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PREPARE FOR BOLL WEEVIL.

State Entomologist Says Feeding That Damage Will be Light in Hope With No Certain Basis

Raleigh, Feb. 26.—"The feeling that damage from boll weevil will be light in 1925 is a hope which has no certain basis, and it may easily result in unpreparedness and bitter disappointment," says Franklin Sherman, chief of the division of entomology for the North Carolina State Experiment station.

"The most important factor in weevil damage is the weather of July and August," continued Mr. Sherman. "Some lesser factors, which we already know to be true are as follows:

1. Weevils rapidly increased in numbers last fall. They were numerous at the ins, and it is more than probable that a normal number went into hibernation.

2. Thus far the winter has been favorable for weevil hibernation and we are not likely to have it cold enough to kill weevils between now and the cotton season.

"It has been the experience of all similar State south of us that very heavy weevil injury has occurred within three years after the State was entirely occupied by the weevil; we have now passed through two of those years, this is the third and perhaps we are now due for trouble."

Professor Sherman states that the Agricultural Extension Service of the State college will soon issue a printed circular on "Boll-weevil program for 1925," which will be sent to all county agents. Farmers, bankers, merchants, and other concerned may secure copies of this circular on application. It was prepared by workers in the division of agronomy and entomology and by Director I. O. Schaub, of the extension service.

NEWS RESUME OF LEGISLATURE

Australian Bill Defeated; Bill for Four New Judges Also Voted Down

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—The House defeated the Australian bill last night when a motion to table was offered by Representative Turfington and carried by a vote of 56 to 55.

The Senate yesterday defeated, by a vote of 25 to 19, the bill previously passed to increase the number of judges in the State and to create four new judicial districts.

The biggest of all questions to come before the legislature is the revenue and tax bill, which is rapidly being completed by the House.

The bill as shaped will produce \$12,000,000 State tax. The income tax, schedule has been raised so that the individual who has a net income above legal exemptions up to \$2,500 will pay 25 per cent more than last year, and there is a graduated increase until incomes above \$15,000 are increased 66 2-3 per cent above the old schedule.

The raise on corporation income amounts to 33 1-3 per cent straight. It seems that the big corporations had more favors shown them than the individuals did. There was, however, an effort to graduate the scale on corporations.

Some trouble seems to have been created by the bill which would take away from the office of the Secretary of State the automobile license department and place it in the hands of Mr. Daughton, revenue commissioner, some claiming it to be a reflection on Secretary Everett, while its advocates claim it would save the State \$150,000 per year.

THE STRAND

SATURDAY

Remember: Every Saturday at 3 p. m.—15c to all.

7:30 P. M.

'The Cowboy Prince' (Western)

'Smithy' (Comedy)

EPISODE NO. 2 10 Stars make a Man (Serial)

15c and 25c

ROBERSONVILLE AND WASHINGTON GIRLS TO MEET HERE TONIGHT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP OF EAST CAROLINA

Dr. Corey, of Kinston, To Talk Here Tonight

Dr. A. E. Corey, of Kinston, will preach to the Federations at the Methodist Church tonight, at 7:30. Everybody is cordially invited to hear him.

Dr. Corey is one of the most prominent men of the Christian denomination and is considered by leading churchmen today as one of the best preachers in the country.

He will be accompanied here by Rev. Lee Sadler, of the Greenville Christian Church.

DRILLING FOR OIL NEAR NEW BERN

Good Progress Being Made on Oil Well Near Havelock; Depth is Now About 1,700 Feet

New Bern, Feb. 26.—The progress being made with the drilling and geological formation encountered in the operations at Camp Bryan, near Havelock, where the Great Lakes Drilling Company is drilling a well to find out if oil exists in commercial quantities continues very satisfactory to officials of the company, it was learned yesterday from unquestionable authority. The depth of the well is now approximately 1,700 feet, while the formation through which the drill is grinding its way is gumbo, said to be of a rather hard character.

While information being given out at this time is rather meager it is known that the engineers in charge and the professional drillers, who are classed as the best engaged in this work, are very optimistic over the outlook for striking something worth while.

The lid has been clamped down on the information being given out to the public and this is taken to mean that there is "something worth while or nothing." The optimism which appears every hand is indication, however, that the lack of information being given out is not because of any unfavorable developments.

The formation thus far has been just what the geologists and engineers have predicted, with the exception of the oft-reported statements that there is a basement rock in this section at a depth of from 1,300 to 1,600 feet. This does not exist, it is authoritatively stated.

