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NIGHT SHIFT IS PUT ON AT LOCAL GUANO FACTORY

Prospects Are That Records Will Be Broken Again This Year

TRAIN LOADS SHIPPED

125 Men Now Working on Day Shift; Fame of "Gro-More" Products Is Spreading

Operations at the Standard Fertilizer plant here were under way in full blast this week when the company added a night shift to assist the handling of the hundreds of orders pouring into the office almost daily. With around 125 men working the day shift, the plant is shipping daily approximately 600 tons of the fast-becoming famous "Gro-More" products.

While the Coast Line is rendering an efficient service in moving the finished goods, its train has to make several trips to the river plant each day. In addition to the long train loads, many tons of the fertilizer are being moved by large trucks and individual wagons.

Pitt County is receiving a large portion of the shipments while others are going as far away as Aberdeen, Mount Airy, and other points from the coast to the mountains.

Large barges are continuously plying between the Baltimore and local plants, bringing hundreds of tons of fertilizer materials.

The company is fast breaking the record established last year, and before the season is over thousands of tons of finished goods will have been shipped from the local plant.

JUDGE BAILEY HAS 10 CASES

Was First Session of County Court for Two Weeks; Several Sentenced

Convening for the first time in two weeks, the Recorder's court at its session last Tuesday called ten cases, the Wiley Roberson case with one or two others being continued to another time. One or two road sentences were meted out, and the school fund was slightly increased when Judge Bailey imposed two or three fines upon the defendants.

Simon Fagan, charged with being drunk and disorderly, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 with the cost added.

The same old case charging Wiley Roberson with violating the liquor laws, carrying a concealed weapon and operatin a car while intoxicated, was continued for two more weeks.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Henry Leggett with an assault with a deadly weapon upon his paying the costs of the case.

A nol prosequit resulted in the case in which Thurman Reddick was charged with trespassing.

The case charging Buck Terry and Mrs. Buck Terry with an assault and resisting an officer was continued for two weeks.

Con Cowan was fined \$50 for manufacturing liquor and was given a 4 months suspended road sentence.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Don Johnson with an assault with a deadly weapon upon the payment of the cost. The defendant appealed the case and bond was posted.

A. R. Smith was found not guilty of operating an automobile without proper license.

The case charging Earl Latham with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued one week.

John Page and Reuben Bunting pleaded guilty of carrying a concealed weapon. Bunting was sentenced to jail to be hired out by the county commissioners. Page was sentenced to the Edgemore roads for nine months.

Program of Services at Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 23, 1930: "The Church With an Open Door." True sayings: "It is not enough to have faith. We must use it." Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Departmental classes.

Worship service and sermon, 11:00 a. m. Rev. A. J. Crane, of Tarboro, N. C., will preach for us. We regret to announce that we will be unable to enter our new building this Sunday. However, we will enter it Sunday, March 2nd, 1930, for our first service. If you want to hear a real gospel message, come and hear Rev. A. J. Crane of Tarboro, at the Woman's Club at 11 a. m. Sunday. We welcome each and all to worship with us.

Program of Services at Bear Grass for Sunday

Services at Bear Grass School Auditorium, Sunday night, 7 p. m. Song service, story telling, and sermon, Rev. A. J. Crane, of Tarboro, N. C., will preach at this service. Mr. Piephoff will be there and Mr. R. F. Pope also. Come and join in the singing led by Mr. Pope. Come and hear the sermon by Mr. Crane. Everybody comes, and everybody's welcome.

Geo. T. Fountain To Speak To Community Builders at Meeting Here Tonight at 8

LARGE NUMBER EXPECT TO HEAR TARBORO MAN

Many Interesting Facts To Be Placed Before Meeting At City Hall

EVERY ONE INVITED

Similar Movements Have Been Started All Over Country; Alabama Man Speaks in Norfolk

Hundreds of citizens in this community are expected to hear Attorney George T. Fountain this evening at 8 o'clock in the city hall, where he speaks under the auspices of the Community Builders' League, recently organized here. Mr. Fountain is a leading lawyer of Tarboro, and comes here in behalf of the local community. In addition to Mr. Fountain's address, many interesting facts will be placed before the people, facts that should be heard by every citizen interested in the welfare and progress of his community.

