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## BANNERS BOOST TOBACCO MARKET

Chamber of Commerce Advertising Campaign Now Under Way; Get a Banner for Your Car

Real signs of the chamber of commerce advertising campaign were noticed this morning when many auto banners, having the following printed on them: "Sell your tobacco in Williamston—Four independent houses run 'y experienced men," are red on a white background. The banner is very attractive, and the advertising manager wishes that all car owners will help in keeping them on their cars from now until the tobacco season is well under way. There are several hundred of these banners, and all told they will travel many thousands of miles between now and the middle of September.

While most of the work in the campaign will not be seen or noticed right in town, it is the hope that it will reach those places where the people are not so acquainted with our market. Two thousand cards are being distributed, and on these are mentioned, in a collective way, several advantages that the Williamston market offers. A small leaflet is now ready for the press and will be ready for distribution next week. In the columns of this leaflet the value of the re-drying plant to be operated by Mr. W. I. Skinner is mentioned. There will be approximately 7,000 of these printed. The personal cooperation of the people of our town is being shown in a splendid manner. Many have made special trips in the interest of the tobacco market, telling what Williamston is trying to do and giving the reasons and grounds why Williamston is inviting every farmer to visit this market.

The meeting at the courthouse last night was well attended, and, in fact, one of the largest crowds seen in some time was there. However, there were not as many there as should have been.

## Unusual Along The Egg Line

In 30 years' handling of eggs, Mr. A. Hassell says he has never seen one similar or any ways like the one he sold Mr. C. W. Keith not so long ago. We agree with Mr. Hassell when he says that it is something unusual in the egg world.

## One Editor Gets Suitable Religion

W. O. Saunders, editor of the Elizabeth City Independent, seems to have found a church in New York which suits him. That church is the Community Church, 34th Street and Park Avenue, which he joined last Sunday. Mr. Saunders said, "I have thought for years that if I ever found a church that laid greater emphasis upon the brotherhood of man, as proposed by Jesus, than upon the muddy genesis of man, as related by Moses, or upon the seedless origin of Jesus, I would join that church."

## Leaguers Enjoy a Chicken Supper

Members of the Epworth League enjoyed a chicken stew at Charlie Godwin's tobacco barn last night from 8 until 9. A most enjoyable time was reported by those in attendance.

## Strand Theatre

TONIGHT

Buck Jones in "Winner Take All"

TOMORROW

Dick Hatton in "The Rip-Shorter"

and

The Riddle Rider

## "In The Good Ole Summertime"



Lindsley-Lilley's cooling vat cools more than mere coils of pipe. So far this summer the children of the town have made use of the vat from morning until night. The above was snapped when the vat was almost empty.

## Professor Matherly Makes Forceful Address to Local Business Men Last Night

### WOMAN KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

Annie Mae Stevenson Drowned When Car Plunges From Road Into Creek at Tarboro

(Tarboro Southerner)  
An Overland automobile, in which were Paul Rouse and Bob Privette, of Rocky Mount, and Miss Annie Mae Stevenson, of Tarboro, plunged off the embankment near the Hilma Golf Club into the creek on the north side of the culvert last night about 10 o'clock, killing Miss Stevenson and resulting in but little injury to the two men who were with the young woman at the time of the accident.

Just as the car left the highway it struck a heavy wire fence, tearing it down and carrying with it several iron posts. The wire was cut as if by a steel cutter.

The water where the car landed was several feet deep in places and the machine had turned completely over. Willie Abrams, an employee in the Hart Cotton Mills, stated that when he reached the scene he heard some one say that there was a woman under the car. He stripped off his clothes and plunged into the hole of water. He found the car was lying bottom side up, and in this position he was unable to reach the seats, so with the aid of several others, the machine was pulled over on its side and he then located the body of the woman.

One of her feet was hung in the top pad of the car and the other foot was pinned in the bottom of the creek underneath the body of the car. After much effort on his part, Mr. Abrams stated that he finally succeeded in getting the body to the top of the water and with the assistance of H. L. Elks and others the woman was placed on the bank.

Mr. Elks stated that she showed some signs of life a minute or two after she was placed on the bank of the creek.

The remains were brought at once to an undertaker in Tarboro and there prepared for burial. An examination of the body was made there and disclosed no signs of injuries other than a scar on the arm and slight bruises elsewhere.

