

## MARKET READY FOR OPENING SALE TUESDAY

### W. A. BAILEY IS ONE MARTIN COUNTY FARMER WHO PUTS QUALITY CROPS ABOVE QUANTITY, AND IT PAYS HIM

#### HAS ONE OF BEST LITTLE FARMS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Every Bit of Land He Now Farms Was Cleared By Himself

#### BOUGHT FARM IN 1883

Bought 55 Acres of Woodland, and Now Has 28 Acres in Cultivation; Is Proud of His Vocation

The farmer who clears his own land, builds his own home, raises a family of nine children, offering them greater educational opportunities than were offered him, has no monetary debts, and accumulates a surplus of food and money sufficient to care for his family's wants and needs without their working for a year, may well be classed as a master in the business. That is exactly what Mr. A. W. Bailey, of near Bear Grass, has done since 1883, and his story explaining how he did all that is truly interesting.

Early in 1883, Mr. Bailey bought a small tract of woodland, about 55 acres with not a cleared spot on it. With an axe and a saw and fully determined to make a go of it, he set to work clearing what is now one of the best small farms in the section. "It was an awfully hard task," Mr. Bailey stated, "but each year I cleared a small portion of the 55 acres until now I have 28 acres suitable for cultivation." Depending on his own labor, the master farmer, in addition to clearing his land built a comfortable home and large and spacious outbuildings. It was with a zealous interest that Mr. Bailey carried on his work, and it is with just pride that he tells about it.

Like most wise men, Mr. Bailey married while very young, and has reared nine children, six of whom are married. There are nine grand children.

In clearing and developing his land and building his home, Mr. Bailey has depended entirely upon the little income derived each year from the few acres cleared the season before. And it is through working the 28 acres that he has created a year's surplus.

Mr. Bailey explains his method of farming as a partnership with his land. He tries to do as much for his land as his land does for him; that is, he tries to improve his fields a little bit each year.

This year he is only cultivating 23 acres on account of the late and cold spring and wet weather. He is growing nine acres of corn, eight acres of tobacco and six acres of peanuts. He expects to produce about sixty bushels of corn per acre this season. He also thinks he will get 1000 pounds of tobacco to the acre and harvest an average crop of peanuts.

Through his experience in fertilizing tobacco on improved land, he finds that heavy fertilizing is dangerous. This year he used 600 pounds of prolific cotton grower and 200 pounds of prepared lime per acre, and had no disease nor wildfire in his crop. This not only insures a crop free from disease, but makes a better type of tobacco, he pointed out.

Mr. Bailey says the farmer who fails to properly prepare fertilizer and thoroughly cultivate his crop seldom gets a good crop even with the best of seasons. But the farmer

#### A GOOD FARMER AND A GOOD CROP



The above photograph shows Mr. A. W. Bailey, of Bear Grass Township, and part of a fine field of tobacco grown on his farm. Mr. Bailey is one of two farmers in Martin County who received the Grade A certificate for farming from the State Department of Agriculture last year.

### ROBERSONVILLE NEGRO VICTIM OF HIGH POWER LINE

Negro Electrician Catches Hold of Wire Carrying 13,300 Volts

#### WAS "SHOWING OFF"

Companion, Trying to Pull His Body From Deadly Circuit, Is Knocked Unconscious for Few Minutes

Riley Paine, 30 year-old negro, was electrocuted at a power substation in Robersonville Wednesday morning when he touched a wire carrying 13,200 volts. Paine stated to bystanders that he could touch one of the high-powered wires and not get hurt, but when the contact was made, he was killed instantly.

The on-lookers were baffled and when one attempted to pull Paine's body from the wire, he was knocked several feet and rendered unconscious for a few minutes. The dead man's finger was badly burned before the circuit was broken. His body was removed to Kinston, his former home, for burial.

Paine had worked on the Robersonville market, and during the off season he was employed by that town in his street, water and light departments. At the time he was killed he was working in the substation where a transformer was to be placed, and while there he demonstrated to the new and more cautious fellows how to handle electricity and lost his life.

### KILLS BROTHER WITH SHOT GUN

Robert Lee Terry, 8, Victim of Accidental Shot Tuesday

Robert Lee Terry, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Terry, of Bear Grass township, was instantly killed by his brother, John Mack, 12 years old, Tuesday afternoon when they were playing with a shot gun. The entire load of shot from one of the gun's barrels hit the young boy just above the eyes and blew the top of his head off. He died instantly.

Several children were standing near the two boys when the older one placed a loaded shell in the gun, but none was able to explain how the shooting occurred other than to say it was accidental.

