

FEDERAL AGENTS SEIZE SIX STILLS IN FREE UNION

Moonshiners of Section Are Said To Be Reporting Each Other

ONE MAN IS CAUGHT

Phillip Boston Caught; Four Others Make Escape; Large Quantity Beer Destroyed

United, they make liquor with just the usual risk hovering over their heads, but divided, the bootleggers in the Free Union section of the county get caught. Federal agents have torn up six plants in the section so far this week, and destroyed thousands of gallons of beer. The future to the business there is considered dark and gloomy, for where there used to be only one or two factions engaged in the trade, splits have occurred and the territory is now said to be wide open with keen competition present. Matters are reported to have reached that point where one bootlegger reports another bootlegger, and every report paves the way for another one or two.

Last Tuesday Agents Coats and Roebuck captured a copper still and tore up four plants. Approximately 2,500 gallons of beer and a little whiskey were poured out. Yesterday, the work became more personal and Phillip Boston fell into the hands of the law. Four other men were said to have made their escape, but Boston drowned himself out when he ran into a stream of water and filled his high boots with water, making travel impossible. Coats followed him and when Boston saw he could not wash the officer off his trail he surrendered. The captured man gave bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the next term of federal court in Washington.

The two stills captured were copper and were of 200 and 150 gallon capacity. A large quantity of beer, about 5,000 gallons, was turned over. A mule and cart, said to have been lent Boston by a widow woman in the neighborhood, were confiscated by the government.

When the officers arrived at one of the plants the operators were mixing their material ready for cooking, but operations were quickly stopped and a foot race started.

All six of the plants were within a block not over half a mile square and located along the same branch.

Very Few Cases in County Court Tuesday

The collection of two \$25 fines was the main happening in the recorder's court here last Tuesday, very few cases coming before Judge Bailey for trial that day.

In the case charging Roy Pritchard and Humphrey Gillam with driving an automobile while intoxicated, Pritchard was not present, and the plea of simple assault entered by the other defendant was accepted by Solicitor Peel. A fine of \$25 was placed, and payment of costs ordered.

Bill Biggs plead not guilty when charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated. After hearing the evidence in the case, the court dismissed the charge.

Gus Hardy was fined \$25 and charged with the costs for assaulting a female. Hardy plead guilty to the charge.

The case charging Wiley Green with trespassing was heard and continued for one week.

Town Clock Is Back On the Job Again

The town's clock called off its strike yesterday afternoon and struck like it should for the first time since its escapement wheel broke several weeks ago. As a time piece the clock was greatly missed during the period, and the citizens are very much pleased to see it working again.

Property Owners Protest Against Cutting of Trees

The cutting and trimming of trees by the Virginia Electric & Power Co. for the new light distribution system here is meeting with much opposition from many of the women of the town. Town officials have been bombarded with letters, and many of the property owners are attempting to block the work.

Mayor Coburn stated this morning that careful attention is being given to this particular work, that the power company is proceeding with as much discretion being shown as is possible. Before a

tree is felled, a town official is carried to the scene to investigate the circumstances, the mayor stating that everything possible is being done to preserve the trees and at the same time make possible rights of way for the power lines.

The trees on Main Street will escape the ax as a whole, the company finding it possible to place their poles in such positions as to make trimming and cutting unnecessary.

Practically all the large trees that are rotten, along with a few requested to be removed by the property owners are being cut.

23 KITCHENS IN COUNTY SCORED

Housewives Have 2 Months To Make Improvements Before Final Scoring

Twenty-three kitchens have been scored in the "Better Kitchens Campaign" started in this county a few weeks ago. Fifteen of the kitchens were examined several days ago, and with one exception the first scorings were completed this week by Misses Sleeper and Smith. One kitchen in the upper part of the county is to be scored as soon as the agents are able to reach there, the bad roads delaying the work in that section.

During two months the housewives will make all the improvements possible in their cookrooms and some time in April, the kitchens will be scored a second time and the winners announced. Many prizes have been collected, to be given the winners, and a lively contest is expected during the two months.

AGENTS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

212 Farmers Have Tobacco Seed Treated; Dynamite Is Delivered

According to a report prepared by County Agent T. B. Brandon, 212 farmers had their tobacco seed cleaned and treated here last month. The agent stated that these 212 farmers were sowing enough seed to cover a plot of 677,575 square yards. This is said to be the largest amount of seed ever cleaned and treated in any one year for farmers in this county.