The two men, Paul Rouse and Bob Privette, were taken to the hospital, but it was found that they had not received any serious injuries.

This morning Sheriff Martin was notified of the accident and he at once swore out a warrant against Rouse and Privette, charging them with murder. They were placed under arrest, and have since been released under a bond of \$2,000 each.

The deceased is known here and at the time of her death she was living in the Hart Mill section.

Her father, J. B. Stevenson, of Palmira, arrived here this morning and took the remains back to that place where the funeral was held this afternoon.

## Wednesday a Stormy Day Over the East

Wednesday was a stormy day over a large territory along the Atlantic seaboard. In the late afternoon storms began to rise up from the southwest and before one would get fully past it was followed by another, until at least four heavy rains had struck this section.

The wind was not heavy enough to etten crops, but enough to tangle them up badly in some sections. Much sharp lightning and heavy thunder accompanied the rain.

Some farmers estimate at least a fall of 3 1-2 inches of rain, and some crops were damaged.

## Chamber of Commerce to Meet Tuesday Night

There will be an important meeting of the chamber of commerce Tuesday night at 8.15 in the law offices of Dunning & Moore. Every member who is interested in his own business in the welfare of our town and community, is requested to attend.

The meeting will last only a few minutes, and will be of a business nature throughout, there being no speeches or new issues to be discussed.

## WET WEATHER IS HURTING TOBACCO

Tobacco Looks Good, But Quality and Weight Is Short; Experience Trouble In Curing

The curing of tobacco this year throughout this section has been noted so far for the time required to "kill out" the tobacco, the leaf as well as the stem. Farmers state that never before have they met with such difficulty in trying to cure tobacco. In many instances, it has required as many as five to seven days to cure a barn of tobacco. This is of a general nature throughout this section.

A few weeks ago it was thought by many that this year's tobacco crop would be the best in years. The heavy rains of recent weeks altered this hope, and while tobacco is curing with a bright color, the weight and quality are missing. The rains of the past few days will have some effect, but just how much they will interfere is not known at this time.

In the Bear Grass section several barns have been lost by fire. There is very good-looking tobacco in that section, but as is the case most everywhere, the quality and weight are short.

## C. D. Carstarphen, Jr. Named Bank Cashier

Mr. C. D. Carstarphen, jr., has been elected cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank to succeed Mr. J. D. Woolard, who resigned to go into the automobile business. Mr. Carstarphen is a young man of sterling qualities and has had experience which has well grounded him in the fundamentals of banking, one of the principal ones being the safeguarding of funds deposited with his bank. He is one of the most popular young men in our city and is in every way well qualified to fill this important position.

## Fiddlers Convention At Hamilton Tues.

A gain time is assured those who attend the fiddlers' convention in Hamilton next Tuesday night. The convention will be held in the Hamilton school building and the proceeds will go to the benefit of the parent-teachers association of that place. A large number of the best musicians in this section are scheduled for the occasion. All kinds and makes of instruments will be used in carrying out the program. Added to this there will be singing and clog dancing and a plenty to eat.

Mr. Page Very Ill  
Mrs. C. A. Johnson and daughters, Grace and Trulah Ward, are visiting Mr. C. F. Page, who is critically ill at his home on east Main Street.

In Rocky Mount Wednesday  
Messrs. A. R. Dunning and Clayton Moore spent Wednesday in Rocky Mount.

In Town Yesterday  
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Askew of Jamesville, were in town yesterday.

Will Arrive Sunday  
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fulghum and children, of Wilson, will arrive Sunday to visit Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Cone.

In Aulander Yesterday  
Mrs. A. R. Dunning and daughter, Miss Mary Alice, spent yesterday with relatives in Aulander.

Leave for Ottawa, Tenn.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harrison will leave tomorrow for Ottawa, Tenn., to visit relatives.

Mr. Charlie Daniel was a visitor here this morning.

## Think Arrest of Everetts Store Robbers Will Lead To Uncovering Big Gang

### Everetts One of Many Towns Robbed in Three States

What appears to be the breaking in on one of the largest bands of organized thieves that ever operated in this section occurred last week when Chief of Police Martin of Bethel arrested Frank Mordica and W. L. Forrest of Howe Station.

The arrest was made upon complaint of Whitehurst and Andrews of Bethel whose store had recently been broken into and much merchandise stolen. Information had reached Whitehurst and Andrews that Mordica had been selling various articles of wearing apparel around the camps of a road construction force and to the workmen of a contractor near by.

