

Redrying Plant Is Sold to Tobacconists

Now Owned by W. I. Skinner and Jim King

Brings Two of Country's Foremost Tobacco Men Here

Meets. W. I. Skinner, of Greenville, and Jim King, of Washington, bought the redrying plant of the Imperial Tobacco Co. here this week. The amount involved in the transaction could not be learned at noon today.

During the past two years the plant has been known and operated by the W. I. Skinner Tobacco Co. Whether or not the plant will operate under that name in the future has not been announced. The plant will continue its operations this year as in the past but will do so on a larger scale. Tobacco will be furnished the plant from this and surrounding markets.

Mr. W. I. Skinner, one of the partners, is well known here. For the past two years he has been one of the market's greatest assets, as well as an influential citizen in the community.

Mr. Jim King, formerly of Caswell County, this State, is also well known here. During the past four years he has been manager of the Washington Tobacco Co., at Washington, which position he resigned a few days ago to enter the transaction here. Although Mr. King is a young man, he is a capable tobacconist, having been in that business practically all his life.

The news of the transaction has been well received in business circles here, and the town will welcome Mr. King and his family, who expect to move here about June 1.

Friends of Mr. Skinner will be glad to know that he has purchased the plant from the Imperial, which he has successfully operated for the past two years. With this combination of two of the most capable tobacconists in eastern Carolina, the Williamston market may expect great gains as a tobacco center.

Sunday Services at the Baptist Church

"The Man Who Stole the Lord's Money" will be the theme of the Sunday morning sermon, while the text at the evening hour will be "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." This text is found in Zechariah 4:6.

This church feels very grateful for the community support it has had in the operating of its church school of missions. It feels very kindly towards the churches who did so much to make it a success. Nothing is lost which tends to bring men and women closer together about the central and magnetic figure of the Man of Nazareth.

It is to be hoped that the people will arrange their affairs so that it will be possible to give Dr. Vann a great hearing Tuesday night at the church at 7:30 o'clock.

Bill Up to Permit Heavy Trucks on Highways

A bill before the Legislature which would permit trucks weighing 20,000 pounds to run on the State highways is being pushed by the Standard Oil company.

The State Highway commission is fighting the measure in the interest of the roads which the commission finds are damaged more by heavily loaded trucks than by any other thing.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY
Tom Tyler in "Tom and His Pals"
Comedy "Don Key, Son of Burro"
Last Chapter of "Casey of the Coast Guard"
Also new Serial
Always a Good Show

County Banks Will Have Holiday 22nd

The banks of the County will not open for business next Tuesday, it being Washington's birthday. All the clerks, cashiers and officials will take the day as a holiday.

There will be a meeting of the Group One Bankers' association at Hertford that day and many of the county's bankers are planning to attend the meet.

Week's Work in Legislature

Bill Creating Hospital for This County is Passed

The work of the Legislature this week at Raleigh took on a more important aspect when several bills of significance went through and other matters were settled.

The Senate bill, increasing the number of superior court districts from 20 to 27 was killed in the House last night by a vote of 68 to 46. The question as to the need of seven more judges and seven more solicitors was hotly debated, many leaders of the body lining up on opposite sides of the question. The opinion that we need more judges, but that we do not need more solicitors seemed to be admitted. About half of the time of the superior courts of the state is taken up with civil courts which do not require the attention of solicitors. For that reason it is claimed that we need more judges and fewer solicitors.

It was also claimed that the bill would add about \$100,000 a year to our present court expense.

The Senate sent the \$2,000,000 Great Smoky Mountain Park Bill to the House, every senator present voting for the measure except Lloyd Lawrence of Hertford county.

The bill presented by Senator W. S. Clark, of Edgecombe county, authorizing Edgecombe, Halifax and Martin counties to establish a general hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis as well as other diseases, was passed.

The committee on appropriations has approved an increase for improvements at the East Carolina Teachers Training school of 400,000. The Budget committee had recommended only \$280,000. A personal visit to the Greenville college by members of the Assembly who saw the needs of the institution, was the cause of the raise.

