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SWEET POTATOES BEING CURED BY MARTIN FARMERS

More Than Dozen Griffins Township Farmers Have Built Barns

TO CURE 6,000 BUSHELS
Potatoes Cured in Barns Bring An Average Premium of Around 50 Cents Bushel

Griffins Township farmers are turning their attention in a large way to curing sweet potatoes and will, this year, handle around 6,000 bushels of potatoes in their curing barns. More than a dozen farmers have built barns, ranging in capacity from five hundred to twelve hundred bushels, to handle their crops this year. With one exception all these farmers live in Griffins township, where the finest of Nancy Hall and Porto Rico potatoes are grown.

Farmers started digging their potatoes about a week ago, and will finish the task within the next several days. The crop, in the majority of cases, is said to be slightly better than it was last year, quantity and quality both considered.

County Agent T. B. Brandon states that these twelve or more farmers will make good returns on the crop, and will find that curing makes possible higher prices. Market prices for sweet potatoes not handled in curing houses vary from seventy-five cents the bushel to \$1.10 per bushel. Potatoes handled in curing houses were sold last year for an average price of \$1.60 per bushel, fifty cents higher than the best price paid for those not cured.

Two thousand crates were ordered a few days ago by County Agent Brandon, and these will be used to ship the potatoes to markets out of the State.

BAPTIST HEAR PROF. L. DAVIS

Will Hold Morning Service At Baptist Church Sunday

Professor Davis, of the local school, will speak from the Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, in the absence of the pastor.

Professor Davis is a young man with ideas of his own. He has been well trained, and is capacitated for saying something that will be of interest and profit to those who hear him.

He has done, with others, a notable piece of work in building up a young men's class in the Baptist church. The pastor is delighted to turn things over to him for Sunday morning, and would like for the people of Williamston to hear, in a religious address, the man who so largely has their children in his care.

Small Fire at Parmele Yesterday Morning

Parmele citizens were disturbed in their rest early yesterday morning when fire destroyed the sand cooker of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad there. Writing about the happening a citizen says:

"Thursday morning of this week, we heard a call on the outside in the early morning hours. We listened a minute and could not decide if some one was mad or had joined the Holiness church. In a minute we heard a gun fire, and then we knew something was doing. We arose in haste and our new pajamas and discovered that the sand cooker at the depot was on fire. We are not sure if it burned down or burned up, but it is gone; and we are wondering if the Coast Line will have to cut salaries to rebuild."

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY
Be Sure To Come To See
WALLY WALES
in
"TWISTED TRIGGERS"
AND COMEDY
Always a Good Show.

Almost 5,500,000 Pounds Sold Here

Tobacco sales on the local warehouse floors were nearing five and one-half million mark today, according to information gained from tobacco men who have tabulated the sales from day to day.

Prices have been climbing on the market, and a frowning farmer has not been seen in several days.

The averages as given out by the Tobacco Board of Trade showed that Wednesday's sale amounted to \$28.10 and yesterday's sale a fraction higher.

Personal interviews with several farmers on the market here yesterday were something like this:

"My little barn of six piles, weighed 528 pounds brought from 35 to 80 cents per pound, brought \$334.76 and averaged \$63.78."

That was Mr. John A. Gurkin speaking.

A young colored man by the name of Peel was the next man we came across and he said, "I got the biggest price in my life here today and I have been selling tobacco for ten years or more."

He averaged over 50 cents for his entire lot.

PROCEEDINGS OF SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Townsend Keeping Wheels Turning; 17 Suits Settled

Judge N. A. Townsend is keeping the wheels turning and the mill has ground out seventeen suits since Tuesday in the special term of Martin County Superior court.

In the majority of cases both sides appeared to be afraid to go to the "bat" while in others the parties have become good friends and had their differences settled out of court.

The following cases have been disposed of by final judgment: "A non suit was returned in the case of Augustus Lanier against Wiley Green.

The case of Rogerson Brothers against J. B. Whitfield was settled by agreement.

A non suit was returned in the case of Vance Macon against Charlie Macon.