STIR IN RALEIGH OVER LIQUOR RAID

Seven Arrested Last Night; Expected That More Than a Dozen More Will Follow

Raleigh, Feb. 26.—The liquor raid made last night by Federal officers and deputy sheriffs created much excitement here. Seven arrests have already been made and more than a dozen others will soon follow.

An automobile bus belonging to the Safety Coach Co., containing 51 pints of liquor was seized.

Ed Chappell, liveryman and barbeque man, and who is well known here, Ada Wilson, white woman well known in police courts, C. A. Haywood, negro druggist and undertaker, Dick Teague and E. S. Grissom, both of whom have at times been connected with the safety coach line, David Haywood and James Jones, porters at the Capitol Club were all arrested.

Rumor has it that many Raleigh folks have been busy hiding their supply since the raids began. Some of the lawmakers stopping at the Sir Walter, who have been under suspicion as being customers of bootleggers, have been active, to say the least.

Macedonia Schools January Honor Roll

Maude Hadley, grade 4a, 90; Hazel Ward, grade 4a, 94; Mary Frances Hadley, grade 3a, 91; Ellen Cherry, grade 3a, 93; Callie Mae Cherry, grade 3a, 91; Eudyne Holliday, grade 3a, 90; Verna Gardner, grade 3a, 93; Clayton Revela, grade 3a, 90; Marie Peel, grade 3b, 92; Evans Perry, grade 3a, 90; Roy Hadley, grade 1a, 96.—Reported.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—H. M. Stubbs, superintendent. Bible Class, 10 a. m.—Clayton Moore, teacher. Morning prayer, 11 a. m.—To be conducted by a lay reader of the congregation.

LARGE CROWD EXPECTED FROM BOTH WASHINGTON AND ROBERSONVILLE; BOTH TEAMS IN GOOD CONDITION AND ARE READY FOR THE WHISTLE.

The final game of the high-school girls' championship series of East Carolina will be played here tonight, when the Robersonville and Washington High School teams will meet at the Dixie Warehouse. This place being conveniently located it was decided to make it the place of the last encounter of the series between the two teams of eastern Carolina that have not been defeated.

The game will be called at 8 o'clock and Jim Cook will referee.

Robersonville and Washington both have first-class teams, and their towns are behind them.

The Washington paper states that they will have a goodly representation at the game, and Robersonville openly boasts that there will be at least 200 rooters here with their "winners." A most interesting game is anticipated.

WATSON FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

Greensboro Man Who Killed Wife's Lover in Charlotte Hotel Acquitted in Half an Hour

Thomas Watson, of Greensboro, was yesterday acquitted of the murder of Joseph E. McDonough by a Mecklenburg County jury after less than one half an hour of deliberation.

He broke down and wept as the foreman pronounced the words that made him free. His wife, who was the cause of his predicament, rushed to his side, grasped his hand and kissed him as the tears streamed down her face.

Mrs. Watson is being tried today on a charge of immorality, growing out of her visit to the Charlotte hotel with McDonough, where her husband found them and killed McDonough.

MASONS ACTIVE

Large Number of Local Masons Visit Rocky Mount Lodge Wednesday

A large number of members of the Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., attended a meeting of the Queen City Lodge, of Rocky Mount, Wednesday night.

More than 25 members, including the degree team, went. Work in the Master Mason's degree was put on by the Skewarkee team, which was very highly praised by the Rocky Mount brethren.

Those representing the Skewarkee Lodge included Messrs. R. J. Peel, W. C. Manning, J. W. Manning, C. D. Carstarphen, Jr., Luther Peel, W. H. Booker, W. E. Dunn, O. S. Anderson, J. E. Harrell, L. B. Harrison, Norman Harrison, Cortez Green, Richard Smith, Captain Thomas, Elbert S. Peel, Joe Cowing, A. T. Perry, Reuben Harris, R. L. Perry, Theo. Roberson, Arthur White, G. P. Hall, J. W. Bailey, Charles Rogers, Jack Biggs, J. W. Andrews, Kenneth Lindsey, and T. W. Snell.

DEFEAT AYDEN

Local High School Team Wins Slow but Close Game, 14-13

In a slow and somewhat long-drawn-out game Williamston defeated Ayden Monday night by the score of 14-13. The game very slow for the first three quarters. In the last quarter, however, both teams speeded up and made the game more interesting. The game was won by the Williamston boys in the last 4 minutes.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank Doctors Sawyer, York, and Saunders, Mrs. Bettie Teel, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Roberson, and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Peel for their kindness and faithfulness to me when I was operated on recently. But for their careful services I would have died, and I will always feel deeply grateful to them.

