

TOBACCO THEFT UNCOVERED AT ROBERSONVILLE

Steal Much Tobacco From W. M. Scales Factory Over Long Period

ARREST SEVEN MEN

Given Hearing Before Justice of the Peace Hurst, Six Fail to Raise Bond and Are Jailed Here

Will Hines, LeRoy Saunders, Buck Brown, Edward Eason, Howard Whitfield and William Jenkins, all colored of Robersonville, were placed in the county jail here last Saturday, charged with stealing a quantity of tobacco from the W. M. Scales Tobacco Company plant in Robersonville. All facts in the stealing that had been going for several weeks had not been disclosed in detail early today, however, one or two of the accused parties had admitted parts to the thefts that are expected to result in conviction of the entire group.

According to information gained yesterday, Will Hines, machine man in the Scales factory, and several other employees had stole a few pounds of tobacco from certain grades over a period of weeks, the plant officials believing that the shortage was due to the drying process. However, the percent of shortage became so marked that an investigation was started. Night watchmen were employed, and last Saturday morning shortly after midnight, LeRoy Saunders was recognized as he was executing certain acts connected with the theft. Dogs were called and the hounds led to the home of Hines and Saunders, Chief William Gray making the arrests. Other arrests followed and the alleged thieves are now being held for trial.

Orlander Brown, colored, was arrested early yesterday and was given a hearing along with the six others before Justice of the Peace C. M. Hurst, of Robersonville, there yesterday afternoon. In default of \$800 bonds all the defendants in the case with the exception of Whitfield was returned to the jail here to await trial in the December term of Martin Superior court.

Eason and Saunders are said to have admitted the theft of 500 pounds of tobacco from the Imperial Tobacco Company in Robersonville several days ago. They are said to have sold the tobacco in Tarboro for \$87.

In explaining the thefts, it was pointed out that the tobacco plant employees would remove small quantities of tobacco from each lot the night before it was to be run the next day. They would remove the tobacco to a field a short distance from the plant and then truck it away for sale. It could not be determined just how much tobacco had been removed, but it was estimated that more than \$2,000 worth had been stolen during the past few weeks.

Oak City 4-H Club First To Serve School Lunch

By MISS LORA SLEEPER

The 4-H Club of Oak City has the distinction of having started the first school lunch in the county. The club composed of 28 members is divided up into groups of three and four depending upon what is to be prepared. Three girls have been preparing cocoa now going on the second week. All materials are contributed by the children and the patrons and each is allowed market value for everything brought for the lunch this way. There are a few usually every day who wish to buy and the cocoa or soup is then sold at cost. The price of the cocoa per cup has been only .02. The girls are very much interested in the lunch and Miss Sleeper is hoping with a little training the entire lunch may be handled by the girls. It affords the girls a little experience in quantity cooking, serving and estimating cost and obtaining market values on food stuffs contributed. It is excellent training for them.

Mrs. Anne Wynn Dies In Cross Roads Saturday

Mrs. Anne Wynn, widow of the late Henry Wynn, died at her home near Cross Roads church, this county, last Saturday following a short illness. The funeral was held at the home Sunday afternoon, interment following in the Wynn burial ground with Rev. R. A. Phillips, of Everetts, conducting the last rites.

Five children, four daughters, Mrs. D. B. Mobley, Mrs. Frank Bailey, Mrs. Joe Wynn and Mrs. Arthur Roberson, and one son, John Wynn, all of this county, survive.

Methodist Missionary Ladies To Serve Supper

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church will give a Turkey supper at the Woman's Club Thursday night. A good supper is promised by the society and the Williamston people are urged to be there Thursday night.

Cotton Growers Hold Mass Meet Here Next Saturday

Executive Officer Will Discuss World-Wide Conditions and Give Information In Regard to Handling of 1929-1930 Crops Through Associations

Cotton farmers of this county are scheduled to meet here next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the courthouse, it was announced by Mr. C. C. Hilton, district representative of the Cotton Growers' association.

"The growing demand for information concerning the disposition of the 1929 and 1930 crops has caused a number of leading farmers and business men to request the association to send a representative here to clear up the many questions which are being raised and to discuss the best method of handling the present cotton situation. In answer to this request, the Cotton Cooperative association, has called the meeting here this week, and one of its executive officers will be present to discuss the world-wide condition as it affects the cotton industry, and to give complete information in regard to the handling of the 1929 and 1930 crops through the cooperative associations," it was stated by Mr. Hilton.