Square Dance at Local Warehouse Wednesday

With no admission charge, the old-time square dance at the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here next Wednesday night promises to be well attended. Even though the dance has not been advertised no more than through personal conversation, it is understood that a large number will take part.

One was held last Wednesday night on the farm of Mr. Leamon Taylor near here, and a large number attended. The same musicians, with one or two exceptions, will play here next Wednesday.

Methodist Church Services Sunday

Preaching services 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. at the local church, and at Holly Springs at 3 p. m.
The Women's Missionary Society will meet at the church Monday at 3:30 p. m.

County Teachers To Meet Here Tomorrow

According to Supt. R. A. Pope, one of the largest teachers' meetings of the year will be held tomorrow in the local high school building. The meeting will be held at 2 o'clock.

Father of Murdered Man Died Wednesday

Rev. A. L. Ormond, a prominent Methodist minister, stationed at Oxford died in Philadelphia Wednesday.

Rev. Mr. Ormond was the father of young Ormond, the man who was shot down by W. B. Cole in Rockingham late in the year 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Haislip, of Haisells, were here Thursday.

Daugherty Again!



Former Atty.-Gen. Harry M. Daugherty, as he approached the New York Federal Court building to face trial for alleged fraud against the government—and which forced his resignation.

Can Talk From Here to London

Williamston People Can Talk to London at a Rate of \$78

Williamston was put in touch by telephone with England, Scotland, and Ireland Wednesday morning at 8:30, when arrangements were completed by which every telephone in North Carolina might call any telephone in Great Britain and carry on a conversation with "Sir George," or with any peasant in that country who has a telephone or access to one.

If the conversation should be of such a nature that it would require but three minutes, the charge would only be \$78; but if it becomes social and requires several minutes longer than the initial 3 minutes, then it would cost \$26 per minute for each additional minute.

If a telephone subscriber in Williamston wishes to speak to a person in London, Liverpool, Edinburgh, or Dublin, all he has to do is to call the operator in the usual way; the operator then passes the ticket to the New York operator on the regular G. I. phone line. The New York operator then calls London; and the London operator passes the call on to the local station called. When the circuit is completed, then the conversation commences just as if a call had been completed to Windsor or Plymouth, except that the New York operator is required to keep constantly on the watch to see that the radio apparatus is in perfect order.

The message travels for the first 1,000 miles on wires; then it is shot into the open and is carried through the ether waves 3,000 miles over the roaring ocean, where it is caught by a radio receiving set and again placed on wires and passed on to the residence or office of the subscriber called. One of the wonders of the world, electricity, is truly being mastered and simplified.

Many Visitors at Masonic Meeting

Conoho Chapter, R. A. M., of Williamston, held a special meeting Wednesday night and was host to the Moyle Chapter, R. A. M., of Washington. Many members from the Washington chapter were in attendance, and their degree team assisted in the Royal Arch work.

Dr. John B. Griggs, grand secretary of North Carolina, of Elizabeth City, was also present. Other visitors from Plymouth and Oak City were also present.

At the close of the meeting a luncheon was enjoyed by all.

Dance Here Next Tuesday Night

Next Tuesday night will be a busy one at the Brick Warehouse; the town basketball team meets the Naval Air Station team and Frank Carstarphen holds a Washington's Birthday dance. Stub Johnson's orchestra will furnish music for the dance.

Peaches Bloom Here; People Freeze in West

While perspiration is popping out of the folks on the Atlantic side of the country and peaches are almost in bloom with dry weather prevailing, the people on the Pacific side are freezing to death and being washed away by the heavy flood rains prevailing there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waldo, Miss Elbe Waldo, and Mrs. Don Matthews, of Hamilton, were visitors in town Thursday.

Ask Extension Boundaries of School District

Committee Appointed to Investigate Such an Undertaking

The Parent-Teachers Association held its regular meeting in the school auditorium Wednesday afternoon. The attendance was fair, in fact, larger than usual.