An appeal has been made by the officers of the Community Builders' League, urging every citizen in town to attend the meeting, and a large attendance is expected. While the league is only a week old, it has made much progress in advancing community interests, but its greatest work lies ahead. The officers of the organization are carrying on an active work, and the individuals are fast falling in line to offer their support.

Similar movements are under way all over the country, and remarkable results are being reported. Attorney General McCall, of Alabama, addressed a meeting similar to the one scheduled here tonight in Norfolk last evening, a large number hearing him.

Mr. Fountain, who comes here this evening without remuneration, has carefully studied the conditions confronting his and other communities, and he is in a position to relate many facts to his hearers.

Every one is invited and urged to attend and assist in the movement that means so much to the community.

POST OFFICES TO CLOSE SATURDAY

Uncle Sam's Employees All That Will Observe Day By Not Working

Washington's Birthday tomorrow will practically pass unnoticed in the county, according to reports received here yesterday. It could not be definitely learned whether the banks would observe the day as a holiday, but it is believed that they will not close as the day is one of the busiest of the week with them. Uncle Sam's employees will cease their activities during the day, no rural or town deliveries being scheduled for tomorrow. Mail will be placed in the lock boxes at the post office, but there will be no parcel post or window service, it was stated.

As there will be no rural deliveries tomorrow this paper goes to press several hours ahead of its regular schedule. The shop will not close until the regular closing hour tomorrow, however.

Hyde County Case Is Compromised for \$2,500

Swan Quarter, Feb. 19.—Hyde County commissioners ended the county's famous suit against former Sheriff T. C. Swindell this week by accepting a compromise of \$2,500 to settle an alleged shortage of \$25,000, which also involved charges of embezzlement and bribery.

The case has created interest in the big family of Hyde County folks. T. J. Mann, county treasurer, is charged with a big shortage.

The board of commissioners seemed to think the accused officers and their 37 bondsmen had too many friends in the county to take chances of winning a verdict at the hands of the 11-man jury.

The compromise came as a surprise to the attorneys for both the county and defense in the case, as well as the people generally.

Mrs. Velma Bellflower Is Found Dead in Bed

Mrs. Velma Bellflower was found dead in bed at her home near Oak City early Wednesday morning, death believed to have been the result of heart failure, coming suddenly. Mrs. Bellflower retired early Tuesday evening apparently in good health, no trouble being evident until she was found dead the following morning by her husband, Pete Bellflower.

Mrs. Bellflower was only 22 years old and is survived by Mr. Bellflower and four children, the youngest being only four weeks of age.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, burial following in a plot near Oak City.

Program of Services at Christian Church

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. The evening service at 7:30 will be a pentecostal sermon by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor of the Robersonville Christian church.

TEACHERS WILL MEET SATURDAY

Will Be Held in School Auditorium Here Tomorrow Afternoon

ONLY 17 YEARS OF AGE

Is Identified by Mr. Leland Coburn As Person Seen in His Room Last Saturday Night

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For almost a year, the residents of Robersonville had been terrorized at frequent intervals by the daring work of a burglar or burglars. Many families upon arising in the early morning had found their pockets empty of cash, but with the exception of cash they rarely ever missed anything. While the work of the burglar caused no great alarm among the town as a whole, many efforts were made to catch the party or parties entering the homes.

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HOLD COUNTY GARDEN MEET

Planting According to Budget Is Suggested By Specialist

The first county garden meeting was held Tuesday in the new school auditorium at 2 p. m. There were 13 present, representing Williamston, Robersonville, and Parmele. The meeting was opened with a short talk by the home agent on "Value of Home Gardens." Miss Leah Parker, speaker for the meeting and a specialist in gardening, from Atlanta, gave valuable suggestions in successful succession planting, type of soil suited to various crops and best seed for this location in her talk on "Successful Gardening."