Both Mordica and Forrest were arrested and placed in the Greenville jail. The trail led to the discovery of a large number of items which had been stolen. Among the articles being a suit of clothes and a shirt bearing the cost mark of Bailey and Barnhill of Everetts which were identified by Mr. C. B. Roebuck, the clerk who marked the goods.

For sometime the negroes refused to talk but after a time Mordica admitted not only the Whitehurst and Andrews, and Bailey and Barnhill robberies but many others.

He stated that he was the local agent of two men and one woman who generally traveled as salesmen in a Cadillac and a Hudson automobile and that they would drive into the territory by appointment and when the shadows of night grew deepest, they would enter some store, generally good dry goods and clothing houses. He also stated that he was at the breaking in of the Bailey and Barnhill store, that a white man also went in, that they divided and packed the goods stolen on the old ball park when the trail had been followed by blood hounds.

Mordica further stated that they were never to take too much, but were to take a suit, shirt, dress or pair of shoes from here and there in such a way that the stolen articles would not be missed. He stated that the store of Bailey and Barnhill and also that of Johnson, Smith Co., of Robersonville, had been robbed recently. The owners did not even know their stores had been robbed. The same occurred at Bethel, where they had gone in Bunting's store and Blounts store.

Mordica said they paid him on a percentage basis, that is he received a portion of the stolen goods, which he took to the pressing club of Forrest and worked them off by degrees. The territory worked by Mordica was Pitt and Martin counties, from Everetts west. He said he was not in the robbery of the B. F. Perry store here, which occurred a few months ago, though he knew about it and the white people were the same people whom he served, but their allies were black men.

The store of Turnace brothers of Aiden and stores at Four Oaks had also been broken into and robbed. A negro named George Young, who was serving as agent for the gang has also been arrested with two other negroes who were in the Four Oaks robbery.

Sheriff Jackson and deputies of Pitt county, following the statements of Mordica took he and George Young to Norfolk to search for the white people implicated in the stealing and leaders of the gang. They found that the parties living at the place alleged to be the receiving station for the gang had been abandoned and the occupants in jail for larceny, but no goods were found.

In the mean time four parties, three men and one woman had been arrested and were in the Perquimans county jail for a robbery of Towns and Chappel, a blind merchant living six miles from Hertford. They had given their names as Louis Powell of Durham, Ernest Wade of Hartwell of Oxford and Same Louge who has recently done time on the Durham county roads. The girl gave her name as Mary Howard, gave no address, but claimed to have a brother in Wilmington. The officers took the two negroes to the Hertford county jail and they identified one of the men and the woman as being with them in many robberies. Young said they helped him in the Four Oaks robbery and Mordica said they helped him in half a dozen at Bethel, Robersonville and Everetts.

The woman proved to be Mabel Holmes who some years ago lived in Greenville and was noted for her bad reputation there.

They will be surrendered by the

### New Dry Drive



Brig-Gen. L. C. Andrews, Assistant-Sec'y of the Treasury, who August 1st puts into effect a new system of prohibition enforcement. Disregarding state lines, the nation will be divided into 22 districts and divisional heads given supreme authority to stop drink "at the source."

## 38 FARMERS IN N. C. LEGISLATURE

More Than One-Fourth of Members of State Assembly Come From Farms

More than one-fourth of all the members of the North Carolina State legislature are farmers, according to a national agricultural foundation, which has been compiling figures of farmer representation in the State legislatures and in Congress.

Of the 60 Senators in the State legislature, 7 are farmers, states the foundation, and 31 out of the 120 members of the lower house list themselves as agriculturists. A few divide their time between farming and banking, farming and insurance, or some other profession, or occupation in addition to their farm interests.

Iowa, with a farm population of 46 per cent, has 39 farmers in its legislature membership of 108, the highest proportion of any of the State studied, the foundation states. Pennsylvania with its 11 per cent farm population has only 15 farmers in its legislature out of a total of 268 members. Mrs. Mabel A. Gillespie, of Groves, a member of the Nebraska lower house, is the only farmer's wife on record holding a legislative job.

The ratio of representation of farmers in Congress is lower than the average found in the State legislatures, according to the foundation. With a national farm population of 30 per cent, the sixty-ninth Congress finds only five farmers in the Senate and 21 in the House of Representatives.

