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Farmer's Wife Wins \$15 Prize for Market Ad

Mrs. R. E. Copeland, of Rich Square, Writes Best Ad

Mrs. R. E. Copeland of Rich Square won the \$15 prize offered by the chamber of commerce for the best advertisement advertising the Williamston tobacco market. There were several good ads submitted from the various sections of this and other counties, and it was not until after much comment had been made that the ad was selected. Judging from an advertising value there were several outstanding ads, but the contents were either too brief or too long drawn out making it impossible to use them.

Mrs. Copeland says she isn't a farmer but she is a farmer's wife, and of course that makes the ad submitted by her eligible for the prize.

It is very interesting to read and know what those who are not connected with the local tobacco market say regarding our market. The ad appears on the second page of this paper we want you to look it over and see what Mrs. Copeland has to say about the Williamston tobacco market.

Young Man Dies of Pellagra Yesterday

When just in his early manhood, pellagra attacked O. Kader Rogers and after suffering almost a year from its effects he succumbed to the disease yesterday morning. He died at the home of his father near Bear Grass where the funeral took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment was made in the family cemetery with Elders John N. Rogerson and Ben S. Cowing officiating.

The deceased was a son of Harry and Sarah Rogers and besides his mother, he is survived by three brothers, Edgar, Augustus and Theodore. His death was not only mourned by his loved ones but by a host of friends in his community where he has lived all his life which covered a span of twenty nine years and nine months.

He never married and had lived and farmed with his father. He was not a member of the church but attended the Bear Grass Primitive Baptist church of which his mother was a member.

Two Weeks Revival At Everetts Church

Rev. J. M. Perry of Vernon, Texas is holding a meeting in the Everetts Christian church which began there last Sunday night. Mr. Perry just concluded a short revival in the Robersonville church. Mr. Perry has been a leader in the growth of that strong and active church, he having been there several years ago.

The meeting in Everetts had a fine beginning Sunday evening with a large crowd present and another full house was in attendance last night. Mr. Perry has held two revivals in the Everetts church and great results came of both.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend this meeting and take an active part in the services. It will continue through the next two weeks and Mr. Perry will deliver wholesome Christian messages each night.

NOTICE

I have 5 hogs, averaging about 150 pounds each, shut up on my island farm; owner may have same by seeing me and paying cost of damage and price of this ad.—Wilfred Hardison.

Mr. W. H. Newell, jr. of Raleigh is visiting relatives at the Britt hotel.

STRAND THEATRE

REMEMBER—

All those attending the show tomorrow (Wednesday) night will be given a free ticket to the Friday night show.

A Good Program—
ALWAYS

Windsor Gets First Annual Peanut Show

Exposition Will be Put on Eastern Carolina Chamber Commerce

Windsor was successful in its bid, and the Eastern Carolina Peanut show will be held there Monday, December 27 through Friday, December 31.

Windsor and Ahoskie were the only contesting towns, Windsor outclassing Ahoskie as a bidder when the secretary of its chamber of commerce presented a check for \$1,200 from his town and an offer of free water and lights. Ahoskie offered a fine moral support, but no money. Windsor was chosen by a unanimous choice of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce executive committee.

This is the first big reception ever given to the peanut on the American Continent and though the peanut has paid many doctor's bills, lawyers, debts in general and taxes, he has simply been kicked around and left for the hogs to root up.

Thousands will assemble in honor to the peanut, songs will be sung, bands will play and pageants will be given, all to tell the world that the peanut is one of America's best crops.

Windsor will be honored in entertaining the peanut and his friends.

It is planned, by the management, to have a Queen's Contest, one queen to be selected from Tidewater Virginia and one from Eastern Carolina. This is to be a part of the entertainment, together with some of the very best talent that can be secured for entertainment and amusement features.

Further information regarding the exposition will be given out after the various committees appointed have had time and opportunity to work out their plans.

Land Bank Interest To Be Reduced

General reduction in the interest rates charged farmers on loans thru Federal Land banks is planned by the Treasury and the Federal Farm Loan board.