While the agent was busy much of the time treating tobacco seed, cooperative orders for three cars of farm drain tile and a car of dynamite were received. The dynamite was delivered last week to practically all the farmers placing orders for the material. One or two or probably more carloads of drain tile will be ordered out this year, and farmers wishing to better their lands by drainage are asked to get in touch with the agent at once. In his report he says: "This spring is a good time to tile drain and ditch your lands and to clean off the old ditch banks that are higher than the level of the field, dumping this dirt in the low places, for who knows this might be a wet year."

In detail, the agent's report shows: 16 days spent in office work, 11 days days spent in field work, 352 office conferences, 214 telephone calls, 236 letters written during the month, 49 farms visited during the month, 960 miles traveled during the month, 127 articles written for local papers, 247 hours treated during the month, 600 circular letters sent out.

Kiwanis Club Had Good Meeting Wednesday

The Kiwanis Club had one of its best meetings in several weeks Wednesday, with Kiwanian Norman Harrison in charge of the program.

The Boy Scout movement was discussed, with Wheeler Martin, R. A. Pope, and Dr. P. B. Cone making short talks relative to the advancement of Scouting in Martin County.

For being late, Frank Margolis, Wheeler Martin, Cortez Green and John Pope were required to sing a quartet.

John Pope, after being lost for several weeks, was given the right hand of fellowship.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday with W. H. Carstarphen in charge of the meeting.

Presbyterian Services Here Sunday Morning
The Rev. A. J. Crane will preach at the Woman's club room on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at the school auditorium in Bear Grass at 7:30 p. m., it was announced this morning by Rev. J. L. Yandell.

Sunday school will be held at 9:45 a. m. in the club hall here. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

HONOR ROLL OF LOCAL SCHOOL

48 Pupils on Roll for Fifth Month Despite "Flu" Epidemic

Forty-eight pupils made the honor roll in the local school during the fifth month of the 1928-29 term, it was announced this morning by the principal, Mr. L. H. Davis. In the early part of the month the influenza epidemic was still prevalent in the district, but in spite of that handicap, the number of honor students increased by six over the number for the previous month.

The roll by grades follows: First grade—Bob Everett, Sallie Gray Gurkin, Louise Nelson, Helen Mishoe, Gordon Manning, Rachel Keel.

Second grade—Roy Long, Nora Grimes, Bill Robertson, Lee Bert Jenkins, Reg Manning.

Third grade—William Peel, Jr., Janie Gurganus, Marie Hardison, Nellie G. Hopkins, Rachel Wynne, Edgar Gurganus, Charles Dickey, Hazel Price, C. T. Robertson, Nellie Rogerson.

Fourth grade—Jean Watts, Fern Fitzgerald, Ella Critcher, Ben Manning, Brinkley Lillye.

Fifth grade—Jessie Mae Anderson, Eula Green, Alice Harrison, Grace Manning, Olive McCabe.

Sixth grade—Mattie Gurganus, Josephine Anderson.

Seventh grade—Louise Perry, Nettie Ferrell Meador.

Eighth grade—Lucille Long, Pearl Griffin, Ruth Ward, Hazel Modlin.

Ninth grade—Mary Clyde Williams, Edith Peele, Wheeler Manning.

Tenth grade—Eliza and Louise Coltrain, Josephine Harrison, Blanche Hopkins, Marjorie Taylor, and Clyde Griffin.

State Treasurer B. R. Lacy Dies in Raleigh

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—State Treasurer Benjamin R. Lacy, the last survivor of the Aycock administration which came into power following the restoration of the Democratic party to control of the State in the election of 1900, died yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock in his modest home on Peace street. He would have been 75 years old had he lived until June 19.

The body will lie in State in the rotunda of the State Capitol today from noon until 3 o'clock and funeral services will be conducted at the First Presbyterian Church at 3:30 o'clock by the pastor, Dr. W. McC. White. The North Carolina Grand Lodge, of which Mr. Lacy was Grand Treasurer, will have charge of the burial service at Oakwood cemetery.

Jamesville-Woodland To Play Off Tie Game Today

Knocking the score in a second game of the State Basketball Championship series here last Tuesday night at 14 all, Jamesville and Woodland have agreed to carry the contest into neutral territory and will play in Rocky Mount today, at 6 o'clock. The two teams will use the Y. M. C. A. court there.

As a result of a misunderstanding in the game here last Tuesday, no extra period of play could be arranged when the score was tied at the end of the last period.

