

Masonic Picnic At Coleraine Is Well Attended

Tobacco Market Carried Before Large Crowd of People There

Trucks carrying the miniature warehouses of the local market were sent to the Masonic picnic at Coleraine yesterday, along with tree cards, sales cards, Market Briefs, personal cards and other advertising matter. The local market is making one of the strongest bids in its history for tobacco this season and all indications point to a most successful season.

The day the Chowan bridge was opened, Williamston's method of placing her market before thousands of people was said to be most successful. The town itself is cooperating to a greater extent than ever before with the three warehouses in an effort to boost the local market, and far-reaching results are expected.

That Williamston has the brightest prospects of any market in the State has been acknowledged by many outsiders as well as local people. It is no more than appropriate that the town should join in with the tobacco warehousemen in advertising our market, and it is expected that the market will have its merits told to thousands of people before many more days go by.

This section was well represented at Coleraine yesterday, and the day was a glorious one for the many hundreds attending.

Elimination of Grade Crossings Very Costly

The Industrial News Bureau estimates that it will cost \$18,000,000,000 to eliminate grade crossings at the various highway crossings in this country.

They say if the cost should be borne jointly by the people and the railroads, on the basis of one-half each, that it would cost the railroads half as much as their present total cost and that it would be necessary to increase freight rates 50 per cent in order to pay a 5 per cent dividend on the added cost.

The bureau says that these burdens can be avoided and accidents at grade crossings prevented by requiring automobile drivers to stop, look in both directions and listen before crossing the tracks.

Two Cars Wrecked On Washington Road

Two cars, a Ford touring and a Ford roadster, were badly damaged when they met in a head-on collision on the Washington Road near the Old Mill Inn last night.

The touring car, belonging to a Mr. Reddick, of near Bear Grass, and driven by his son, was loaded with colored people, and their weight prevented a possible turn over. Abram Peel, barber in the Hall Barber Shop here, was driving the roadster. No one was hurt.

A car ran out of gas and stopped on the side of the road and another stopped on the other side a few yards below where the first car was. When the Reddick boy worked from one side of the road to the other, he failed to get back on the right side in time to avoid hitting the Peel car, which was partly off the road.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Warren, of Durham, were here a short while this week. Mr. Warren left here for Georgia, where he will buy tobacco for Liggett & Myers.

Miss Martha Anderson is visiting in Emporia, Va. this week.

Town Tax Rate To Be Same As Before

Georgia Markets Open Next Week

The tobacco markets in Georgia are to open next Tuesday. During the past few weeks, Georgia's crop has greatly improved, and, according to reports, that State has a good crop. The markets are opening about the same time as they did last year.

Bazemore to Die Next Week

Unless Governor Stays Execution Negro Dies Wednesday

George Frank Bazemore will be electrocuted next Wednesday at the State prison at Raleigh, unless the governor grants a stay of execution.

Bazemore has been convicted twice by a Green County jury of first degree murder for the killing of Gordon Yelverton, young white boy of this town, as he was passing through Green County en route to Wilson last November with a load of tobacco. After shooting young Yelverton in the back of the head and dragging him behind a clump of bushes, Bazemore took the load of tobacco back to Farmville and put it on a warehouse floor for sale. However, before it was sold he fled and did not return for either the truck or the tobacco.

Bazemore was first tried at the December term of the Green County court and promptly convicted. His attorney, Paul Frizzell, of Snow Hill, took an appeal to the superior court, which found no fault in the trial on the points of exception, but did find that the trial judge erred in permitting the clerk of the court to take the verdict of the jury in his absence, although both the State and defendant's attorneys agreed that the clerk might take the verdict.

The second trial was held in June. Judge E. H. Cranmer, who held the trial, was unusually cautious in the court, and those who heard the case think an appeal would reveal no error in the trial.

Although notice of appeal was given, so far nothing has been done towards taking it up to the higher court, and as the case now stands the negro will pay the death penalty on Wednesday, August 3.

Lloyd D. Gardner Dies in Jamesville

Mr. Lloyd D. Gardner died at his home near Jamesville July 8 after being sick for several months. He was born May 27, 1868, on the farm upon which he spent most of his life and upon which he died.