The Kansas Land bank reduced its interest rate from 5 1-2 to 5 yesterday on all loans issued by it. Acting Secretary, Winston, of the Treasury indicated that it is intended to pursue this policy with the other land bank districts and he hoped that a cut of at least 1-2 per cent would be made over the entire country.

This will assist the farmers considerably and especially the farmers in our county, for there are a good many of loans in the Federal Land bank held by them.

NORFOLK FAIR A GREAT INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION

Visitors to the Norfolk greater interstate fair will find this year the biggest and greatest agricultural exhibition that has ever been held in this section. F. L. Portlock, the county farm agent and director of the exhibits has been busy the entire summer working out what will be seen to be the most varied agricultural show the fair has ever exhibited. The cattle and swine show will be another big feature, while the dairy products will excel in every respect. Every farmer and agriculturist will do well to pay the fair a visit for every exhibition in the way of farm products will be of the nature to promote better and more consistent farming. The industrial exhibits will have the greatest number of manufactured articles and will show much that can be used by the farmer to a helpful extent. Farm implements and accessories of the kind that are necessary to successful farming and working models of practical machinery that will be helpful to the farm and the household as well will be exhibited. Lovers of horses will find over one hundred fine specimens on the grounds and those that like good harness racing will find some of the best steppers on the track. The amusement features have not been overlooked and the biggest kind of free attractions with a whole of a midway show will be in attendance. Music by two bands will enliven things, in fact there will be something doing every minute both day and night. The fair will open on Labor Day and will run both day and night, the dates are September the sixth to the eleventh inclusive.

Capt. Bill Gaskill of Ocracoke Islands, who is famous throughout for the brand of hospitality that he dispenses to the people who visit the island and are guests of his hotel, visited Dr. and Mrs. James S. Rhodes yesterday. He joined Mrs. Gaskill who has been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Earl Patterson in Greenville, and returned last night via Washington.

Mrs. Biggs To Conduct Story Hour Thursday

The Story Hour at the Womans' Club will be held by Mrs. John D. Biggs, jr. Thursday afternoon at the regular hour, 4:30.

The children have been very pleasantly surprised with light refreshments and entertaining stories by the various ladies and Mrs. C. A. Harrison and Mrs. John W. Manning, who have provided the leaders and looked after the details as a committee from the Womans' Club have greatly added to the success of the hour.

The children have been appreciative of their efforts and have given those in charge almost perfect behavior.

Coloreds Have A Free For All Last Sunday

When Annias Davis offered Alma Rose a lift to town he did not know he was forming a foundation to a free-for-all fight last Sunday morning.

When he reached the place where his wife was visiting, he was halted by her and when he prevented her reaching his newly acquired companion, aid from the rear appeared in the person of Clyde Crew. It seems as if Davis was neutral until they all but knocked him down and trampled his body in an effort to reach the Rose girl, at which time he returned the licks and then the real fight began.

According to Chief Daniels, it was a free-for-all affair with jealousy as the cause. The Rose girl told when it came to clothes having hardly enough to make it to her home, but she gained in scars. The Crew girl had several bruises, giving evidence to her whereabouts during the thick of the battle.

In Mayor's court yesterday afternoon, Willie Davis and Alma Rose were required to pay \$5, each and the cost of the case, Rose paying hers with the understanding that she was to leave town and not return within twelve months. Her home is in Plymouth. The evening train carried her away.

Davis is in Recorder's court today, having gone there under a \$50 bond.

According to the testimony given in the case this was the fourth fight for some while the others it was not less than the second.

Two Abandonment Cases In Court Here

The first case in the Recorder's court this morning was a case of abandonment as was the last case, both defendants being men and both being required to pay for their children.

The first was State against Walter Hassell, jr. Walter was required to pay the costs and \$125.00 to the child. The last was against Annias Davis who had the costs to pay and \$50 to the child.

Spencer Hyman, who was sued for slander by one of his friends, was "not apprehended." His case was necessarily continued.

The cases against Alonzo Roberson, charging him with seduction, John Rawls and J. B. Whitfield both indicted for assault were all three continued until later dates.

Several County Schools to Open September 6th

Williamston's Superintendent Has Not Yet Been Selected

The 1926-27 school year will begin the sixth of next month when the Jamesville and Robersonville schools open. These will be followed a few days later by several other schools. Plans for the coming session of Martin's schools are almost complete, and will be announced within the next few days.