"The Show Girl" at the Watts Monday, Tuesday

The "Show Girl" with Alice White at the Watts theatre here next Monday and Tuesday will feature the showings at the theatre the early part of the week. Miss White has recently reached stardom in the movies but since that time she has claimed the attention of thousands of movie fans all over the country.

Dance at Woman's Club Monday Night

A dance will be held at the Woman's club Monday night, February 25th. The proceeds of the dance will be used in defraying the expense of the tubercular clinic recently held in the local school.

WILL CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY OF LOCAL CHURCH

Special Service at Methodist Church Sunday Morning

IS NOW 101 YEARS OLD

Rev. S. A. Cotton, Presiding Elder of Weldon District, Will Preach; Very Forceful Speaker

The First Methodist Church of Williamston will observe its one hundred and first anniversary Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The speaker for this occasion will be Rev. S. A. Cotton, presiding elder of the Weldon District. Rev. Mr. Cotton is a very forceful speaker, one of the leading Methodist ministers of the State, and the Church is happy over having secured his services for this important occasion.

The anniversary of Methodism in Williamston is now an institution. It has been definitely decided to observe this annual service each year in some prominent manner. Dr. FitzGerald, the pastor, has prepared a "Book of Memories" for a permanent record of these anniversaries. This Book of Memories is the property of the church and is dedicated to the historical phase of the church's life. Each anniversary, with all incidents of history, will be recorded in it. The order of worship, the name of each succeeding pastor, the name of each presiding elder, and the name of each ruling bishop serving this Episcopal district; all these will be written in this book. Another interesting feature is the section of the book given to the name and donations of friends and members of the church. These gifts, of whatever nature, and donations, will be given record.

Possibly one of the most interesting sections of the book, certainly to local members, is the space given to the record of the love offering. A voluntary love offering is received at each annual service. The individual name and amount of contribution of the donors will be given permanent record. This love offering is not confined to local members. Friends are privileged to make their offering to this cause, and they, too, will have their names and gifts recorded. The pastor urges that each person-making contribution Sunday morning will be sure and place his name with the gift. This will insure against confusion and enable accurate records.

Another important feature of these annual services is the love feast following the address. The love feasts were at one time a sacred service in Methodism. However, the influence of modern life has caused this feature to be omitted from many Methodist services. But the love feast in Williamston will be a fixed custom in her anniversaries. The love feast is not a religious custom used in former days as a means of developing and maintaining brotherly love and charity among her members. Bread and water are used in this church custom, each person is privileged to partake if they desire. Sunday morning the pastor will have as his laymen assistants the following: C. D. Carstarphen, sr., G. W. Blount, R. S. Critcher, and L. B. Harrison.

YOUNG FARMERS GIVE BANQUET

Jamesville Club Members Hosts to Their Fathers Last Night

The young Tar Heel farmers of the Jamesville High School gave a reception at the school here last night, honoring their fathers and a few invited guests.

The young farmers' club has functioned as a unit of the agricultural department in the school there during the past three years and now has thirty-five members, splendid young boys who will be the men of the community a few years hence.

Observers of the Jamesville school express the opinion that this is the best thing that the school is doing, preparing the young men for the every-day tasks of life.

During the program last evening, several talks were made by the school officials there and visitors. Professor A. L. Pollock, principal of the school, expressed great satisfaction with the work that is being done in the agricultural department and paid high tribute to Professor Overby, the one in charge of the work. Mr. John A. Getzinger, a member of the county educational board, also made a very interesting talk on the point of service this branch of the school work is giving to the community.

Mayor R. L. Coburn, of this place, in addressing the banquet talked on the "Farm and its Problems". Mr. Coburn came from a farm in that section where the boys are now getting many more opportunities than were offered in the schools of his day. He encouraged the continuance of the splendid work.

W. C. Manning talking on the farmer and his problems in relationship with the other business affairs of the country, pointed out the reason why the farmer should not only know his own business, but he also must be able to sit at the council of business and legislation with proper representation. If he is not represented there, his lot will always be hard, the speaker stated. It was the editor's belief that the farmer must be as well educated as those connected with any other business or trade. This, he stated, will be the only means whereby the agricultural industry will ever enjoy the same business advantages as those enjoyed by others in the various professions.

Professor Overby, who is greatly interested in his class, works as a brother with the members, urging the cooperation of the community that the work might be carried on to the greatest possible advantage.

The mothers of the boys assisted by several of the teachers handled the banquet's preparations well, and the occasion was much enjoyed.

