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LOCAL BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE ARMISTICE DAY

Tobacco Warehouses, Mercantile Establishments And Banks to Close

POST OFFICE OPEN

Holiday for School Children Being Considered; Many Planning To Attend State-Duke Game

November 11, Armistice Day, will generally be observed here when the tobacco market, bank and other business houses close their doors for the day. It was understood that the tobacco market would not close, but in a meeting of the local warehousemen yesterday, it was definitely decided to withdraw all sale announcements for that day and close.

Since the day has not been declared a legal holiday by Congress, the post offices in the country will not close, but will dispatch and distribute the mails as is the usual custom.

A holiday for the children in the local school is under consideration, and it is expected that the board in its meeting Monday evening, will look favorably upon the request and order the school closed for the day.

Minor celebrations are being planned in various towns in this part of the State, but the main attraction is in Durham where the football teams of Duke and State College meet.

KIWANIS FIELD AGENT AT CLUB

C. E. Shortess, of Chicago, Talks to Kiwanians Wednesday

Mr. C. E. Shortess, field agent for Kiwanis International of Chicago, addressed the local club at a meeting Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

In his talk before the club, Mr. Shortess stated that it is the general habit of clubs, individuals and people generally to pass things by in a rather indefinite and careless way, when, if we can center on something and do it, we find interest and profit in our accomplishments. "With the hundreds and even thousands of opportunities before us, we too often fail to see them, or else they look too hard to tackle unless we are organized," he stated.

In stating the duty of Kiwanis, Mr. Shortess said, "Kiwanis has no other purpose but to find out what will build up a community and do those things."

Mr. Shortess is engaged in visiting clubs throughout the country, helping them to make plans for community service.

Bertie Celebrates Opening Of Standard-Gauge Road

The opening of the standard gauge railroad from Ahoskie to Windsor brought forth a great celebration on the part of Windsor and Bertie county people in general last Wednesday. The first standard train backed its way into Windsor at 11:15 and was met by hundreds of school children who were there to mark their approval of the wave of progress rolling into their town.

After viewing the train, the hundreds of people moved to the courthouse where Governor Angus McLean made the main speech of the occasion.

Following the exercises, a big dinner was served by the people of Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Crockett and children will leave tomorrow for Yorktown, Va. They will carry Mr. Crockett's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Crockett, to their home there after visiting here for several weeks.

Negro Is Near Death As Result Shooting Tuesday

STOLEN TOBACCO IS RECOVERED

1,200 Pounds of Tobacco Is Stolen From James A. Jones Near Here.

Early Wednesday morning, Mr. James A. Jones who lives on the Reddick farm near here, was greatly surprised when he entered his pack barn and found 1200 pounds of his tobacco missing. The tobacco was graded and ready for the market.

During the night, the thieves went to J. G. Staton's farm not more than two hundred yards away and borrowed a mule and cart. They loaded the tobacco on the cart and carried it to the Skewarkey grave yard where Mr. Jones could track it no further. The mule was found that morning tied to a tree in the church grounds.

Inquiries were made in several towns in an effort to establish a trace of the stolen tobacco, but they proved worthless. Yesterday, while doing repair work at the fair grounds, Nelson Mason found the tobacco and reported it to Mr. Jones who went to the stables at the extreme end of the fair grounds and identified it as his. No clue as to who attempted to rob the tobacco has been advanced.

Apparently the thief or thieves were familiar with the surroundings in the neighborhood, for the borrowed mule was very tame, and a few hours later the tobacco would have been sold by its owner.

27 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED

Is Largest Number of Licenses Ever Issued Here In Single Month

J. Sam Getsinger, Register of Deeds, had one of his largest month's work issued the greatest number of marriage licenses during his term of office last month. While all the records have not been checked, it is thought the number of licenses issued during October was the greatest ever issued in any one month.

Seventeen licenses went to colored couples and ten to white couples. Four couples were refused licenses by the Register and objections were made by the parents of two couples.

White
Earl Milton Coburn, 27-Mearldeen Wynne, 18; Raymond Brown, 18-Mary Rodgers, 19, Hogwood; Andrew Dixon, 21-Sadie Mae Hale, of Whitakers, 21-Lacy Staton, 20; William Bryant Powell, 19-Mary Della Tillery, 19; William Ruffin, 50-Bessie Brown, 38; Alonzo Biggs, 20-Chloe Tyner, 19; Walter Gary, 39-Mariah Williams, 20; Robert Wilson, 22-Lucy Mandy Cross, 18; Robert H. Jones, 21-Lucile Hodges, 18; Jesse Little, 21-Alice Jenkins, 21; John Thomas Keys, 32-Annah Highsmith, 24; Thomas Stokes, 51-Roxie Williams, 50; Orlando Clemons, 21-Frances Duggins, 19; Samuel Moore, 21-Lacy Boston, 18; Mack Moore, 20-Clara Highsmith, 20; Dallas James, 22-Girlie Smith, 19; Herman Baker, 32-Bettie Comancher, 24.