An agreement was reached in the J. W. Watts case against J. G. Station, receiver.

The case of E. D. Dodd against Chas. H. Jenkins and company was settled by agreement.

In the case of R. L. Coburn, receiver against W. T. Ward, the defendant failed to complete his appeal from a judgment of a former court and the same judgment was confirmed and made permanent.

In the American Wholesale company case against N. and W. R. Orleans, the differences were adjusted by the parties themselves for \$475.14 and the case was ended.

J. G. Station, surviving partner, vs R. F. Bennett, administrator. The parties agreed to a settlement for the sum of \$250.

In the land suit of R. B. Brown et als against J. L. Whitfield, the jury found in favor of plaintiffs.

Defendants in the American Fertilizer company case against J. D. and Bettie Matthews had judgment entered in their favor at plaintiff's cost when the plaintiff failed to appear.

A voluntary non suit was made in the Selma Leggett case against Ben and Henry Leggett.

The Thomas and Jennings case against L. P. Christian was settled by a voluntary non suit.

A non suit settled the case of the Greenville Bank and Trust company brought against the Middleground Roanoke association.

Mrs. W. D. Shaw et als against W. S. Rhodes, administrator. Voluntary non suit.

A non suit resulted in the case of A. B. Wallace against W. H. Mizell. In the case of N. B. Josey Guano company against W. G. Anthony, B. A. Critcher asked permission to withdraw as attorney for the plaintiff. The request was granted and the case goes over.

In the case of Bailey and Barnhill against I. S. Cale et als, the jury awarded judgment for plaintiffs amounting to \$312.77.

Contract for Sale of Power System Approved by V. E. P.

Town Commissioners and J. T. Chase To Meet Monday Night Here and Go Over Agreement in Detail

The Virginia Electric & Power Co., this week accepted the memorandum of agreement providing for the sale of the local light and power system. The agreement as accepted by the power company includes free street lighting and water pumping, free lights and power for the fair association so long as it operates an agricultural fair, current for the town's fire and police alarms; and provides for the installation of larger street lights. Aside from these changes, the agreement remains virtually the same

as it appeared in this paper several weeks ago. Mr. J. T. Chase, the power company's general manager, will meet here with the town commissioners next Monday night and go over the agreement for the last time before the matter is placed before the people. An election is expected to be called at the meeting Monday. A new registration of voters in the town will be provided, and the matter voted upon the latter part of next month or early in December.

STATE LIBRARY OFFERS SERVICE

Will Send Books To Any Part of State; Postage Only Charge

The North Carolina Library commission is offering its services to residents of communities in the State where library facilities are not available. For this service, the commission makes no charge except the postage to and from Raleigh.

The commission has carried on this service for the past few years, and it is meeting with much success in that it is supplying those communities with books that could not be had otherwise.

In return for this service, the commission asks those applying for books to write their names plainly, give correct address, and name the book wanted. You are allowed to keep the book three weeks.

A coupon that will aid applicants when applying for books will be printed in this paper shortly, and all subscribers are invited to take advantage of the library's service.

Traveler Startles Hearers With Violin

Professor George Walker, after 20 years' practice, appeared in an unannounced and unusual violin concert here last evening before a large street audience. Genuine appreciation for the traveling man's ability was expressed by hearty applause after each number, and his playing was acclaimed the best ever heard by "the man about town" as well as by the music lover.

Originally of Los Angeles, the artist left a small troupe several months ago, and with his violin under his arm he turned to the highways of North Carolina. In his tours he has appeared in many concerts, often filling weekly engagements in small towns where his work is heartily received.

He expressed a desire to settle in North Carolina, stating that he had traveled extensively and found this State to be an ideal one to live in. Before leaving at noon today for points west of here, he appeared in several private concerts.

Robersonville Editor Denies Selling Paper

In a press statement today, W. H. Mizelle, editor of the Weekly Herald, Robersonville, denied the report that the Robersonville Publishing company has sold out.

The Robersonville editor says: "The report that the Robersonville Publishing company has sold out is a mistake.