In her talk she urged those present to plant according to a budget, using the budget prepared by Miss Mary E. Thomas and Mr. B. E. Morrow, extension specialists at the State College. The budget allows 1-10 acre per person and on this tenth acre are included a 100-foot row of Irish potatoes, a 100-foot row of sweet potatoes, a 75-foot row of tomatoes, a 15-foot row of asparagus, a 5 foot row of celery, a 50-foot row of cabbage, a 25-foot row of lettuce, a 75-foot row of spinach, a 25-foot row of beets, a 25-foot row of carrots, a 20-foot row of onions, a 15-foot row of radishes, a 20-foot row of turnips, a 20-foot row of parsley or parsnips, a 100-foot row of snap beans, an 80-foot row of garden peas, a 100-foot row of lima beans, a 120-foot row of corn, a 5-foot row of okra, a 10-foot row of cucumbers, and a 10-foot row of summer squash. These vegetables planted at intervals during the year would give one person a year-round variety of vegetables.

The garden and canning budget help in elimination of waste, but insure increased health.

A Creed For The True Sportsman

1. Never on sport endanger human life.
2. Never kill wantonly or needlessly or brutally.
3. Obey the laws of State and Nation, work for better laws, and uphold the law-enforcing authorities.
4. Respect the rights of farmers and property owners, and also their feelings.
5. Always leave seed birds or game in cover.
6. Never be a fish hog.
7. Discourage the killing of game for commercial purposes, by refusing to purchase trophies.
8. Study and record the natural history of game in the interest of science.
9. Love nature and its denizens, and be a gentleman.

Meat Stolen Saturday Is Found in Woods

Mr. Eli Spruill, farmer of near here, recovered a large portion of the meat stolen from his smoke house last Saturday night, when the thieves failed in finding a secret hiding place. The thief or thieves hid the meat in a small wood near the Spruill home, where it was found last Tuesday with the exception of about six hams and a small quantity of sausage.

No clue leading to an arrest has been established.

Officers Get Steam Still Near Oak City Wednesday

Officers of Martin and Edgemore Counties raided a section near Oak City and Hobgood Wednesday and captured a still of the steam type. A small quantity of beer was destroyed. The plant was not in operation.

Skewarkee Masons To Meet Tuesday

There will be a regular communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday night, February 25. Work in the third degree. In addition, there are some other matters to be attended to. Members are urged to be present and on time. Visiting Masons are cordially invited.

Bankers of Group I To Meet in Ahoskie

A meeting of Group I of the North Carolina Bankers' Association will be held in Ahoskie tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when Hon. A. J. Maxwell, of Raleigh, delivers the principal address. The meeting will be held in the Richard Theatre.

A large attendance is expected, as the day is a holiday and many banks in the district are closing, affording employees and officers an opportunity to take part in the meeting.

IS BEING HELD WITHOUT BOND FOR BURGLARY

George Roberson, of Robersonville, Held on Capital Charge

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At a preliminary hearing held in Robersonville last Wednesday before Justice of the Peace C. M. Hurst, Roberson was refused bond, the officer ordering the prisoner back to jail to await trial in the March term of Martin County Superior court, convening here the 17th of next month.

It is said that Roberson attempted to join the navy a few months ago when suspicion became so strong against him that he seemed frightened. He was rejected by the recruiting officers of the navy, and he returned home.

According to reports, Roberson entered homes and found his way about dark rooms by the aid of a small flashlight, moving around as softly as a cat and with the slyness of a fox. Although there has been advanced no evidence connecting others with the series of robberies and burglaries, it is generally believed that Roberson had a helper, at least a part of the time.

The case against Roberson is the second one on the docket for trial at the March term of court charging a capital felony, Mabel Moore Gibson being the defendant in a case charging her with killing her husband, Irving Gibson, white farmer of Hamilton township, on January 21.

Offers Prizes for Best Corn Grown by Boys

Mr. A. W. Bailey, one of the leading farmers of Bear Grass Township is offering a prize for every corn club boy in that township who will plant and cultivate one acre of corn under the general rules of the boys' corn clubs. He asks that a number of citizens of that township join him in promoting the project, by encouraging the boys to enter the contest and helping furnish prizes.

Mr. Bailey is personally offering a pair a pure-bred Rhode Island Red chickens and one dollar.

He says now is a good time to teach farm boys how to grow corn at a profit.

Schedule of Services at the Methodist Church

Dwight A. Petty, Pastor
Sunday school at 9:45, Professor W. R. Watson, Superintendent.
Morning service at 11. Special family service; sermon specially for young people. Special music by Young Peoples Choir.