## Card Club Entertained By Mrs. J. S. Rhodes

Mrs. J. S. Rhodes entertained her club at a bridge luncheon yesterday morning from 11 to 1 o'clock.

High score was made by Mrs. S. R. Biggs, and she was given a box of stationery.

A delicious luncheon was served, consisting of fried chicken, cucumber and tomato sandwiches, potato chips, sweet pickled peaches, iced tea, and cantaloupe.

## Visits Dr. Warren Wednesday

Dr. George Collins, of the State Board of Health, of Raleigh, visited Dr. W. E. Warren on Wednesday.

## In Fremont Yesterday

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Hardy Rose and sons, Tom and Harry, attended a reunion of the Rose family, which was held in Fremont yesterday.

## Home From Scotland Neck

Mr. Newsome Riddick, of Scotland Neck, was a visitor here this morning. Leave for Greensboro and Lexington

Perquimans authorities to Pitt county authorities where they will be tried for the greater offense.

## TUESDAY UNLUCKY FOR MOONSHINEGANGS

Federal Officer and Deputies Capture Three Plants and Make Two Arrests

Agent T. W. Shell, accompanied by deputies J. R. Manning, Luther Feil, and H. L. Martin, were called about one and a half or two miles west of Bethel, where they quickly found a small copper and all necessary operating equipment worth about 200 gallons of moon and sugar beer.

Two young white men, Cecil Gurganus and Milton Mendenhall, had just kindled a fire and were getting things in order when the officers appeared. The young men ran, but Gurganus was soon caught. Mendenhall made his escape, which, however, proved but temporary, as officer Manning soon came across him.

The officers made further search, soon finding several barrels of beer and everything necessary for the manufacture of liquor except a still.

Another hunt brought the officers on a 60-gallon copper still, 900 gallons of beer and numerous accessories used to make liquor.

Luck was running so good that the officers continued their hunt, soon coming across another large still of about two barrel capacity and eight barrels of meal and sugar beer. No liquor was found at any of the stills, and no clue pointing to the owners or operators except the first still.

Gurganus and Mendenhall were taken to Williamston and each gave bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the United States District Court in Washington in October.

It seemed to be a very unlucky day for these two young men, as it was the first time in their lives that either had ever attempted to run a still, and to be caught in the very first act was unlucky, if there is such a thing.

## Several Going to Farmers Convention

Several people of the town and it is understood, many of the farmers of the county will attend the farmers' convention in Raleigh next week, July 28, 29, 30.

The convention is an annual affair, and every year farmers from all over the State attend. Agricultural subjects are discussed, and general views of the farmers in the different parts of the State are exchanged.

## MACEDONIA LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Beacham were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coltrane Sunday morning.

Miss Vivian Peele spent Saturday night with Virginia Peele.

Miss Carrie Ward and Kate Corey spent Saturday night with Mrs. Jim Revels.

Mr. Robert Coltrane was the guest of Miss Myrtle Beacham Sunday night.

Mr. George Peele was the guest of Miss Vivian Peele Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Revels spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hadley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Perry spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Peele.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Corey attended church at Maple Grove Sunday.

Mr. Bennie Gurkin was the guest of Miss Virginia Peele Sunday night.

Mrs. H. U. Peele spent Saturday night with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Peele and son spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. U. S. Leggett.

Mrs. J. W. Bailey was the guest of Mrs. R. H. Peele Monday afternoon.

## MISS SADIE PERRY

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS  
Last night Miss Sadie Perry invited about 15 of her young friends to a chicken stew at her home on the Washington road. Freezing the ice cream gave the boys and girls a big appetite. Ruth was found to possess the biggest appetite; evidently she worked the hardest. The ice cream was served at the house and after a council gathering the party moved to the tobacco barns, where delicious chicken, sandwiches, pickles, cake, and many other eatables were served. The boys returned to town last night, but the girls remained all night, sitting up at the tobacco barn.

## SUSPEND SERMON UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Due to the fact that the Rev. C. O. Pardo, who writes the Enterprise sermon each week, is leaving for a month's vacation the sermon will be suspended until September.

## TO HOLD SERVICES AT RIDDICKS GROVE SUNDAY

Rev. R. L. Shirley will preach at the Riddicks Grove Baptist Church Sunday at the usual hour.

Mr. Frank Gladstone, of Hamilton, was a business visitor here this morning.