Local Boys to Play New Bern All Stars Tomorrow

The local boys' basketball team, after resting the greater part of the week, enters upon a hard schedule tonight, playing an all-star team at Trenton tonight. Tomorrow night, all-star quint from New Bern will play the locals in the Brick warehouse here.

No games were scheduled this week for the girls.

Everetts Woodmen To Meet Monday

The Everetts camp, Modern Woodmen, will hold its regular meeting in the hall there next Monday night, it was announced this morning.

ORGANIZE FIGHT FOR M'LEAN BILL

Number Meetings Held in East Carolina to Endorse Proposed School Law

In an effort to combat powerful lobbyists, said to be operating in the legislative halls, citizens all over this part of the State are lining themselves up to urge the passage of the MacLean School Bill now before the General Assembly. Telegrams and letters urging the passage of the measure are being forwarded to the legislators in large numbers. The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce is urging the people to get in direct touch with the lawmakers in behalf of the bill. Meetings are being held in various sections, and it is expected that a determined fight will be waged for the measure's passage.

Last Tuesday night county commissioners from several counties and many landowners met in Greenville for a second time within a ten-day period to outline definite action in behalf of the bill. "Its influence is expected to reach to the very floors of the legislature where the great fight for tax reduction is scheduled to begin in the next several days," the Greenville Reflector stated in a report of the meeting.

The report continues: "The time has come when we must organize and fight to the last ditch," Dr. James Parrott of Kinston, principal speaker of the evening, declared in the course of his address.

"In Raleigh, in the very lobby of the legislature, highly paid lobbyists are disseminating propaganda against tax reduction and the principles contained in the MacLean school bill. They are paid by big corporations to wage the fight for them because the corporations do not want the tax burden shifted from the heavily burdened landowner to their own shoulders.

"The fight is on and every force at the command of this body should be put into use in this just and righteous cause. It means equal educational advantages to the children of the poor and the rich alike with discrimination toward none."

Results of Clinic To Be Made Know in 3 Weeks

While the examinations in the tubercular clinic were brought to a close last Tuesday, it will be three weeks or more before the findings of the x-ray prints will be examined at the Sanatorium and the reports will be returned here as soon as that work is done. There are over 700 prints to be examined before those of the 54 children examined here can be handled, it was stated.

It is thought that no more than 2 per cent of the children examined in Washington will show any real signs of the disease.

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Three candidates will be initiated at the meeting, and all members are urged to attend.

Killer of Windsor Officer Is Captured

Ask Donations To Help Pay for Clinic

In an effort to offset the heavy expense incurred in bringing the tubercular clinic here, the Woman's Club is calling upon the citizens of the town for donations. The expense of the clinic proved to be much greater than the funds placed aside for it by the club, and to clear away the outstanding bills, the club makes this appeal.

SURRENDERS TO SHERIFF AFTER WEEK'S SEARCH

Captured in Cashie Neck Section of Bertie County Tuesday Night

IS TAKEN TO RALEIGH

Negro Had Four Pistol Wounds in Body; Recovery Is Considered Doubtful

Percy Miller, slayer of Policeman Pat White of Windsor there last Sunday a week ago, was captured Tuesday night in Harrell's Quarter in Bertie county at the home of Henry Craig, another Negro. Miller was removed to Raleigh for safekeeping soon after his capture. Sheriff J. W. Cooper, of Bertie, made the arrest, following an extensive search into all parts of Bertie and certain points in adjoining counties.

With four pistol wounds in his body, one in the stomach, a second in his chest, a third in his hip and a last one in his arm, Miller lived in the woods until last Sunday when he went to Craig's home in the Cashie Neck section. Craig was badly frightened and turned the house and all its contents over to Miller, according to reports. Miller stated that the wounds were caused by shots fired from the policeman's gun.

In giving an account of his actions since the shooting Miller stated that he spent two nights in the swamp where the posse searched Sunday night and Monday. At one time, he said the bloodhounds were within fifty feet of him, but he remained quiet and escaped capture. He reached Craig's home Sunday and made no attempt to resist the officers when they were effecting his arrest, it was stated.

Miller's condition is considered serious, and it is reported that he will not live to be tried upon the murder charge against him.

The man's arrest proves the rumors made as to the fugitive's whereabouts a day or so after the shooting to be false. Miller stated that he had not been out of the county since the killing.

J. W. Waters, a resident of Windsor, has been elected to office of chief of police there and was sworn in last Wednesday.