The resignation of Professor J. S. Seymour here has altered the plans of the local committee to the extent that several changes will be necessary in the teaching staff. Several applications are now before the local and county boards for the superintendent's place of the local schools. At this time one has not been passed upon.

Mr. Snow of South Carolina was here yesterday looking over the local situation, but it is not known whether or not he will accept the offer made him. He is in Creedmore today talking with County Superintendent Pope and a final decision will be known shortly.

While the date for the opening of Williamston's schools is uncertain, it is expected to be not later than the fifteenth of next month. The exact date along with the names of the teachers will be known in a few days and at which time they will appear in this paper.

Attempt to Popularize Sunday Baseball

Special legal counsel from Washington will be in North Carolina cities this week in an effort to popularize Sunday baseball and pictures, Linn E. A. Gale, national secretary of the Association opposed to blue laws, who has been in Durham for some time, announces. Marx Lewis, director of the legal department, is expected and planned to confer with W. G. Bramham, of Durham, president of the Virginia, Piedmont and South Atlantic leagues, but Mr. Bramham expects to be away on his vacation. One test case is now before the Virginia courts on baseball, while one is expected to be started in North Carolina.

Local Boys to Play Windsor Tomorrow

The local high school boys will go to Windsor tomorrow where they will meet the high schools boys of that place in a baseball game. The game will be called at 4 o'clock. The batteries for Williamston will be Barnhill and Harris. In their last game Windsor won by a small margin, and a good game is expected tomorrow.

Local Boys to Play Windsor Tomorrow

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Brandon arrived last night from a visit to McConnellsville and Greer, S. C. where they were with Mr. Brandon's parents and Mrs. Brandon's sister, Mrs. Johnston.

Kiwanis Luncheon At Woman's Club

At the Womans' Club rooms, the Kiwanis Club will have its regular luncheon tomorrow at 12:30 o'clock.

Group Number One of the Womans' Club will serve them the third luncheon.

Every member that can possibly do so is urged to attend. The past two luncheons were most delightful to those who attended them, and it is expected that they will grow better at each meeting.

The interest in the club here is growing each day, and the organization promises to be one of much prominence in this section.

Make Strong Bid For Tobacco This Year

With its acre of floor space, the Roanoke-Dixie warehouse is making a strong bid for tobacco this year. It is nothing to be expected that this should be done since there is so much space under one roof. Its force is busy each day visiting in this and surrounding counties and the members are very much pleased with the outlook this year.

The experience of the men in this firm when measured in terms of years goes way up yonder, and for the successful management of any warehouse experience is necessary. The members of the firm include Mr. W. T. Meadows who has been with the market since its opening and who has been in the tobacco business for over forty five years; Mr. Harry Meador, a man with 17 years experience and Mr. W. B. Watts with over five years experience in his credit.

They have one of the best office forces to be found. A floor manager has been hired and every detail attended to, ready for the opening here next month.

In an interview with a member of this firm, it was stated that the local market would stand at the top if hard work and personal interest had anything to do with it. The determination expressed on the part of these warehousemen along with that expressed by the others of our town, it can be expected that our market will surpass its record of last year.

Colored Quartets to Meet Here Monday

Lovers of Southern Negro melodies will get a treat Monday night, August 23, when the Elks quartette of Greenville and the Church City Four will meet in the court house here for a match sing.

The Church City Four of Norfolk gave a musical concert here several weeks ago and if the Greenville quartette can beat them they are real singers. They are trained and have not only the natural gift for song melody, but they have added training.

The concert is under the auspices of the colored Methodist churches at Plymouth, Jamesville, Robersonville, Bethlehem and Williamston.

The match was brought about when the Greenville quartette challenged the Norfolk singers for the championship.

Complete List Roanoke Fair Midway Shows

George L. Dobyns Shows Present Variety of Attractions

While the list of attractions is not yet complete the number to be seen at the Roanoke here next month is very large, giving credit to any fair that carries them. Among the attractions are some of the most outstanding ones yet seen in these parts. The free acts for the most part have been announced and the following ones are brought here by the George L. Dobyns shows alone.