Colored
Percy Holley, 20-Helen Rankin, 18, of Bertie county; Joe Henry Bonner, 21-Izora Yarrell, 20; Richard Andrews, 21-Lacy Staton, 20; William Bryant Powell, 19-Mary Della Tillery, 19; William Ruffin, 50-Bessie Brown, 38; Alonzo Biggs, 20-Chloe Tyner, 19; Walter Gary, 39-Mariah Williams, 20; Robert Wilson, 22-Lucy Mandy Cross, 18; Robert H. Jones, 21-Lucile Hodges, 18; Jesse Little, 21-Alice Jenkins, 21; John Thomas Keys, 32-Annah Highsmith, 24; Thomas Stokes, 51-Roxie Williams, 50; Orlando Clemons, 21-Frances Duggins, 19; Samuel Moore, 21-Lacy Boston, 18; Mack Moore, 20-Clara Highsmith, 20; Dallas James, 22-Girlie Smith, 19; Herman Baker, 32-Bettie Comancher, 24.

Methodist Program Of Services Sunday

Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Preaching at Holly Springs at 8:00 p. m.

The Woman's Missionary society will observe the week of prayer, Nov. 6, 7, and 8 at 3:00 p. m. in the League room of the church. All members of the society are urged to attend. Excellent programs will be provided.

Averages \$456.93 Per Acre For Entire Crop Tobacco

Averages \$476.93 for tobacco crop -- In reporting the price of his tobacco, H. L. Manning of Farm Life, stated he sold his five acres for \$2,384.64 net, or \$476.93 per acre. He sold practically all of the tobacco on the Williamston market where he found he could do better on the home market than he could on a foreign market with strangers.

Don Johnson, White, Is Released Under Bond For Shooting

EXPECT NEGRO TO DIE

Only Reason Assigned for Shooting Is Quarrel Over Some Hogs Several Weeks Ago

Don Johnson, white farmer in Poplar Point township, followed after the army's style last Tuesday when he ordered four of his neighbors to line up and fired a load of shot into the shoulder of Dan Furrington; colored.

Just before dusk Tuesday, Johnson took his gun from its rack and went over to the farm of Mr. Bert Scott, near by, where Mr. Scott and three colored men, Charles Williams, Andrew Brown and Furrington, were gathered. Johnson waited at the end of the corn rows until the four men came up when he gave the order, "line up". Held at the end of the row, the men did not take the command lightly but formed a line in quick order. Furrington, with hands partly raised, turned his face from the barrel of the gun just as Johnson fired, the entire load tearing through the lower part of his left shoulder.

So bad was the wound that Dr. Long at Hamilton could only give first aid treatment, later sending Furrington to a Rocky Mount hospital where little hope is held for his recovery.

No cause for the rash act could be assigned other than some trouble originating several weeks ago when Furrington shut up one of Johnson's crop. Johnson claimed he was charged too much for the damage done by the animal.

Sheriff Roebuck was called and he immediately arrested Johnson and placed him in jail. A preliminary hearing was held before A. T. Crawford, justice of the peace, who sent Johnson over to the December term of superior court under a \$1,000 bond.

Furrington had a brother killed a few months ago when a quarrel grew out of an unpaid amount for a dog.

PEANUT SHOW IS TO BE IN AHOSKIE

Planning to Put On Entertainment for All Classes Of People

The second annual Eastern Carolina and Tide Water Virginia peanut exposition at Ahoskie the week of December 5th, will be the next big event after the regular fall fairs close this week.

"This annual fair will be much larger and more interesting this year than last, even though it was more than was expected by the multitudes who witnessed the first show at Windsor last year," stated a report from the main office of the Eastern Carolina chamber of commerce, at Kinston.

"A program of entertainment is being arranged that will appeal to all classes of people. A special effort is being put forth to have every square foot of floor space used by some exhibitor whether he be a peanut manufacturer or a peanut grower or a manufacturer of any kind. From inquiries received up to this time for floor space, it looks as there will be no floor space left."

