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Peanut Exposition Drawing Big Crowds to Bertie Capital

Many Exhibits of Interest; To End Tomorrow

Planters Nut and Chocolate Company Wins with Parade Float

The world's first peanut exposition, at Windsor, which has been going on all this week, measured up to and surpassed every prediction that had been made about it and was a long way better than it was advertised.

Windsor has played the game of host with pride, and perfection. No town of its size could have done better, and we doubt if as good. The two warehouses and prize rooms were all made into one grand display encampment.

Of course, the peanut is king, and has been so anointed and crowned this week. But that is not all that is to be seen there.

The Red Cross, one of love's chief organizations, has a fine display booth with an emergency hospital unit. Mrs. F. D. Winston takes delight in pointing to the flags of 43 of the world's leading nations, all backing the Red Cross. The booth is really intended for a ladies' rest room, but no one should fail to look to the Red Cross.

Then there are county exhibits, where everything in the way of the crops and manufactured articles, as well as the raw materials found in eastern Carolina and Virginia are found. Numerous business houses have mercantile displays.

There is a fine display of all kinds of peanut machinery and farming equipment.

Of course, the king is on every corner and you have to bow and scrape at the sandwiches which the peanut growers association is handing out to all that are hungry as they enter the exhibition hall. This you have to keep up as you pass booth after booth, but you do not have to take off your hat, get on your knees and kiss the ground which grows the peanut until you get to Dr. Carver's display of 193 articles, all made from the peanut, and ranging from gun shoe soles to baby face powder. Inks and paper, dyes and paints, in fact almost anything that you can imagine, is found there. Milk and cream, butter and cheese, oil and soap, are but a few of the valuable every-day articles made from the peanut.

On Monday afternoon Judge Francis D. Winston was introduced by Secretary Bartlett, and he made a great welcome address, standing in the heart of the peanut's home, in the county that produces more peanuts than any county in America. Bertie raises enough peanuts, Judge Winston said, that if they were strung like beads the earth could wear a string four times around her equator. Judge Winston's welcome was so fine that every man and woman present seemed to think they were voters in Windsor.

J. A. Pritchett was appointed stage manager and presented the 15 young ladies who are entered in the queen's contest. They are Misses Louise Brinkley, of Suffolk; Viola Peel, Roxobel; Alma Lee, Aulander; Sophia W. Paison, Winton; Vida Dunning, Rich Square; Roccie L. Fleetwood, Jackson; Sallie Peel, Lewiston-Woodville; Grace Evans, Aulander; Edla Best, Windsor; Blanche Holloman, Ahoakie; Julia H. Parham, Kinston; Pattie M. Baggett, Windsor; Mamie R. Fleming, Greenville; Rosalie Rhea, Windsor;

Christmas Quietly Observed Here

With few accidents and a noticeable absence of drunks the Christmas season was one of the quietest observed here in years.

While the youngsters of the town fired their firecrackers and tooted their horns, they did so with much reserve. The smallest number of drunks in years at the Christmas season was reported by police. Few cases were before Recorder Bailey last Tuesday, and this would indicate that the season was observed decorously throughout the county. Everetts and Bear Grass sent two truckloads of young boys here, and the merry-makers serenaded the town several times.

Finals Tonight in Tournament

Jamesville Takes Part in Finals Having Beat Drivers, Va

Jamesville fought its way to the finals in the tournament when it defeated Drivers, Va. by a close score of 10 to 8. Extra time was required to break the tie. The cup at this time will go either to Weldon or Jamesville, with the edge on Jamesville's side.

The game starts tonight (Thursday) at 9 o'clock.

The basketball tournament at the Peanut exposition in Windsor this week attracted large crowds when teams from several Carolina and Virginia towns completed Carolina and Virginia towns competed for the cup.

