Mayor. We withhold her name at present but she is well capable of exalting the position, and she has furnished a concrete example of her executive ability, by the excellent manner in which she manages her own married household. There will also be a lady on the ticket of the Board of Commissioners, and Board of Trustees of the Graded School. This is indeed glad news for the tax-payers of Williamston, for whenever a woman has condescended to fill public position, she has always done so with great honor to herself, and pride to the community. The elections in May are already stirring up quite a bit of local interest, and as the time draws nearer, more interest will be shown. The people realize that the town has got to be run on a more business-like basis, and this will be in mind at the reorganization of the present system of operation. Williamston will soon be continuously in the public eye. With the building and completion of the Re- river bridge, this town will occupy a new position on the map of the world, and if for no other reason, just ordinary civic pride, both on the part of the men and women of the town, will force us to see our City better operated municipally. In order to do this, both the entire force of men and women in Williamston have got to show an interest in such, and for that reason, we are heartily in favor of female representation in the next official board of rulers. The Trustees of the Graded School should have a woman representative by all means, and this is going to be demanded at the next change. A woman has greater qualities of patience endurance and foresight than a man, and nothing is more surely than

WOMEN ARE PLANNING BIG SURPRISE FOR MEN

(By Julius Peel) The Municipal Elections in May will create an amount of interest to the citizens of Williamston which has never before been exhibited. The people have at last realized that without our great system of water-works and electric lights, and the paying which is to be done shortly that we are no longer a little farm community. We have got to organize our Town upon a systematic basis. The sidewalks and streets have got to be better looked after, the sanitary conditions need utmost attention; the making of new municipal plants must be properly managed and kept up—in other words we have passed the age of childhood, and cannot longer be treated as such. We must take on mature ways, and mature practices. What the people are doing to have is an active and enthusiastic Mayor, a Board of Town Commissioners devoted to the best interests of Williamston; a Director of Public Welfare, who shall also be the Town Treasurer. This important position shall be filled by the appointment by the Commissioners. The Director shall be a man of unquestioned ability and a stickler for enforcement of the best interests of the town. He shall have a convenient office for the collection of water, light and miscellaneous taxes, and shall be directly responsible for the proper care of the streets and sidewalks, the enforcement of the sanitary rules and regulations, the maintenance and upkeep of the water and light plants, and the general running of the town. He shall be well paid, and have sufficient well-paid help. There are a number of Candidates for the different official positions, and we are glad to see this lively competition, as it shows an awakened interest in Williamston's upkeep.

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RECORDER'S COURT

Tuesday, March 15, 1921—Recorder's Court of Martin County—J. C. Smith presiding and B. Duke Critcher prosecuting. 1. State vs Roy Coffield—A. D. W. Guilty. Fined \$5.00 and payment of cost. 2. State vs James E. Mizelle—Operating automobile when intoxicated. Called and failed. Judgment Nisi Seifu and Copias and continued till Tuesday, April 5, 1921. 3. State vs J. F. Jordan—A. D. W. Guilty, fined \$10.00 and cost of action. 4. State vs Ed Bunting—Tran-liquor. Guilty. Sentenced to County Jail for six months to be assigned to the authorities of Beaufort County to be worked on roads of said county. 5. State vs Williams Austin—Bastardy. Dismissal—No case.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

(Episcopal) Walter B. Clark, Priest-in-charge Services for Palm Sunday, March 20: Sunday School, 9:45 A. M. Harry M. Stubbs, Superintendent. Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11:00 A. M. Sermon Subject: "Blessed is He That Cometh in the Name of the Lord." Evening Prayer and Sermon, 7:45 P. M.—Sermon Subject: "The Glory of the Cross." Holy Week Services Tuesday and Wednesday, 4:30 P. M. Monday and Thursday, Holy Communion, 11:00 A. M. Thursday afternoon, 4:30: Good Friday, 11:00 A. M., and 2-3 P. M. Easter Even, Holy Baptism, 5P. M.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A. V. Joyner, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.—Dr. P. B. Cone, Supt. Well organized classes taught by good teachers. If you are not connected with any other Sunday School, we give you a cordial invitation to join one of our classes. Sermon by the pastor 11 A. M.—Subject: "The Watchers at the Cross." Sermon by the pastor, 7:30 P. M.—Subject: "Charms of the Christ." Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening, 7:30. You are cordially invited to attend these services. If you want real fertilizer at reasonable prices, see Leslie Fowden.

RAIDING FLOWER BEDS

There has been a raid this week on all the hyacinth beds in town. The guilty parties haven't been as successful as they might in hiding their tracks, so it is possible that punishment instituted by the court will soon be meted out to the participants of this game of taking what doesn't belong to you. This is an old custom in Williamston and as has everything else, in the last three years increased to such an extent that it discourages the efforts of residents to beautify their gardens and lawns. The thieves should be punished severely so as to put a stop for all time to this business of stealing flowers from private gardens.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank publicly the good friends who aided and assisted us during the illness and in the death of our mother, Mrs. Amanda Williams. Their service and kindness will long be remembered. W. H. WILLIAMS AND FAMILY

REMEMBER

"FATTY" ARBUCKLE is "THE LIFE OF THE PARTY" MARCH 24th Clyde Cook "The Funniest Man in the World" in "THE HUNTMAN" MARCH 25th

STRAND THEATRE