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PROMOTION OF LOCAL MARKET TOPIC AT MEET

Good Meeting Is Held, Although Not So Well Attended

MEET AGAIN FRIDAY

Boosters Committee Is Appointed to Serve Through Season; Several Speak at Meeting

Plans for the promotion of the local tobacco market were formulated last Friday night at a meeting of the tobacco board of trade, warehousemen, farmers, and business men held in the town hall.

W. T. Meadows called the meeting to order and invited R. J. Peel to the chair. Mr. Peel made a short talk, pointing to the opportunities that our State and county have. He also stressed the advantages and opportunities that the Williamston tobacco market has to grow and develop into a large market. He also mentioned the need for a concerted effort on the part of all the to pull together for the market.

A number of people were called for expressions and several made good talks. Haywood Everett, one of the proprietors at the new Planters Warehouse, W. R. Ingram, of the Farmers Warehouse, S. C. Griffin, of the Roanoke-Dixie, J. D. Ray, J. R. Morris, of the Farmers Warehouse, C. O. Moore, B. S. Courtney, C. E. Jenkins, Louis H. Peel, J. Gregory, and E. S. Peel all sounded notes of optimism and confidence in the market.

It was decided to appoint a "Boosters Committee" to serve for the marketing season. This committee includes K. B. Crawford, E. S. Peel, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, B. S. Courtney, C. O. Moore, J. G. Stator, G. H. Harrison, N. K. Harrison, Leslie Fowden, Arthur Anderson, Dr. Jno. D. Biggs, R. L. Coburn, Orlando Griffin, H. T. Robertson, Ben Perry, N. C. Green, L. B. Harrison, A. R. Dunning, C. E. Jenkins, Frank Margolis, A. Hassell.

The attendance was not as large as had been expected, yet the meeting was regarded as a very good one. Another meeting will be held next Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock, and a packed house is expected.

Returns Here After Fifty Years Absence

A resident here fifty years ago, Mrs. Jerry Watson on a visit to friends in town this week, remarked about the numerous changes that had been made since her departure. Mrs. Watson lived here when her husband was pastor of the local Methodist church. When they were residents of Williamston, the old home that stood back of Carstarphen's store was used as a parsonage.

Mrs. Watson accompanied Miss Pauline Whitley and Miss Lena Spinax, of Albemarle, and Miss Anne Whitener, of Denver, N. C., on their visit to Miss Martha Louise Anderson here this week.

Gulf Refining Company Opening Station Here

The Gulf Refining Company is announcing the opening of a new and modern station at the intersection of Houghton and Washington Streets, near the Planters Warehouse, here tomorrow, the station being the sixth one to open for operation here.

Messrs. R. B. Brown & Son will operate the new station, it was announced yesterday afternoon.

Agricultural Year Book Is Free For Asking

Congressman Lindsay Warren announces that he will be glad to send interested parties the new 1928 Agricultural Yearbook, and also the official proceedings of the celebration held at Kitty Hawk. For the next few weeks he may be addressed at Washington, N. C.

Opening Prices on Border Market Are Disappointing

Prices paid on the border tobacco markets this morning were declared to be disappointing to the growers, the estimated average ranging around thirteen or fourteen cents.

Individual telegrams received by the Greenville Reflector and given here at noon today by telephone stated that the quality of the offerings was fair and the prices disappointing to the farmers.

Mullins, S. C. reported an average of around 12 cents on its floors and Conway estimated a 14-cent average on its floors.

As compared with the prices paid last year, the average is slightly higher, but the margin is small and the quality is understood to be some better than it was last

year. Last year's average for the opening on the border markets was 12.88; this year it is estimated to be around 13 or 14 cents.

According to reports from Georgia points, the prices in that state are higher than those paid for the weed today.

While the opening prices can not be used as certain criteria for judging, it is the general opinion that the prices on the border and South Carolina markets are more indicative of what might be expected here than those reported in Georgia.

According to a report made public today, the crop in the belt opening today is from 10 to 15 per cent less as compared with the crop there last year.

The quantity of the offering was not mentioned.

FOREIGNER, UNABLE TO SPEAK ENGLISH, LIKES JAIL SO WELL HE DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE IT

Arrested in Smithwick's Creek Section Last Week

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, since his appointment to the office here a few weeks ago, has established a record in performing the duties of the office. Besides handling murder cases, robberies, and others growing out of petty offenses, he was called on last week to arrest a foreigner prowling around in the Smithwick Creek section.