"The cotton cooperative official will come prepared to furnish detailed information concerning the activities of the Federal Farm Board in regard

to cotton, the Cotton Stabilization Corporation, the American Cotton Cooperative Association, and the work of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association. This information will include the basis of settlement with association members on the 1929 crop of cotton, upon which a loan of 16 cents per pound, basis middling, was made.

A complete explanation of the advances which are being made to members on the 1930 crop will also be made, so that there may be no further misunderstanding as to the amount of the cooperative association is advancing. A report on grades and staples of the 1930 crop received up to this time will be made at this meeting. An answer will be made to the propaganda which is being circulated concerning sales of cotton by the cooperatives this season.

"These are questions which cannot be properly explained by newspaper articles, and every cotton farmer and every business man who is interested in the cotton growing industry is urged to attend this meeting and get information which cannot be otherwise obtained."

County-Wide Organization To Handle Welfare Work Planned for Coming Winter

Miss Lois Doasher, Welfare Worker Urges Handling Any Needy Cases

Remembering the unfavorable conditions existing in the eastern part of this State last winter and the need for welfare work among many needy cases, Miss Lois Doasher, of the State Welfare Department, was here yesterday investigating certain cases, suggesting to local and county welfare workers to perfect an organization preparatory to caring for any charity cases in the county this fall and winter. Miss Doasher explained that this work was not being organized in an effort to care for unworthy cases, that the counties were urged to plan their charity organizations to care for the needy or worthy cases.

During the past winter there were many cases that applied for help when the conditions did not merit it. The condition existed in this county as well as in many others, and in caring on charity work, it is understood that the local organizations will be requested to investigate all cases asking for help.

To carry on the work in this county this fall and winter, a county organization of several units is being planned with a committee in each township. Superintendent Pope was asked to study the conditions in the county and make preliminary plans for an organization. The various civic clubs and business organizations are expected to cooperate again this year in the work.

While the conditions are not expected to be as acute in this section this year as they were last year, it is understood that State authorities and welfare workers are anxious to have these organizations in readiness to handle any cases that might present themselves.

Everetts Community Fair Underway There Today

The second annual community fair held by the Everetts Parent-Teacher association opened in the school building today with an unusually good program featuring the afternoon session. Tonight, Senator Burgwyn of Woodland, will make an address.

No admission is charged and many are expected to attend during the late afternoon and evening.

The parent-teacher association will serve supper tonight, and a substantial patronage is predicted.

Colored County P. T. A. Holds Meet In Parmele

An important meeting of the County Wide Parent-Teacher Association colored, was held at the Training School, Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. There were interesting discussions on how the parents and teachers should work cooperatively in an effort to keep children in school during the present depression. The matter of food, clothing and books for the needy was among the questions discussed, and how the association could prove itself most helpful along this and other lines. Several of the teachers took part in the discussion, and it is hoped that something tangible will be done.

Ange Slayer Gets 30 Years In State Prison

Henry Dave Daniel, young negro man of this county, charged with the murder of William Wrighten Ange, near Jamesville, on September 14th, was found guilty of second degree murder by the Bertie County Superior Court today, and was sentenced to 30 years at hard labor in the State's Prison.

Solicitor Hunt Parker, fearing that the evidence in the case was not sufficient for conviction in first degree, brought the second-degree charge over the protest of private prosecuting attorney, A. R. Dunning, Gilliam and Spruill, Windsor attorneys, defended Daniel.

LOCALS DEFEAT ROPER 6 TO 0

Locals Show Strength As They Hold Visitors On One-Yard Line

In an evenly matched game, the local high school eleven defeated the strong Roper High School Football team here last Friday afternoon by a 6 to 0 score, Griffin making an end run to score the only points in the game. The Washington County boys offered a strong opposition and threatened to score at one period of the game, but the locals showed their strength and held them for downs on the one-yard line.

Today, Coach Bouknigh and his squad are in Columbia, playing a return game with the high school team of that place.

