

CHAIN GROCERY STORE CLOSES

N. C. Store Withdraws from Local Grocery Business This Week

The North Carolina Store, one of the three chain grocery stores here, weighed anchor yesterday when all stock and equipment was moved to the company's headquarters in Elizabeth City. The store has been in operation here for about two years, the owners deciding to quit the chain business following the recent developments directed against that type of business, it is understood.

According to reports received here, the owners of the N. C. Chain are said to have stated that they did not feel justified in investing money left to them in opposition to the community in which they operated.

The store, managed by Mr. Willis, was located in the old post office building on the corner of Main and Smithwick Streets. As far as it could be learned today, the building has not been rented to other parties.

Stores operating in many towns throughout Eastern-Carolina by the concern have been closed voluntarily, according to reports received here.

LOCAL SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

113 Pupils in Local School Make Honor Roll in the Past Month

With an increase in the average daily attendance reported in the local school during the sixth month comes an increase in the number of names on the scholastic honor roll for the period, 103 pupils meeting all the requirements. Ninety names appeared on the roll for the previous month. The list follows:

Grade 1-A: Ben Barnhill, Raymond Rawls, Stuart Critcher, Jack Sullivan, Jimmie Watts, Emory McCabe, Eleanor Brown, Marjorie Gray Dunn, Maude Taylor, Katherine Manning, Ray Leggett, Dorothy Harrison.

Grade 1-B: Lillie Gray Coltrane, Dorothy Jones, Grace Jones.

Grade 2-A: Bill Ballard, Bob Everett, Dick Dunn, Jack Edmondson, Irving Gurganus, Gordon Manning, Frank Weaver, James Willis Ward, Bernice Cowen, Minnie Chesson, Sallie Gray Gurkin, Doris Moore, Louise Melton, Mildred Pope, Pearl Mae Roberson, Caroline Stalls, Julia Watts, Virgil Ward.

Grade 2-B: Virginia Williams, Annie Ruth Moore, Ethel Bennett, Sam Mobley, Charles Pate, Jr., Julius Edwards.

Grade 3-A: Ronald Williams, Mary H. Barnhill, Grace Barnhill, Thelma Griffin, Annie Nicholson, Marion Pender, Hazel Wynne, Cottie Mae Wynne, Reg Manning.

Grade 3-B: Pauline White, Nora Taylor Grimes, Lydia Hinson, Lucille Cowan, Lydia Revels.

Grade 4-A: Burrus Critcher, R. A. Pope, Jr., Carley Hall, E. G. Wynne, Whit Purvis, Nellie G. Rogerson, Alma Godwin, Velma Bennett, Addie Lee Meador, Janie Gurganus, Melrose Honds, Eva Wilder, Elva Mae Mishoe, Lois Taylor.

Grade 4-B: Marie Hardison, Evelyn Cowen, Jasper Jackson.

Grade 5-A: Jean Watts, Gwen Watts, Ben Manning, Ellis Wynne, Milton James, Clayton Moore, Edna Ballard, Bolton Cowen, Ella W. Critcher.

Grade 5-B: Kader Modlin, Densel Simpson.

Grade 6: Pattie Ray Bennett, Alta Critcher, Mary Belle Edmondson, Eula Green, Alice Harrison, Blanche Harrison, Grace Manning, Edna Rogerson, Marjorie Taylor, Annie Ruth Wynne, Billy Griffin, Lawrence Lindsey, Exum Ward.

Grade 7: Jessie Mae Anderson, Helen Coltrane, Katherine Harrison, Olive McCabe, Billie Pope, Roger Critcher.

Grade 8-A: Aunsell Roebuck.

Grade 11: Marjorie Taylor, Clyde Griffin.

Presbyterian Services for Sunday, March the 16th

Sunday, March 16, 1930.

"The Church With An Open Door." True sayings: "The soul can split the sky into; and let the face of God shine through."

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Departmental classes. Mr. John L. Rodgerson, Superintendent.

Worship service and sermon, 11 a. m. Subject: "Reflectors."

The doors of our church are wide open to all. We invite all who will to spend an hour each Sunday in meditation and prayer with us. You owe this to yourself, your children, and God, therefore, attend some church each Sunday.

Bear Grass

The usual religious services will be held in the Bear Grass Schoolhouse Auditorium Sunday night at 7:30 p. m. Mr. R. F. Pope will lead the singing. Come and join us in the song service. Bring the children to hear the story. Everybody welcome.