He married Miss Emma E. Davis, who survives him. He also leaves three daughters and six sons, Mrs. John Ezzell, Mrs. Charlie Sexton, Mrs. Arthur Smith, Enoch, Arthur, Herbert, Willie M., Stephen E., Ollie R., and O. L. Gardner; three brothers, John, Stator, and Hoyt; and several grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. George Leggett and A. Corey, and he was buried in the family plot at the home farm.

He had been a member of the Baptist church at Cedar Branch for 35 years, and was a good farmer, a good citizen, and a good neighbor.

Primitive Baptist Meet in County

Members of the Skewarkee Association of Primitive Baptist churches are holding the union meeting now with the Smithwicks Creek church.

The Skewarkee district embraces a dozen or two churches in Martin, Edgecombe and Halifax counties, and a union service is held at one of their churches on each fifth Sunday, beginning the Friday before. The meetings are generally attended by representative delegates from each church composing the association, as well as by many visitors. They always have as much as two sermons on each of the three days of the meeting in addition to holding their business sessions.

It is a noticeable fact that few of the members have business affairs that will hinder their attendance, but they go, they stay, they enjoy, and they worship.

Mrs. X. T. Keel, of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. W. B. Williams, of Winston Salem are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson.

Rate of \$2.25 Held in the Face of Decrease in Property Values

A town tax rate of \$2.25 on the \$100 valuation was set for the year 1927 by the board of town commissioners in a special session last Tuesday. Though the town rate remains the same as it was last year, it is equal to a decrease since there has been a drop in property valuation in the town. With the rate at \$2.25, and with property listed at \$1,389,901.00, around \$31,272.77 will be due the town treasury. This does not include the railroad tax, which, when added, will make the total amount due the treasury around \$33,239.81. This amount does not include miscellaneous taxes, that is, taxes received from special sources, such as business tax, operating tax, and so on. Then there is the street-paving tax, amounting to around \$2,000, to be included.

When receipts from light and water are added, along with a few other minor items, the total receipts can be estimated to amount to \$74,476.09. The estimated expenditure has been placed at \$75,910. The estimate for the receipts was based on actual figures and not on probable increase in light and water consumption, an addition to poll tax, and so on.

For the year ending May 31, 1925, light and water receipts amounted to \$24,507.30. For the year ending May 31, 1927, these receipts amounted to \$26,208.09. With an increase in business at this rate, the budget will be more than cared for, even though the rate is allowed to remain at the same figure.

Commission Announces New Fish Regulations

The State Board of Conservation and Development which was appointed by Governor McLean under an act of the last session of the General Assembly with power to fix uniform fish and game laws for the entire State has issued rules establishing uniform open and closed season and has designated "commercial" fishing as "inland" waters.

A special rule promulgated by the board makes it unlawful to take or kill fish in any inland waters of the State except with hook and line, rod and reel or by casting except shad and herring which may be taken in these waters with skim or stake gill nets from January 1 to May 1 only.

Sale of black bass less than 20 inches in length is prohibited from any part of the State except Currituck sound, from which they may be sold down to 12 inches in length when labeled with tags furnished by the fish commission.

The open season prescribed by the board on black or large mouth bass begins June 10 and closes April 10. For brook or rainbow trout the season opens April 15 and closes September 1. Small mouth bass in mountain counties only, the season opens June 10 and closes October 1.

The following size limits shall be observed, bass either large or small mouth, 12 inches; blue bream, 6 inches; brook or speckled trout, 6 inches; rock 8 inches; rainbow trout, 8 inches; robin, 5 inches; red fin, 8 inches; goggle eye, 6 inches.

It is unlawful for any person to take more than 8 bass, brook, speckled or rainbow trout, 25 blue or red bream, 50 robin, 50 rock, 10 croppie or chinquapin perch, 50 goggle-eye, or 50.

All the ocean waters and the following rivers and sounds in this section are classed as commercial waters: Alligator river below Gum Neck; Pungo river, below Leeville; Pamlico and Tar rivers below Grimead; Roanoke river below Weldon. Inland fishing waters consist of all inland rivers and their tributaries or portions of same together with all ponds and lakes in the State not included in the list classed as commercial waters.