Evening service at 7:30; sixth series sermon by the pastor on the theme, "Fraternal and Divine Relationships." The public is invited to all services. Hi-League, Wednesday evening. School of Missions, Wednesday evening at 7:15.

Chapter 7 and 8 led by Rev. D. A. Petty.
Choir practice, Wednesday at 8:15 p. m.

Expect Larger Acreage Of Tobacco In Bertie

According to reports coming from Bertie County, an increase in the tobacco acreage there is expected this coming season. County Agent B. E. Grant there states that the increase is not expected to be large, however. In opposition to the agent's statements, a Windsor merchant states as his belief that the crop will be decreased, supporting his statement by saying that many farmers will not be able to purchase fertilizer even for a normal crop.

ROBERSONVILLE VITAL STATISTICS FOR PAST YEAR

One Hundred Thirty-Five Births and Eighty-One Deaths Reported

DECREASE IN DEATHS

Births Also Show Decrease as Compared With Number Last Year, According to Township Report

One hundred and thirty-five births and eighty-one deaths were reported in Robersonville township during the past year, according to a report filed in the office of the register of deeds here recently. Comparing the vital statistics for the township reported for the past two years, there was a decrease of 16 per cent in the number of deaths recorded in 1929. A decrease was also reported in the number of births, there being 135 last year and 160 the year before. While the number of births dropped from 160 to 135, the decrease in deaths was more marked, the number being 43.

The statistics carry unusual features, a very deplorable one being the large number of illegitimate births recorded. The nineteen such births were confined to the colored race, the report shows. Eighty of the children were of Negro parentage, and 55 belonging to the white race. Forty-five of the 81 deaths were among the colored. The majority of the births is found in the female column, 84 of the babies belonging to the fair sex.

The report for the township, Parmele and the Town of Robersonville, being listed separately, follows, in detail:

Parmele	White		Colored	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Births	0	2	2	9
Deaths	0	0	1	1

Outside of Robersonville and Parmele	White		Colored	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Births	17	25	24	36
Deaths	12	14	19	19

Town of Robersonville	White		Colored	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Births	2	9	6	4
Deaths	5	5	4	1

Forty-nine of the deaths reported in the township were attributable, in part, to old age, many of the deceased living beyond the 65-year mark.

PROBE DEATH OF NEGRO INFANT

Is Third Suspicious Death In Same Family; Mother Believed Insane

Peculiar circumstances surrounding the death of the six-months-old child of Ida Little, colored, of near Everetts, resulted in an investigation by county officers early this week. While the death was very peculiar, Coroner S. R. Biggs stated that he found no evidence of foul play after examining the body. According to the coroner's belief, the child could have been smothered to death without there being any sign pointing to foul play.

The child is the third one to die in the family, the other two having passed away under similar circumstances, it is understood.

The mother, said to be unbalanced in mind, was apparently unconcerned over the child's death, stating when asked if she was frightened when she found the child dead, that she had gotten used to it, as she had two or three others die the same way.

No arrest in the case was made, but it is understood that arrangements are being made to have the woman removed to the State hospital at Goldsboro.

Local Boys and Girls Have Successful Week in Sports

Meeting their strongest opposition of the season, the local high school basketball five defeated Nashville's team here last Tuesday evening 10 to 11. At the half, the visitors led 10 to 7. Coach Hood's boys returning to the court to edge nine-points in the last half. The Nashville boys scored one lone point in the last period.

Girls Win Over Jamesville

The local high school girls defeated Jamesville's sextet here last Tuesday evening for their first time by the close score of 17 to 15.

Tonight the locals play the Everetts girls and boys on the Planters warehouse court. Tomorrow night, the Woodland high school boys come here for a game with Coach Hood's boys.

Next Tuesday evening a double-header will be played here between the locals and the Hertford boys and girls.

Coach Hood states that attendance has been poor at many of the games, limiting the finances to such an extent that the boys will be unable to take part in the tournament at Raleigh this year.

Program of Services at Baptist Church

The pastor will have for his text Sunday morning the scriptural phrase, "Nothing but Leaves." At the evening hour, "The Traitor Is Pointed Out by the Master." The evening sermon is one in the series of pre-Easter evening sermons. The course will continue until Easter.