Arresting the stranger at a saw mill near the Smithwick Creek church, the sheriff learned that conversation was impossible, and all efforts to learn the man's name and what he was doing in this section failed. The foreigner, believed to be a Bulgarian, gladly submitted and accepted the fare in jail as a Godsend. With no charge to hold the man in jail, the sheriff fed the prisoner and gave him a dollar or two and motioned him down the river hill. He was last seen going over the river.

"War, old country," were the only words the sheriff could understand, and it is believed that the foreigner left without understanding that many. When the sheriff went to release him, the Bulgarian apparently was greatly distressed, for as he left the jail he motioned to go back. The sheriff carried him to the street and motioned him to go on. The foreigner did as commanded, but when a few paces away he turned to glance back as if he was being driven from a haven of rest.

Several days ago the foreigner appeared in the Smithwick Creek section, and remaining there three or four days the people in the neighborhood became uneasy about his presence and asked that the sheriff remove him. During the meantime, Mr. John Ward, a farmer in the community, tried to get the stranger to work in the tobacco fields. The task of pulling suckers from tobacco was assigned, but the foreigner, apparently misunderstanding the assignment, started stripping the tobacco leaves from the top to the bottom of the stalk. Mr. Ward insisted that he remove on. All commands were humbly carried out, and it is said that he accepted his fate willingly and meekly.

Clad in an old pair of shoes and a union overall and with a cap on his head, he plodded wearily down the river hill, apparently not knowing what awaited him around the curve.

FUGITIVE LEADS WAY TO STILL

Officers Chasing Man In Woods Run Across 100-Gallon Still

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Deputy J. H. Roebuck early yesterday morning captured a 100-gallon still in the Free Union section while chasing Timothy Keys or James Moore through a small woods in that part of the county. Keys and Moore are wanted for disturbing religious worship, but in spite of the several attempts to capture them, the law has been unable to outrun the two fugitives.

The officers left here shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday morning and after searching the home of Keys and Moore they went to the woods, where they found one sleeping in a small path. Like a rabbit, the man hopped up and started through the tall bushes for his freedom. Continuing the chase, the officers ran into the still, which they destroyed along with seven barrels of beer. The still, the sheriff believes, had been operated only a few hours before.

MONKS DIVIDE WITH HERTFORD

Lose First Game, 3 to 1, But Come Back and Win Second, 7-0

Playing a double bill in Ahoskie yesterday afternoon, the Hertford Hares and the Martin Monks divided the honors, the Hares winning the first tilt 3 to 1 and dropping the second game 8 to 0. Cherry, all-star pitcher in the Bright Leaf Belt league, allowed only four hits during the first game and in the first six innings only 19 men are said to have faced him. While the Hares bunched three hits to earn a marker in the eighth, errors proved costly to the Monks.

Cherry, besides doing splendid work on the mound for the Monks, batted out one single and two doubles to almost equal the hits allowed by him. It was a hard game for the Monks to lose as the bases were loaded at one time with no outs. Bunts failed to count in that frame, however, and the side was retired without a marker being scored in that period.

In the second game, "Slim" Gardner, of Jamesville, walked in the box for the Monks and chalked up a shut-out. He allowed only six hits and handled himself well in the pinches. Lining up his bats in the first of the second game, the Monks boxed the opposing pitcher and during that game made 12 hits to register seven runs.

Beaufort meets the Monks on the new high school diamond here tomorrow.

Martin County 21st in Promotion Percentage

Of the 3,440 children enrolled in the Martin County schools in 1927-28, 2,371 were promoted to higher grades. The percentage of promotion, 68.9 in the county, is 2.7 higher than that for the entire State. As compared with the rank of other counties, the percentage of the promotions here commanded the twenty-first place in the list. The county was fifth in attendance rank and held seventy-third place as to the length of the school term.

To Undergo Operation

Miss Martha Louise Anderson will leave tomorrow for Rocky Mount where she will undergo a minor operation in the Rocky Mount Sanatorium. Her mother, Mrs. A. Anderson, will accompany her. They hope to be able to return home Sunday.

INSTALL PASTOR SUNDAY NIGHT

Presbyterian Minister Here Formally Installed at Special Service

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, recently called by the local Presbyterian church, was ordained minister and installed as pastor of the church here last Sunday evening at a special service held in the Woman's Club Hall, the Rev. A. J. Crane, of Tarboro, having charge of the evening program. Rev. M. Piephoff, highly commended during the service by the visiting minister for his splendid examination held before the Albemarle Presbytery recently, heard his brother, the Rev. Mr. Piephoff, of Greenwood, S. C., preach the ordination sermon. Using a part of the fourteenth chapter of St. Luke as his text, the minister pointed out the requirements one must meet in serving the church and its Master.