Third Degree Work at Local Lodge Tonight

An unusually large attendance is expected upon the meeting of the Skewarkey lodge here this evening at 8:00 when the Queen City Lodge, of Rocky Mount, handles third degree work. Following the business meeting refreshments will be served. Every member of the lodge is urged to attend.

Manning School Honor Roll for First Month

Seven pupils made the honor roll in the Manning School, Williams township, during the first month ending November 7, as follows:

First Grade—Estelle Modlin.
Second grade—Bernice Gardner, Wilbert Gardner.
Third grade—Randolph Gardner, Edith Hardison, Reba Gardner.
Fifth grade—Annie Mae Moore.

Local Parents-Teachers To Meet Next Thursday

The local Parent-Teacher Association, will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday afternoon at 3:45, in the grammar grade school building.

MAN BADLY CUT RESULT OF FUSS

Dave Gurganus Receives Bad Cut at Hands of Namon Whitaker

Dave Gurganus, young white man living near the Martin-Pitt line in this county, was badly cut in the back Sunday evening about 8 o'clock by Namon Whitaker, young white man, following a quarrel. Dr. Ward, of Robersonville, who took five stitches in closing the wound.

Gurganus was said to have been returning to his home when he met Whitaker who charged him with telling lies on him. With little or no warning, Whitaker pulled his knife from his pocket and attacked Gurganus, who is said to have prevented additional wounds by continuing to his home, a short distance away. Whitaker did not follow, but he is understood to have made threats against Gurganus' life.

Investigating the case Sunday night, Sheriff Roebuck was unable to locate Whitaker, and up until noon yesterday his arrest had not been effected.

CHURCH HONORS NEW MEMBERS

Will Hold Special Service In Baptist Church Next Sunday Morning

A service in honor of all those who have united with the Memorial Baptist church since the present pastor has been with the church, is planned for next Sunday morning.

It has been nearly five years since the present pastor came here to take over the duties of the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church. In the mean time quite many have united with the church. Many people have brought their letters and come from other places; some have come into the church by resortation and many more by way of baptism.

All in all more than eighty have united with the church in these years. The pastor announced at the church last Sunday that he should like to have this group all together in a single church service and speak to them directly.

This service is announced for next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour. Special music will be prepared by the choir and the sermon addressed primarily to those who have come into the church in these short years.

During the incumbency of the present pastor only two ministers have been called in to assist in evangelistic services. The first of these was the Reverend Arthur O. Moore, then of Salisbury but now preaching in Port Arthur Texas. The next was Doctor James B. Turner of Hayes-Barton church, Raleigh. For the other three years the local congregation has carried on without the assistance of outside help. And in looking back over the records there have been more additions in th years when there were no special services than during the years when there were.

This though is probably only an incident that might not happen again. For until this day, a very large portion of Protestants who come into the several churches come in at times when special efforts are put forth to win them. Though it is steadfastly believed that if churches could ever be brought to function as they should, there would be less and less need of extra services.

During these years it has been the policy of the church to bring to its pulpits, from time to time, some of the best men available, whether they came in the capacity of evangelist or preacher. And through these years many able men have adorned the pulpit of the Memorial Baptist church.

The next man of outstanding note who is scheduled to come here is Doctor J. Clyde Turner, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Greensboro, who will preach here for several days early next spring.

Jamesville Seniors Will Present Play Next Friday

"Two Days To marry," a comedy drama in three acts, will be presented by the senior class of the Jamesville High School in the auditorium there next Friday evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Miss A. V. Horner, coach. According to statements made following rehearsals, the play promises to be an unusually good one.

A small admission fee will be charged, the proceeds going for the purchase of books for the high school library.

Arrest Two and Destroy Still In Free Union

Joe Taper and Fred Boston, colored were arrested at a liquor plant in the Free Union section of this county last Friday by Federal Prohibition Agents and officers. Eight gallons of liquor and approximately 1,000 gallons of beer were destroyed. The 125-gallon capacity kettle was punctured and brought here for sale as junk.

Large Airship Scheduled For Flights in County Thursday

GOODYEAR'S ZEPPELIN, "PURITAN"



"The Puritan," one of the largest in the Goodyear aircraft fleet, is the first of its kind ever scheduled to land in this county. Weather permitting, the airship will make a series of flights in Robersonville Thursday.