The principal question discussed was the enlargement of the district boundaries to embrace all of Williamston Township. At present we have three small rural schools in this territory with only one teacher to each school. There are about 200 pupils of school age within those three districts, only 82 of them being enrolled as pupils, however.

If the township is to be made a high-school unit, it will require an election for all of the voters of the township.

A committee was appointed to present the question to the people of the entire township for their approval. If they act favorably on the question, then an election will be ordered by the board of county commissioners for the purpose of levying a uniform school tax for the whole township, the same as is now levied in the present Williamston school district.

In case of a consolidation it will be necessary to build a new building or increase the size of the present building by the addition of at least four more rooms. It will also become necessary to bring the pupils in by truck.

There has been a general expression of approval of this plan or something that would enable the pupils of the small districts to enjoy better schools than they now have.

The consolidation plan would also lengthen the term for the children of the smaller districts as they now have but six months, whereas if they were to come to the Williamston school they would have the advantage of the eight-month term.

Dr. R. T. Vann to Speak Here Tuesday Night

As the closing feature for the local school of missions, Dr. R. T. Vann, former president of Meredith College, will speak here next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. The place will be at the Baptist church.

There will be no class recitations or lectures at this service—only Dr. Vann's lecture.

This is an opportunity for the people of the entire community to hear a most remarkable man. And the general public is invited to the service.

Big Still and Outfit Captured Last Night

Sheriff Roebuck and his deputies made a rich haul last night, when they accidentally ran upon a big liquor plant, consisting of a new 80-gallon copper still, a worn-out still, and 8 vats 6 feet long, 2 feet wide, and 3 feet deep containing about 230 gallons of meal and sugar beer. The entire plant was destroyed and the still taken away. This was the most complete plant that Sheriff Roebuck has captured since he has been in office. He did not know whose land the outfit was on, but says it was about 2 1/2 miles southeast of Bear Grass.

No one was at the still, and apparently the beer was not ready to be run.

Revenue Man to Be in Williamston Monday

The State Department of Revenue will be represented at Williamston, Monday, February 21st by Mr. Ed James. Mr. James will be at the Britt hotel for the purpose of helping any tax payer in the county to properly file his income tax. All unmarried persons who had an income of \$1,000 and every married person with an income of \$2,000 will be required to file a return to the State Revenue Department on or before the 15th of March.

BEAUTIFY GROUNDS OF TELEPHONE BUILDING

The Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., have put their lot in apple-pie order, planted hedges and lawns and fixed up the walks around the yard, adding greatly to the beauty of the building which they have recently moved into.

Prospects Bright for Best Herring Season in Years

According to the Roanoke's oldest and most experienced fishermen, the approaching season will be a good one for the fishing industry in that river. No definite date has been set when the seines at Jamesville will begin work, but it will be in the early part of next month. Already repairs are being made to the two fisheries at Jamesville, and it is thought the nets will be at work not later than the 10th.

The last few days have seen many fishermen on the river, and as many as three to four thousand herrings are being landed each day. At the present time only skim nets have been used in the catch.

The season this year has seen the earliest run of fish up the Roanoke in years. Many fishermen say it is the earliest they can remember.

Messrs. C. C. Fleming and J. M. Hysell will operate the two fisheries at Jamesville this year.

Bishops' Crusade Begins in Local Church Monday

Rev. E. W. Halleck, of Williamston, will bring the Bishops' Crusade to Williamston the week of February 21, beginning Monday night, at 7:30. Mr. Halleck will preach each night next week in the Episcopal church.

The Bishops' Crusade in the Episcopal Church is a great movement in evangelism and is at this

time being conducted all over the United States.

Williamston is fortunate in having Mr. Halleck here for this coming week, as he is a forceful and inspiring preacher. It is hoped that the people of Williamston will attend these services and that many may be helped by them.