In Dobyns circus side show we find there will be a complete exhibition of wonders gathered from all parts of the universe and arranged for exhibition to ladies, gentlemen and children. Novelties of a newer nature all presented on a hundred foot stage will be introduced.

Next comes the museum, a wax-works of noted historical and notorious characters faithfully reproduced in a life-like manner. All life size and offering an educational and instructive exhibition. Featuring the only death mask of the late Gerald Chapman. A whole hour may be spent in this museum. A well versed lecturer-accompanies the visitors through the display.

For the minstrels there will be a gathering of Southern jubilee singers, Charleston dancers, instrumentalists, comedians, dancers and cake-walkers, presenting a complete minstrel first part, after show and vaudeville program. The portable theatre seats over a thousand persons.

The freak animal exhibits has nothing in all the world like it, many imitators but no successors.

The George L. Dobyns wonderland, a mammoth side show of Hindu illusionists, Singalese troupes, dancers and craftsmen, armless wonders, magicians, glass blowers, serpent charmers, cabinet escapes, Punch and Judy shows and a thousand one wonders, never before equaled.

The South Sea Islanders form another attraction. This with the pygmy queen of a native tribe in picturesque costumes, this type a close descendent of the ape, have all the characteristics of the animal, yet are possessed with almost human intelligence, unable to talk, yet uttering guttural sounds clearly understood by each other and by their keepers. Might be termed "The Missing Link."

The fairland shows, a complete and comprehensive animal exhibition including denizens of the jungle, wild and domestic beasts and tropical birds and serpents. With many baby members of the bear, fox, porcupine, lynx and alligator families. This will be a treat for the kiddies.

Pusey's horse and pony circus, a miniature circus with trained horses, dogs and ponies, funny clowns and comedy mules. Featuring "Lady Norfolk" the horse that roller skates. This is an exceptionally good show for the children and is presented in a large circus tent.

Pertle Brother's Wall of Death, a daring auto and motorcycle cage where racers flirt with death at every turn.

The Hollywood Peep show, a laughing gallery fully equipped with hundreds of arcade machines, scales, radiophones, photo machines, post card emporium, name plates and a peep show of wonders, created for the little folks with special music and with uniform attaches.

La Zara the Paradox, a European feature, offering an enigma to scientists and specialists, presented by Mme. La Zara with dazzling settings and gorgeous costumes. Billed as "Half man and half woman". A full fledged Indian Chieftan, Lone-Wolf adds to the attractiveness of the exhibition.

The Irgotig family from the Isle of Luzon, Philippines, comes this group of strange people in native costumes, songs and dances. Ornaments and handicraft with scarf and Togo weavers, seen in native dances and festivities.

The mounted organs, a complete band-unit of pipe organs imported from Italy, with chimes, bells and pipes equal to a forty piece band. Mounted on a Garcola float, studded with brilliants and decorated with gold.

The Gioavinni organ, similar to the above, although not as large is an instrument of beautiful tone with exceptional volume and also mounted on a special built van.

The Berni organs, Italy's most wonderful organ, with hand carved fronts embellished with decorations in gold and colored bronze, each with separate power plants, playing modern melodies on the perforated rolls.

The list of the rides will appear in a later issue, the list above just taking in those of the show alone.

Two Jailed for Arson as Result of Fire at Beach

P. L. Rhea and Farmer Accused of Burning Beach Buildings

Rhea's Beach is now nothing more than a pile of dry ashes on the stretch of white sand that lines the Albemarle.

P. L. Rhea, the owner, is under a \$5,000 bond and Gus Atkinson is in the Plymouth jail to answer the charge of arson.

Last Tuesday night, Mr. Rhea went out to Alexander's tobacco barn, a half mile away where he sat for a while with the tobacco curers. Sometime thereafter the beach appeared in a light flame and Rhea rushed to save his property, but was too late. Suspicion rested on Gus Atkinson, a rather second hand type of a farmer, who lived a mile away. He was arrested on suspicion and placed in jail with no proof against him. On Friday night his two daughters visited him in jail and they pleaded with him to tell the truth about any connection that he might have had with the affair. The appeal is said to have so affected the old man that he asked Sheriff Reid to come early the next morning that he might have a talk with him.