Miss Ruth Pool, a student at the N. C. C. College will spend the week end here with her parents.

Complete Personnel Of Warehouse Firms

With One Exception, New Combinations Have Been Effected In The Personnel of the Local Tobacco Market for the Coming Season

With the announcement of a complete and efficient personnel, the local tobacco market was off to a good start this week to bid for a busy season during the coming fall and winter. With one exception, new combinations have been effected, and with Messrs. Ingram and Barnhill continuing at the Farmers Warehouse, the present outlook points to a very successful market here this year.

In announcing recently the proprietors of the new Planters Warehouse, the name of Mr. W. J. Taylor, a prominent figure on the local market for years, was omitted. Mr. Taylor will be associated with the new Planters Warehouse firm, which will be operated as Meador, Taylor and Meador. For a number of years, Mr. Taylor has been connected with the tobacco market here, and during the past several he has been one of the proprietors operating the Roanoke-Dixie. Joe and Harry, together with Mr. Roy Meador, make a strong team, and they are an-

icipating a successful season at the new house.

The announcement of Messrs. Ingram and Barnhill as proprietors at the Farmers is received with much satisfaction. As tobaccoists, the members of this firm established themselves last season for a splendid patronage this coming fall. Mr. Ingram has been in the business for years and his knowledge of tobacco is thorough.

At the Roanoke-Dixie, Messrs. W. T. (Uncle Buck) Meadows, with S. Claude and Roy T. Griffin will have charge of the operations, the trio furnishing a splendid team. "All three of these men are well known here, each having been connected with the market for a number of years.

With these combinations at the head, the local market, it is believed, is in the best position ever to progress, and with the support of the people of the community and section, a very successful year is anticipated, provided weather conditions are more favorable this season than they were last.

FEW CASES IN COUNTY COURT

Prosecution Scores 100 Per Cent In Its Work For the Day

The Recorder's Court this week handled but few cases, all of them of minor importance. It seemed to be a guilty day with those who came up for trial, guilty being the verdict in every case.

State vs. Roland Latham, larceny. Found guilty and sentenced to jail for four months, with privilege to be hired out by county commissioners.

Theodore Griffin, charged with opium, fined \$75 and costs in the case, and his license to drive a car revoked for six months.

Joe Sutton, charged with passing bad checks, was called and failed to appear. Capias was issued.

Buck Terry and Mrs. Buck Terry, charged with assault, had their case continued until the first Tuesday in April.

William Stokes, for driving an automobile while intoxicated, was sentenced to jail for four months, to be sent to the roads of Edgecombe County.

KIWANIANS IN REGULAR MEET

Meeting Reported One of the Best During Year; Musical Program

At its regular bi-weekly meeting on Wednesday, the Kiwanis Club had one of the best meetings of the year, with a large attendance and several visitors present.

A musical program was arranged by the members in charge, and several new songs were learned by the club.

In addition to the learning of new songs, the club was assisted by musical numbers from the local schools.

Howard Cone, Milton James, Ellis Wynn, and Thad Harrison sang two popular selections that were enjoyed and well received by the members.

Raymond Gurkin, a young boy from Griffins Township, who attends high school here, yodeled a solo that was appreciated by every one present.

POULTRY SALES SHOW DECREASE

Schedule Calls for Fourth Car the Middle of Next Month

Poultry loadings in the cooperative car in this county this week are apparently falling below those of the last two months, according to a statement made late yesterday by County Agent T. B. Brandon, under whose supervision the cars are operated.

While the loadings here Wednesday were about the same as those made during January and February, the business dropped to around 800 pounds at Jamesville last Tuesday.

Competition is entering the field at practically all the loading points in the county, but the light loadings are not contributed to that alone. The chicken crop is evidently short, according to the belief of Agent Brandon.

Although prices are considered low this year, it is believed that the operation of the cars is saving the market from complete destruction.

According to the schedule prepared some time ago, a fourth car of the season will be operated in the county about the middle of next month.

STATE PRISON'S LOSS IS \$90,895 FOR PAST YEAR

Raleigh, March 12.—State prison last year had a net operating loss of \$90,895.43, Governor O. Max Gardner said today after a study of the prison audit recently completed.