Recorder Has Number Cases

Judge Particular Strong Against Drunken Auto Drivers

Judge Bailey and Solicitor Horton had a good-sized docket Tuesday, and while it did not produce as much cash income as at some previous sessions it took care of itself and carried a good balance to the treasurer. Judge Bailey is particularly strong on drunken drivers, yet not too much so, for one of the most dangerous things in the country today is a drunken man driving an automobile.

Nine cases were tried; one was bound over for want of jurisdiction; one continued under bond, and one not pressed, as follows:

Gainer Holliday plead guilty to a charge of simple assault. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

The case against Paul Holliday for assault with a deadly weapon was not pressed.

Tom Moore was found guilty of non-support of his children. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Bibbel Clemmons was found guilty of reckless driving and was relieved of \$20.00 and the cost of the action. Jesse Bryant plead guilty to a charge of manufacturing liquor. He was fined \$75 and the costs and sentenced to the Edgecombe County roads for four months, sentence not to begin until capias is called for.

The case against Herbert L. Brewer, for driving an automobile without a license, was continued under bond until next Tuesday.

Crislie Clark was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and taxed with the costs.

A verdict of not guilty was returned for J. A. Wynn, charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Charlie Sprull, who will be remembered as the first inmate of the new jail, faced two charges before the recorder, assault and resisting an officer. He was found guilty on both counts and sentenced to the Edgecombe county roads for 30 days on the assault charge and two months for resisting the officer.

Edgar Edmondson was found guilty of driving an automobile while intoxicated. He was fined \$50 and his right to drive an automobile revoked for nine months.

W. V. Ormond and Mary Hyman were charged with forgery. They waived examination and were bound over to the superior court at the March term.

Pictures of Town to Appear at Expositions

Secretary N. G. Bartlett of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce was here last Wednesday getting pictures of the Main street and several business houses to prepare a loop. Each loop carries 36 pictures and of that number Williamston will have twelve. It is possible that of the twelve, part of them will give way to advertising slogans.

These loops, as they are called, will appear at the Eastern Carolina exposition and also at other shows in certain parts of the United States.

State Has Best Tobacco Crop

A review of the tobacco situation in North Carolina shows that for the first time in the history of the tobacco industry, North Carolina produced more tobacco in 1926 than any other state and the value of the crop was over twice that of Kentucky, over four times that of Virginia, and many millions more than any other producing state.

A close similarity appears between the period for the past three years and that between the years 1917 and 1919. Both periods have been marked by substantial increases in acreage with enormous increases in production and in both instances, prices have advanced with the increased production. Should the 1927 season be a repetition of that of 1920, a most unfortunate situation would be the result, especially since it follows so close upon the heels of the disastrous experiences with the cotton crop of 1926.

The State's 1926 tobacco crop was the third most valuable crop ever produced, being second only to that of 1918 and 1919. It was second largest crop ever produced, being only 40,000,000 pounds less than the 1920 crop. The acreage was the second largest ever grown, being exceeded only in 1920. The average of prices during the season was only exceeded in 1919.

While the foreign situation in regard to exports is considered favorable, it is much more so for the dark burley types than for the bright flue cured, (cigarette type). The reduced acreage of burley last year with the consequent lowering of stocks has created a favorable situation for this type, whereas the increase in the exports to China and the United Kingdom, our two largest purchasers, with the large stocks on hand of this type have created a condition that should caution the bright tobacco grower. These facts are worth careful study by the tobacco farmer at this time when possible disaster may be so easily prevented by an understanding of the conditions that he must confront.

He Who Laughs First Gets a Laugh, Anyway

While walking behind the line of spectators at the Farmville-Ahoskie basketball game here last Tuesday night, Police J. S. Cook was hit when one of the players missed a hard-throw ball and it landed on the policeman's forehead. Mr. Cook was dazed for a few minutes, but soon got all right. The worst part, for him, however, was when Pete Fowden, the insurance man, blurted out with a hee-haw laugh. It was in the best of spirits though.