The series was started last Tuesday afternoon when Weldon won by a small score in the first game. Aulander was eliminated from the race when Conway won by a small score the same afternoon. Tuesday night Jamesville walked on the scene and made one of the largest scores recorded in the tournament when it defeated Farmville 26 to 7. The entire Jamesville team played well and the work of the Gaylord brothers, Jimmie Brown and Paul Sykes was considered equal if not better than that of any team's members seen in action anywhere this year.

The only sorrowful feature of the tournament up to Wednesday afternoon came when Everetts was squeezed out of the race when two of her best members were pulled out on account of fouls. At the end of the half Everetts was tied with Drivers, Va., but when Cherry and Roebuck were fouled out, Drivers had the advantage and finished by a 5 point margin, the score being 19 to 14. Conway was eliminated Wednesday afternoon when Weldon won over her by a score of 21 to 14.

Messrs. W. M. Kear and S. F. Freeman of Washington were in town this week.

SCHOOLS OF COUNTY WILL REOPEN MONDAY

The schools of the county will reopen next Monday after having been closed for two weeks. The teachers will arrive at their respective schools Sunday.

FIREMEN ENTERTAIN IN HONOR OF F. L. EDWARDS

The local fire company entertained last Wednesday evening with a dinner at the Britt hotel in honor of Mr. F. L. Edwards. Mr. Edwards has been a member of the volunteer company for some time and it was at the meeting Wednesday night that the company expressed its regret in seeing him leave the town.

Mr. Edwards with his family left yesterday for Kinston where they will make their home.

and Augusta S. Clark, Washington.

The open parade was a treat to the thousands of visitors present. The peanut was the leader in the parade. The Planters Nut & Chocolate Co., of Suffolk, scored high for the peanut, and the many other floats were cheered by the throngs.

The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce held its semi-annual meeting at a luncheon given at the Red Cross hall Thursday, with over three hundred members and guests present. The exposition officially closes Saturday at 1 o'clock.

But Five Cases Tried by Judge Bailey Tuesday

Heavy Fines and Several Road Sentences Given Out

The old year witnessed its last case here last Tuesday in the recorder's court when Judge Bailey dished out well-chosen sentences on five different counts. Introduction of the court to the New Year was made when two cases were continued until next Tuesday.

Considering the season of the year and the inclination to celebrate regardless of law and society, the session last Tuesday was comparatively small when only five cases were disposed of. Liquor held the center of the stage, since it sent the majority of the defendants into court.

George Lucas plead guilty when he was charged with violation of the liquor laws. Fined \$50 and the costs of the action, Lucas is now out under a suspended jail sentence, which means he will be at this freedom until capias is called for by the sheriff. The sentence calls for five months in jail with leave to be assigned to the county roads of Edgecombe County.

Monk Bagley was required to pay \$35 and costs of action and suffer a nine months' jail sentence when he pleaded guilty to a charge holding that he illegally possessed liquor. The jail sentence was suspended until a capias is issued by the sheriff. William Allen who was connected in this case escaped when his case was not pressed.

The court found the pleading of Anthony Skyle to be incorrect when he pleaded not guilty to the charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated. A fine of \$50 with costs was set on him, and an order issued restraining him from driving any kind of motor vehicle within the next 30 days. The court also demanded that he appear before it next Tuesday and show that he has paid the cost of the action.

Ab Robertson's plea to simple assault was accepted by Solicitor Horton, and Robertson was required to pay \$10 and the costs.

The case of Henry Raynor, in which he was charged with larceny and receiving, was continued to next Tuesday's session.

Abner James, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, plead guilty to simple assault. His plea was accepted, and the court relieved him of \$10 and the costs.

The case of Courtney Spruill was continued until next Tuesday. He is charged with larceny and receiving.

Former Resident Dies in Greenville

Greenville, Dec. 29.—(Special to the Enterprise).—Mrs. Martha Ann Rawls died early Sunday morning, December 19, at the home of her daughters, Mrs. Willie P. Gardner, of Contanche street. She was born March 20, 1841, in Williamston. She was the daughter of Arnold and Macy Ray Rodgers. She was a lovely Christian character and a member of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Rawls had made her home here for many years and had endeared herself to many friends. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Emma Bryan and Mrs. Willie P. Gardner, of this city; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. The funeral services were conducted from the home by Rev. L. B. Jones December 20, at 3:30 o'clock; interment followed in the Cherry Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Rawls was for many years a resident of Williamston and has many friends in that city who will learn with regret of her death.