#### Several Local People Slightly Hurt in Wreck

Miss Tillie Perry was badly cut on the leg and Mrs. B. S. Courtney and daughter Miriam, all of this place, received minor bruises when their car, a Buick sedan, turned over, between Elizabeth City and Norfolk Wednesday morning. One of the car's tires blew out and before Miss Courtney could stop the automobile, it had turned over.

After returning here that evening, Mrs. Courtney suffered an attack of appendicitis and was carried to a Washington hospital that night where she was operated on.

who thoroughly prepares his fertilizer and cultivates rain or shine will nearly always get a fair crop even in the worst years.

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### LOCAL BREEDERS WIN EVERYTHING WITH PRIZE HOGS

Dave and Mack Roberson Show the Way at Fairs In Pennsylvania

#### KEEN COMPETITION

Have Won 90 Per Cent of All Premiums Offered So Far; Competitors Are Buying Their Stock

Showing their four herds of hogs at the Kutztown Pennsylvania fair two weeks ago, Messrs. David and Mack Roberson, won \$625 in premiums, or about 90 per cent of the total premiums offered. The Martin County breeders cleared the camps in the face of keen competition furnished by breeders from several of the Northern and Western States.

The two farmers, besides winning practically all the premiums offered, showed the people up there that North Carolina is suitable for hog raising as much so as others. While telling about the showing in Kutztown, Mr. Roberson pointed out that their hogs caused many favorable comments, the hearty Dutch farmers asking an unbelievable number of questions. Not only did they ask about hogs, but they also asked about North Carolina's roads, schools, farming and living conditions.

The second week away from home, the breeders were forced to divide their herds when there were no fairs large enough to care for them. David went with two of the herds to Lewistown, Pa. where they outclassed everything in the swine exhibits. At that fair the breeder won every premium offered with the exception of one lone dollar. And after meeting with such luck, Mr. Roberson spoke as if he lost that dollar. Mack was at Quakertown where he won \$170 out of \$185 offered.

This week two of the herds are at Cumberland, Md. where they again outclassed everything in the swine show. Three-fourths of the premiums went to the Martin County man there. Mack is in Syracuse, N. Y. this week, and as the judging did not take place until yesterday, the result of his showing there is not known here at the present time.

Next week the four herds of hogs will be placed on exhibit at Ebensburg, Pa. where Charlie Schwab holds his fair. The breeders are invading that town with splendid chances of getting some of Charlie's money.

Mr. David Roberson stated that during the three weeks, his premiums had totaled over \$800 and in addition he had sold over \$400 worth of hogs. At Cumberland, one of his competitors bought several hogs from him, costing almost \$400. The competitor, a Delaware breeder had lost to Mr. Roberson at two fairs, and stated that he would have to purchase some of the Roberson stock to get in the winning class.

Mr. Roberson left here yesterday for Cumberland, Md. where he will prepare to ship his herds to the Pennsylvania town.

### ENTRANCE RULES FOR FIRST GRADE

Principal L. H. Davis Announces Requirements for First-Year Pupils

In announcing the opening of the local school, Principal L. H. Davis pointed out yesterday a few rules governing the entrance of first-year pupils. He states:

"School begins Monday morning at 9 o'clock, September 10.

"Every child who is six years old by tomorrow may enter. It will be greatly appreciated if the parents will see that their children come the first day and continue throughout the year, if possible. No first-year children will be permitted to enter after the first two weeks of school. If for any reason your child can't start school the first day, please notify the principal's office.

"All first year children who were not examined during the summer are urged to visit Dr. W. E. Warren's office for a physical examination any Saturday. If Dr. Warren should find any defects in these children they should be looked after immediately. Bad tonsils and adenoids are serious handicaps. There is no charge for the examination.

Parents will please arrange to come the first morning with their children. Schools are only great big homes full of children. Nobody likes to see visitors more than children; first-year folks need their mothers. Come with them. Our teachers welcome you.

#### HOW THE NEW THEATRE WILL LOOK



The above is the architect's sketch of Williamston's new \$35,000 motion-picture theatre now being built here by Mr. J. W. Watts, jr. According to present plans the building will be finished the first performance held somewhere around the middle of October.

### GIVES REASONS FOR RESIGNING

Elder Harrington Issues Prepared Statement Explaining His Action

Withdrawing from the Primitive Baptist Church upon the advice of the late Elder Sylvester Hassell, Rev. W. B. Harrington, in a prepared statement refutes the reports maintaining that he resigned as an elder in the Church with the intention of causing a split in the denomination.