The very next night Pete attended a square dance near here and fell out the barn steps when his foot caught. Mr. Cook expressed his regret with a retaliating laugh and said how sorry he was that Pete had not broken his neck.

Oak City Senior Play Next Wednesday Night

The play, "An Adopted Cinderella," will be presented by the senior class of the Oak City High School in the Oak City High School auditorium at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, February 23, 1927.

Every one is cordially invited to be present and weep and laugh with the orphaned Cinderella and follow the career of the talented prince, who is also a violinist. A small admission will be charged.

AMBERS PRESSING CLUB ADDS TRUCK

The Ambers Pressing club this week added a Ford truck to its business. Regular trips will be made around this and other towns in collecting and delivering clothes. Mr. Ambers, the owner of the pressing concern, has recently installed modern equipment in the plant and has secured the services of expert workmen. He has now one of the most modern and best equipped cleaning and pressing plants in this section.

County Schools Plan to Enlarge Their Libraries

Local School Now Has Over 1,000 Volumes in its Collection

One of the most commendable reports coming from the office of the superintendent of county schools recently, and one that is deserving of special mention, deals with the interest and work in school libraries. At present there are four schools in the county having libraries that are rated by the State. To this number will be added two more within a short time, for they are at work building up libraries that will meet with the State requirements.

In the local school library, a special committee, composed of Mrs. Wheeler Martin and Misses Orpah Steed and Lucille Allen has been doing extensive work in the past several weeks classifying and cataloging the books. At the present time there have been almost 1,000 volumes catalogued and classified into certain groups. The library is handled partly by the students, and a growing interest in the building and care of the library is most evident.

Oak City has at present some 800 volumes. The handling of the library is worked on a highly efficient basis and is proving a great success.

Jamesville and Robersonville each have around 500 volumes. The work for a greater library in the latter city is most intensive, the parents and teachers are interested in the project and are doing much to add to the library.

Bear Grass recently ordered \$150 worth of new books to go into its library, and the people of that community are busying themselves with the task of securing more. Everetts is preparing to build to its collection.

At no time in the past has there been a greater interest shown in the building up of libraries in the various schools of our county than there is now. The interest, while it is not complete, covers practically all parts of the county, and it is understood that several of the other schools are making plans for book collections.

100-Gallon Still and Outfit is Captured

Sheriff Roebuck and Deputy Grimes answered a call yesterday and found a big copper still near the Eli Powell place near the Beaufort County line. The still was not in operation when found and no one was near.

The outfit consisted of a complete 100-gallon copper still, properly equipped, four barrels of beer, and a few buckets, funnels, etc.

Signs around the place indicated that much business had been done there.

Otto Wood, Jail Breaker Extraordinary, Caught

S. Otto Wood, the famous one-arm prisoner who has escaped our State penitentiary three times, the last time in November, 1926, has been captured in Indiana. He is under a 30-year sentence for murder, and though he has but one arm seems to be able to break jail and drive an auto with more ease than a person with two hands.

Besides his escapes from the North Carolina penitentiary, Wood has also made spectacular get-aways from both Ohio and Tennessee prisons. When he made his last escape from our prison, Governor McLean outlawed him and offered a reward of \$500 for him, dead or alive.

He stole an automobile in Roanoke, Va., and did several daring robberies and hold-ups in Indiana before he was shot down while robbing a drug store in that State. He recovered and was identified by finger prints.

Domestic Science Class Entertains Officials

The domestic science class, Miss Selma Frazier, teacher, of the Oak City High School, had as its guests at a luncheon yesterday Supt. R. A. Pope, several other school officials, and other special guests. That the class is doing real work was evidenced by the delicious meal served. There are 30 enrolled in the class, and the department is making splendid progress.

Road Commission Force Improving Town Streets

The road commission's work on the streets of the town this week is meeting with hearty approval on every hand. For the past several months many of the streets of the town have been in an unbelievably bad condition, and the work comes as a relief to local residents.