The Sunday school and young people's meetings will be held at their usual hours; and the mid-week study next Wednesday evening will concern itself with Matthew, one of the twelve apostles.

PEANUT GROWERS HOLD MEET HERE THURSDAY; DISCUSS MARKET PLANS

LOCAL DOCTOR IS HONORED

Dr. W. E. Warren Elected Vice President of Tri-State Association

Dr. William E. Warren, of this place, was highly honored yesterday when he was made vice president of the Tri-State Medical Association for North Carolina at a meeting of the organization in Charleston, S. C., this week. Dr. Warren's election was carried by a unanimous vote, according to a dispatch received here late yesterday.

During the past several years, Dr. Warren has taken an active part in medical association activities and has held responsible posts in several of the societies.

LEGION MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

Judge Francis D. Winston Will Address Post's Members

By REV. A. H. MARSHALL

There will be a meeting of the American Legion next Monday evening at the Legion Post headquarters next door to Dr. Saunders' office. The Hon. Judge Winston and Mr. Henry Spruill, of Windsor, will speak and a lunch will be served afterwards. All ex-service men of this county are urged to be present. This will be your last chance to get in as a charter member of this post as application for a charter will be made after the meeting and the names of all those who are members up to the time will appear on the charter. It is very important that you join up with your buddies who fought side by side with you in the big push. The boys who come to these meetings will tell you how greatly they enjoy hearing the stories of the experiences of the other boys and the fellowship and friendly spirit which develops and grows in these meetings will last a life time and never be forgotten.

The boys who fought the Civil War organized and they loved their posts and the time is ripe for us now to organize and keep alive the memories of our own experiences which we all hold so dear and these will grow dearer as we grow older and the pleasure which we will derive from association with our buddies in our own Legion Hall will more than pay us for all the trouble we take to get to the meetings. We like to come to the meetings and you will too. Get in the habit and start now. Let us all pull together. You will especially enjoy the treat next Monday night in hearing Judge Winston who is regarded as one of our best speakers in the section and whose fund of stories is inexhaustible. Mr. Spruill will be with Judge Winston and with those two gentlemen to address us our evening will be most profitable and enjoyable. We shall be looking for you, so don't AWOL or you will regret it.

(Commander Local Post)

Announce League Program for Exposition 7:30 Tonight

According to an announcement made yesterday, the following program will be rendered at the Methodist Church Epworth League exposition at 7:30 this evening in the church:

Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers";—League Choir Prayer.

Purpose of the League Exposition, by Rev. D. A. Petty; address by Mr. Herman B. Baum, president Epworth League work in Elizabeth City district. Solo—Miss Mary Grady Gurkin; the Epworth League Handbook; Miss Mary Leggett; Symbol of the Epworth League, Miss Helen Sumner; League Motto, Miss Ruth Jenkins; silver offering; League Colors, Jessie M. Anderson; the League Colors, Mary Bell Edmondson (Represented by—Fay Gurganus); League Materials, Mrs. J. F. Harrison, Jr.; Song by League and congregation, "Stand Up for Jesus"; The Hi-League, Mr. W. R. Watson; announcements; song; benediction.

Episcopalians Announce Services for Two Churches

Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector
Mr. Maurice Moore, Sunday school superintendent.
Morning prayer and sermon at 11. Sunday school at 10.

Faith is nothing else but the souls venture. It ventures to Christ in opposition to all life's terrors. It ventures to Christ in opposition to our guiltiness. It ventures for Christ in opposition to all difficulties, and discouragements.—W. Bridge.

St. Martin's—Hamilton

Mr. J. E. Edmondson, superintendent of Sunday school.
Holy Communion and sermon at 3:30 p. m.
Evening Prayer and sermon at 7:30.

Our faith is the center of the target at which God doth shoot, when He tries us; and if any other grace shall escape untried, certainly Faith shall not.—Spurgeon.

The Episcopal Church invites you to attend its services. Come and bring your friends. You are cordially welcome.

Colored High School Here Defeats University Team

Before a packed house, the local colored high school basketball team defeated the Omega fraternity team of Shaw University here last Monday night 24 to 17. It was the fifth victory for the locals this season.

The locals are setting their hats for a meet with Washington shortly, and that game promises to be one of the best of the season. Professor Hayes stated yesterday.