ELIZABETH HARDISON. Jamesville, N. C.

Visiting in Roper Mrs. M. L. Nicholson and son, Cornelius Ward, left today for Roper, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mizell.

In Town This Morning Dr. W. I. Fleming, of Rocky Mount, was in town this morning.

From Rocky Mount Mr. Pearce, of Rocky Mount, was in town this week.

Skating Party at Dixie Warehouse Tonight

Come to the skating party at the Dixie Warehouse tonight. There will be plenty of fun for both those participating and those observing. The party is being staged for the benefit of the Group 1 Philathea Class of the Christian Church.

TWO NEGRO BOYS BADLY INJURED

Fell From Truck of Lindsey Ice Co. One Has Fractured Skull, Two Fingers Lost by Other

Two colored boys, each about 8 years of age, one the son of Jim Sutton, the other of George Spruill, fell from the truck of the Lindsey Ice & Fuel Co., this afternoon, resulting in fracturing the skull of the Sutton boy and cutting two fingers off of the Spruill boy's hand.

The boys had been in the habit of riding on the truck and had been ordered off repeatedly, but in their anxiety to ride had hidden themselves in empty coal barrels on the truck and as the truck made a turn at a sharp corner near the cemetery the barrels were thrown out, with the result that the Sutton boy was struck across the front part of his head and the skull fractured. The attending physician regards his condition as very serious.

The sharp edge of the barrel cut two of the Spruill boy's fingers off but did him no other injury.

EXPECTED BACK

Rev. C. O. Pardo, of Episcopal Church, To Return Next Week

Rev. C. O. Pardo, rector of the Church of the Advent, who has been in St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, for the past month, taking medical treatment, will return home next week.

Mrs. Pardo and little son, Jimmy, will also return. They have been visiting relatives in Norfolk.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS FROM JAMESVILLE

High School Basketball Team is Center of Attraction; Defeat Everetts

Mr. Lloyd Horton was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Mr. John Long left yesterday on the afternoon train for Plymouth.

The Everetts basketball boys played the local team Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Paul Waters spent the week end with Mr. Austin Jackson.

The Jamesville High School boy basketball team was entertained by the girl's team Tuesday night at the home of Miss Pearl Jones. A very delightful time was given them, which the boys heartily appreciate.

One of our local high-school students, Mr. Onwood Davis, left today for Washington, N. C., where he will obtain a position.

The Battleboro basketball team visited our school yesterday, afterwards journeying to Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daws were welcome visitors at the basketball game yesterday.

Mr. Lawrence Brown was in town today.

Mr. Surry Wright motored to Washington Sunday.

Jamesville Eliminates Everetts

The Everetts boys met the Jamesville team on the local court, blood being in the eyes of both teams. They started out very slow, but the second quarter brought quicker action on the part of both teams. Cherry, for Everetts, played his usual good game, throwing the only field goal thrown by Everetts.

The two Browns, James and Carol, starred for the locals. The game was very interesting throughout. Anderson, of Williamston, refereed. The local boys will play the Williamston quint tomorrow afternoon, which promises to be another interesting game.

ENTERTAINMENT

Mrs. E. D. Dodd Hostess to Sunday School Class Last Night

Last night at the Methodist parsonage Mrs. E. D. Dodd entertained the Sunday school class of her daughter, Miss Christine Dodd. There were about 18 present. Games were played by the young folks.

Grape juice and wafers were served by Mrs. Dodd.

Motor to Washington Mrs. W. H. Gurganus and Mrs. Martha J. Bennett were in Washington yesterday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COOPERATIVE BODY ORGANIZED HERE; WILL PROBABLY MAKE CHURCH CENSUS THIS SUNDAY

J. C. ANDERSON MADE CHAIRMAN; R. A. POPE, SECRETARY. APPOINT CENSUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM EACH CHURCH.

The Williamston Sunday School Cooperative Association was organized Thursday afternoon. The meeting was called for the purpose of organizing, and R. A. Pope made a motion that the organization be perfected along lines that were suggested. His motion was seconded by J. O. Manning and carried. Julian Anderson was elected chairman and R. A. Pope secretary.

It was decided that four census-taking committees be appointed, one from each. The town is to be divided into plots by the chairman and the census takers will make a survey of the town. Cards are to be printed to make the reports. A discussion was then held as to the time for making the survey, and a tentative date of Sunday afternoon, March 1, was settled upon, which was left to the discretion of Chairman Anderson.

A meeting of the steering committee was called for Friday night at 9 o'clock, to be held at the Methodist church.