"The gentleman, who was so kind as to circulate and cause to be circulated this report, hoping thereby to gain some advantage for himself, knew perfectly well that he was the originator. But we cannot understand how any gentleman can expect such to result in a permanent advantage to him in a town like Robersonville, where a large majority of the people are for a square deal every day in the year."

The editor goes on to say, "This is not the first time we have been notified of that about which we should have been the first to know. It is not the first time we have had the Judas Benedict act performed upon us, but we are still in the business."

Small Attendance At Woman's Club Meeting

A crowded social calendar caused a small attendance at a meeting of the Woman's club held in the club rooms here yesterday afternoon at 3:30.

Mrs. W. C. Liverman read a very interesting report on the State meeting of Womans clubs, held in Aulander a few days ago. Reports from the school survey committee were very pleasing, and showed the survey to be almost complete.

The social committee served hot tea and cakes.

TAX COLLECTOR HAS GOOD MONTH

More Than \$6,000 in Town Taxes Collected; One-Fifth of Total

Tax Collector W. B. Daniel has had a good month in tax collections, for during the past four weeks more than \$6,000 have been paid into the town's treasury. The small discount allowed by the board of commissioners at a meeting a few weeks ago with the work of Mr. Daniel had much to do with the large collections.

The amount collected constitutes about one-fifth of the entire receipts. Monday will be the last day that tax payers may take advantage of the small discount, and the collector is expecting several hundred more dollars to find their way into his hands before that time.

NEAR END OF SCHOOL SURVEY

Report of Committee Practically Ready for School Authorities

Reports coming from the several members of the committee appointed by the Woman's club to make a survey of the school district, show that the data with one exception are all in and ready for the school authorities.

At their task, the ladies have worked faithfully and they are due much credit for obtaining a complete survey of the entire township. At noon today, four groups reported their survey complete, and two others are expected to finish before the day is over.

The survey has caused to be assembled valuable and interesting facts that will be used in the running of the schools.

Miss Southall Completes Work in County Schools

Miss Macie Southall, of the State Department of Education, finished her work in the county here yesterday, after she had introduced standards of tests and measurements in the Oak City, Jamesville, Robersonville and Williamston schools.

The system of tests and measurements introduced by Miss Southall, was used in the local school last year and was found to be very successful in its operation. Miss Southall reviewed the work and spoke very highly of the results.

Modern Woodmen Have Big Supper at Everetts

Everetts, Oct. 27.—At the regular meeting of Everetts Camp Modern Woodmen, Monday night one candidate was initiated into membership.

After the initiatory scene, an oyster and squirrel supper was very much enjoyed by about sixty members.

The next meeting will be held Monday night, November 14 at which time it is hoped there will be two candidates to go through.

Sunday Services at Church of the Advent

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector
Sunday, October 30, 1927:
10:00 a. m.—Church school.
11:00 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon.

There will be no night service, on account of the physical disability of the rector.

Town Commissioners Are Reviewing Audit

After failing to get a quorum at two meetings scheduled for the town commissioners, town officers started a review of the audit recently submitted, and will start to work on the adjustments recommended by the auditing company.

SERVICE CHARGE TO BE MADE ON SMALL ACCOUNTS

Applies Only to Active Checking Accounts With Balance Less Than \$50

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1
Heavy Cost of Handling the Large Number of Such Accounts Makes Small Charge Necessary

The Farmers and Merchants bank announced this week a service charge on certain checking accounts, the charge to be inaugurated January 1. Such a charge has been the center of discussion among banking groups new for some time, but it was not until recently that the officers of the Farmers and Merchants bank here compiled figures and found it necessary to institute the charge to care for the heavy expense brought about in the handling of more than 500 small checking accounts. Due to the absence of the bank's president, Dr. J. D. Biggs, these figures are not obtainable at this time.

The charge to be inaugurated the first of the year will amount to fifty cents each month on all checking accounts that do not carry over an average balance of \$50, and which have over three checks drawn against that amount on an average. The charge is in effect in practically all the states, and in certain parts of North Carolina it is widely used. An amendment made to the constitution of the Baltimore Clearing House recently brought about a service charge of \$1.00 each month and stated that the average balance must amount to as much as \$200.