Mr. Harrington's statement addressed to the editor follows: "Please permit me, through your paper, to correct an error that is being circulated for the purpose of trying to hurt those who have been very kind and friendly toward me.

"Since about twenty members of Smithwick's Creek Church bolted the conference of said Church (against the wishes of the body of said Church and also against the wishes of Elder Hassell) the fourth Saturday in last May, and held a separate conference, setting up a new church by choosing a church clerk, who place their names on a new book separate and apart from the original one, separating themselves from the Church, leaving the church with about seventy members, who have refused to have their names erased from the original book, and are standing firm to day as the Church, the minority with the intent of trying to set aside the majority, calls them my followers. This action is possibly for the purpose of trying to poison the minds of their brethren against them. I appreciate the fact that they did not endorse the doctrine that I stood for, believing that it was founded on the Bible, and also they endorsed numbers of other Primitive Baptist Elders. If they had been my followers, in the sense that they are spoken of they would have followed me when I withdrew from the Church. I did not withdraw from the Church with the intention of trying to destroy the Church, or to get my friends to pull out against their will, for no one labored more to save the situation than I did. I withdrew from the Church under Elder Hassell's instructions to prevent a split in the Church and possibly in the Association. The

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### FACILITIES HAVE BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED HERE

Two of the Three Large Warehouses Have Been Enlarged

#### FINE SET OF BUYERS

Market To Open With Largest Force In Its History, Seventy-Five Men Being Employed On It

With approximately three acres of floor space, one of the best sets of buyers ever to walk a tobacco warehouse floor, able warehousemen and a large and efficient corps of employees, the Williamston Tobacco Market is ready for its greatest opening here next Tuesday. For months, the warehousemen here have been adding to their houses and preparing for the coming season, and a visit to their houses this morning showed that ever possible had been turned that would better the market and offer to the growers every marketing advantage.

Already the buyers are arriving here and by Monday night one of the largest and best sets will have arrived here, ready for the opening Tuesday morning. The buyers on the market here this year are declared to be real market builders, and they, no doubt, will play a prominent part in carrying this market's average to the top of the list. The buyers are too numerous to mention here, every known tobacco company having representatives here. And then there are the independents, providing a competition unsurpassed.

The market here opens with the largest warehouse force in its history, approximately seventy-five men being actively engaged in its operation. Headed by ten able and experienced men, these employees will be on the market night and day to care for the golden weed as it is brought in. An unexcelled service will be offered. Extra sets of scales have been added, and it is stated that the market will be able to handle easily several hundred thousand pounds each day.

The market's auctioneers, Messrs. H. Mc. D. Hux, for the Farmers; H. L. Meador and Alf Forbes for the Roanoke-Dixie, and W. L. Penn, for the New and Better Brick, are declared to be the best in this entire section. Hear them and watch them push the price of each pile of tobacco to the very top notch.

The redrying facilities have been greatly increased here, and everything points to a record year. With a spirit of cooperation prevailing in every nook and corner, the market bids to maintain and surpass its own position as one of the major markets. The people of the town and community extend a cordial invitation to visit the market here opening day and on throughout the season.

### OAK CITY SCHOOL TO OPEN MONDAY

Principal Ainsley Is Looking for Largest Enrollment in History

Vacation days will be over and a hard year's work will face the children in Oak City and vicinity when the schools there begin the 1928-'29 session next Monday morning at 10 o'clock. One of the largest enrollments in the school's history is expected this year, Mr. H. M. Ainsley, principal, stated yesterday, and with a highly efficient corps of teachers, a most successful term is expected.

Besides the regular classification of pupils and the making of assignments, the school authorities are planning a unique program for the opening. There will be several short talks, the speakers choosing some subject having to do with the education of the grammar grade and high school pupils. The parents are urged to attend the exercises with their children, and take part in the morning's program. Members of the class of 1924, representing four universities and colleges in this State and in Kentucky, are invited to hold a reunion that morning, and it is expected that they will take part in the regular program.

In the afternoon, the parent-teacher association will honor the teachers of the school at a reception in the home economics room.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend the exercises, Mr. Ainsley urging the parents to come and meet the teachers and bring a word of cheer to those who will instruct the boys and girls there this year. The principal mentioned his appreciation for the cooperation on the part of the people

**STRAND THEATRE**

**SATURDAY**

**BUDDY ROOSEVELT**

in

**"VALLEY OF HUNTED MEN"**

Added

**COMEDY AND SERIAL**

**"The Golden Stallion"**