The committees from the various churches are as follows:

Methodist: Rev. E. D. Dodd, R. A. Pope, Miss Christine Dodd, Bill Harrison, R. L. Coburn, Miss Josephine Sykes.

Baptist: Rev. R. L. Shirley, J. C. Anderson, James E. Harrell, J. A. Ward, Miss Ellen Cowing, Benjamin Courtney.

Episcopal: Rev. C. O. Pardo, John Booker, Miss Frances Hoyt, William Cook, Miss Susie James, H. M. Stubbs.

Christian Church: Rev. A. J. Manning, W. C. Manning, Robert Manning, Miss Margaret Manning, Miss Ethel Griffin, and Norman Harrison.

SILVER TEA

Group 2, Christian Church Philathea Class, to Give Tea Wednesday

Group 2 of the Philathea Class of the Christian church will give a silver tea next Wednesday afternoon at the lovely new home of Mrs. G. H. Harrison.

The hours will be from 3:30 to 6:00 p. m., and everybody is invited to come. Special entertainment will be a feature of the occasion.

MRS. MARY E. PEEL

Dies at Her Home Thursday After Year's Illness of Chronic Nephritis

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Peel, widow of the late James E. Peel, passed away at her home Thursday morning at an early hour after a long illness of chronic nephritis.

Her husband preceded her to the grave by less than a year. She leaves one brother, Mr. Eli Gurganus, and one sister, Mrs. Margaret Stalls, and a large number of nephews and nieces. Though she never had any children of her own she was always loved and admired by children, all the children of her community calling her "Aunt Bet." She was always gentle and kind to everybody. No stranger was turned from her gate.

The funeral was conducted at 2 o'clock today from the residence by Elders J. N. Rogers and B. S. Cowing, pastors of the church at Battleboro, of which she had been a member for many years.

The burial was by the side of her husband on the farm where they had spent long and useful lives.

BAPTIST NOTES

Announce Program for Sunday Services; Training School Success

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. B. Y. P. U. meeting, 6:45. Evening service, 7:45 p. m.

Our training school, which closed tonight, has been a great success. A total enrollment of 70, with an average attendance of 60 for the entire week is a part of the record. Our school is striving to become a standard Sunday school by May 1. Our training school will greatly help us toward our goal.

Special services will be held Sunday. The pastor will preach at both hours. He also preaches at 3 p. m. at Riddle's Grove. The Lord's Supper will be observed at each church Sunday.

All members are urged to be present at each place. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to come and worship with us.

Mr. Vance Bunting, of Bethel, is in town today.

Chamber of Commerce Directors Meet Monday

A meeting of the directors of the chamber of commerce will be held in the law offices of Lamb and Coburn Monday night at 7:30 p. m.

The purpose of the meeting is to make a definite decision as to whether Williamston will be represented by a queen at the East Carolina Exposition, which is being held in Smithfield this year. All directors are urged to be present.

GET TWO STILLS NEAR PARMELE

Federal and Local Officers Capture Two Men and Two Stills in Raid Thursday

Federal Agents T. W. Snell and J. B. White and Deputy Sheriff's Luther Peel and William Gray captured two large stills Thursday. The stills were located about two miles north of Parmele and were being operated by Felo Station and Elijah Rogers, colored, both of whom were caught.

The stills were both at the same stand and each was being operated separately. They had about seven gallons of liquor on hand, but very little beer. The entire plant was destroyed and both men brought here before U. S. Commissioner W. C. Manning for hearing. They each admitted the guilt and in default of bonds in the sum of \$500 were committed to jail to await trial at the April term of Federal district court, which convenes at Washington April 20.

LOCALS WIN FROM ROBERSONVILLE

Williamston Boys Snow Visitors Under Avalanche of Goals; Score: 50 to 7

In the fastest game of the season here Wednesday night, Williamston decidedly and entirely outclassed the Robersonville boys team before the largest crowd that ever witnessed a high-school game here. The score was 50 to 7. At the same time the Robersonville girls were showing the local high-school girl's team how basketball should be played. The score in the girls' game was 51 to 9, in favor of the visitors. There was never a time in either game when the Williamston boys or the Robersonville girls were in danger of losing the lead. For the boys, the local guards, Ward and Barnhill, deserve great credit, while the forwards played their best game of the season.

In the girls' game the teamwork of the Robersonville team was easily the outstanding feature. The local girl played hard, but were completely outclassed.

MRS. PORTIA BONNER SMALLWOOD

(Washington Daily News, Feb. 20.)