J. A. EVERETT WILL NOT RUN

Served County as Representative During the Past Several Years

After serving the county as representative in the General Assembly for the past several years, Mr. J. A. Everett will not be a candidate for the office this year, it was unofficially reported here yesterday. Although it could not be definitely learned, it is understood that Mr. Everett is withdrawing from the political field altogether, for the present time, at least.

Mr. Everett's withdrawal from the field comes as a surprise, he having gone to the legislature by a marked majority in the last contest.

That there will be one candidate, probably two, and might be more, for the office, there is no doubt. The political pot is too far from the fire in this county at this time for speculation.

Aside from the Bailey-Simmons race, and that has received very little attention thus far, politics go on sleeping. There are two months and more to roll by before the primary, and it is reasonable to expect some one to start the ball rolling before so very much longer.

CHAIN STORES RESENT ATTACK BY NEWSPAPER

Chain Store in Greenville Refuses To Patronize Local Paper

(Pitt County Record)

Well, folks, it's hardly likely you will read any chain store advertising in the Record!

Advertising as you know, is business patronage, it's the first analysis, but a sort of gratuitous proceeding, in analyses to some of those who conduct businesses dependent upon public patronage.

Yesterday the Record had its first brush with chain store strategy. It is no secret that this paper is as strongly of the belief that the home dollar should be spent with the home man, as it is in the belief that chain stores are here solely for the business of making money, free of "local alliances" such as all home merchant citizens practice.

A representative of the Record, feeling justified in practicing his profession, which includes the solicitation of advertising patronage, sought to sell a space to a local chain store. The chain stores here have the Record's number. They know the Record is outspoken. They know the Record is riding no fences.

The long and short of it is that the chain store referred to, is considered by the Record heretofore, in the light of managerial utterance, one of the few really modern and dignified establishments, failed to give even a hot cent on the trail to amicable relations, and as a result, must join that list of small calibre business folks who believe in nobody and nothing except the Almighty Dollar.

It can be seen, therefore, that there is a kick-back to the present campaign against chain stores here. Dollars to loo-lollies the above referred store manager would not have refused to sell our representative a shirt, or a suit of clothes, had he signified his desire to purchase.

Record readers are asked to consider that this mention is not to be considered personal, so far as any individual is concerned. Store managers, are not asked to take orders from headquarters. They must take orders. One chain store here recently fired a manager on a notice of less than thirty minutes.

Why is it that some of the chain stores here keep a manager only long enough to allow him to form a speaking acquaintance with his landlord and landlady?

All of your life, if you are an adult person, you have been personally, if not almost intimately acquainted with each of managers of home-owned stores. In most cases they are local folks, not just "fly-by-night" residents, shipped in to relieve some poor sinner who has been checked out for undetermined reason—maybe an unexplained reason.

Make up your mind, then, residents and citizens of Greenville, to give your business to stores here which are owned by local people. They are "of us."

Baptists Announce Their Service for Coming Week

The pastor will preach Sunday morning to the young people, primarily. Everyone is welcome for any sermon should have its application in the lives of the people present.

As the Easter season approaches, the evening sermons go on following Christ on the way to the Cross. The Sunday evening sermon will be entitled, "With Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane."

The mid-week service will be held Wednesday evening, and the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U.'s will meet at their accustomed times and places.

The pastor and officers of the church wish to commend the congregation for the splendid way in which it is keeping up its financial obligations—especially at this particular time. Our church is meeting its bills promptly and the people are giving both with regularity and consistency.

D. R. Everett Reported Ill In a Richmond Hospital

Mr. D. R. Everett, popular cashier of the Bank of Robersonville, was taken suddenly ill while on a visit to Mrs. Everett, in Richmond this week, first reports on his illness stating that he had suffered a stroke of paralysis. Later information discloses that he did not suffer a stroke, but that he was taken suddenly ill, no definite diagnosis having been announced.

According to late reports, Mr. Everett is getting along very well at this time and is expected to return home soon.

High Court Finds No Error In Matthews vs. Jones Case

In a decision handed down this week, the Supreme Court found no error in the land suit of D. G. Matthews versus E. Jones.

The suit was started in a recent term of the superior court here, the plaintiff asking possession of a piece of land. The judgment of the lower court, favoring the defendant, was maintained, according to an announcement of the proceedings made public yesterday.