IS FIRST AIRSHIP SCHEDULED TO LAND IN COUNTY

Weather Permitting Ship Will Reach There About 10:30 For Brief Stay

TO STOP AT R'VILLE

Understood That Zeppelin Will Fly Near This Place About 10:00 O'clock Thursday A. M.

Martin County and especially those in Robersonville and community will be offered a splendid opportunity to see the latest in lighter-than-air craft next Thursday when "The Puritan," one of the largest Zeppelins in the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company Fleet, goes to Robersonville for a several-hour engagement. The ship, leaving the Langley Field hangars at Norfolk early next Thursday morning will pass over Williamston around ten o'clock and land on the golf course just a few blocks from the Main street, at Robersonville, a few minutes later, weather permitting.

Not since the Los Angeles, of the U. S. Navy fleet, passed over the county several years ago has there been anything in the air in these parts that has attracted more attention than will the Goodyear Zeppelin, "The Puritan." With a displacement of 96,000 cubic feet, the ship is 37 feet in diameter and 137 feet long. Through the efforts of the Cox Motor Company, Robersonville, and a number of interested business men and citizens there, the craft goes there. Hundreds and even thousands of people are expected to turn their eyes skyward to see the dirigible as she cruises around Robersonville next Thursday with a number of passengers aboard.

According to present plans announced by Mr. G. H. Cox, of the Motor Company, the airship will arrive there about 10:30 and leave after a four-hour stay, about 2:30 o'clock. To handle the ship at the landing field there, a crew of several men will go to Robersonville by automobile and truck to arrange temporary landing facilities. The merchants of Robersonville are cooperating with the motor company in bringing the airship to this county and large crowds are expected to go there to see the blimp.

Where there is an increasing number of persons who have flown in an airplane, practically no one among civilians had flown in the airships—until Goodyear ships came along, and no doubt, it'll be a novel experience for those taking rides in "The Puritan" Thursday. The only other lighter-than-air craft in the country are the government ships at army and navy stations. These the civilian sees only rarely and at a distance. The Goodyear ships, unhampered by government regulations, come down from the clouds and visit with the people, and Robersonvillians will have the honor Thursday of this week.

Dr. William H. Ward Dies Sunday at Plymouth Home

Dr. William H. Ward, 75-year-old physician, of Plymouth, died at his home there Sunday of heart disease. He had been in poor health for some time.

The funeral was held in the Grace Episcopal Church in Plymouth yesterday by Rev. A. H. Marshall and Rev. Theodore Partrick, of Raleigh. Interment followed in the "church cemetery."

Doctors John Rodman, D. T. Taylor and Ed Brown, of Washington; W. E. Warren and J. H. Saunders, of this place; J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville and Drs. McGowan and Bray, of Plymouth, were honorary pall bearers.

Dr. Ward was one of the most prominent citizens of Washington county where he had practiced medicine for 45 years. He was superintendent of health of that county at the time of his death. He was a typical gentleman of the Southern old school type.

Large Game Foundation Planned In This State

The organization of a ten million dollar game foundation, the largest ever proposed in the State, was undertaken in Currituck county last week when Joseph P. Knapp, the millionaire life insurance and Colliers Weekly man now of that county, called a number of educational and business men for a conference to effect the project. Details of the proposed organization are not known at this time, but reports from the meeting held at the millionaire's home last week indicate that the project will meet with a general approval on the part of sportsmen.

Farmer Attacked by Large Bear At Jamesville Section

BEAR TURNS ONE AUTOIST OFF HER REGULAR COURSE

Hoyt Barber Rams A Gun Barrel Down Charing Bear's Throat

URNS BACK HOUNDS

Hunters Take Part In Several Chases And Run Several Bruins Back Into Vast Swamps

Last Wednesday an unusual bear story was reported in Griffins township, this county, but Jamesville township outclassed it as far as excitement is concerned with one originating in that district last Friday.

Riding along the Jamesville-Washington road, about four miles from the town of Jamesville, Mrs. Alma Brown saw a large black bear jump in front of her car. The bruin, evidently did not like the car as he raised himself on his rear legs and made ready for an attack. Mrs. Brown applied the car brakes and turned around to tell her experience to residents nearby. Several young men took their guns and dogs and gave chase.