Rev. A. J. Crane, field worker in this section, assisted by Rev. Marshall Doggett, of Edenton, the pastor's brother, and E. P. Cunningham, had charge of the ordination services, and he administered the tests of the ministry. Rev. Mr. Doggett, of Edenton, made the charge to the congregation, the Rev. Crane concluding the service with a direct charge and its explanation to the pastor.

ARREST IS MADE BY PATROLMAN

Also Issues Tickets to Several Violators of Traffic Regulations

Operating here a short while Sunday afternoon, Patrolman G. W. High, of the State patrol, issued several tickets and made one arrest. Chief of Police W. B. Daniel was issued a ticket for not having a license tag attached to his car. The chief explained that his car was a recent purchase and that the license tag had been ordered but had not arrived.

A ticket was issued for a Williamston Motor Company car for carrying a dealer's license tag. Henry Long was required to drive his car to a garage where the patrolman ordered it stored until the muffler was fixed.

Lee Davenport, young white man of Washington County, was arrested and placed in jail charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated. He was later released under bond for his appearance in recorder's court here today.

One Killed, Six Hurt In Motor Accidents

Scotland Neck, July 29.—Jabell Yancey, colored, was instantly killed Sunday at Barkley's Cross Roads ten miles from Scotland Neck when the Ford in which he and two other colored men were riding collided with an Essex coach driven by Miss Nannie Gary of Halifax. In the Essex with Mrs. Gary were Mrs. George Fisher and Arline Fisher of Roanoke Rapids and W. L. Manning, of Weldon. Miss Gary and Mrs. Fisher were seriously injured and were taken to the hospital at Roanoke Rapids. Frederick Dawson, driver of the Ford, was placed in jail at Halifax to await inquiry into the accident.

Misses Annie and Gertrude and Henry House were injured Sunday when a Ford driven by House collided with a Pontiac driven by S. Y. Weaver of Scotland Neck. This accident occurred on the Scotland Neck-Hobgood road.

John Meekins, colored, was injured in a wreck Saturday night in Scotland Neck.

Lindsley Ice Company Selling Frozen Melons

A new idea has been developed by Mr. Lawrence Lindsley in the selling and freezing of watermelons. Mr. Lindsley is going to buy watermelons by the truck and wagon load, store them in his cold storage plant and re-tail them to the public. This enables a man, when in the notion for a melon, to secure one good and cold at the regular price.

However, if a person wishes to have his own melon frozen a nominal charge will be made. Mr. Lindsley says for this small charge he will protect the melons from thieves and guarantee delivery.

Give Accused Murderer A Hearing in Court Here

With the State completing its evidence at noon today in the hearing of John Sawyer, accused murder of John Britton, near Everetts last Friday afternoon, it was believed that the defendant would be held without bond and that Mrs. Sawyer, charged with aiding and abetting in the crime, would be offered bond.

No counsel had been appointed for the defendants at noon today. Attorney A. R. Dunning has been employed to assist in the prosecution.

J. I. BRITTON, EVERETTS FARMER, IS KILLED BY JOHN SAWYER FRIDAY

FAIR TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

To Begin Monday Night, 4th, and Continues Through Week

November 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were announced as the dates for the eighth annual Roanoke Fair here this year, according to information given out at the manager's office this morning. The event will open Monday night of that week and continue through Saturday, it was stated.

Contracts for free acts, fireworks and other added features are being arranged this week. Manager John L. Rodgerston said this morning.

MONKS DEFEAT HARES FRIDAY

Show Best Form of Season To Win, 4-0; Cherry Allows 3 Hits

Playing one of their best games of the season, the Martin County Monks last Friday defeated Hertford's nine, 4 to 0, on the local high school diamond. Dick Cherry, the league's all-star pitcher, turned the Hares back with only three scratch hits and fanned several. His work was unusually effective in the pinches, all members of the team ably supporting him to shut out the visitors. Cherry allowed only three bingles and showed splendid control in every inning.

John White, the visiting moundsman, twirled an unusually good game, allowing only five hits and fanning a number of the batters facing him. His team's four errors proved costly, and a majority of Martin's hits counted.