F. L. EDWARDS AND FAMILY MOVE TO HOME IN KINSTON

Mr. F. L. Edwards and family moved to Kinston yesterday, after making their home in Williamston for nearly three years, where they have made friends of the whole community.

Mr. Edwards has been twice elected to the office of county coroner, and has done a good undertaking and embalming business here.

He sold his business to return to the home of his father and mother, who in their old age persuaded him, their only child, to return. Williamston loses a good citizen in Mr. Edwards' leaving.

Several of the town's leading business men attended the luncheon in Windsor yesterday.

Reuben Bland Ready for Trip to Washington

His Record to Go Before The House There Thursday

The very pillars of the Nation's Capitol will shake and many of the members of Congress will postpone their naps, so they can see Reubin Bland when he walks into one of the lawmaking houses of the country on next Thursday. Congressman Lindsay C. Warren and Editor Carl Goerch have arranged the old man's visit to Washington, and they did so on his record. The father of 34 children, Mr. Bland is 72 years old, and carries at this time many signs of youth, for he dances, fiddles, and jokes—that makes the record.

While in the city Mr. Bland will call on the President and appear before the House where Congressman Warren, of this district, will tell his fellow members of the old man's record. He goes to Washington on the contributions made for the purpose by citizens of Martin County.

When Congressman William D. Upshaw, of Georgia, told the House of a man in his district having 28 children, Editor Goerch and Mr. Warren immediately thought of Reubin Bland. They decided the record made by Reubin was worthy to go before the nation also, and no doubt but that it will be well received.

Mr. Bland was born in this county and now resides near here. He has been married twice. Fifteen children were born to his first wife and nineteen to the present Mrs. Bland. Only 18 of the children are now living, the majority of the others having died in infancy. Burdened with the task of securing a livelihood for his family, the old gentleman was forced to ignore his children's rights to an education. Although he is uneducated himself, he is witty, good natured, and very interesting.

All of the children are now living in the county. The number of grandchildren is not known, but an exact count is expected when the January inventory is made. There are three great-grandchildren. The oldest of the children now living is Billy Bland, who is 50 years old. The youngest is Woodrow Wilson Bland, he being 10 years of age.

The proposed trip is receiving much attention throughout the country, and Mr. Bland's record is the cause of much comment.

School Board Reviews Work of Past Session

(Special to the Enterprise)

The Oak City School Board met Wednesday, December 15 and reviewed the work of the fall term of Oak City school, which is highly satisfactory to pupils and patrons. Three hundred and forty-seven students enrolled with a good average attendance.

Professor H. M. Ainsley was re-elected for the fifth time principal of the Oak City school. Mr. Ainsley has been principal of the school for the past four years and under his administration the school has made progress along all lines. Other than being a successful school administrator he has been active in religious and social life. Being actively interested in every movement that has been for the progress and welfare of the community.

Colored People Have Big Dance

Going by the strains poured forth by a semi-dark orchestra, the colored people of this section danced from Tuesday night until Thursday morning, with the exception of a few hours' rest. The Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse was all decorated for the occasion, and fairly large crowds attended.

Following the style set by society's "high-faluters," the promoters staged a tea dance Wednesday afternoon. Good order featured the dances.

Hurt When Train Hits Their Car

Mr. Ben Lilley and Miss Minnie Hopkins were badly hurt last Friday when the noon passenger train of the A. C. L. hit the car in which they were riding. Mr. Lilley was driving his car over the railroad at Hardison-crossing near here when it stalled, the train hitting the rear end. Both Mr. Lilley and Miss Hopkins were thrown out and badly hurt but their injuries were found not to be serious.