Several Schools Stage Hallow'en Parties

Finances in athletic associations and library undertakings were greatly increased during the past few days when various schools in the county staged Hallow'en parties and festivals.

According to unofficial reports Williamston led the list when it made \$95. Farm Life was next with \$80 added to its funds. Oak City and Robersonville almost tied when one made \$65, and the other made an amount just a fraction smaller. For Parmele, a correspondent of the Robersonville Herald writes, "Incidentally they made between forty and fifty dollars, and had some ice cream left over."

Rev. T. W. Lee Goes To Conference Next Week

Rev. T. W. Lee, pastor of the local Methodist church, will leave Monday for Raleigh to attend the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which will be held in the Edenton Street Church. The conference, lasting five days, will be presided over by Bishop Mouzon.

During his ministry here, Mr. Lee has done an important work, especially in the congregations at Everetts and Holly Springs. At Everetts, he established a church, which is making splendid progress.

A. T. ALLEN TO SPEAK HERE SUNDAY NIGHT

Superintendent of Public Instruction To Address Community Meeting

IS SECOND OF SERIES

Meeting Will Be Held in School Auditorium at 7:30; No Church Services To Be Held

The second of the series of community meetings will be held next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium when Mr. A. T. Allen, Superintendent of Public Instruction in North Carolina, speaks to the general public. The churches of the town will not hold any evening services, and the people of the town are urged to attend and hear this noted educator.

During the past several years, Mr. Allen has been at the head of the school system in North Carolina, and no doubt, his talk Sunday evening will be of great interest to all of us.

Mr. Allen is the second speaker to appear in these community meetings, Dr. E. C. Brooks having made the first talk several weeks ago.

He will speak on the announced subject, "What my work as a professional is doing for the advancement of Christian Citizenship in North Carolina."

These meetings are sponsored by the churches and civic organizations of the town and are proving very successful in bringing to the community some of the State's foremost men and speakers.

TURKEY-BEAN CONTEST ENDS

Members of Local Chevrolet Agency Will Eat Beans At Banquet

The Chevrolet turkey-bean contest closed last Monday night with the Peole Motor company here only one sale behind the leaders. The margin of one, however, was sufficient to make the Ahoskie dealers winners and the members of the local agency bean-eaters.

Next Thursday night a big supper will be given in Ahoskie to all the Chevrolet dealers in this section, turkey going to the winners and beans to the losers.

The local dealers sold more than three times their quota of new cars, and were given favorable mention in the sales record of the Chevrolet company.

The Harris Motor company at Robersonville made a splendid sales record during the month of October, but its members will eat beans at the supper too; for the company missed a win by a small majority.

It is understood that W. T. Tadlock, Windsor dealer, will also join in and eat beans at the supper next Thursday night.

One Service at Local Baptist Church Sunday

Because Superintendent A. T. Allen will hold in our town the second of the Community Sunday Evening Services, there will be but one service at the Baptist church, and that will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

At the evening, our congregation is asked to join with the other churches and the community in general, for this special meeting at the public school auditorium. The first in the series here was of a high class order, and met with the full approval of everyone who was present. Sunday night Williamston should fill the auditorium; for it will be worthwhile.

At the Sunday morning service, the Lord's Supper will be commemorated, and the pastor will, at this time, speak briefly on, "Let not your heart be troubled."

This church welcomes Bro. Hodges home, and is happy that he is recovering so nicely. Mrs. Wynne, Mrs. Rose and Miss Mittie Brown are each ill, and are the objects of the affectionate interest of our church.

Wednesday evening, the subject of the Bible lecture course at the church will be, "The conversion of Saul of Tarsus."

To Open Branch Federal Reserve Bank in Charlotte

The Richmond Federal Reserve bank will open a branch at Charlotte the first of December in answer to a long and steady call of the industrial sections of North and South Carolina.

The business of the member banks in this state will be transferred to the Charlotte branch and relieve the bank at Richmond of an enormous amount of work. The bank at Charlotte will require 60 or 70 people to handle the work.

PROCEEDINGS IN SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Sustains Motion To Nonsuit \$15,000 Modlin Claim Against Town

An nonsuit was given in the \$15,000 Modlin suit against the town shortly before noon today. It was sustained by Judge Townsend. The plaintiff gave notice of appeal to the Supreme court. Unless the higher court over rules Judge Townsend, the case is ended. If the Judge is found in error it will probably come up again for trial.