The commission established the foregoing regulations at a meeting held at Morehead City on July 12 and 13 and the new rules will go into effect the middle of next month.

Baptist Pastor to Speak at the Christian Church

The pastor of the local Baptist church is delighted to answer the call of the Christian church to supply that pulpit Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

He will speak on Paul's Swan Song—the passages of Scripture used being found in II Timothy, fourth chapter, verses 6 to 8, inclusive.

Since this is to be the only evening service in town, all those desiring to attend a religious service will be welcomed at the Christian church.

First Service in New Church at Everett Sunday

Methodists Will Have Regular Schedule of Services

Everetts will have its third religious congregation when Rev. T. W. Lee, Methodist minister of this place, preaches the initial sermon in the church there Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. A large attendance is expected at this, the first sermon delivered by a Methodist minister in a Methodist church in the town.

Rev. Mr. Lee, who has several churches in the county, purchased the building formerly occupied by the Baptists there and has had the church building remodeled and equipped with new benches. He, with several members, has worked diligently to establish the new church there. Besides making arrangements for the purchase of the building, he took his tools and went to the supply company here, where he made and fitted benches for the building. The minister has worked faithfully during the recent warm days, and the members of his denomination are lending every effort to establish a firm foundation for the new church.

No regular schedule has been announced for the holding of services, but Mr. Lee will arrange one or two dates in each month for the new church. The public is cordially invited to attend the service at the church.

Two Stills Destroyed By Sheriff Wednesday

Sheriff Roebuck and Deputy Grimes answered a call in the Bear Grass section near the Beaufort County line Wednesday afternoon where they found a large steam still from which the fire had just been pulled. All the liquor and the wood to the still had been taken away. They found 24 barrels of beer and a few tools and equipment used in operating the plant.

After destroying the plant the officers went to another still about half a mile away, which had also been run during the day and was still hot. This outfit, together with 12 barrels of beer was destroyed.

These stills were at the same places where Federal officers recently captured stills and beer, and the signs indicated that much liquor had been made there in time past. The officers say that the moonshiners had been tipped off or they would have caught them on the job. They heard signal guns firing before they got on the hunt.

Hail Saturday Did Damage to Crops

Mr. J. G. Strickland, of Whitakers, adjuster of hail insurance claims, has been in town this week looking after losses in the Big Mill section, where hail did considerable damage in a small area of that community last Saturday.

All who had policies were satisfied with the allowances of damage, which ran as high as 25 per cent of total loss in a few cases.

Tobacco Situation in China Reviewed by "Uncle Buck"

Chinese Situation Will Have Something To Do With Price of Tobacco On Carolina's Market

By W. T. MEADOWS

To begin with, it is presumed that the most of you know that there is internal strife in China and has been for some time. This war, or whatever you may call it, is strictly between China's own people; and out of a population of 400,000,000 people only about 250,000 people are engaged in this war between themselves.

Now, as to the tobacco situation in China. So far the civil war has not affected the tobacco trade with us, and next to England and her possessions China is the biggest customer for our bright tobacco.

The consumption of cigarettes in China is growing almost as fast as the consumption of cigarettes in the United States. To be accurate, China smokes about 50 billion cigarettes per year. It is general conceded that it takes 3 pounds of tobacco to make 1,000 cigarettes, so if China smokes 50 billion cigarettes per year that means she uses 150,000,000 pounds of raw leaf tobacco to make these 50 billion cigarettes. Of this 150,000,000 pounds of raw leaf tobacco, China raises 47,000,000 pounds of bright tobacco herself. She imported from the United States 36,000,000 pounds of bright raw leaf tobacco in the past 12 months. That leaves 67,000,000 pounds of raw leaf

Needleman Enters Suit for \$100,000 Against Mutilators

Kiwanis Club Entertains Many Visitors at Special Meeting Here Last Night

Best Way to Solve the Problems of Today Is Stressed

The Kiwanis Club entertained a number of visitors at a special meeting last night. The principal thing stressed was the best way to help each other to solve the problems of the day. Since our civilization and nearly all of our activities are based on collective service, one to another, it is even more important that men work in concert than at any former age, and men are finding opportunities in the Kiwanis Club to help others. They can come with their problems and find the very help they need by a simple word from a friend. And then, too, the finest place in the world to banish selfishness is to associate with and learn your neighbor.