The holiday season has witnessed few auto wrecks this year, and this one at this crossing was probably the most dangerous of them all.

ON THE STROKE OF TWELVE



A Word of Greeting at the Beginning of a New Year

As we go to press with our last issue of the year 1926, we can't help but feel as though time is giving us an unfair deal, for there are so many things we would like to do and just can't. But anyway we want to say a few words, however meaningless they may be, at this, the stopping point.

Our errors and mistakes speak for themselves; they have been made in plenty, but not intentionally were they committed. We are far from perfect in our work, but in spite of all the shortcomings, we want to assure our every patron that it is our desire to turn out a creditable "sheet", and that every act done in our behalf will be more than appreciated and long remembered by us.

It is with regret but through dire need that we call the attention of our subscribers to the label on their papers and humbly ask that they remember us at this season of the year.

For everyone of our customers, whether large or small, for our subscribers, whether they are in arrears or ten years in advance with their subscriptions, and for our friends we wish the best of New Years in the way of happiness and prosperity.

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Sheriff Reduces Supply Christmas "Spirits"

Sheriff A. L. Roebuck and Deputy Grimes gave the moonshiners and bootleggers some trouble during the Christmas season.

Their biggest catch was in Turkey Swamp, where they found a monster steam plant and about 800 gallons of beer. No one was near, and everything was cold.

They also captured a still near Butler's Bridge. Here they found about 350 gallons of beer. No one was seen though the still had been run only a few hours earlier.

They also executed a search warrant on Monk Bagley's establishment on Washington Street, where a small quantity of liquor and considerable equipment were found and seized.

Anniversary Service At Baptist Church

Just one year ago the pastor and people of the Memorial Baptist Church began their work together. The year has passed quickly. The affairs of the church have moved along without interruption. Nothing has occurred to spoil a single church-day.

The people of Williamston have cooperated after a noble fashion. Innumerable courtesies have been shown the church congregation. God has been good.

Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, this anniversary of pastor and people will be observed by a short service at the church. Two or three short addresses will be delivered, and the church will turn its attention to the affairs of the New Year.

Sunday morning's Communion Day. This service is emphasized and beautified by this church. It is a service never hurried through with; indeed, it is the service on that day—nothing else intervenes. People who name the Name should gather with the Lord's people at His table.

Thanks Rev. C. Dickey For S. S. Lessons

It is with much regret that we are forced to announce that the Sunday school lessons prepared weekly and appearing in this paper by Rev. C. H. Dickey during the year will not appear in our columns during the next several weeks. We are sure that a large number of our readers will miss these weekly discussions, and it is hoped that Mr. Dickey will see his way clear to favor The Enterprise and its readers with these lessons again.

Mr. Dickey finds it impossible to prepare these lessons since other duties have been increased. We hardly know how to thank him for his time and thought used in preparing these lessons during the year, and we are certain that a majority of our subscribers join us in extending him many sincere thanks for his work.

Modern Woodmen have Initiatory Service

At a regular meeting of the M. W. A. camp, Everetts, N. C., Monday night, December 27, Mr. Joe Williams was entertained by the camp as he was the candidate and proved to be a very worthy one he demonstrating great skill in riding the goat. A very good meeting was held and enjoyed by about twenty-five members of the local camp.

For the next meeting night to be held on Monday, January 10, 1927 an oyster roast is planned and all members are urged to attend whether members of the local camp or not. All are cordially invited, he program for this occasion is not complete and we are not able at present to announce anything except the regular meeting and oyster roast. We hope to be able to give the M. W. A. pictures which are worth seeing and should be seen.

Everetts to Meet Jamesville Here

With interest of a county-wide nature centered around the Everetts and Jamesville basketball teams, the fans of that sport are looking forward to the game between those two teams here next Thursday night. The game will be played on the Brick warehouse court and will start at 7:30.

These two teams took part in the tournament at Windsor, and their playing was well received by spectators from all over Eastern Carolina and Tide Water Virginia. One of the largest crowds to witness a basketball game here in some time is expected.