While the young men were continuing the hunt, Mr. Hoyt Barber, veteran bear hunter, who had been selling tobacco on the local market, returned home and learned about the bear. Finding his boys, guns and dogs already gone, he borrowed a gun and the one available shell and rushed to the road crossing at the Old Deep Run bridge, picking up several young boys as he went. Mr. Barber and the boys, without proper bear-hunting ammunition, were hardly armed for a good rabbit hunt, but they took a chance and continued after the bear.

Only a few minutes passed after they stopped at the bridge before the bear came out of the swamp into the road. Mr. Barber made a fair shot into the bruin by the moonlight and felled him apparently killing him on the spot. During the meantime one of the boys firing into a small rifle and began firing at the bear. The small shot apparently failed as did the shot fired by Mr. Barber, for the bear jumped to his feet and dashed into the crowd with its mouth open wide enough to take in a man's head. When the bear continued the advance, Mr. Barber rammied the barrel of his gun down the animal's throat. A load of bird shot fired into bruin's shoulder brought an end to the attack and the bear ran away with a pack of hounds arriving about that time following him. The bear ran for several miles into a thick woods where he resisted and fought back the dogs. The hunt ended there for the day.

Saturday morning, the hunters went over into Griffins to take the trail of a bear believed at first to be the one attacking Mr. Barber. The animal was seen late Friday in the public road at the mail box of Mr. A. E. Manning. The hunt had been underway only a short time, when two bears were found and chased into the woods, but neither of them was killed. Later that day, the dogs a second time hit the trail of the bear attacking Mr. Barber and chased him into a thick woods, where he again turned on the dogs. Hunters went to the scene and heard the bear as he fought the dogs, but as it was almost dark, they turned away, the dogs later withdrawing from the hunt.

Another hunt was planned this morning, and residents there are determined to trap the animal. Mr. Barber stated that he had seen many bears, but this one, he declared, was the largest that had ever come across his path.

CALL FOR \$15,000 BOND ISSUE HERE

Property Owners Petition Board for More Street Paving Here

A bond issue amounting to \$25,000 for additional street paving and street improvements was authorized by the board of town commissioners in special session last Thursday. Following the completion of paving on many of the town's streets, citizens living on other streets unpaved prepared and signed petitions asking for the authorization of the additional issue.

The streets affected in the group of petitions include Smithwick, from the intersection at Main to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and William street from Watts to Houghton, Extended.

While the issue proposed will more than pay for the cost of paving the two streets in question, the board considered the purchase of a street sweeper and other street improvements.

FORMER MARTIN NEGRO KILLED

Percy Revander Murdered By McWebb Williams In Windsor

Percy Revander, colored man said to have been a native of near Jamesville, this county, but late of Bertie, was shot and instantly killed in Windsor early last Sunday night by McWebb Williams, also colored. The two negroes are said to have quarreled over a woman. The shot from a pistol entered the man's chest and pierced the heart.

According to information received here, Williams had not been apprehended late yesterday. It was also stated that Revander was hit by a shot the early part of September while quarreling in a Windsor pool room, but that shooting proved of little or no consequence.

Martin Farm Lands Equal Half Total Of Valuations

Of the entire valuation for all properties in Martin County totaling around fifteen million dollars, \$10,402,847 is for farm land and town lots. Farm lands lead with a valuation of \$7,860,699 or approximately one-half of the entire valuation, leaving the other half to corporations, town lots and properties and solvent credits. Town lots, numbering 1,442 for the whites and 445 for the colored, were valued at \$2,542,148. Town lots, it is recalled, come in for taxation both under the county and individual towns, the owners in some instances, paying as much to the town municipalities as they pay to the county.

There are 263,191 acres of farm land listed for taxation in this county, according to a tabulation of the tax listings recorded in the office of the register of deeds here.

Mrs. Sarah Sexton Wins A Prize at Tarboro Fair

Mrs. Sarah Sexton of Jamesville received first prize on her sport ensemble exhibited at the Tarboro Fair. Mrs. Wade Mizelle, second prize on a man's shirt and first prize on her jar of tomatoes. Mrs. Julian Mizelle received first prize on her canned sweet pepper. Where seven counties competed at the Coastal Plain Fair held at Tarboro recently.