The two-weeks' special term of Martin County Superior court for the trial of civil cases was brought practically to a close when the Modlin vs town case was finished today. The calendar has been practically cleared of all cases scheduled for the term.

The most prominent case on the docket, that of Mrs. Lucy Modlin, administratrix, against the Town of Williamston, was started yesterday afternoon. The plaintiff is asking for \$15,000 damages for the death of her daughter, Ruth M. Modlin. The girl, 9 years old was killed August 18, last year when she came out of the market and reached the front of the town hall by a board falling from the top of the building. The board was being used by L. M. Bradshaw, of Suffolk, who had contracted to paint the clock tower of the town hall.

A strong north wind was blowing and it caused the board to fall and hit the girl. She was carried to the Washington hospital where she died that evening at 7 o'clock.

The plaintiff was represented by B. A. Critcher and H. S. Ward. A. K. Dunning, R. L. Coburn and F. D. Winston appeared for the town.

The following cases were disposed of during Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:

The case against Salsbury brought by Pugh was settled by agreement.

Coburn, receiver, was given a judgment against Barnhill and Pegram, amounting to \$201.04.

A judgment was given Norma Grimes against Harry Waldo and other heirs at law for \$1500.

A judgment for Lewis Brown, amounting to \$75.00 was given Lewis Brown against Joe Lilley.

A mistrial took place in the W. A. Modlin case against A. L. Owens.

J. W. Crisp and wife against E. C. Winslow case resulted in a mistrial. D. D. Stalls recovered cost against the Conestee Chemical company.

E. C. Harrison against Martha Harrison, the defendant was granted the right of dower.

K. Manning against I. H. Grimes and Irving Coltrane case was settled by agreement.

S. O. Mason was given a judgment against the A. C. L. Railroad amounting to \$500, \$300 for personal injuries and \$200 for damage done to Ford car.

J. E. Everett was given a judgment against the State Highway commission for \$25, and cost.

The Modlin-suit brought to an end all jury trials for the term, but the court went into session this afternoon for the settlement of a few minor matters.

MARKETING OF GOOBERS BEGUN

First of 1927 Crop Peanuts Brought to Market Here Past Week

The first of the 1927 peanut crop was marketed in this section last week when farmers started hauling the lowly goobers to the market here.

During the past few days, buyers have been busy, buying the peanuts in the stacks in some cases and in others at the pickers.

The market this year is averaging around 4 cents or a fraction above that amount.

Farmers generally say the yield is much shorter this year than they expected, very few of them claiming to have a fair crop.

Sunday Services At Church of the Advent

Sunday, November 6
Church school, 10 o'clock.
Holy Communion and sermon, 11:00 o'clock.

There will be no evening service. Members are urged to attend the community meeting at the school auditorium at 7:30 p. m.

Parents and Teachers To Organize At Farm Life

According to an announcement made by the Farm Life school today, a parents-teachers association will be organized in that school next Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

Patrons of the school and the public generally are urged to attend and assist in organizing the association.

Sheriff Gets County Tax Books Monday

SCHOOL SURVEY SOON COMPLETE

Estimates Made by School Officials Is Verified by Check of Reports

Estimates made by school officials placing the number of school children in the district at 700, have practically been proved correct by a check of one-half the census reports turned in by the committees making the survey.

The number of children below six years of age is much larger than was expected. According to figures based upon one-half the district, there will be around 40 children ready for the first grade next term. The number of children of school age not attending school was much smaller than it was expected to be. In one-half the district there were only eight children of school age not in school.

While the survey is practically complete, it will take some time to make an accurate check on the data collected.

ROBERSONVILLE SCHOOL NOTES

Hallow'en Party Nets Athletic Association \$63.39, Less Expenses

(Special to the Enterprise)

The Hallow'en party given at the school on Monday evening, October 31, was quite a big success. Despite the fact that there were two other shows and various meetings at the same time, the attendance was unusually good. The program in the school auditorium was very interesting and indeed appropriate. The receipts, amounting to \$63.39 will be used for the athletic association after necessary deductions are made.

New apparatus and supplies for the science laboratory have just been received. With these the work in the department can be easily and more effectively carried on.

The Scientific club met Tuesday evening, November 2, with only a small number attending. In spite of the small attendance, a good program was given and several committees were appointed.

From now on membership will be on the elective basis, scholarship and interest in science being the leading factors in the selection of new members. The science teacher, Mr. Jenkins, another teacher and a student constitute the membership committee. It will be the duty and privilege of this committee to select and notify those thought eligible to be admitted into the club.