BRAND NEW FISH STORY

W. K. Parker and John Cook Hook Same Fish at the Same Time

John Cook and W. K. Parker, of this place, went Andy Gump one better and took a front seat in fish-story contests recently while fishing down in Swan Quarter Bay. The two men with a half dozen friends, went down to Swan Quarter for a day's fishing. Mr. Cook, deciding to be more sportsmanlike in his fishing, used a rod and reel while Mr. Parker used a pole and line.

Mr. Cook cast and hooked a pound and a quarter croaker, the fish carrying the hook into the neighborhood of that belonging to Mr. Parker. While playing with Mr. Cook's hook, the fish decided to take on more refreshment and swallowed Mr. Parker's bait and hook. Mr. Parker started to pull in his line and Mr. Cook continued to reel in his hook, both fishermen pulling in the croaker in the fullness of both hooks.

A number of old fishermen who witnessed the catch declared it was the first time they had ever seen or heard of a fish complicating the sport to that extent.

For those who doubt the story, the Messrs. Cook and Parker state that they will gladly furnish the names of the fishermen from this place and those in Swan Quarter who witnessed the catch.

Jailed for Attempt to Burn Tobacco Barn

Charged with being drunk and attempting to fire a tobacco barn, Ed Bunting, of Robersonville Township, was placed in the local jail here last Saturday afternoon by Chief William Gray, of Robersonville.

Jailed Here for Being Drunk and Disorderly

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Walter Bennett, World War veteran and an apparent slave to drink, was placed in jail here last Saturday evening by Night Policeman Allbrook.

Light and Power Service Interrupted Here Today

Heavy electrical storms to the north of this place interrupted light and power service here this morning. The interruptions were brief, however, and no loss of time to power users resulted.

Local Fans Entertain Baseball Players Here

Entertaining the members of the Martin County Baseball club in the Woman's club, local fans and team supporters urged the players to place their "ducks" for leadership in the second half of the Bright Leaf Belt Baseball League.

DISPUTE OVER CROP LEADS TO FATAL SHOOTING

Britton Shot Down Without Warning While Working in Tobacco Field

SLAYER IN JAIL HERE

Surrendered to Sheriff Half Hour After Shooting; Slayers Wife Is Also Arrested

James I. Britton, 54-year-old farmer of Cross Roads Township, this county, was shot to death while at work in a tobacco field one-half mile west of Everetts last Friday afternoon shortly before 4 o'clock by John Robert Sawyer, a farmer living close to the Britton home. Waiting in ambush, Sawyer fired two shots, the first taking effect in Mr. Britton's shoulder and neck, the second hitting him about the face and head, causing instant death.

Thirty minutes after the shooting, Sawyer was in the custody of Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, who placed the killer in the local jail. While the officer was effecting the capture of Sawyer, Coroner S. R. Biggs started an investigation which resulted in the arrest of Sawyer's wife, who was placed in jail to await a hearing today before Judge Bailey in the recorder's court.

According to the facts given by eye-witnesses to the killing, Mr. Britton was priming tobacco with P. S. Ambrose and Harvey Jenkins in a field near the Sawyer home. The three men had worked to the end of the row and were turning in another when Sawyer raised his gun on Britton. Without warning the gun's load was discharged the first shot causing death, it is believed. Mr. Britton ran down between the rows of tobacco, and when a short distance away he turned his head to look back, Sawyer having reloaded his gun, firing again on the man. Mr. Britton ran a few yards further and dropped dead.

The other parties working the field at the time feared for their safety and backed away, but saw Sawyer go to the dead body, reload his gun and pass on. It is said the killer went to his home, placed his gun in his rack and departed, instructing his wife to tell officers, if they should come after him, that he would be found in a certain spot, half mile away. Sheriff Roebuck went to the back of the field, and, after calling, Sawyer answered and surrendered.

While no inquest was held over the dead man's body, Coroner S. R. Biggs examined the eye-witnesses. P. S. Ambrose stated that Mr. Britton went to the field shortly after the noon hour, avoiding Sawyer by following a path leading around the house, as the two men had had some trouble a few days before. Mr. Ambers stated that as he passed the Sawyer home, Mrs. Sawyer told him to tell "old long Britton" to keep out of the tobacco patch or they would keep him out. When told what Mrs. Sawyer had said, Mr. Britton seemed not to show any fear and started his work. Harvey Jenkins told a story similar to that related by Mr. Jenkins.

Upon examining the spot where Sawyer first fired, it was found that the man had reached there by a path leading from a branch, some distance away, and that he had evidently waited there some time for opportunity to fire upon Britton, as the weeds were broken and pressed down at the spot. The witnesses stated that Sawyer had secreted himself so well that they knew nothing of his presence until he raised and fired his gun.