When the Sheriff arrived the next morning Atkinson told him that he burned the buildings and that Rhea had hired him to do it, that Rhea was going to pay him a hundred dollars a month and build him a house for doing the job. He is said to have a letter from Rhea saying the timber must be cut Tuesday night. He stated that Rhea told him when he reached the fire one of the buildings had failed to burn and that he threw a can of oil on it and made it burn.

Upon this information, Rhea was arrested and placed in jail, he however succeeded in raising \$5,000 bond to appear before the court of Washington county.

It was found that the shacks burned were insured for \$6,500, which included several small houses and the dance pavilion. People generally regarded the property to be worth \$2500 to \$3,000.

The beach has been a losing proposition for several years. Rhea's wife had gone to their Edenton home and the old man evidently was closing the season with \$6,500 insurance money.

Officers say the testimony against Rhea is sufficient to convict. The penalty is a long term in the State's prison. Akinson admits his guilt, though his crime is the lesser in the eyes of the law.

Work Progressing On County's Buildings

Work on the county's buildings is progressing at a rapid rate, and if it continues the buildings will be ready for occupancy ahead of the time called for in the contracts. The new county home has been partly covered and will be very attractive when completed. A large place has been cleared around it but more will be cleared according to those in charge. The home was placed in a wooded place and several acres had to be cleared of trees and brush.

The jail is up to its first story. The connecting hall to the court house has been made, and work in general is going forward at a rapid rate.

NIGHT TO ATTEND SERVICES CHANGED FOR WOODMEN

Due to the fact that most of the members of Everetts camp, Modern Woodmen are not through putting in tobacco the night to attend the revival services at the Christian church has been changed to Wednesday night, August 25. All members will please keep this in mind and be present if possible.

Presidential elections are an old story to the majestic Range, according to D. S. Courtney who is going to hold a special exhibit of these well-known ranges at his store all next week. He says there are Majestic homes in this county that have gone through five national elections and are still giving good service. Ten presidential terms have passed since the first of these famous ranges was manufactured. The exhibit of new model Majestic at B. S. Courtney's is well worth a visit. A fine set of cooking utensils—the choice of two sets—will be given away free with every Majestic purchased during next week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Downey and daughters, Mrs. Genevieve Buck and Miss Beatrice Downey of Norfolk are visiting Mrs. Downey's sister, Mrs. John Cook.

A SLOGAN SONG

By A KIWANIAN

I sing a song of Martin's throng,
Who work a wonder;
Who grow the weed and haul it long
To markets under
Williamston.
So join our line
In progress fine, in progress fine,
On the way to Williamston.

Our peanuts found the world around
Near fountain fixtures;
In glassine pokes, like sweetest smokes,
Of Roanokes Mixtures
For your son.
So read our mind,
Our slogan sign, our slogan sign,
On the way to Williamston.

Ring out the news to men and youths,
Tho' short or slender,
Of clothes and shoes of lasts and hues
For any gender
'Neath the sun.
The sales are fine
In tobacco time, in tobacco time,
On the floors at Williamston.

Our splendid schools instill life's rules
In souls quite tender;
Give fear to fools as per schedule
Who would not defend our
Williamston.
Her schools are thine
In schooling time, in schooling time,
Send your son to Williamston.

Here's Martin's wealth, no prattling elf
Of love and splendor,
Just hail hale health for every self
To make and mend our
Williamston.
Come, quaff the wine
In festive time, in festive time,
On the way to Williamston.

Hitch up the plugs and load up with lugs
And some cool demeanor;
Pile up the load on your snappy Ford
And haul her clean ter
Williamston.
Our sales are fine
At any time, at any time,
On the floors at Williamston.

We sell all grades and love fair maids;
Great God defend us;
Our payments are made and ne'er delayed
And none shall bend us,
Williamston.
Come out to dine
In harvest time, in harvest time,
On the floors at Williamston.

Our churches, choirs, and lofty spires
That point like sabres,
And souls with fires of love's desires
Call Christian neighbors,
Williamston.
Hence, make your shrine
At even time, at even time,
Within the bourne of Williamston.