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Local Market Has Largest Break of the Season Today

Market Has Averaged 31 Cents for Entire Season to Date

Today saw more tobacco on the local warehouses floors than at any time this year. The exact number of pounds on the floors could not be learned at the time of going to press, but it was easily seen that the amount on the floors today is greater than that of opening day. While there is some doubt expressed as to whether or not all sales will be completed today, special efforts are being made to wind them up before the day is over.

Tobacco came in yesterday afternoon from several counties, and it was expected then that today's sale would be a large one. The market has gone far beyond the million mark and is maintaining an average above 30 cents. We have not the exact figures but it is around 31 cents.

The warehouse distribution is fair, and is expected to continue in proportion to each house's space.

There are no dead buyers on the floor, everyone of them seems to be trying to buy and are getting tobacco. The large companies are all buying large quantities.

County Has Tobacco Grader 84 Years Old

Mr. Ira T. Hardison, of Jamesville and Plymouth, is doubtless Martin County's oldest tobacco grader. The writer found Mr. Hardison sitting at the grading bench Thursday, diligently grading the golden weed. He was carrying four standard grades and a small selection of green in a fifth grade. A close observation showed just about the same class of grading as is seen on the Roanoke-Dixie, Farmers, and Brick floors every day. Mr. Hardison's granddaughter was typing and they were making real progress.

Mr. Hardison is a Confederate soldier, a one-armed man, his right arm having been shot off more than 60 years ago. He was not using glasses. With all these drawbacks, nearly 84 years old, using no glasses, and only one arm, he was doing good grading and wearing a fine friendly smile. We would like to know who can beat this record.

Mr. Hardison signed an affidavit of a happening that occurred more than 62 years ago, and gave the details with the keenest sense of memory.

Bridge Club Meets With Mrs. Oscar S. Anderson

The members of the Needle Club changed their constitution and formed a bridge club which will meet on Thursday afternoons of every other week. The first meeting of the 1926-27 season was held with Mrs. Oscar Anderson yesterday afternoon. She served frozen fruit salad, wafers and mints.

The members are Mesdames O. S. Anderson, L. C. Bennett, G. H. Harrison, J. A. Manning, E. P. Cunningham, Roy Gurganus, W. K. Parker, E. W. Hardy, T. B. Brandon, J. W. Watts, Jr., M. D. Watts and J. D. Woolard.

Reception for Teachers and Parents Mon.

All Parents, Whether Members Association or Not, Invited

The Parents-Teachers Association was called together yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the president, Mrs. P. B. Cone. A new secretary, Miss Margaret Strange Broadfoot, was elected for the coming year, and other routine business was attended to. An objective work for was discussed, and it was voted to get out door drinking fountains for the children, there being 408 enrolled in the school this year and the only fountains being in the building. Mrs. J. C. Anderson and Mrs. A. R. Dunning were appointed to get estimates of the cost of installation. Professor Snow made a short talk upon the needs of the school and he especially emphasized the need of fountains.

The association will give an informal reception to the faculty next Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Woman's Club rooms, to which all the parents are invited. Not just members of the parents-teachers association and their husbands but the mothers and fathers of all the children in school are cordially invited and requested to attend and give the teachers a hearty welcome. Mrs. Oscar Anderson, chairman of the social committee, will be in charge of the arrangements.

Before adjourning it was decided to meet on the Thursday following the first Sunday of each month, this being the same time of meeting last year.

Would Have Murderer Serve a Second Term

About 20 years ago John Keel killed a man by the name of Crandall, of Robersonville. He was tried for the deed and was sentenced to the penitentiary, where he served approximately 15 years. This is the record of the case, and in spite of Keel's 15 years' service, several fellows of Bear Grass came here in the early hours this morning asking the sheriff to go and arrest him.

The request was investigated, and it was found that Keel had served his time and is now a free man. While no definite information could be had, it is thought these had had a fuss with Keel and to have him arrested was the best way to get even with him. They were unsuccessful in their attempt, so Keel continues with his sleight-of-hand tricks, he having learned them during his stay at the penitentiary.