Last night's meeting filled these very points when men of different types, different vocations, and professions gathered as friends in a social hour. Good short speeches were made by Elder W. B. Harrington, R. E. Grimes, Godwin Dunning, J. Alphonso Everett, and several others, all appropriate to the occasion. The list of visitors included several from Beaufort and Bertie, as well as Martin County.

Baptist Church To Have Special Service Sunday

The members of the Kiwanis Club have been invited to come with the members of their families, or their friends, to a special service at the Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

At this time the pastor will speak on the subject of "One's Own City." While the sermon will be especially appropriate for this civic organization, it should, on the other hand, be of interest to every one who is interested in the place where he happens to live.

This will conclude the service in this church for the day; and Sunday night at 8 o'clock the pastor will occupy the pulpit of the Christian Church. The pastor and his church feel that they are anxious to do anything possible to assist the Christian Church in maintaining its summer schedule until a regular man is secured.

Announcement of Methodist Services

Services at Hamilton at 11 a. m., Sunday.

At 8 p. m. we will hold our first service at Everetts. The public is invited to attend. We shall be glad to have the singing people of Everetts community to join with us in our song service.—T. W. Lee, pastor.

Mrs. Kate Duun Died Thursday

Visited Daughter, Mrs. J. D. Biggs Here Last Week

Mrs. Kate Duun, of Scotland Neck, died Thursday evening. Although she had heart trouble for some years, Mrs. Duun was apparently in better health recently than she had been in some time. She visited her daughter, Mrs. John D. Biggs here last week, leaving Sunday. On Tuesday she suffered an attack of congestion of the stomach, which tended to bring on further heart attacks, which caused her death on Thursday.

Mrs. Duun was the widow of the late Willie Duun, who was a leading attorney of this section. She leaves two sons, Judge Albion Duun, of Greenville, and Ashby Duun, an attorney of Scotland Neck; also three daughters, Mrs. John D. Biggs, of Williamston, Mrs. W. O. Lawrence, and Mrs. James Elmore, both of Scotland Neck.

Mrs. Duun had served as postmistress during the Wilson administration, and was a woman of fine qualities. She will be buried this afternoon. Mrs. Fannie S. Biggs, Mrs. A. T. Crawford, Mrs. Henry Crawford, and Harry A. Biggs will attend the funeral.

Factory Expert Tests Siren Here Today

An expert of the Federal Electric Co. was here today and made a test of the electric siren. The representative stated that the alarm was so placed that the sound would not carry as well as it would should it be located on a roof.

A test was made by the firemen some time ago, and the siren did not come up to the guarantee. The factory representative was called, and he states that once the howler is moved it will carry a sound four miles under any conditions as the guarantee stated it would. No arrangements have been made to have the alarm moved from the city hall's site.

Very few people knew about the test today, and when the alarm was sounded, a general commotion resulted. Chief Harrison warned all the members of the fire department, and told them that it was only a test.

Deputy Marshall Serves Warrants on Mutilators

Deputy Marshall Edwards, of Raleigh, arrived in the county yesterday afternoon and started immediately serving warrants on the 27 defendants in the Needleman suit.

Mr. Edwards at noon today had served around half of the warrants, and will go into the Griffins township section this afternoon. He stated it was a warm job.

Next Tuesday's Issue Will Be a Little Late

The Enterprise will go out a few hours late next Tuesday, when the newspaper press will be on its way to its new home on Main Street and can't be troubled with the making of news. The management, when it is hoped to have the paper printed and returned before so very late.

Butchers Steer That Weighted 1,537 Pounds

Jack Daniel butchered a country steer raised in Indian Woods, Bertie County, this week which was perhaps the finest home-raised steer ever brought to the Williamston market, weighing 933 pounds, dressed.