Miss Martha Anderson will return Sunday to Dunn where she teaches in the city schools.

Preaches Here Sunday Night for First Time

Perlie L. Perry preached here at the Methodist church Sunday night, it being the first sermon he has delivered to a congregation here.

His subject was "Assurance" and his sermon was well received by a large audience.

Mr. Perry has been attending the Union Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He is spending his vacation here with his mother.

Wife Accused of Killing Mate Near Plymouth

She with Daughter Released Under \$5,000 Bonds Each

Washington County was the scene of a murder Sunday night when Geo. W. Phelps was shot and killed at his home a few miles below Mackey. His widow and her daughter, Loula Pritchard, were placed in the Washington county jail and charged with the murder. They were released under \$5,000 bonds.

Mr. Phelps stated to the sheriff when he reached the scene of the murder that she and her husband had had some trouble over her going out for a visit, and that he took her coat. She then got another and as she and her daughter reached the porch they heard a pistol fire. She then claims she ran to the highway and told Mr. W. T. Alexander, who was passing, that Mr. Phelps had been shot.

Sheriff J. K. Leid arrested both the mother and daughter and held them until Dr. T. L. Bray, county coroner, and a jury had investigated, after which they received a verdict reaching in holding both Mrs. Phelps and Miss Pritchard on a charge of first degree murder.

Phelps was found sitting in a chair in his bedroom dead, with a bullet wound in his right breast and one in his right temple.

James Norman gave the defendants a hearing Tuesday and bound Mrs. Phelps over to the January term of superior court under bond, and all the daughter, Loula Pritchard, an accessory under a \$5,000 bond. The defendants were represented by H. S. Ward, of Washington, and W. L. Whitley, of Plymouth. Van B. Martin represented the State at the request of the solicitor, Donnell Gilliam.

William Hardison Dies After Short Illness

William A. Hardison yielded to a short attack of pneumonia early Monday morning. On Friday he visited Williamston and before he reached home he was taken with a chill. Pneumonia developed and he lived only two days.

He was 77 years old and had been a semi invalid since he was a small child, suffering frequent attacks of asthma. He married Miss Lucy J. Whitley who survives him. They never had any children. He was the son of David Hardison and the last member of a large family of brothers and sisters.

The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Elder W. B. Harrington. For 35 years he was a member of the Primitive Baptist church. He was buried at the Hardison Mill grave yard Wednesday during a heavy rain. The attendance was large.

Lilley-Lilley

The wedding of Mr. Simon Lilley to Mrs. F. Hel Lilley came as a surprise when the two were quietly married by Rev. A. J. Manning on Christmas Day at 6 o'clock. Only a few friends were in attendance upon the wedding.

The newly married couple left immediately after the ceremony for their home in the country near here, carrying with them many wishes of happiness from their friends.

Mrs. Lilley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Gurkin, near here. Mr. Lilley was connected with the Williamston Telephone Co. and The Enterprise for a number of years, and at these two posts he made a large number of friends, gaining the confidence and respect of every one he met. He served with the American Expeditionary Force in France for several months, and soon after his return here he opened a small job printing establishment. Along with this he ran several other businesses. For the past several years he has been Scoutmaster of the local troop of Boy Scouts and each summer he has accompanied the boys to various camps for a vacation. Recently he has been employed at the Johnnie Green Grocery Co., but he will give up this position to return to the farm.

Their many friends in this section wish for them the best of success.

Saturday is Holiday For Post Offices

Tomorrow being a legal holiday, the post offices of the nation will be closed and no mail deliveries made. All other businesses of this county will be open. Several of the banks of the county generally take the day as a holiday, but it is understood that they will remain open tomorrow.

STRAND THEATRE

TONIGHT
Colleen Moore
in
"It Must Be Love"

SATURDAY
5 reel Feature
with
Richard Talmadge
Two Reel Comedy and
CASEY OF THE COAST GUARD
(Serial)

Always a Good Show