Is the Church a Success? Subject at Baptist Church

Featuring Sunday's program at the Memorial Baptist church will be a discussion at the evening hour, on the question, "Is the Church a Success?" Many are saying it is not. Some are speaking are not in the church and are, therefore, not qualified to speak. Others who are within the church—some of them—are saving the same thing. One is disposed to listen to them with respect for their reasoned opinions. Still others claim that the church—taken in its universal sense—is and has always been a success.

However one thinks about it—and the theme is interesting—it will be conceded by all fair-minded persons that fundamental to a balanced discussion upon the subject is the underlying question as to what the function of the church is. In this light it will be discussed Sunday night.

The morning sermon theme will be, "The Uses of Adversity." Wednesday evening's meeting will have for its subject, "Making a Missionary Church."

As the Easter season approaches all church members should manifest increased activities in their church.

Program of Services at First Methodist Church

Dr. O. P. FitzGerald, Pastor
One Hundred and One Anniversary Sunday 11 A. M., preaching by Rev. S. A. Cotton, presiding elder, Weldon District.

At this service the Love Offering will be taken. Also, a Love Feast will conclude the service.
Evening services 7:30. The pastor will preach on the subject, "That Galilean Man."
Sunday school, 9:45. Hi-League Sunday, 7 P. M.

Senior League Monday 7 P. M. Junior League Tuesday 8:30 P. M. Prayer service Wednesday 7:30 P. M.
All members urged to bring their Love Offering.
The public is invited to all services.

Services at Everetts Baptist Church Sunday

Services will be held in the Everetts Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and evening at 7:15 by J. H. Smith, pastor.

PARTIAL REPORT VITAL STATISTICS

Four More Townships Have Made Reports, Bringing Total to Six

Seventy-two deaths and 183 births were reported in four townships in the county for the year 1928, Hamilton township reporting practically half the deaths and births. Two of the townships, Griffins and Cross Roads, reported more deaths and births among the whites than among the Negroes, all other townships reporting up to this time showing a reversal of that condition. Only eight deaths, an unusually small number for so large a township, were reported in Griffins, and six of them were among the whites. Griffins and Williams townships are the first two to report no illegitimate births within their borders.

Of the six townships so far reporting their vital statistics, Cross Roads is the only one to give the female births a majority over the males. However, the margin was close, there being 31 female and 29 male births there during the year. The majority of the deaths were among the youth with the exception of Griffins and Williams townships. In those two districts practically all the deaths were attributable to old age.

Griffins township also had a small birth rate during the year, only 22 births having been recorded during the period. Williams reported 10 deaths and 25 births; Cross Roads reported 20 deaths and 60 births. Hamilton township had 35 deaths and 76 births, but nine of the births were illegitimate. Two such births were recorded among the whites, one in Cross Roads and a second in Hamilton township.

DEMONSTRATING NEW CHEVROLET

Dealers Throughout Nation Are Observing National Demonstration Week

Ten thousand Chevrolet dealers in every part of the country, assisted by more than 20,000 salesmen, are participating this week in National Demonstration Week, the result being that hundreds of thousands of persons are experiencing, without obligation, their first rides in the new Chevrolet Six.

Although it is the first time the company has undertaken a project of this sort, sales executives, basing their opinion on the enthusiastic reports of dealers and salesmen, have already judged it as overwhelmingly successful.

Demonstration week began simultaneously yesterday in every city, town and hamlet of the country in which a Chevrolet dealer is located. Dealers arranged special mechanical displays in their salesrooms. In all cases the demonstration rides lead over routes chosen to bring out every performance feature of the new six.

In metropolitan centers the remarkable acceleration of the new car is being demonstrated. Its unusual speed is displayed on the highways. Rough roads are traversed to prove the car's riding ease. In like fashion, its ability to climb hills, the thorough and quiet cleavage of its four wheel brakes and its economy of operation are emphasized. In short, none of the many sensational performance features of the new car are being overlooked in these comprehensive demonstrations.

Error in Reporting Score of Girls' Basketball Game

In reporting the Everetts-Williamston girls' basketball game, played here last Friday night, the score was stated to be 28 to 13 when it should have been 15 to 11. We regret the error, and gladly offer a correction.

Program of Services at Local Christian Church

Sunday school, 9:45.
Preaching, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. All are cordially invited.

WATTS THEATRE

Saturday February 23

FLASH
in
"HONEYMOON"
Comedy

"Imagine My Embarrassment"
Also Episode No. 3 of
"THE VANISHING WEST"

Monday-Tuesday February 25-26

ALICE WHITE
in
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Shows at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily
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