March Term Superior Court Will Begin Monday Morning

State Supreme Court Finds No Error In Sawyer Case; Governor Only Can Save Him

INSANITY PLEA EXPECTED TO FIGURE IN CASE

Reported that Britton Is the Second Man Killed By Sawyer

TO DIE MARCH 28TH

Report Intimates That Sawyer Failed To Get a Square Deal While In This County

John Sawyer, convicted murderer of J. I. Britton, was advanced one step nearer the electric chair this week when the Supreme Court investigated the case and found no error. Only the governor's intervention will save the convicted man from the chair, where he was to have been electrocuted the first of last November. Should the Governor fail to intervene, Sawyer's execution will follow Friday, March 28.

The Supreme Court's decision was announced yesterday after the case had been scheduled to be heard by that tribunal during the early part of February.

Following a dispute over a crop with Mr. Britton, a farmer of the Everetts section, Sawyer hid in ambush and took the other man's life. He was tried and convicted in the superior court here last September, Judge W. A. Devin passing the death sentence. The execution was scheduled for November 1, but an appeal was perfected by Attorney H. W. Stubbs, procedure in the case being halted until this week.

It is very likely that the case will be referred to the Governor, but its final outcome is of a speculative nature.

Reports coming from Raleigh say: "Indications are that Sawyer, who shows every evidence of being a weak-minded person, will never die in the chair. Ever since he has been on 'Death Row'—and he has been there since last August—Sawyer, who appears to be about 35 or 40 years of age, has acted 'very crazy-like,' according to prison guards. Care is being taken to keep Sawyer from killing himself."

"Two newspapermen passed by Sawyer's cell on 'Death Row' the other day and were somewhat startled to hear him yell in a terror-stricken voice:

"Don't let 'em kill me; I don't wanna die in that old chair."

"Sawyer, a one-time Martin County farmer, was quoted only by reassuring words from the reporters, who were still startled by Sawyer's screaming, and in all probability told the man something that may not come to pass."

"If John Sawyer is 'just acting crazy,' he is a good actor. Prison guards on 'Death Row' at first believed it was John's way of trying to make them believe he is crazy so he can escape the chair, but they have about changed their minds."

According to a report appearing yesterday, Sawyer is charged with having killed a man in 1912. Particulars in the case were not available here today, however.

In still another report, it was intimated that Sawyer did not get a square deal here. The report reads: "The Britton murder grew out of a quarrel between the landlord, who was a tobacco farmer, and the prisoner. In the settlement the prisoner was displeased with the amount which he had to pay the landlord for abandonment of the crop planted. Threats to kill the landlord were made and the conviction rendered a mere formality. The white fellow did everything possible to advance his election, but something will be done for him here."

It is remembered in this section that Sawyer was an unworthy resident, that he had called upon the landlord more than twice the value of his crop. The trouble originated however, when Sawyer neglected his work, making it necessary for the landlord to employ Mr. Britton to handle the housing, an agreement being made whereby Sawyer was to receive his share of the profits.

PLAN TO PLACE SEINES MONDAY

Fleming Fisheries at Jamesville Plan To Begin Operations Monday

According to present plans, seine fishing will be started at the Fleming Fisheries, Jamesville, next Monday, more than a week ahead of the starting time last season. Catches in skinnets are increasing daily at all points along the Roanoke, reports from Jamesville yesterday indicating that the owners will find it profitable to start their seines within the next day or two.

Moderate winds have limited even small-scale fishing during the past few days, but, according to reports, this handicap has been encountered to the extent that fair catches have been made. It was further stated that the fish are coming up the stream in great numbers, but it is impossible to get an accurate idea as to the success of the season until the seines have started and operated for several days.

Sunday Services at the Jamesville Baptist Church

In making his Sunday announcements for the Jamesville Baptist Church, the pastor, W. B. Harrington, extends a hearty welcome to the public to attend the services. Sunday school will convene at 10, service following at 11 o'clock. The evening service will be held at the 7:30 o'clock hour, it was stated.

CHURCH CASE IS THE MAIN ISSUE BEFORE COURT

Large Crowds Expected To Hear Smithwick's Creek Church Controversy

SET FOR WEDNESDAY

Thirty-six Criminal and Thirty-one Civil Cases Are Scheduled for Trial During Two Weeks

With 36 criminal and 31 civil cases on the docket the March term of the Martin County Superior court, convening here next Monday, points to be one of the most interesting sessions held here in many months, even years. While there are several serious charges preferred, including a murder case, interest is centering particularly around the Smithwick Creek Church case.