The gross weight of the animal was 1,537 pounds, dressing-out over 600 pounds to the 100.

Announcement of Christian Services

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.—W. C. Manning, superintendent.

Preaching at 8 p. m., by Rev. C. H. Dickey, pastor of the Williamston Baptist Church. The public is cordially invited.

Action Being Brought Through Federal Court At Washington

Joseph H. Needleman has brought suit in the district court of the United States for the eastern district of North Carolina, Washington division, against H. D. Griffin, F. W. Sparrow, sr., F. W. Sparrow, jr., Julian Bullock, Claro Heath, Edward C. Stone, John Gurkin, A. W. Griffin, Roy Gray, Albert Gurkin, Lester Edmondson, Tom Harrell, L. A. Croom, J. G. Corey J. H. Coltrain, Clarence Gurkin, Alfred Griffin, A. W. Griffin, Hubert Griffin, Ben Lilly, John A. Griffin, Lester Crofton, H. T. Roberson, Luther Peel, Edgar Johnson, Sherwood Roberson, J. H. Gray, A. T. Lilly, and J. T. Smithwick, in which he claims compensatory damages of \$75,000 and punitive damages of \$25,000. He bases his claim on the grounds of assault and mutilation of his person by the defendants on the night of March 29th, 1925.

He bases his claim against Sheriff Roberson and Deputy Luther Peel upon the ground that he asked to be held in the Chowan County jail at Edenton, but was taken to Williamston jail and was not properly protected from the violence of his assailants.

The complaint of Needleman against the other defendants in the case charges them with actually committing the crime, after entering the jail and cutting the locks from the cell doors and taking him out a mile and a half from town where the mutilation was performed.

At the trial in May, 1925, Needleman stated that Dennis Griffin was the man that actually used the knife on him. He claims that when he was taken from the jail he was put in a Buick automobile by Dennis Griffin and F. W. Sparrow, jr., who sat on the seat with him while he was being taken out on the old Everetts road, where the assault was made.

Dennis Griffin was sentenced to prison for 30 years, both F. W. Sparrow, sr., and F. W. Sparrow, jr., were sentenced for the term of from 6 to 10 years, and are now serving their terms. Julian Bullock was sentenced for the same term of from 6 to 10 years, but escaped from the prison farm at Caledonia a few months ago and has not yet been apprehended. Claro Heath and E. W. Stone each served from two to three years and several others served shorter terms and paid fines.

The case against Needleman, charging him with a criminal assault on Effie Griffin was not pressed by the solicitor, and upon request of his attorneys the judge allowed a verdict of not guilty without hearing a witness in the case, although the grand jury had returned a true bill against him charging him with a crime requiring the death penalty.

The damage suit was filed in Washington Tuesday, and the summons were forwarded to the United States marshal at Raleigh, who found error in the return dates, making it necessary to return them to the court for correction. Each defendant will be required to file an answer within 20 days.

Needleman is said to have recently married and lives in Philadelphia. He is represented in his suit by Attorney Sawyer, of Farmville, and brought his suit as a pauper.

The next term of the Federal court at Washington will be held on the third Monday in October, and the case may then be called for trial, as the term is for both criminal and civil cases.

Confederate Veterans To Meet in Raleigh

The North Carolina Division of the United Confederate Veterans will hold its annual meeting at State College, Raleigh, beginning Tuesday, August 2, 1927.

Raleigh people are preparing for elaborate entertainment and every accommodation will be at the command of the veterans. While the lines are very thin and many of the veterans are not in position to attend, a good attendance is expected.

WITHDRAWS ITS RESOLUTION AGAINST EQUALIZATION BOARD

Raleigh, July 28.—M. B. Gilliam, chairman of the Bertie County Board of Education and Heber W. Early, superintendent of schools, the same county, have withdrawn Bertie's resolution of July 14, n which the county protested against alleged partial equalization of property valuation on part of the State Board of Equalization.

Moore county has taken the same action.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

BUCK JONES in "The Flying Horseman"

also

Comedy, "Gooseland"

and

Episode No. 15 "Power God"

Always a Good Show.