Attending Meeting at Eden House Today

County Commissioners H. C. Green, H. M. Burras and John N. Hopkins are attending a meeting of the commissioners of several counties at Edenhouse today. The meeting is brought about through the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce and is for the purpose of discussing ways and means for putting further ahead Eastern Carolina. Discussion centered around the coming peanut exposition to be held at Windsor during the latter part of December.

Commissioners from fifteen counties are in attendance upon the meeting, and each of the counties represented grow thousands of acres of peanuts, making the exposition to be held in Windsor of much interest.

Sunday Services at Church of the Advent

Episcopal
Rev. Clarence O. Pardo, Rector
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity:
8 a. m.—Holy Communion.
10.00 a. m.—Church School.
10.00 a. m.—Adult Bible Class.
11 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon.
3.30 p. m.—Holy Trinity Mission, preaching service.
7.45 a. m.—Evening prayer and sermon.

Dobyn's Shows Wonderland of Delight for All

Especial Thought Given Children in Booking of Shows

All kiddieland will be welcome to the exposition midway during the week of the great Roanoke Fair, which will open September 27 and continue for five nights and four days. For this season the management of this institution have made arrangements for the coming of the Geo. L. Dobyn's Shows, which is the biggest and the best in the show world.

And special thought has been given the youngsters this year in booking this big aggregation, now in its thirty-fifth year and representing all that is good and great of the collective amusement type.

As this will be the biggest event of the fall in Martin County, the management has decided that the midway and "joy plaza" features must be in keeping with the policy of the fair, hence the booking of the Geo. L. Dobyn's Shows, which are America's premier outdoor amusement institution.

The big show traveling on its own special train of thirty double-length cars will arrive here early Sunday morning, September 26, and work will be started at once in unloading the mammoth circus wagons, vans, chariots, pipe organs, floats, dens of wild animals, trained horses, and a carload of freak animals. Great spectacles and pageants of fun will be the rule on the "joy plaza," superbly mounted attractions with scenic investitures, ones of electrical apparatus, ponderous riding devices, some from Europe, acres of canvas, will keep the 300 employees busy for 10 hours prior to the opening exhibition.

Miles of electrical cable will be laid, spot and flood lights set in place and at night the "plaza" will be a brilliant blaze of light and color and here the masses and the classes will congregate and the true holiday spirit and fun frolic will be on in full blast. Shining, shimmering, gaudy inlaid floats and wagons with mounted organs, and chimes, bells, and calliopes will turn loose a flood of musical melodies that will rejuvenate the old and pep up the young folks and the great southern company of Charleston steppers, minstrel dancers, jubilee singers with the famous Broadway syncopators will cater to the ladies, gentlemen and children in the largest portable hippodrome ever built.

The attractions include horse, dog and pony shows, wild and domestic animal exhibits, Lazara the beautiful, the Man of Mystery, South Sea Islanders, Irgotis Village, Jobber's Midland, the Wall of Death, Lala Coolen, Hindoo wonder workers, glass blowers, sword dancers, fire eaters, a thousand walkers, freaks of nature, and a rope and one wonder amusements never before seen in this section.

Forget Me Not Day Saturday, Sept. 25th

Governor MacLean has set aside Saturday, September 25, as "Forget-Me-Not" Day for North Carolina, when artificial flowers will be sold, the funds from which will be used for relief work among disabled veterans.

The Woman's Club of Williamston has appointed a committee, of which Mrs. C. B. Clark is chairman, to sell the flowers locally.

Those men who are afflicted as a result of having performed their patriotic duty to our country are entitled to peculiar consideration from us and when we bestow our gifts upon them, it should not be done in a spirit of charity but of appreciation, and an opportunity to help these men should be considered a special privilege.

Banquet Thursday in Honor of Tobaccoists

The local chamber of commerce is planning a banquet in honor of the tobaccoists who are now serving the Williamston market as buyers, clerks, auctioneers, proprietors, and so on throughout the trade. The banquet will be held in the Masonic building with the Woman's Club preparing the dinner.

Invitations will be mailed this week, and an attractive program is being arranged. The banquet is given with the hope that our people may make the acquaintance of the temporary residents, and have them feel at home during their stay in our town.

County Farm and Home Agents Ready to Help in Preparation of Fair Exhibits

By T. B. BRANDON
Farmers should start now to prepare their various articles for the fair exhibits. Communities that desire to make school and community exhibits will find the rules and scale of points in the fair premium book. If you do not have a book, you may get one from the fair association, the home agent, or the county agent. The association is planning to have the largest fair in its history. There are liberal prizes

offered for school and community exhibits, farm and home exhibits. For individual farmers there are liberal prizes offered for the best 10 ears of corn, for best 10 ears of any variety of corn, with sweepstakes; best single-ear of corn, etc. You will also find liberal prizes offered for different varieties of cotton, oats, rye, cowpeas, soy beans, velvet beans, hay, peanuts, tobacco, fruits of all kinds, and also vegetables of all kinds.

At any time the county agent will be glad to help you select your exhibits. I know of farmers that have won in prize money upwards of \$25. and \$50. It is offered and is open to any one who will make exhibits.

The county agent is very anxious for farmers to get a fair book and look over the various lists and see how many classes they can fill. The money is offered. Why not win it?

The Enterprise Sunday School Lesson in Brief

Sept. 19.—"Obedience to the law." Temperance lesson. Lev. 26:3-5, 14-20.

By C. H. DICKEY

"The whole world is bending over in expectancy to see what we are going to do with the matter of prohibition. If we should fail, it would set back the clock of moral progress for fifty or one hundred years." Thus wrote Dr. E. Stanley Jones, who has spent many years of his life out in India, trying to get over to that great country the Christ-message. He says that the evangelistic work in the Orient depends upon conditions at home.

In reality, the whole world is bending over in expectancy to see what the American people are going to do about the liquor evil. For when America undertook the great experiment it transferred it immediately to the realm of a world problem. For, if America succeeds, it is going to be economically difficult for the wet countries of Europe to compete with the dry American country. They are beginning to think about this. If we would fall in our experiment, the cause will be crippled for decades. If we succeed, we shall have gone a long way towards influencing the great nations of the world to consider the matter. For, really, the leading countries of the world would have a hard time should half of them be wet and half dry, just as America could not permanently get along half slave and half free.

The American undertaking on these lines is not yet out of the experimental state. It will not thus be removed for a long time. No such piece of legislation has ever before been attempted. It will take much time to work it out. Its enemies are not confined to this country, for the liquor interests of Europe can easily see that economically they will be affected if our consumption is lessened. Thus, have they joined with our enemies at home to fight to the last ditch. But there is no cause for alarm. But there is great cause for eternal vigilance and sustained activities. The religious forces of America, so soon as the legislation was written, quit from their battle fields. But they quit too soon. They have to take up the implements of war again and will have to stay on the field this time until a decisive victory is lost or won.

The church should never, I think, enter politics as a church. Its members should enter as citizens. Separation of church and State in this country has passed out of the experimental stage, although some would have it restored. But not so! The church in its own field; politics in its field. But the church member is a citizen; and, as such, must wield his ballot and influence as a citizen, yet with the increased light and conviction which has come to him as a churchman.

Our problem is still an educational one. We are to teach prohibition to our children, in the homes, the schools and the churches. Thus shall we rear up generations who will be against the evil, and at manhood will register their protest as citizens. An educated constituency is the hope of the movement. And nobody in this world is going to educate them unless these three agencies do it.

Sunday's Sunday school lesson is a temperance lesson. The teachers, all over the county, will do well to "bear down on it," for the battle is not over. And the whole world is bending over in expectancy to see what we are going to do with the matter.

Mr. T. F. Pippin, of Hamilton, was in town Thursday on business.

Chowan Farmer Gets Good Price for Tobacco

Arriving here early yesterday morning, Mr. John Wood, one of Chowan's leading farmers, sold a large truck load of tobacco, and was more than pleased with the price given. Mr. Wood stated that he was sure he had made as high if not a higher average than any other farmer in Chowan County. He is now preparing another load and states he will be back again next week.

Seven County Exhibits Are Booked for Fair

With seven counties having exhibits of the home economics class, this department will, no doubt, reveal startling facts in the canning of vegetables, fruits, preserves, and other foods this year at the Roanoke Fair, September 27 through October 1. Seven counties take in a large territory, and when you see exhibits coming from that many, the best can be expected.

These exhibits will be prepared under the supervision of home demonstration agents of the several counties, and much time is being given to the preparation of them. Martin County will have its first home economics exhibit, this being the first year that we have been fortunate enough to have a home demonstration agent since the Roanoke Fair was incorporated several years ago. Miss Anna Trentham, the county's agent, is making noble efforts to produce a creditable exhibit, and we are assured that we will be well represented when it comes to home economics.

Methodist Program for the Next Week

Sunday school, 9.45 a. m.—E. P. Cunningham, superintendent.
Preaching services, 11 a. m. and at 7.30 p. m.
Junior Epworth League, 2.30 p. m.—Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, superintendent.
Preaching at Holly Springs, 3.30 p. m., after which the Woman's Missionary Society will hold its regular meeting.
Woman's Missionary Society, at local church, Monday, 4 p. m.
Senior Epworth League, Monday, 8 p. m.
The Intermediate Epworth League will hold its regular monthly reception with Mrs. W. C. Liverman Tuesday, 21, 8 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.
Intermediate Epworth League on Thursday night, 7.30 p. m.

Teachers to Meet Here Tomorrow

A meeting for all the teachers of Martin County will be held tomorrow at the graded school auditorium at 2 o'clock. All teachers are required to attend, and it is expected that there will be a great many present as many of the schools of the county have opened.

Robt. Johnson Arrested on Bootlegging Charge

Federal Agents Snell and Alexander passed through town Thursday and upon examining the home of Robert Johnson they found a full gallon jug of liquor and one just emptied. Johnson has been considered a "king-bee" bootlegger for years. He was taken before the United States commissioner and bound over to Federal court to be held in Washington October 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray West, of Green County, spent some time in town yesterday, as they passed through en route to Annapolis, Md., where they will visit their son, who is a cadet at the Naval Academy.

"Listen Lady" Much Enjoyed by Big Crowd

Make Hit With Packed House; \$90 Realized by Woman's Club

"Listen Lady," a musical comedy, presented at the City Hall Tuesday night under the auspices of the Woman's Club drew a packed house.

The story, a boomrang on the get-rich-quick methods used by real estate operators in Florida, was amusing and the choruses were very good. The smaller children's "kitten song" was novel and received much applause. The principal characters, Mrs. P. B. Cone, Mrs. L. C. Bennett, Mrs. T. B. Brandon, Misses Margaret Everett, Carrie Delle White and Mary Melissa Andrews and "Buddy" Orleans, H. M. Stubbs, R. L. Coburn, Gaylord Harrison, and Maurice Watts were all fine in their respective parts.

Mrs. Carrie Biggs Williams rendered the music and added pep and life to the pretty choruses. Little Misses Julia and Gwen Watts gave two unusually attractive exhibitions of the famous "Charleston" and then Misses Frances Williams and Eppie Hoyt and William Cook gave a rendition of the same steps that would rival any of Keith's exhibitions.

About \$90 was realized by the Woman's Club.

The director, Miss Hendricks, was very efficient and made a very pleasing impression on those with whom she worked.

East Carolina Firemen Hold Meet in Belhaven

The Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association meeting was held in Belhaven Tuesday night of this week. The town of Belhaven was open to the visiting firemen who were received with music and dismissed with dancing.

The address of welcome was made by Rev. Lucas, of Belhaven. Mayor Cox, of Robersonville, responded to the address on behalf of the visitors. The regular routine of business was transacted, after the election of officers was deferred until the next meeting which will be held in Washington in November, owing to the fact that a number of towns were not represented.

After adjournment all the visitors were invited to the Geo. N. Baker Oyster and Crab factory, where they spread crab meat by the bushel and steamed oysters by the hoghead. The town gave a street dance to the young people while the firemen ate oysters and crabs. Belhaven went a step farther than any of the entertaining towns so far in the elaborate entertainment of the association.

Nine Grand Circuit Horses to be Here

Nine horses from Miller's Stables, Washington, D. C., will enter the races at the Roanoke Fair here this year, according to a telegram from that city to Mr. J. W. Bailey, race secretary.

These horses are now running on northern tracks in the grand circuit, and they are considered the fastest in the country. Both Mr. Bailey and Manager Poe are very much pleased with the contract bringing these horses here this year, and it is with pleasure that they make it known to the patrons of the Fair.

Woman's Club Has First Meet of Fall Season

Reports of Officers and Committees Received Show Progress

The Woman's Club held its first fall meeting Wednesday afternoon, not having met during the summer months, a custom followed by the Federated Clubs.

There was no program planned because the election of officers and other important business was scheduled for this meeting.

This meeting really concluded the club year, and yearly reports were made by the officers and the executive committee. The president's report was very good, embracing the work in a material way done by the Woman's Club since its organization last November, but mainly setting forth the moral support it has endeavored to lend to every cause for the good of the town and county. Her report embodied the ideals and aims of the federated clubs and her desire for the members to strive to become more perfect club women.

A suggestion made that the club have but one objective to work for at a time was taken up later on, and it was voted that the club should fix up its rooms. Considerable changes will be made in the hall, and it will be fixed with a view of serving the town and community more than it has done in the past.

The treasurer's report showed the treasury to be in fine condition, there being around \$275 on hand. The standing committee reports reviewed the things done by the club, most of them being known to the community. The charity committee has looked after all cases called to their attention in a businesslike way. The welfare board, besides other things, served at the clinic in several capacities, and the ways and means committee did most efficient work. The other committees, the program, the membership, the social, the civic, and the house committees all indicated activity during the whole life of the organization.

The nominating committee read their selection of new officers, committees, and departmental heads, which were practically the same as had served last year, except the departmental heads, the departments being newly created. A list of these will be given out after the next meeting, as there are a few changes to be made.

A rising vote of thanks was given the president, Mrs. John D. Biggs, jr., who has given so much of her time and ability to the Club.

Memorial Baptist Services Sunday

Last Sunday our congregation was happy to welcome so many new faces. There were school teachers, tobacco men, visitors. Also many people from the Methodist church who came to worship with us because they had not service that day. Our people were glad, and extend to the general public, cordial invitations to worship in our church.

The sultry weather is over and gone. The finest season of the year is upon us. With great unanimity the people of Williamston should flock to the churches. It will help them; it will work wonders with the church.

We never forget the people out in the rural sections. Good roads and automobiles place them in easy access of the church of their choice. These people are welcome in our church.

Sunday morning the pastor will have for his text; "Enlarge the place of thy tent, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes."
Sunday night he will have for his subject, "He Is Mine."

Car Turns Over on Creek Fill Thursday

A car turned over near the Sweeten Water Creek fill yesterday afternoon. The car was being driven by a young man named Brown. He was not hurt, though the car was torn up badly. Mr. Brown says the trouble all came when one of the radius rods gave way.

GOES WITH GOLD STAR NO. TWO GROCERY STORE

Robert Manning, who has been with several of the grocery firms of Williamston during his vacations, has accepted a position with the Gold Star Grocery store for this year.

STRAND THEATRE

DON'T MISS
"THE VANISHING AMERICAN"
NEXT WEEK

DO NOT FORGET—
A free ticket for Friday to all who come out Wednesday Always a Good Show