It is understood that a like charge is being considered by other banks in the county, but no announcement has been offered by them at this time.

Dr. J. D. Biggs in speaking of the charge said, "It is easy to appreciate the feelings of bank depositors in this matter. It is also easy to discern that in the majority of cases they either do not, or will not bring themselves to consider the fact that it costs a bank money to render the service they use."

The local bank's president went on to say, "It is a difficult thing to bring people to pay willingly for something they have always received free of cost. No better illustration of this is needed than the situation in some cities regarding water supply. It costs money to supply water to the occupant of a city dwelling. The only fair and equitable means of determining the cost to each individual is to meter the water used. Metering, besides accurately distributing the cost also lowers it, because it acts to prevent waste."

Mr. C. D. Carstarphen, jr., cashier of the bank here, stated, "A careful review of the status of the accounts on the bank's books will show that there are many more small accounts carried than one would ordinarily think. Once the number and expense of these small accounts are considered the depositor will see the reasonableness in the charge for the service."

Bear Grass School Opened This Week

The 1927-28 session of the Bear Grass school was opened this week with an increased enrollment and two new teachers. While the opening was not marked with elaborate exercises, fitting remarks were made, and Mr. Sam Lee, the school's principal, outlined the year's work.

During the past several years, the school has been ably supported by the Bear Grass community, and worthwhile improvements have been made in that time. The teachers, with the community, are planning a very successful year for the school.

No One Hurt in Wreck On Washington Road

W. S. Horton, a traveling salesman badly damaged his Chrysler coach last Wednesday night when he ran it into a car driven by T. C. Etheridge a mile from here on the Washington road. The Etheridge car had its running board and two fenders torn off.

No body was hurt in the accident. According to information coming from the police department, Horton was driving recklessly when the accident happened.

To Hold Hallow'en Party Farm Life School Monday

To raise funds for school purposes, the faculty and students of the Farm Life school are preparing a Hallow'en party for next Monday night.

No admission will be charged, and the community is extended a cordial invitation to attend and take part in the evening's entertainment. Fish ponds, slide shows and fortune tellers along with other amusements will feature the evening's program.

Board of Education Summary Of Receipts and Expenditures Presents Interesting Figures

Gregory Will Have Offer Here Monday

The offer made by Edwin C. Gregory and associates to the town for its electric system will find its way before the town commissioners in a special meeting next Monday night. Other than this, nothing could be learned about the offer.

WINNING MANY PREMIUMS AT FAIRS THIS FALL

J. J. Roberson & Sons Continue to "Clean Up" With Several Herds of Hogs

TO SHOW IN 6 STATES
To Take Their Herds Into South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida Next Month

J. J. Roberson and Son and J. F. Roberson, of this county, have been large winners at the Kinston, Wilson and Tarboro fairs where they exhibited their fine herds of hogs. Showing Duroc, Chester Whites and Berkshire hogs, the Messrs. Roberson have literally walked away with all the premiums offered in those classes.

According to their present plans, the breeders will take their herds from this State into South Carolina, Georgia and Florida next month, and return home some time after the middle of December.

When the circuit is completed, the Messrs. Roberson will have exhibited their herds in six states, and judging from their past premiums they will be the head winners in all six of the states.

So far, according to Mr. Roberson, the Roanoke fair has led them, all in quantity exhibits as well as in quality exhibits. In fact, he said the Roanoke fair here is hard to beat, for it carries the very best.

Baptists Announce Sunday Services

The pastor having been called out of town is happy to announce that Professor Davis will speak in his church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The pastor will be in the pulpit Sunday evening at the usual hour.

The association having passed, the next red-letter day in our denomination is the meeting of the State Baptist convention about the middle of November. The convention goes to Durham this year. It is, therefore, close enough by that many of our people could easily go. It is hoped that some of them will arrange to do so.

Sunday school Sunday morning at the usual hour. The attendance was good last Sunday and should be even better this Sunday.