The elementary teachers are very faithfully following the directions of Miss Macie Southall, of the State Department of Education, and are giving the tests just as prescribed by her.

Barnhill Bros. Staging First Anniversary Sale

Barnhill Brothers, operating stores in Williamston, Everetts and Robersonville, are marking their first year of business as successors to Bailey and Barnhill with a large "first anniversary sale". Though young in years, this organization enjoys the good will of hundreds of patrons in all parts of the county build during the life of the Bailey and Barnhill stores in Everetts and Robersonville, and their sale beginning today and continuing for fifteen days will be well received throughout the county.

In its one year's operation, the store here has established itself as one of the town's leading mercantile businesses and has already made a reputable record in the handling of up-to-date and reliable goods.

Change in School Schedule Is Welcomed by Children

A change in the schedule was welcomed by the 450 school children here yesterday, allowing them 10 additional minutes at the lunch hour and an earlier dismissal in the afternoon.

The new schedule allows the children a full hour, 12:30 to 1:30 at noon and about 15 minutes in the afternoon.

The schedule was put into effect yesterday and will be followed from now on.

Farm Life Teachers Being Entertained

Sunday, the teachers of the Farm Life school will be entertained in the home of Mr. Joe Hardison. Thursday evening, the teachers will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Peel.

Collection of Taxes Is One of Largest Tasks in County

IS ONE MONTH LATE

Extra Work Brought About by Revaluation of All Property in County Causes Delay

Sheriff A. L. Roebuck will begin one of the largest tasks in the county next Monday when Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger turns the tax books over to him. For weeks, and even months the register's office has been busy with the preparation of receipts and books, ready for the collection of Martin county's 1927 taxes.

The increased rate of 25 cents will add a few thousand more dollars to the list of collections, this amount going to the interest and sinking fund.

The extra work brought about by the revaluation of all property in the county has been enormous, and the books go to the sheriff one month late. "It was impossible to get them ready by October 31," stated Mr. Getsinger last night. He added, "It has required the assistance of extra clerks during the past several weeks, and there it was necessary to work at night in order to have the books ready by next Monday."

The same situation faces other counties, it is understood, and while the books go to the sheriff here next Monday there are other counties that will still be behind in receiving the books from their registers of deeds.

A few collections have been made in this county in cases where the tax payers visited the courthouse and went with the sheriff to the books at the register's office.

Sheriff Roebuck has already purchased a bond of \$50,000, and the remainder will be ready by Monday, it is understood.

Sheriff Roebuck realizes that one of his best month's for collection has been lost, and he aims to work double time during the next two to make up for the lost time.

W. T. MIZELLE DIES THURSDAY

Was Prominent Citizen of Jamesville Section; 80 Years Old

William Turner Mizell, one of the most prominent citizens of the Jamesville section, died Thursday evening. If the reaper had withheld the scythe for 10 more days, Mr. Mizell would have rounded up his four score years. He was born and reared and lived all his life on the farm where he died, and where he was buried this afternoon.

He married in early life and reared a family of six sons and one daughter, all of whom are now living. They are Charles T., George H. and Columbus W. Mizell, all farmers on adjoining farms to the home place; William Henderson, of Robersonville, editor and publisher of the Weekly Herald; Louis W. and J. Milton Mizell, merchants in Jamesville, and Mrs. W. Jackson Holliday, of Dardens. He had more than 36 grandchildren and a half dozen great-grandchildren.

For more than 60 years, he had been a faithful member at the Poplar Chapel Christian church.

Fracturing his hip several months, he suffered greatly until death came yesterday.

The funeral services were conducted from the home this afternoon by Rev. C. E. Lee, of Beaufort county.

Mrs. J. D. Simpson Is Hurt in Fall Sunday

After practically recovering from injuries sustained in a fall a few days ago, Mrs. J. D. Simpson hurt herself again, in some way, last Sunday and has since that time suffered greatly. A nurse has been at her bedside during the past several days.

Negro Waives Hearing For Bazemore Killing

At a hearing before Justice of the Peace A. T. Crawford this week, Henry Carson, colored, waived examination in the charge of killing Emily Bazemore.

Firemen Will Meet in Beaufort Next Tuesday

Eastern Carolina firemen will go to Beaufort next Tuesday night where a meeting of their association will be held with the fire company of that town.

Several firemen here are planning to attend the meeting.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY PAWNEE BILL

in **'TEXAS FLASH'**

Also Tryon Comedy **'LONG PANTS'**

Always a Good Show