With two or three exceptions, the criminal docket carries very few cases of any importance. However it is doubtful if the court completes the criminal proceedings next Monday and Tuesday the two days allotted to that work. Once that part of the docket is completed the court it is believed will encounter its first real handicap in the selection of a jury to sit in the church case as it has been widely discussed locally and throughout adjoining counties. Developments in the case have been guarded closely but it is understood that much work has been devoted to the question and that the trial will bring large crowds here during its run.

The problem facing the court, as it is understood here, is to determine the ownership of the church, whether the minority faction will be ousted or whether the majority will have to yield its claim to the church and other property in question.

Although, it is understood, that there has been some discord in the Church for several years, the real controversy started back in 1927 when complaints and divisions of opinion developed and became more and more pronounced with respect to either the style or manner of preaching, the expressions used, or the doctrines proclaimed by Rev. W. B. Harrington, then an elder in the Church, aroused certain members. The case is complicated in that it will be difficult to determine the grounds upon which it will be discussed. The religious feature will, no doubt, come in and as the members were unable to effect a settlement among themselves and carried the cause in court, the legal side is certainly obliged to figure in the proceedings.

Messrs. Ward and Grimes, of Washington, and E. S. Peel and Harry W. Stubbs, local attorneys, are representing the majority faction while A. R. Dunning, of this place, and A. D. McLean, of Washington, are handling the case for the minority or the defendants in the case.

According to the present arrangements, the case will be called Wednesday morning, the remainder of the week being allotted to the trial.

The criminal cases, scheduled for trial Monday and Tuesday, follow: T. H. Johnson, passing worthless check, faces two charges, both cases having been continued from previous session, the docket shows.

Johnnie Jones, assault with a deadly weapon, again faces the court, the case having been continued at a previous session.

Charged with resisting an officer, Johnnie Jones is scheduled to appear before the court again next week, this case having been continued also.

Continued from a previous session, the case, charging T. L. Laughinghouse with driving an auto while under the influence of liquor, is scheduled for next week.

The case charging Hugh Holloman with abandonment, is also scheduled for next week, the cause having been entered by presentment last September.

Dennis Whitaker, non-support, entered by appeal from judgment rendered in recorder's court.

Mattie Williams, violating the liquor laws, continued from previous session.

There are several cases against Wiley Roberson, colored, of near Robersonville, one charging violation of the liquor laws, another charging disorderly conduct, still another charging an assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon and still another charging violation of the liquor laws, a second of such charges. One or two of the cases were entered by warrant, others going to the higher court on appeal from the recorder's court.

Addie Roberson, obstructing officer in discharging his duty, goes to the court on appeal.

Kenly Powell and Doc Powell, larceny and receiving, were bound over by the recorder.

George Purrington, facing a larceny charge, is also bound over by the recorder.

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TWO ARE BADLY HURT IN FIGHT

Three Persons Arrested For Taking Part in Bout Here Last Night

Three negroes landed in jail and bed following a fight in Leggett's Lane, the town's new blood-block area, last night around twelve o'clock. Jesse Roberson received an ugly gash in the head and Grant Gillam was sliced freely about the back of the head and shoulders. Dr. J. S. Rhodes sewed and mended the wounds for several hours.

According to facts offered this morning, Roberson, who lives in the Griffin section of town, with two friends went over in Leggett's Lane to the home of Bettie Roscoe. Their visit was prompted when they wanted three graphophone records. After Bettie, the mother-in-law of Jesse, had passed the records out and the three were leaving, Grant Gillam, a boarder and companion in the Roscoe home is said to have gone to the door and inquired of Roberson if he was there following up his wife (Roberson's wife was in the home for the night)?

According to Roberson, Gillam came out and attacked him with an axe handle. The fight waxed warm at this point, both being on the ground where a ready battle was carried on. Roberson maintains that Gillam was cut when he fell on a broken bottle.

Arthur Pugh called the doctor and the police department filed in and they found that Mark Hanna Watson had hurled a bottle in Gillam's defense. Arthur Pugh was found armed with a razor.

A hearing will be held as soon as all parties are sufficiently recovered to stand.

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