Answering the Master's call the soul of Mrs. Portia Bonner Smallwood, wife of the late George L. Whitley, passed into life eternal at her home near Williamston yesterday as night drew near. Born September 12, 1853, she was the oldest child of John W. and Emily Lucas Smallwood, and spent her early life in Washington.

Mrs. Whitley was of strong character, loyal and true, responding ever to the call of duty. She dwelt within the shadow of the cross and in the twilight of her earthly life bore with patience her suffering with faith that she would see her Pilot face to face.

The funeral will take place from her home near Williamston tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock.—Reprinted by request.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. A. J. Manning, Pastor Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—W. C. Manning, superintendent.

The pastor will preach at Macedonia on this Sunday, and there will be no service at the local church.

Our Sunday school reached their 121 mark last Sunday with a fine offering. We want to make the number 150 Sunday. Come and bring some one with you.

IN ROCKY MOUNT LAST NIGHT

Dr. and Mrs. John D. Biggs spent last night in Rocky Mount.

Business Visitor

Mrs. J. S. Ayers, of Everetts, was a business visitor here this morning.

QUEENS MUST BE ELECTED SOON

Names of Queens for Eastern Carolina Exposition Must be Sent in By March 15

Have you elected your queen for the Eastern Carolina Exposition that is to be held in Smithfield April 13 to 15 yet? This question is being asked now about as much as any other question by the people of eastern Carolina. In fact, the queen's contest at the exposition each year has proven quite a popular social event, as well as very remunerative for the winners.

The two previous expositions presented to two young ladies each time a \$900 genuine blue-gem diamond ring and a \$2,000 in diamond rings was given free to the four young ladies who were declared the winners.

This year two more young ladies are going to get a \$500 genuine blue-gem diamond stone. The question is, Will it be the queen from your town or some other town? The towns that have queens in the contest get an unusual amount of publicity, because the contestants are voted on and introduced as bearing the name of the town. Any town in the territory covered by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce may enter a queen. Her name must be in the hands of the secretary-manager at Kinston by March 15. But don't wait until the last minute to elect her. Do it any way you see fit. The first year there were 22 queens in the contest. Last year there were 31, and the exposition officials hope to have at least 40 this year. For full particulars write to the headquarters at Kinston.

BEAR GRASS ITEMS

Short Items and Personals of Southern Western Martin County

Miss Agnes Chesson has returned to her home after spending a week with her aunt, Mrs. T. E. Ambrose of Creswell.

Misses Mary and Eugenia Harris and Miss Helen Rogers were the guests of Miss Annie Mae Cowing Saturday night.

Mr. Marvin Gurganus had Miss Mary Harris out riding Sunday afternoon.

Miss Verna Green Rogers spent Saturday night with Miss Nossie L. Taylor.

Mr. Dewey Leggett was the guest of Miss Mahala Ballance Tuesday night.

Mr. Jesse Roberson motored to Williamston Saturday morning.

Mr. Wilbur Cowing was the guest of Miss Tillie Hodges, of Old Fort Saturday night.

Mr. Eli and Fernanda Bowen were the guests of Misses Agnes and Lil Chesson Sunday night.

Miss Daisy Cowing spent Saturday night with Miss Fannie Cowing.

Mr. Dewey Leggett and Ophelia Bailey were the guests of Miss Grace Wilson and Myrtle Woolf Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Minga Rogers spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rogers.

Mr. Willis Harris was the guest of Miss Edna Hampton Sunday night.

Mrs. Fannie Mae Mobley spent Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Harrison.

Miss Mahala Ballance spent last Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Fritz, of Washington.

Mr. Bob Taylor had Miss Helen Rogers out riding Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Henry Peel and Miss Belle Legalls were the guests of Miss Martin Bailey Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Minga Rogers was the guest of Miss Annie Mae Cowing Sunday night.

Mr. Ira Rogers was the guest of Miss Elsie Mae Taylor Sunday night.

Mr. Lewis Taylor was the guest of Miss Reta Harris Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Clarence Bailey was the guest of Miss Ada Taylor Sunday night.

Mr. Ophus Bailey was the guest of Miss Alice Roberson Saturday night.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. E. D. Dodd, Pastor Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 11 a. m. Evening service, 7:30 p. m.

Motor to Rocky Mount

Misses Margaret Everett and Alva Proctor and Mr. J. G. Purrell motored to Rocky Mount this morning.

In Town Today

Mr. B. R. Manning, of Griffiths, was in town this morning.

In Washington Yesterday Messrs. J. H. Purvis and W. I. Dunn spent yesterday afternoon in Washington.