Mid-week service Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Present Program At Local School Today

Mrs. Harper Holliday and W. C. Manning, jr. greatly pleased the several hundred school children when they appeared in a short musical program during the chapel period in the local school this morning.

The program consisted of several solos and piano selections, and especially good were the Irish hit, "Ask Me," by Mrs. Holliday, and the "Dance of the Demons", rendered by Mrs. Manning at the piano.

Second Lyceum Number At Everetts Next Month

The Shields Trio, making up the second number on the Lyceum program booked by the Everetts school, has just been announced for a concert in the school auditorium at Everetts next month.

The three Shields sisters are very attractive young women and are very talented, clever and gifted. They are filling appointments in hundreds of towns and cities throughout the South this year, and their appearance in this county should be met by a large audience.

Local Football Squad Is Playing Plymouth Today

Coach B. E. Hood with thirteen members of the local football squad left shortly after noon today for Plymouth to do battle with the high school eleven there.

The team was accompanied by a large number of fans.

Total Expenditures Drop About \$75,000 Under Previous Year

EXPENSE ABOUT SAME

Reduction of Expenditures Due Mainly To Fact That There Was No Extensive Building Program

Total expenditures for Martin County schools, according to a summary statement of receipts and disbursements coming from the Board of Education's office for the year beginning July 1, 1926 and ending July 1, 1927, have decreased from \$276,640.49 in 1924-'25 to \$200,940.94 for the past period. In 1925-'26 the expenditures amounted to \$245,943.00. The larger amounts for the first two years under consideration are accountable to a certain extent to school expansion. The statement shows that where expenses in many of the departments have remained about the same, the largest increase took place in teachers' salaries.

The statement is very valuable in that it shows more than receipts and expenditures. For instance, in the operation of trucks, the statement shows that it is cheaper to operate them under certain units than it is to operate them under others. The bad features are shown as well as the good ones, for the statements point to the fact that the meagley sum of \$481.34 was spent by local districts in the entire county for library facilities and operation of trucks.

A summary statement will be published the early part of next week, and it should be of much interest to citizens throughout the county.

ROPER MAN DIES IN AUTO WRECK

Runs Into Concrete Bridge, Rebounds And Is Hit By Big Truck

Information coming from the scene of the automobile wreck in which William Smith was killed and two others injured, was without detail Tuesday, and it was not until yesterday that supplementary facts could be gained. In describing the accident a state reporter states:

"A wreck ten miles east of Greensboro on route 10 at the Rock Creek bridge was of record violence. William Smith, 20, of Roper, was instantly killed, a concrete sidewalk of the bridge was battered up, a car and a heavy truck were almost completely demolished and three men were injured to some extent.

"Joe Barcoe, 19, and Leonard Barcoe, 37, owner of the Hudson car, both of Roper, were with Smith. The accident occurred at 2:30 a. m., as the car was headed west on a trip to Asheville. Smith had just taken the wheel. The machine was going down the grade toward the bridge at a high rate of speed when it got out of control and struck the concrete sidewalk with great force, tearing off part of the body. It then veered to the other side of the bridge and side-swiped it before turning over on the side.

"It had no more than turned over before Joe Barcoe was out and trying to signal down a truck approaching at 45 miles an hour from the west. The truck was too close and it plowed into the exposed top of the Hudson, knocking it some 30 yards or more and completing its destruction. The front end of the truck was also torn up. When the truck came to a halt its rear end was standing on the body of Smith and had badly crushed it. The elder Barcoe had been in the car but escaped death in some miraculous fashion."

It is understood that the elder Barcoe was on his way to Asheville to start divorce proceedings.

The body of Smith was sent to the home in Roper and interment took place yesterday.

Hallow'en Carnival For Benefit School Tonight

Local people will know that All Saints' Day is close at hand when spoons and witches parade the town this evening, leading to the opening of the Hallow'en carnival at the warehouse at 8 o'clock. It will be a gay time for both old and young when the several hundred children with their teachers assemble to make merry the event.

All week the children and teachers of the local school have been working into the late afternoons, arranging the details connected with the carnival.

No admission charge will be made. The people of the town are urged to attend and take part in the events of the evening.