Sawyer stated that he used No. 6 shot, but, according to his wife's statement, No. 4 shot were used. It is understood that Mrs. Sawyer purchased the shells used in the killing.

About two weeks ago, Mr. Britton was threatened by Sawyer when he requested a larger weekly allowance, which Mr. Britton explained could not be granted. Immediately after that time Sawyer threatened members of the Britton household, and Mr. Britton found it necessary to issue a peace warrant. A hearing was held here before Justice of the Peace A. T. Crawford and an arrangement for the housing of the crop was effected, which at that time was acceptable to all concerned. Britton was to go ahead and house the crop, and after deducting the real expenses he was to pay over to Sawyer all the profits. While Mr. Britton believed the matter was settled justly, he avoided Sawyer to prevent a possible renewal of the old trouble, and even paid little attention to the threat made just before he was killed.

Mr. Britton was born in Beaufort County, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Britton. He married Miss Temple Wynn, of the Cross Roads section, and had farmed in the Everetts vicinity

COUNTY TO GET \$9,000 MORE FROM STATE AID FUND

Goes Toward Support of Extended Terms in Several Schools

95 COUNTIES SHARE

Fund Is Apportioned Out to Each of County Schools by Equalization Board

Martin County participated to the extent of \$9,532.15 in the tax reduction fund allocated by the State Board of Equalization last Friday as an aid toward the support of school terms extended beyond the constitutional six months. Ninety-five counties share in the distribution of \$1,087,434.97 fund, each participating county receiving the same percentage of the extended term cost that it received of the six-months term cost when the State equalizing fund was distributed.

The extended term fund, \$9,532.15, received by the county, brings Martin's part in the school aid fund up to \$55,068.15, or 22,876.90 more than was received from the equalization fund last year.

"The amount that each participating county gets will be redistributed among the various school districts of the county, the more wealthy districts getting nothing, the poorest districts getting the major portion."

"The entire \$1,250,000 that the legislature provided was not distributed by the board, which gave as its reason for retaining \$162,564 that it was facing a possible horizontal cut as the result of the impending State deficit, and that it would probably need more than \$1,250,000 next year, for by that time many other districts are expected to have adopted an extended term."

The fund apportioned to each district in the various counties, according to section 30 of the new school law, shall be the amount by which the certified costs exceed the amount that would be provided by the rate so ascertained and the necessary tax rate of each district shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of the special fund thus received.

The equalization board, following the law, distributes the fund in this county as follows: Jamesville, \$2,212.89; Williamston, \$2,934.75; Everetts, \$533.52; Parmele, \$960.72; Robersonville, \$2,212.51; Hamilton, \$509.08 and Oak City, \$166.68.

It is understood from the report given out by the board that the fund received in this county is 40.47 per cent of the tax levied for the special extended terms. It is believed that the 40.47 percentage figure is collective for the entire county and that it will vary as to the individual schools with the extended term, the variance being, however, based on the equalization method as pointed out in section 30 of the new school law.

Wednesday Service At Christian Church

By F. W. WEIGMAN

Continuing our series of discussions on the teachings of Jesus, Wednesday night we will study Jesus' attitude toward forgiveness. This will not be a theological treatment of the doctrine of atonement, but a practical attempt to determine what attitude Jesus took in facing the wrongs of men to each other. This topic was suggested by one who is interested in solving this personal problem in her own life.

The attendance was very good last Wednesday night, and we are looking for an increased number this Wednesday. Every one is cordially invited to attend our brief devotion and discussion program.

Plan to Open Beauty Shop In Godard Building Soon

A beauty shop, managed by Miss Carrie Whiteford, of New Bern, will be opened here about August 10 in the Godard building, according to information given by the building's owners today.

The contractor will have the rooms ready for the opening about August 10, it was stated.

In preparing for the needs of the shop, the owners of the building are remodeling the office once occupied by the Enterprise on Smithwick street. Partitions will be placed and modern equipment will be installed.

during the past 30 years. His widow and one child, a daughter—16 years old, and a small adopted son survive. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. George W. Holliday and Mrs. James Clark, of Everetts, and three brothers, Will Britton, of Everetts, Mack Britton, of Ashland, Ga., and R. L. Britton, of Ocala, Fla.

WATTS THEATRE

Wednesday July 31
WM. S. HART
 in
"Singer Jim McKee"
 Also COMEDY

Thursday-Friday August 1-2
RAMON NOVARRO
 in
"THE PAGAN"
 Also NEWS and COMEDY
 MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE